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Man on trial in mother's beating death

Jury selection to begin Monday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Jury selection is expected to begin Monday morning in the

trial of a Big Spring man accused of pummeling his mother to death in March of 2005.

Preston Lee Harris, 52, was in the care of the Big Spring State Hospital when he was indicted on a charge of injury to an

elderly person in July of 2005. The indictment was in connection with the March 13, 2005, beating death of his 78-year-old mother, Lizzie Belle Smith.

Smith died at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock early the following day of

injuries allegedly sustained in the altercation with her son.

"She suffered massive subdural hematoma due to blunt force trauma to the head," said District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson. "He called for an ambulance the next day when

she didn't regain consciousness and she was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. His initial comment to police officers was that she fell."

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Early voting going well, officials say

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

With more than 700 ballots already cast in this year's municipal and school board elections, local election officials say they expect to top the 2,500 mark when the dust settles May 12.

"It's really hard to gauge where we are in early voting because I don't have a day by day total from the last mayoral election," said Sandra Bloom, Howard County elections administrator. "However, after election day there were a total of 2,000 votes cast, and we're expecting to exceed that this year."

Bloom said she expects to break the 2,000 ballot mark thanks to the number of school district elections also on the ballot.

"With the contests in Forsan and Coahoma, I'm expecting to top the final tally posted in the last mayoral election," said Bloom. "As of Friday afternoon, we've collected 752 ballots — 670 at the Howard County courthouse, 30 from mail-ins and 52 from voting in Coahoma — so we're right on mark at this point."

Bloom said operations



Bloom

On the ballot

• **City Government Big Spring**
Mayor: James "Jim" Hicks, Russ McEwen (I), Shannon Thomason
District 5: Woody Jumper, David Scott, Troy Tompkins

• **Coahoma**
Mayor: Bill Read (I), Billy Sullivan
Two at-large council seats: David Elmore (I), Odis Franklin, Ricky Stone (I)

• **School Boards Big Spring ISD**
District 5: Mike Dawson (I), Terri Myrick
District 6: Jeff Brorman, Tom Ralston, Ricky Robertson (I)
District 7: Phil Furqueron (I)

• **Coahoma ISD**
Two at-large seats: Sissy Franklin (I), Danny Martin, James White (I)

• **Forsan ISD**
Two at-large seats: Chris Evans, Glenn Graves, Tom Bill Kuykendall (I), Nancy Raney

• **Stanton ISD**
District 1: Daniel Ramos
District 5: Darren Patrick, Dr. Pablo Teveni

• **Howard College Bond Issue**

• **Constitutional Amendment**

at the early voting polls has been smooth with the

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ON YOUR MARK!



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Davis Wilson, with bullhorn, gives last-minute instructions to runners before the start of a 5 kilometer run sponsored by West Texas Centers for MHMR and Big Spring State Hospital at Comanche Trail Park Saturday morning. The organizations also hosted a 1 mile and half-mile walk.

Smoking ban takes a small hit but is just a puff away from being law

AUSTIN (AP) — Smoke 'em if you got 'em, Texans — while you still can.

The House bill to ban smoking in most public places got to the floor for debate Friday before it was delayed until next week.

Designed as a measure to protect people from dangerous second-hand

smoke, the bill would ban smoking in restaurants and workplaces.

But the bill was in danger of having one of its key provisions snuffed out when an early vote exempted bars from the ban.

In other words, that cigarette over coffee after a big dinner and desert in a

"I am a huge respecter of individual liberties and private property rights. (But) we know second-hand smoke is very harmful."



—Rep. Myra Crownover

restaurant? That would bar? No problem.

be out. A smoke over a

round of martinis in a See **SMOKING**, Page 3A

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Lock-up participants going to need money for 'bail'

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

The Muscular Dystrophy Association and Papa Georgio's Pizza will be teaming up for the Big Spring Lock-up Thursday and they are asking for your help.

A number of local business professionals have agreed to be "locked up" Thursday and raise \$650 each in bail for "Jerry's Kids."

These professionals — or jailbirds — will be served

with a warrant. They will have their mug shot taken at the MDA jail at Papa Georgio's Pizza and be served a special version of bread and water. And they need you to bail them out.

"Being locked up is more than just raising money for a good cause, it is providing hope to more than 300 children and adults in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico who have a neuro-muscular disease and are

served by MDA," said Marcie McDonald, program coordinator. "We've set bail at \$650. With this amount of money you can send two children to MDA's awesome supper camp in Happy."

MDA officials said bail money is important because:

- \$25 provides an annual flu shot.
- \$62 provides one minute of research.
- \$150 provides a physical therapy visit.

— \$605 sends one child to summer camp.

— \$2,000 assists with the purchase of a wheelchair or leg braces.

"We appreciate the efforts of these men and women to volunteer their time to help raise money for MDA. We hope you will consider helping by donating a few dollars to help them make bail," said McDonald.

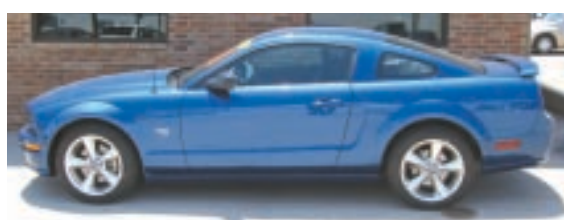
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IN BRIEF

Bufs take Game 1 from Marfa, 15-2

Forsan's Buffaloes had no trouble with Marfa's Shorthorns Friday night taking a dominant 15-2 victory in Game 1 of a best-of-three Class 1A bi-district baseball playoff series. The game was called after the fifth inning due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Left-handed freshman pitcher Evan Burton dominated the Shorthorn lineup, allowing only two runs in five innings while striking out nine. The victory brings Burton's season record to 8-1. He also upped his season strikeout total to 108.

Junior Adam Bailey led the Buffaloes' impressive offensive attack going 3-for-5 at the plate. He registered a double and three RBIs to key Forsan's offensive onslaught.

Game 2 of the series was set for 1 p.m. Saturday in Fort Stockton with a third game, if necessary, beginning 30 minutes after the completion of Game 2.

The Buffs' scheduled starter for Game 2 was junior Cameron Parker.

Dawson, Niehues shine at qualifier

Big Spring's Zack Dawson and Garden City's K'Lann Niehues turned in strong performances during Friday's Region I State Qualifiers Meet events at McMurry University in Abilene.

Niehues won the girls' triple jump competition with a leap of 36 feet, 9.5 inches.

Dawson took second place in the boys' 800 meters with a clocking of 1:57.88.

Rose Magers-Powell sets volleyball camp

Rose Magers-Powell, the Big Spring High School Hall of Fame volleyball star and 1984 Olympian, will again be conducting a volleyball camp at BSHS this summer.

The camp is scheduled for July 30-Aug. 1 with sessions for middle school playres from 9 a.m. to noon and the high school players' session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The fee will be \$125 per player.

Players can register online and get additional information on the camp by going to Magers-Powell's website, www.gotrosevolleyballcamps.com.

Relay for Life ragball tournament slated

The Relay for Life Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for May 12-13 at Big Spring High School's Lady Steers Softball Field.

Teams will consist of five male and five female players. Entry fees are \$10 per player.

Registration is set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, with the first game of the tournament set to start at 11 that morning.

Forsan reschedules its all-sports banquet

Forsan High School's All-Sports Banquet has been rescheduled for 7

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Bulldogettes open playoffs with 4-1 win

Herald staff report

BROWNWOOD — Coahoma's freshman pitcher Heather Newton dominated Blanco's Lady Panthers Friday night, as she and her Bulldogettes teammates took Game 1 of the best-of-three Class 2A area softball playoff series, 4-1.

The second game of the series was scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday with a third game, if necessary, scheduled 30 minutes after the completion of Game 2.

Friday's series opener was moved from Coleman High School to Brownwood due to the heavy rains that swept across much of the state earlier in the week. Coahoma and Blanco administrators had debated for two days about where to play the game. They finally came to an agreement on Thursday to move the game to Brownwood.

Newton improved her record to 18-6 with her dominating performance. She allowed only one run on three hits and collected 12 strikeouts in seven innings.

Senior Ami Martinez was scheduled to take the mound for the Bulldogettes in Game 2.

Newton is showing herself to be the type of ace pitcher that a team needs to make a deep run into the Class 2A state playoffs.

Her dominance was needed though, because the Bulldogettes didn't have the production at the plate that they're accustomed to.

"Our bats were cold tonight," said Bulldogettes head coach Tracy Tadlock. "Blanco's pitcher doesn't pitch as fast as we're used to seeing, so that threw the

girls off some, but that shouldn't effect a great hitting team."

Second baseman Laci Sterling had a huge impact with her bat, however. She was directly responsible for three of Coahoma's four runs, scoring one on a wild pitch and also hitting a 2-run homer. Success at the plate is nothing new for Sterling. She led the Bulldogettes in hits, batting average and RBIs this season.

Catcher Janice Gonzales also

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Lady Steers drop area opener

Mistakes prove costly in 6-3 loss to Chapin

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Writer

ARTESIA, N.M. — Big Spring's Lady Steers struggled to find a rhythm at the plate and committed costly defensive errors Friday, resulting in a 6-3 loss in the first game of a best-of-three Class 4A area softball playoff series to El Paso Chapin's Lady Huskies, 6-3.

Game 2 of the series was set for an 11 a.m. Saturday start with a third game, if necessary, taking place 30 minutes after the conclusion of Game 2.

Friday's opener was full of missed opportunities for the Lady Steers. There were several key moments in the game when they couldn't get off the field.

"What hurt us was our defense," said Big Spring head coach Jennifer Reyes. "We're at the point of the season where they should handle everything and know every situation. We played too stressed and tense, not the way that I've grown accustomed to them playing in the field."

Offensively, the Lady Steers missed several chances to add to their run total, but made base-running mistakes that kept them from scoring.

"Offensively, we had a lot of really good hits, but killed ourselves with

base-running errors," said Reyes. "We didn't challenge El Paso's defense enough."

The Lady Steers were not short on effort, however. They were unable to string together many consecutive hits, but battled valiantly against Chapin's ace pitcher. The Lady Steers were able to draw four walks and hit the ball hard on numerous occasions.

Unfortunately, every ball that the Lady Steers hit seemed to be right at one of the Lady Husky defenders.

Big Spring's starting pitcher, freshman Kelly Sage, had a solid outing. She went the distance and struck out four Lady Huskies batters. Chapin did manage eight hits off of Sage and scored six runs, one of which was unearned.

Sage was also scheduled to start Game 2 Saturday.

The Steers were led at the plate by senior second baseman Bridgette Rodriguez. She was 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs.

"She usually comes up with really key hits," said Reyes. "I put her at the fourth slot in the order because she has a really good eye for the ball, doesn't strike out much and always puts the ball into play."

Senior right fielder Courtney Heinis also



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Big Spring pitcher Kelly Sage follows through after delivering a pitch during Friday's opening game of the Lady Steers' area playoff series against El Paso Chapin's Lady Huskies.

Lady Buffs explode for big win over Ralls

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

SNYDER — Sometimes, the only thing you need to get over a case of playoff jitters is a simple swing of the bat.

Forsan's Lady Buffaloes had the jitters.

Shelby Jones provided the bat.

Jones clocked a two-run homer over the center field fence to jump-start a moribund Forsan attack and pave the way to the Lady Buffaloes' 17-6 win over Ralls in the first game of their best-of-three Class 1A area playoff series at Towle Park Friday evening.

Until Jones stepped to bat in the top of the third inning, however, Forsan looked very much like the first-time playoff participant it is. The Lady Buffs struggled at both the plate and in the field in spotting Ralls a 2-0 lead.

Then Forsan's first baseman took a Shelby Calderon pitch over the center field fence for her third home run of the year that tied the score and changed the complexion of the game.

"That was huge," Forsan coach Shanna Roberts said of Jones' dinger. "It turned the whole game around ... and gave us some motivation."

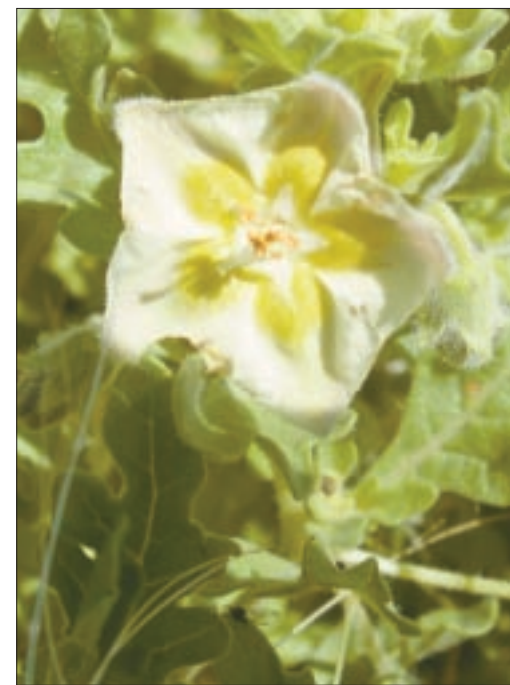
"I wasn't looking for a home



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Forsan third baseman Jolinda Flores drives the ball during the Lady Buffaloes' Class 1A Area playoff game against Ralls Friday evening in Snyder. Forsan defeated Rall, 17-6.

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Wildflowers of Howard County



*Photos by
Lyndel Moody*



Hawks' lefties yield 2-1, 8-3 sweep of FPC

By ERIC RODEWALD
Special to the Herald

Howard College's Hawks earned a doubleheader sweep of Frank Phillips College Friday afternoon at Jack Barber Field thanks to the performances of sophomore left-handed pitchers Ryan Robinson and Brett Hokr.

Robinson took a 2-1 victory in Game 1 while Hokr pitched his way to an 8-3 nightcap win in the pair's final outing as Hawks.

In the bottom of the first inning of the opener, Howard's Cameron Monger led off with a single and moved to second on a hit by Tyler Ladendorf.

A botched double steal attempt erased the nation's leader in stolen bases, Ladendorf, from the base paths. On the next pitch, Monger stole third and then scored the first run of the game, as Nate Bryan grounded out to the second baseman giving Howard a 1-0 lead.

Frank Phillips answered in the top of the second thanks to a Howard error. FPC led off with a pair of singles and a throwing error on a double play ball, allowing FPC to tie the score at 1-1.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Jeff Ward walked and scored the go-ahead run on a RBI double by Barret Lowenstein to take a 2-1 lead which would stand for the final of game one.

In the night cap, Howard scored one run in the bottom of the first, but FPC answered with two runs in the top of the second, taking a 2-1 lead.

The Hawks quickly erased that lead, scoring three runs in the second inning and four more in the third for an 8-2 lead. FPC tacked on one run in the seventh as the Hawks preserved the 8-3 victory in nine innings.

Howard (34-20, 13-17 in the WJCAC) concluded the season Saturday at home with Frank Phillips in a doubleheader.



Sophomore left-handed pitcher Ryan Robinson delivers a pitch in the final outing of his Howard College career on Friday against Frank Phillips College. Courtesy photo



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring's Courtney Heinis takes a cut late in Friday's loss to El Paso Chapin.

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shined at the plate, going 2-for-4 with an RBI triple and scoring a run.

The Lady Huskies were first to get on the scoreboard when Brenda Hernandez, a thorn in Big Spring's side for the entire game, singled to right to score two runs in the second inning.

Hernandez would later cross the plate in the second inning along with Kristin Sameneia as Chapin strung together several consecutive hits.

The Lady Steers would respond to the 4-0 deficit

in the third inning when Rodriguez doubled to right-center field, allowing Heinis and Amber Sides to score, halving the Chapin lead.

Chapin picked back up with its scoring in the fifth inning when Loren Phelps scored one of her three runs on a throwing error, making the score 5-2.

The Lady Huskies would add another run in the sixth inning. Hernandez struck again, hitting a triple to right that allowed Phelps to score.

Down 6-2 in the seventh inning, the Lady Steers came close to putting together a great rally.

Senior Desiree Yanez drew a walk to lead off the inning.

Yanez would score when the next batter, Heinis, pulled the ball down the right field line just out of the Chapin first baseman's reach. Heinis' triple put the Lady Steers within three runs of Chapin.

Unfortunately, the Lady Steers were unable to produce any more hits and Chapin packed in the win.

Contact Sports Writer Jonathan Hull by calling him at 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail him at sports@bigspringherald.com

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p.m. Monday, May 21, at the high school.

School officials moved the event's date to accommodate tennis players who will be playing at the state tennis tournament on the originally scheduled date of May 7.

Tickets, priced at \$10 each, are available at the high school office and must now be purchased by Wednesday, May 16.

For more information, contact Debbie Burton at 457-2223.

Texas Tech schedules summer sports camps

Texas Tech University has scheduled several sports camps for this summer.

The Tim Siegel Tennis Camps are set for June 2-6 and June 17-21. The overnight camps are for players 8 to 17 of all ability levels.

For more information, call Siegel at 806-742-3355, ext. 277.

The Texas Tech Golf

Camp for boys and girls ages 11 to 18 will be June 8-11.

For information on that camp, call 806-742-3355, ext. 272.

The Texas Tech High Altitude Cross Country Camp will be Aug. 6-10 at Cloudcroft, N.M.

For information, call Jon Murray at 806-742-3355, ext. 287.

The Wes Kittley Caampions Track and Field Camp for boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18 will be June 17-20.

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Information on all the Tech athletics camps is available online at www.texastech.com.

Teenage baseball league to begin

The Big Spring Teen Baseball league is now looking for coaches or anyone willing to help with the leaguen this season.

If interested, call Randy Phillips at 264-6600 or 517-0399.

Baseball umpires needed for season

The Big Spring Umpires Association is looking for individuals interested in umpiring baseball for the 2007 Little League season.

If interested, call Bradley Garrison at 213-1300.

COAHOMA

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had a nice performance at the plate. She was 2-for-3 with two singles and a walk. Unfortunately, the Bulldogettes were never able to string together any more hits to take advantage of Gonzales' presence on base.

The Bulldogettes scored their first runs in the first

inning. With two out, Martinez singled to keep the inning alive. Sterling immediately took advantage of the base runner by hitting her home run.

Coahoma extended its lead to 3-0 in the sixth inning when Aricka Hart, in the game as a courtesy runner for Gonzales, crossed the plate after a wild pitch.

Blanco was able to finally catch up to Newton's pitches in the bottom of

the sixth inning. The Lady Panthers scored a run on a double to deep right field, trimming the edge to 3-1.

Sterling scored Coahoma's final run in the seventh inning. She hit the ball to deep right field over the head of the fielder and stretched the hit into a triple. On the play at third, the ball sailed past the third baseman, allowing Sterling reach the plate.

FORSAN

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run, I was just looking to drive the ball," Jones said. "Fortunately, it gave us a big lift."

After Jones' home run, the Lady Buffs settled in on both offense and defense, taking the lead for good in the fourth on a RBI single by Haylie Burleson, then burying the Lady Jackrabbits with 13 runs over the course of the final three innings.

For the evening, Forsan

clanged out 15 hits against Calderon while taking advantage of five Ralls errors.

In the field, meanwhile, freshman pitcher Amanda Longorio overcame an early case of nerves to hold Ralls at bay in the late going.

"I think it was a case of us finally getting warmed up," Longorio said. "I was pretty nervous at the start. I guess I was thinking too much about pitching in the playoffs."

"Amanda started out a little shaky ... but I think she did a fantastic job,"

Roberts said. "She got stronger as the game went on."

Longorio struck out seven, walked three and scattered three hits to pick up the complete game victory.

Forsan and Ralls continued their series late Saturday morning at Towle Park in Snyder. Results were unavailable at press time.

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Anniversary



Gene and Frankie Simpkins

Gene and Frankie Simpkins of Big Spring celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, May 5, 2007, at a reception held at East Side Baptist Church, hosted by their family.

The children of Gene and Frankie are Mitzi Kriesel and husband Buck, of Joshua; and Kerry Simpkins and wife Heather, of Clyde. Their son Kerry Simpkins passed away in December 2006. They have four grandsons, Jeremy Sevey, USN PO3, Jacksonville, Fla.; Brad Bair and his fiancée, Lidia Rodriguez, of Big Spring; Matthew Sevey, ARFOTC, of San Angelo; Archie Simpkins of Longview; two granddaughters, Jami Keith and husband, James, of Clyde and Robyn Kriesel, RAF Lakenheath, England; great-granddaughter, Kalysta Keith of Clyde. They had two

great-granddaughters, Kayden and Kaia Keith, who passed in infancy.

Gene was born in Rochester to the late Ott and Bertha Simpkins. Frankie was born in Eindburg to the late S.F. and Willie Mae Turner. Gene and Frankie were introduced by her sister and married in Rochester. Gene proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict from 1954 through 1956.

After their marriage, Gene worked for Firestone in Abilene for seven years then transferred to the Big Spring store as service manager. After Firestone closed, he worked for Grady Walker L.P. Gas for 10 years and now works part-time for Trio Fuels/Eddins-Walcher.

Frankie worked for Texas Education Agency for 15 years and then

became an administrative assistant to the school food service director of the BSISD, retiring in 1996.

They owned and operated Crossroad Conversions, a Motor Trike dealer, for the past 10 years. They worship at East Side Baptist Church were Gene is a trustee and Frankie serves as assistant treasurer. In their 50 years of marriage, they have traveled in 39 states on their motorcycle and in their recreational vehicles and plan to visit the others. Their next adventure is to go on an Alaskan cruise in June.

Their comment regarding the past 50 years is, "together, with God's guidance, we found a friendship, raised a family, made numerous friends, and built a beautiful marriage."

Halfmann to attend BPA conference

Special to the Herald

GARDEN CITY — Brooke Halfmann, daughter of Sharon and Gary Halfmann, will attend the Business Professionals of America (BPA) 2007 National Leadership Conference, "Destination: Success," in New York starting Wednesday.

Halfmann, a member of



Halfmann

the Garden City chapter, will join over 6,000 other BPA conference delegates from across the nation to participate in national-level business skill competitions, workshops, general sessions, and the national officer candidate

campaign and elections. Brooke will compete in Integrated Office Applications.

"The conference will be the culmination of a school year's worth of business workforce education and training which members of the local chapter of BPA at Garden City have received," said Reta Bell, chapter advisor.

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Wrecker crews try to separate a Ford pickup from a tractor-trailer just north of Interstate 20 on Highway 87 Saturday morning. No injuries were reported in the accident, which occurred adjacent to the Travelcenters of America truck stop.

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first week completed, and despite changes in the location in the courthouse, have actually received a welcome response from most voters.

"We were a little concerned how people would receive having to go up to the third floor to vote instead of having the polls located in the lobby," said Bloom. "However, we've gotten a lot of positive feedback from voters. They like the privacy, and everything isn't as cramped."

"There was also some concern about people having to take the elevator, but most of the people I see are taking the stairs because they say they need the exercise. So we're very pleased with everything thus far."

In the city of Big Spring, a three-way race for the mayoral seat has

taken shape, as incumbent Russ McEwen is defending his seat against challengers Shannon Thomason and James "Jim" Hicks.

The District 5 seat on the Big Spring City Council also has a trio of candidates, as Troy Tompkins, Woody Jumper and David Scott vie for the position. Longtime District 5 representative Joann Knox is not running for re-election.

In the city of Coahoma, all three incumbents — David Elmore, Ricky Stone and Mayor Bill Read — are running for re-election. Read is being challenged by Billy Sullivan, while Odus Franklin filed his candidacy for one of the two at-large seats on the council.

Howard College is also part of this year's election effort, but not in the form of trustee seats. The junior college has a bond issue on the May 12 ballot totaling \$21.6 million in hopes of funding numerous repairs to the campus

and its structures and infrastructure.

Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton school districts are also holding contested elections this year.

In Big Spring, two of the three trustee seats up for election this year are contested. Terri Myrick is challenging incumbent Mike Dawson in District 5, while Jeff Broman and Tom Ralston are contesting incumbent Ricky Robertson for the District 6 position.

Coahoma ISD has three candidates vying for two at-large positions on its school board. Danny Martin joins incumbents Sissy Franklin and James White on the ballot.

Forsan ISD voters are deciding between four candidates for two at-large positions. Incumbent Tom Bill Kuykendall is vying with Chris Evans, Nancy Raney and Glenn Graves.

Dr. Pablo Teveni and Darren Patrick are running for the District 5

trustee position on the Stanton ISD school board. Glasscock County and Grady school districts will not hold trustee elections until November, officials at those schools said.

Early voting will be held through Tuesday.

Big Spring and Forsan voters can cast early ballots at the Howard County Courthouse, while Coahoma voters can vote early at the Coahoma Community Center.

Early voting hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with only Monday and Tuesday remaining to cast ballots early.

Early voting for the Stanton ISD election is being held at the Martin County Courthouse.

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BSHS Student Council attends state conference

Special to the Herald

Eleven members of the Big Spring High School Student Council were in attendance with 4,100 students from across the state at the Texas Association of Student Councils State Conference held in Arlington April 26-28.

The BSHS Student Council received the following awards at the conference: Outstanding Student Council, Outstanding D.A.S.H. (Drugs, Alcohol, Safety & Health) School, Outstanding Energy School, Outstanding Pride and Patriotism School, and Outstanding Community Service. By receiving these awards, Big Spring was among

only 182 out of 1,300 schools in the state to receive the Sweepstakes Award.

The 2006-2007 Student Council Officers who attended were: Blake Roach, president; Porscha Knowlton, vice president; Amber Miller, secretary.

The newly elected officers for 2007-2008 who attended were Lance Gross, president; Kady Knox and Joey Rios, vice presidents; Porscha White, secretary; Cade Hollandsworth, parliamentarian; Chelsea Franco, DASH officer; and Ariel Johnson, 2007-2008 junior class president.

Sharion Richardson, advisor, accompanied the students to the conference.

Amendment on statewide ballots

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Texas taxpayers over the age of 65 or disabled will be paying close attention to the May 12 election, as a proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution should offer many tax relief.

According to local election officials, the amendment is meant to address Texas taxpayers over the age of 65 or who are disabled, and were unable to benefit from last year's state mandated reduction in school district taxes.

"Currently under Texas law, homeowners who are 65 years of age or older, or have a disability, are eligible to receive a ceiling on the amount of school property taxes they will owe on their residence homestead based on the amount they owed the year the qualified for the ceiling," said Sandra

Bloom, election administrator for Howard County.

"When the 79th Legislature passed school property tax cuts in their third called session in 2006, those elderly and disabled Texans whose property taxes were already frozen did not receive a corresponding reduction in their school property taxes... This amendment would provide such a reduction for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

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Big Spring Emergency Medical Response units were dispatched to the Harris residence at about 12:12 p.m. Sunday, March 13, 2005, where they found Ms. Harris unconscious.

She was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Police were then called to the hospital because of the nature and

seriousness of her injuries, according to information released by the Big Spring Police Department.

Later that day, BSPD officers interviewed Preston Harris, who was arrested on charges of injury to the elderly with serious bodily injury.

Harris was charged with murder after his mother's death, but was later indicted for injury to the elderly. Both charges are first-degree

felonies, and are punishable by a term of between five and 99 years, or life, in prison, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Jury selection is to start at 9 a.m. in 118th District Court, with the trial to begin at 1 p.m. the same day.

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SMOKING

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Local smoking restrictions would not be affected.

Rep. Myra Crownover, the Lake Dallas Republican pushing the measure, said the ban is needed to protect workers and other people regularly exposed to second-hand smoke.

"This bill does not tell anybody whether they should or should not smoke. It's none of my business," Crownover said. "I am a huge respecter of individual liberties and private property rights. (But) we know second-hand smoke is very harmful."

Opponents railed against the measure as a violation of private property rights, bad for business and mean to smok-

ers. And they substantially weakened the bill with amendments to exempt bars from the ban.

"As a state we do not have the right to tell private property owners what they can and cannot do in their business," said Rep. Gary Elkins, R-Houston.

Crownover said she will try to remove the bar ban next week.

Seventeen states, including California and New York, have comprehensive smoking bans; 13

others are considering them. Houston, Austin, El Paso and other Texas cities already have comprehensive smoking bans.

Smoke-Free Texas, a coalition of the American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, American Heart Association and Texas PTA, is pushing the measure.

The groups released a poll showing that a majority of Texans favor a statewide smoking ban in public places.

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Dream season ends in nightmare for Mavericks, Nowitzki

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — The wins, the streaks, maybe even the MVP award — they're all meaningless now to the Dallas Mavericks.

The only things anyone will remember about their 2006-07 season is colossal failure and how little Dirk Nowitzki did to prevent it.

Dallas didn't merely fail to win a championship. The Mavs didn't even get out of the first round, making it two straight embarrassing playoff exits, both featuring Nowitzki more as a bystander than a difference maker.

"It's not like last year in the finals, which was very painful," owner Mark Cuban said after Golden State eliminated Dallas late Thursday night. "It's the first round and we couldn't get it done. We'll move on."

OK. But in what direction?

Cuban maintains "we're not going to blow everything up," so don't look for anything drastic such as trading Nowitzki or firing coach Avery Johnson. Still, something has to be done to find the guy or guys who can prevent meltdowns — such as letting a 42-win team oust a 67-win club, and blowing a 2-0 lead in the finals.

"We just didn't have the energy, we just didn't have the concentration," Johnson said, describing the Golden State series in a way that also sums up Dallas' loss to Miami in last year's finals. "What bothers me more than anything, we just didn't

have the confidence. And we just got rattled, and that's not good."

The Mavericks won the most games in franchise history and might have had more victories if Johnson hadn't backed off after clinching the league's best record. They still lost only 11 times after an 0-4 start.

They did it with a roster designed to win in a variety of ways. That's how they strung together streaks of 12 and 13 wins in a row, then a franchise-best 17-game run. No other NBA team ever has had three streaks of at least 12 straight wins in a season.

Nowitzki was the best player on the best team, earning the first All-Star game start by a Dallas player and likely earning him the MVP award in a few weeks. If so, it'll be the first for someone knocked out in the opening round of the playoffs since Houston's Moses Malone 25 years ago.

Against Golden State's smaller lineup, Nowitzki was uncomfortable from the start and never found a groove. He dazzled the last 3:20 of Game 5, but Game 6 already was a lost cause by the time he made his second shot.

"You play your heart out for six, seven months, you win 67 games, and it really means nothing at this point," Nowitzki said. "This is tough to swallow."

The Warriors series may have helped the Mavericks plot their off-season plans by confirming one suspicion (Nowitzki's lack of leadership) and exposing sever-

al weaknesses: the lack of a forceful personality, the need for low-post scoring and the absence of a true playmaker, someone who can create his own shot or set up everyone else. Dallas fans agonizingly know the point-guard prototypes — Baron Davis and Steve Nash.

Once the Mavs figure out who they want to inject new life into their club, they'll have to figure out how to get him.

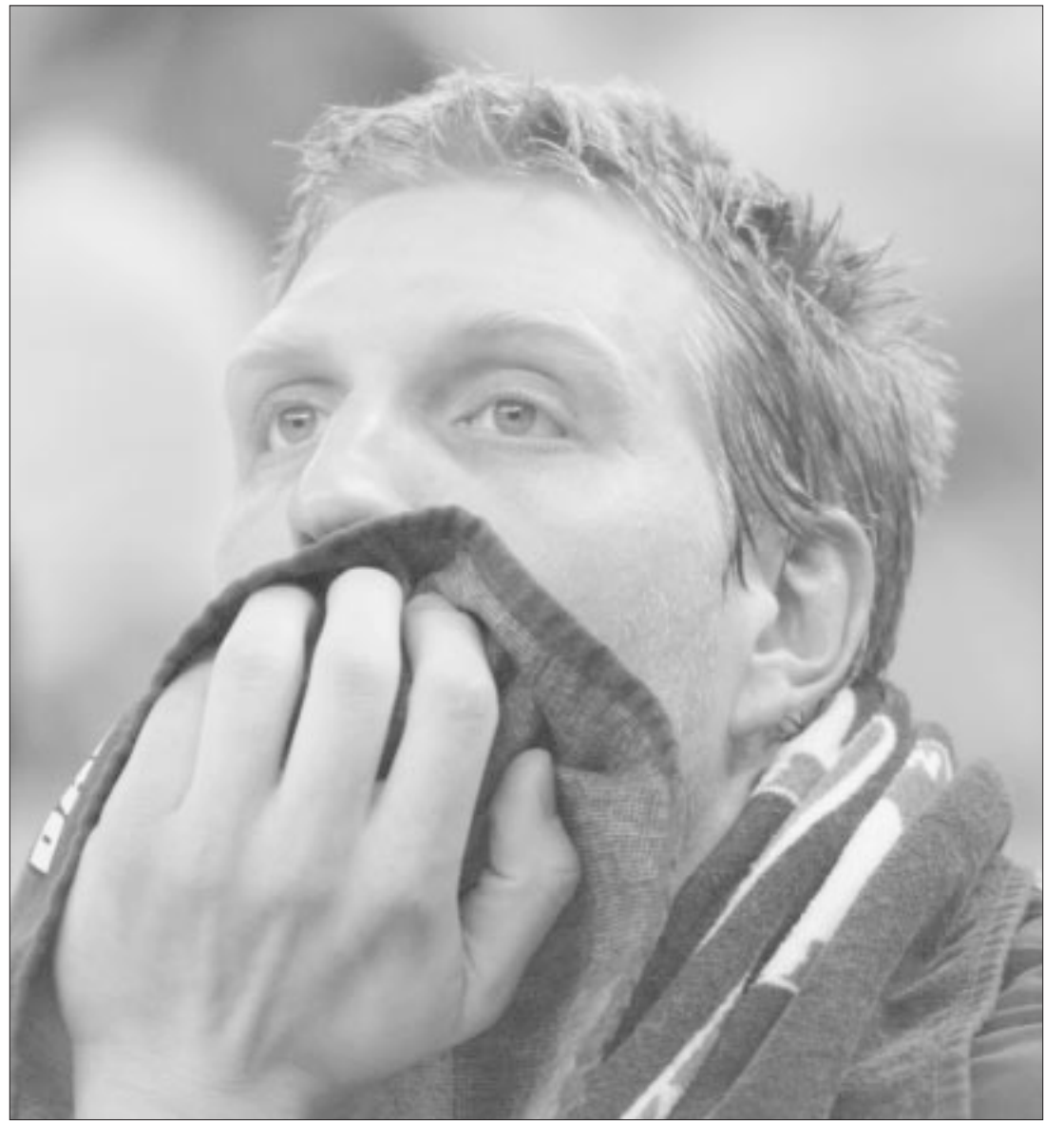
Free agency won't be the answer. Dallas already is over the salary cap, even with the big contracts of Jerry Stackhouse and Austin Croshere expiring. The Mavericks are likely to try keeping Stackhouse; it would be quite an indictment of the franchise if he opts to go elsewhere.

So for Dallas to shake things up, it'll have to be through a trade.

Dealing Nowitzki would be a bigger shocker than losing to Golden State. Giving up Josh Howard, their only other All-Star, would be a surprise, too, although it takes something to get something. Devin Harris and DeSagana Diop also could be trade bait, but their youth and relatively cheap contracts are also reasons to keep them.

"I like the way we've put this team together," Cuban said before Game 5. "This is not a team where you need a lot of changes."

Before fans and NBA historians write off this team as underachievers, remember that the Warriors were the only team the Mavs never beat this regular season. In



MCT photo/Ron Jenkins/Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki takes a rest in the second quarter during Game 6 of the NBA playoffs against the Golden State Warriors at the Oracle Arena Thursday in Oakland. The Mavericks lost and were eliminated from the playoffs.

fact, had Dallas won any of the three meetings, Golden State wouldn't have made the playoffs. So there's a good chance the Mavericks would be waiting for the Utah-Houston winner right now had anyone else landed the No. 8 seed.

For many reasons, Dallas simply was a bad fit against Golden State, setting the stage for one

of the biggest upsets in NBA playoff history.

Statistically, it already is because of the 25-game disparity in regular-season records. But the Warriors have been playing so well since pairing a healthy Davis with Stephen Jackson that a long playoff run is possible. That might let the Mavs off history's hook, at least enough for the

dubious distinction of "biggest upset" to remain with the 1994 Seattle SuperSonics, the first No. 1 seed to go down in the opening round.

Cuban was quick to point out a postscript on those Sonics shortly after his team joined them in the record books.

"Two years later," he said, "Seattle was in the finals."

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Hirt and Wilcomb

Deidra Deanne Hirt of St. Lawrence and Jeremy Joseph Wilcomb of Houston were married Dec. 30, 2006, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with the Rev. Bernard Getigan officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Chris and Lana Hirt of St. Lawrence. She is the granddaughter of Laverne Schniers and the late Jimmy Schniers of Wall and Elsie Hirt and the late Daniel Hirt of St. Lawrence.

Jeremy is the son of Ronnie and Kathy Beals of Houston and Joe and Ewa Wilcomb of Houston. He is the grandson of Norbert and Dorothy Ahr of Houston and Pat Dean of Floresville.

The bride was escorted by her father and wore a Maggie Sottero, white, one-piece, strapless, slim A-line gown with corset back. The satin bodice was ornamented with romantic lace appliques. The sophisticated dropped waistline was accented with ruffled tulle band. The enchanting use of lace was repeated on the waist and embellished the tulle skirt and cathedral length train. A tiara, necklace and earrings of rhinestones and pearls completed a picture of elegance.

Her bouquet was a design of cascading white roses and stephanotis with Christmas greenery. For something old and borrowed, the bride wore a pair of pearl and diamond earrings borrowed from her aunt. The new was her dress and her blue was a blue rosary given to her by her grandmother Schniers and was worn in her bouquet and a blue garter given to her by her mother.

Maid of honor was Ashley Hirt of San Angelo, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Amy Schwartz of St. Lawrence, cousin of the bride; Robin Hirt of San Angelo, sister-in-law of the bride; Megan Schniers of Pflugerville, cousin of the bride; Ami Doss of Haltom City, friend of the bride; Sabrina Gentes of Houston, sister of the groom; and Amanda Hirt of Lubbock, cousin of the bride.

Junior Bridesmaid was Breana Perkins of Houston, niece of the groom. Candle lighters were Jill Hoelscher of Uvalde, friend of the bride; and Julie Hirt of St. Lawrence, cousin of the bride.

They wore Mori Lee, chiffon one-piece, strapless, cornflower blue, A-line gowns featuring an asymmetrical, front draped overskirt with cascading flounce and rhinestone buttons. They carried bouquets of white roses and Christmas greenery.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Wilcomb

Best Man was Criag Boutwell of Houston, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Kevin Carlson of Cypress, friend of the groom; Chad Hirt of San Angelo, brother of the bride; Eric Elizondo of Corpus Christi, friend of the groom; Quentin Coleman of Cypress, friend of the groom; Sam Johnson of Cypress, friend of the groom; and Greg Bray of Mesquite, friend of the groom. They wore boutonnières made of Christmas greenery and white roses.

Flower girls were Logan Sandidge of Celina, cousin of the bride; and Harleigh Gentes of Houston, niece of the groom. They wore white, cap-sleeved, tea-length dresses with a satin bodice ornamented with lace appliques and a full gathered tulle skirt accented with little, white flowers. They wore small rhinestone tiaras in their hair and carried white wired snowflake baskets with white rose petals.

Lane Dophied of Gunter, cousin of the bride, and Bryson Hirt of San Angelo, nephew of the bride, were ring bearers. One carried a white satin and pearl ring box and the other carried a white satin, pearl and lace pillow.

Ushers for the ceremony were Brett Schniers of Wall, cousin of the bride, Kevin Schniers of Wall, cousin of the bride, and Doug Gentes of Houston, brother-in-law of the groom.

Alter servers were Brian Hirt and Rachel Hirt of St. Lawrence and Tori Schniers of Wall, all cousins of the bride.

Gift bearers were Katie Landry, godmother of the bride, Belinda Weishuhn, confirmation sponsor of the bride, Chris Hirt, godfather of the groom, and Doyle Schniers, godfather of the bride.

Eucharistic ministers were Ronda Whittley, Linda Hirt and Susan Hirt, all aunts of the

Program attendants were Kyla Whittley, Angela Jacob, cousins of the bride, and Kayse Renfro, friend of the bride.

Organist was Loretta Schaefer and the vocalist was Kristina Melton.

The reception was held in the St. Lawrence parish hall immediately following the ceremony. It was decorated with a winter wonderland theme. The cake tables were covered with silver satin cloths overlaid with white crystalline.

The bride's cake was white with two three-tiered stacks of round cake layers connected with fresh, white rose canopy bridge. A two-tiered stack of round cake layers with a porcelain bride and groom figurine sat between them. Eight one layer cakes surrounded the base of the cake and were surrounded with fresh white roses, Christmas greenery and snow. Fondant icing and butter cream curls decorated the cake.

The grooms cake was three chocolate cakes atop three silver stands and decorated with light chocolate butter cream icing and dark chocolate chip pieces pressed into the sides. Chocolate covered strawberries decorated the tops of the three cakes. The table was accented with Christmas greenery, pine cones, white candles, a picture of the bride and groom and snow.

The punch table held a silver punch bowl, champagne fountain and candelabra with crystal serving dishes. Fresh white roses and Christmas greenery decorated the table. The hot beverage table served coffee and hot apple cider in an antique silver serving set.

A dinner and dance were held. The setting was romantically lit by candles and Christmas lights. The tables were covered with silver table

covers and draped with white sheer adorned with crystalline clusters. The centerpieces were mixes of white flowers accented with ice crystal pieces, Christmas greenery and candles. The register table held photos of the bride, white candles and white wired snowflake card basket.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is an account executive at Pressing Promos in Houston.

The groom is a 2000 graduate of Cypress Falls High School and a 2006 graduate of Texas Tech University. He manages Buffalo Wild Wings in Houston.

After the honey trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., the couple made their home in Houston.

Mrs. JoNell Griffin of Big Spring was honored by her family and friends in a celebration of her 80th birthday May 5, 2007.

The event was held at the First Christian Church and was given by her four children and their spouses, Jack and Sandy Griffin of Big Spring, Bob and Sherry Griffin of Lewisville, Jim and Cathy Griffin of Coppell and Teresa and Steve Fenton of Las Vegas, Nev.

Also in attendance were six of her eight grandchildren and their spouses and her 11 great-grandchildren. The only grandsons unable to attend are serving in the Air Force.

Mrs. Griffin is a long-time resident of Big Spring. She once owned and operated the snack bar at Bowl-A-Rama with her sister Fran Green. She was an avid bowler and enjoyed this sport for many years. Through the



JoNell Griffin

years she has been a member of Park United Methodist Church, Wesley Methodist Church and First Christian Church. Her late husband, Jack Griffin was also an avid bowler and served the community for many years as a baseball umpire and referee for basketball and football.

Births



Justice Trinity Cantu

Justice Trinity Cantu, a girl, was born at 8:13 a.m. April 27, 2007, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Rebecca and Jose Cantu of Big Spring. Her maternal grandparent is Jackie Long. Her paternal grandparents are Alice and Fidencio Alva.

Justice was welcomed home by big brothers Jose II, Justin and Jacob.

Jason Michael Mundell Jr., a boy, was born at 12:30 p.m. April 27, 2007, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches

long.

He is the son of Jason and Stephanie Mundell of Big Spring. His maternal grandparents are Abraham and Irene Yanez of Big Spring. His paternal grandparents are Stan and Debbie Gregory of Big Spring and Mike and Deanne Kundell of Temple.

Jason was welcomed home by siblings, Alena, Natalie and Kaleigh.

Ana Lycia Marie Ramirez, a girl, was born at 11:05 p.m. April 6, 2007, weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Anthony Ramirez Sr. and Ana Ramirez of Big Spring. Her maternal grandparents are Augustine Jr. and Amy Garces of Midland. Her paternal grandparents are Mary and Juan Rodriguez of Big Spring.

Ana was welcomed home by big brother Anthony Marc Ramirez Jr.



Ana Lycia Marie Ramirez

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Woods, Singh in weekend contention at Quail Hollow

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The steamy South gave way to the chill of late fall in New England. The more sudden shift came on the leaderboard at the Wachovia Championship, and not too many fans were disappointed with how it shook out. The masses were following Tiger Woods as he surged into the lead for the first time Friday by hitting a 9-iron that spun slightly off the ridge to 4 feet for a birdie on the par-5 seventh hole, toward the end of his round. They sensed he would pull away when Woods

hit a sand wedge that stopped 6 feet below the cup on No. 8. He was four shots ahead of Vijay Singh, who was becoming an afterthought. But enough fans were in the group behind watching Singh to let out a pine-shaking cheer when he hit a 3-iron over the water and onto the green, where it caught the slope and rolled to 3 feet to the cup for an easy eagle. Another roar rang out when the 44-year-old Fijian hit sand wedge that checked up a foot from the hole at No. 8. Not only did Woods miss his short birdie on No. 8, he hooked his tee shot into the pine trees

down the left side of the ninth fairway, leaving him no choice but to pitch out to the fairway and take his only bogey of the day. That bogey and the eagle-birdie-par finish for Singh constituted a four-shot swing, which left them tied. Woods finished with a 4-under 68 to match the best score of a frigid Friday, while Singh overcame a sloppy front nine, which included three straight bogeys, to salvage a 71. That put them at 6-under 138 and paired together for the first time in eight months. Not to be forgotten is Arron

Oberholser, who had quite a finish himself. Oberholser, who lost in a playoff at Quail Hollow three years ago, birdied his final three holes for a 69 to join them in the lead. Not that he seemed to notice, much less care. "Just go out there and play golf, man," Oberholser said. "That's what it is. You chase it and hit it again. You add them up at the end of the day. Whatever happens, happens. You can't control what they're going to do. If you could control what they were going to do, yeah, I'd be running with shoulder pads on, ready to go."

One shot behind was Jason Bohn (72) and Ted Purdy (69), who were among six players who had at least a share of the lead. The other was Pdraig Harrington, who can attest to how quickly things can change at this tournament. The Irishman, the first-round leader, had only two pars over the first 13 holes. He dropped off the leaderboard, reappeared with back-to-back birdies, disappeared with back-to-back bogeys, then took the lead with four straight birdies. And then he was back in the pack thanks to two holes.

Rangers finally get good pitching from McCarthy

End five-game losing streak with 7-1 win over Blue Jays

ARLINGTON (AP) — Brandon McCarthy started with a small goal, and kept on going after he reached it. McCarthy pitched six sharp innings, Hank Blalock hit a two-run homer and the Texas Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 7-1 Friday night to end a five-game losing streak. McCarthy (2-4) allowed one run and two hits with four walks. He began the night with a 9.90 ERA, having allowed 17 runs over six innings in his previous three starts. "I was on a mission to throw more than three innings," he said. "I needed a quality outing. I knew this was a big start. I needed to go back to the way I pitched before, just throw the ball."

Kenny Lofton also homered and Michael Young had three hits for the Rangers, who managed only 10 runs during the five-game slide. Blalock went 3-for-4 with three RBIs. "We put together what we hadn't been putting together," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We hit, pitched, ran the bases and played defense." A players-only pregame meeting also could have been a factor for the Rangers, off to the fourth-worst start in their history.

"We had to do something," Washington said. "We weren't as bad as we'd been playing. Whatever they discussed, I hope they discuss it again tomorrow." Sal Fasano homered for the Blue Jays, who've lost four straight overall and 14 of their last 17 in Arlington. McCarthy performed like the Rangers hoped when they sent top pitching prospect John Danks to the Chicago White Sox in an offseason trade that brought McCarthy and catcher Chris Stewart to Texas. McCarthy, who struck out one, got his first win since April 9 against Tampa Bay. "He went out and chal-

lenged the hitters," Rangers pitching coach Mark Connor said. "He trusted his stuff. It was a positive outing for him and for all of us. He threw harder than he had been and was more aggressive. His fastball had more explosion and his off-speed pitches kept them off the fastball. He's a big league pitcher and he showed it tonight." McCarthy picked up the loss in his last start April 29 against Toronto, allowing five runs in three innings. "Compared to his last start against us he made some really good adjustments," Fasano said. "It's tough for a young kid to come out after being hit around pretty good but he showed he's maturing as a pitcher and he certainly shut us down."

Washington has been encouraging his hitters to do a better job of manufacturing runs, and the Rangers took the small-ball approach in a two-run second off Tomo Ohka (2-3). Blalock led off with a single and advanced to second on a sacrifice by Ian Kinsler, the team's leader in homers and RBIs. Brad Wilkerson followed with a single, with Blalock stopping at third and Wilkerson moving to second on center fielder Alex Rios' throwing error. Gerald Laird, who began the game with a .182 average, singled in both runners. In the third, Fasano's first homer of the season pulled the Blue Jays within one. Texas responded with three runs in the third. Mark Teixeira hit an RBI double and Blalock drove him in with his second homer of the season. McCarthy walked three in the fourth to load the bases, but got out of the jam when Fasano flied out. "I started rushing in the fourth," McCarthy said. "I had to slow myself down and get back on track." Willie Eyre pitched three scoreless innings for his first career save.



MCT photo/Sharon M. Steinman/Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Texas Rangers base runner Michael Young slides safely into home plate while Toronto Blue Jays catcher Sal Fasano defends in the third inning at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington Friday night.

Scioscia becomes winningest manager in Angels' history

By The Associated Press

Mike Scioscia did his best to deflect all the attention away from him. It was hard to do with all the kudos coming the Angels manager's way after his latest accomplishment. Los Angeles beat the Chicago White Sox 5-1 on Friday night, making Scioscia the winningest manager in franchise history. The victory was Scioscia's 626th during the regular season, eclipsing Bill Rigney's total. Scioscia has managed the Angels in 1,134 regular-season games, 168 fewer than Rigney — the team's first manager. "It's a nice achievement," Scioscia said. "But I think it reflects far more on the organization, the good talent coming through here and the great teams that have been put on the field than anything I've done personally. I'm happy for everyone who can share in this, including our coaching staff and our minor league staff." Kelvim Escobar (3-1) allowed a run and six hits

in seven innings, helping send Chicago to its fifth straight loss. The right-hander struck out four and walked two. Scot Shields pitched two perfect innings for his second save. In other AL games, it was: Baltimore 3, Cleveland 2 in 10 innings; Seattle 15, New York Yankees 11; Boston 2, Minnesota 0; Texas 7, Toronto 1; Detroit 6, Kansas City 3; and Oakland 5, Tampa Bay 2. In National League games Friday night, it was: Atlanta 4, Los Angeles 0; Cincinnati 6, Colorado 5; Chicago 6, Washington 4; Florida 5, San Diego 4; Milwaukee 10, Pittsburgh 0; St. Louis 3, Houston 2; New York 5, Arizona 3; and San Francisco 6, Philadelphia 2. Chicago's Darin Erstad lost a flyball in the twilight during his first game back at Angels Stadium, resulting in an RBI double by Mike Napoli. Erstad, who won two Gold Gloves in center field and another at first base during his 11 big

league seasons with the Angels and caught the final out when they won the 2002 World Series, received a standing ovation when he came up the first time and doffed his batting helmet to the sell-out crowd of 44,126 before flying out. Jose Contreras (2-3) was charged with four runs and six hits in six-plus innings. He struck out six and walked three. Three of the runs were unearned, the result of his throwing error in the second inning. The Angels placed left fielder Garret Anderson on the 15-day disabled list before the game because of a torn tendon in his right hip. Orioles 3, Indians 2 in 10 innings. Nick Markakis singled in the winning run in the bottom of the 10th, giving the Orioles a comeback victory. Jay Payton homered and scored the decisive run for the Orioles, who snapped a four-game losing streak. Markakis

drove in the final two runs for Baltimore, which improved to 2-14 when trailing after seven innings. Casey Blake homered for the visiting Indians, whose four-game winning streak ended. Tom Mastny (2-1) got the loss. Chris Ray (3-2) worked two innings to cap a fine performance by the Baltimore bullpen, which retired 12 of 15 batters. Mariners 15, Yankees 11. Yuniesky Betancourt hit a tiebreaking two-run double in an eight-run fifth inning, and the Mariners ended New York's three-game winning streak. Jose Guillen, Kenji Johjima, Betancourt and Jose Lopez — the bottom four batters in Seattle's starting lineup — combined to go 9-for-18 with 10 RBIs as visiting Seattle scored its most runs in three years. The first eight Mariners reached base in the fifth inning against Kei Igawa, Colter Bean (0-1) and Luis Vizcaino, a half-inning that took 30 minutes.

Aggies blank Dallas Baptist; Longhorns fall in extra innings

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Blake Stouffer went 3-for-4 and drove in a run to help Texas A&M beat Dallas Baptist 3-0 on Friday night. The Aggies (37-11) scored all of their runs in the bottom of the first inning. Stouffer's double to left-center drove in the first run, and Luke Anders' run-scoring single and Brodie Greene's sacrifice fly added two more. Austin Knight went 2-for-4 for the Patriots (25-22), who had only seven hits.

Texas A&M starter Scott Migl (6-1) got the win, allowing six hits over seven innings. Randall Taylor (5-4) pitched a complete game for Dallas Baptist. He gave up 11 hits in eight innings. Missouri 7, Texas 6 in 11 innings. AUSTIN (AP) — Kurt Calvert scored the go-ahead run from third on an errant throw in the 11th, and Missouri spoiled Kyle Russell's 25th and 26th home runs this season in a 7-6 win over

Texas on Friday night. Greg Folgia (5-3) finished 2 1-3 innings of one-hit relief in the bottom of the inning. He relieved Kyle Gibson, who blew a save in the the ninth by allowing Preston Clark's single that scored two and sent the game to extra innings. But in the 11th, Clark's errant throw back to the mound with two outs

brought home Calvert, who pinch-ran for John McKee after his leadoff single. Jacob Priddy and Trevor Coleman led off the four with back-to-back homers for Missouri (32-12, 13-6 Big 12). Randy Boone (2-6), who allowed two runs in the final 4 2-3 innings for Texas (37-13, 17-5), took the loss.

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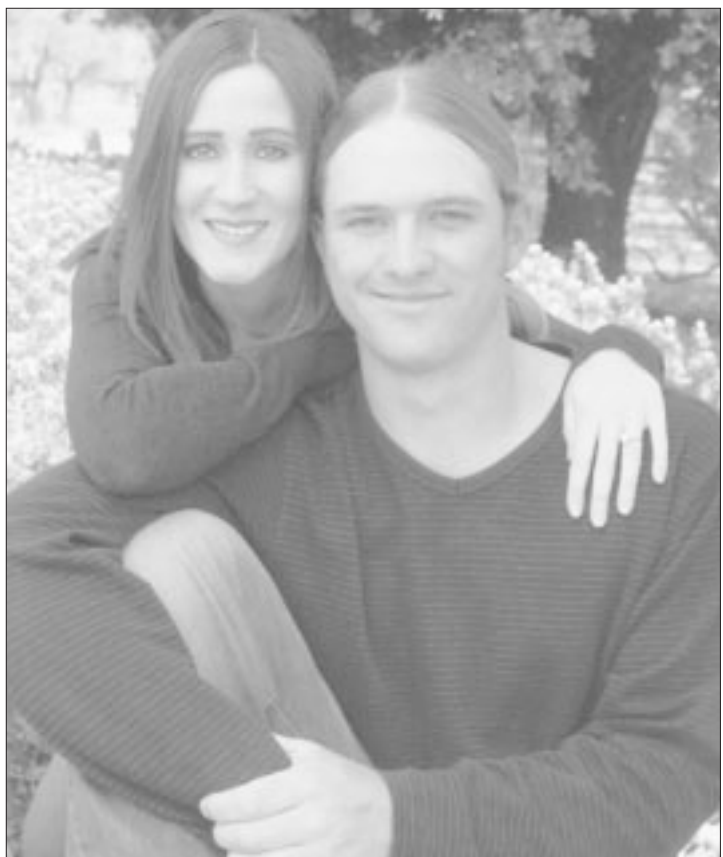
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Kirstin Marshall and Toland Smith

Marshall and Smith

At half past seven in the evening of Saturday, June 2, 2007, Kirstin Marshall of Sweetwater formerly of Big Spring, will wed Toland Smith of Sweetwater, on the Smith family ranch, the Double S, southeast of Colorado City.

Kirstin is the daughter of Nancy and Terry Marshall of Big Spring and the granddaughter of JoAnna and L.L. (Buddy) Marshall of Big Spring and the late Nellie and Perry Mathis of Big Spring.

Kristin is a 2005 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology with a management minor. She is

employed by Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development as a marketing director.

Toland is the son of Jan and Steve Smith of Sweetwater and the grandson of Frankie and Barney Toland of Sweetwater, Frankie Smith of North Little Rock, Ark., and the late James E. (Jim) Smith of North Little Rock, Ark. Toland is a 2004 graduate of Arkansas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural business. He is employed by Western Texas College of Snyder as a horticulture instructor at the state prisons in that area.



James Branham and Morgan Baker

Baker and Branham

Morgan Baker of Benbrook and James Branham of Big Spring will exchange wedding vows at 6 p.m. July 14 in at the First Baptist Church of Benbrook.

Morgan is the daughter of Rick and Terry Baker of Benbrook.

She is a 2004 graduate of Brewer High School and a graduate of Ogle Beauty Salon. She is employed

with the Toni and Guy Salon.

James is the son of Kenny and Patty Branham of Big Spring.

He is a 2005 graduate of Forsan High School and is attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

He is employed with Branham Furniture.



Heather Leigh Christensen and Mikael Jason Balderach

Christensen and Balderach

Heather Leigh Christensen and Mikael Jason Balderach, both of Austin, will exchange wedding vows at 6 p.m. June 25, 2007, in Maya Riviera, Mexico.

Miss Christensen is the daughter of Craig and Cindy Christensen and the granddaughter of Joan Pederson and the late Dale Pederson and Lauris Christensen and the late Francis Christensen, all of Beresford, S.D.

She is a 1997 graduate of Beresford High School and a 2003 graduate of Texas State University in San Marcos where she received a degree in biology. She is employed as

the sales manager of applied maths.

The groom-to-be is the son of Tom and Mary Balderach and James and Sharon Johnston, all of Big Spring. He is the grandson of the late Dalton and Lois Johnston of Big Spring, the late Leo and Genevieve Fisher of San Antonio and the late Bill and Doris Balderach of Baytown.

He is a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2000 graduate of Texas State University in San Marcos where he received a degree in recreation management. He is employed as senior professional recruiter for TekSystems.



Bryan Parks and Kamie Keefer

Keefer and Parks

Mrs. Benda Keefer and the late Tony Keefer of Buffalo Gap are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kamie to Bryan Parks, son of Dee and Fay Parks of Brady and the grandson of James and Bo Fryar of Coahoma.

Kamie graduated from Jim Ned High School in 2002 and is attending Covenant School of Nursing in Lubbock.

Bryan is a 2003 graduate of Brady High School and will graduate in May with a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University.

A June wedding is planned at Miller Ranch Retreat.

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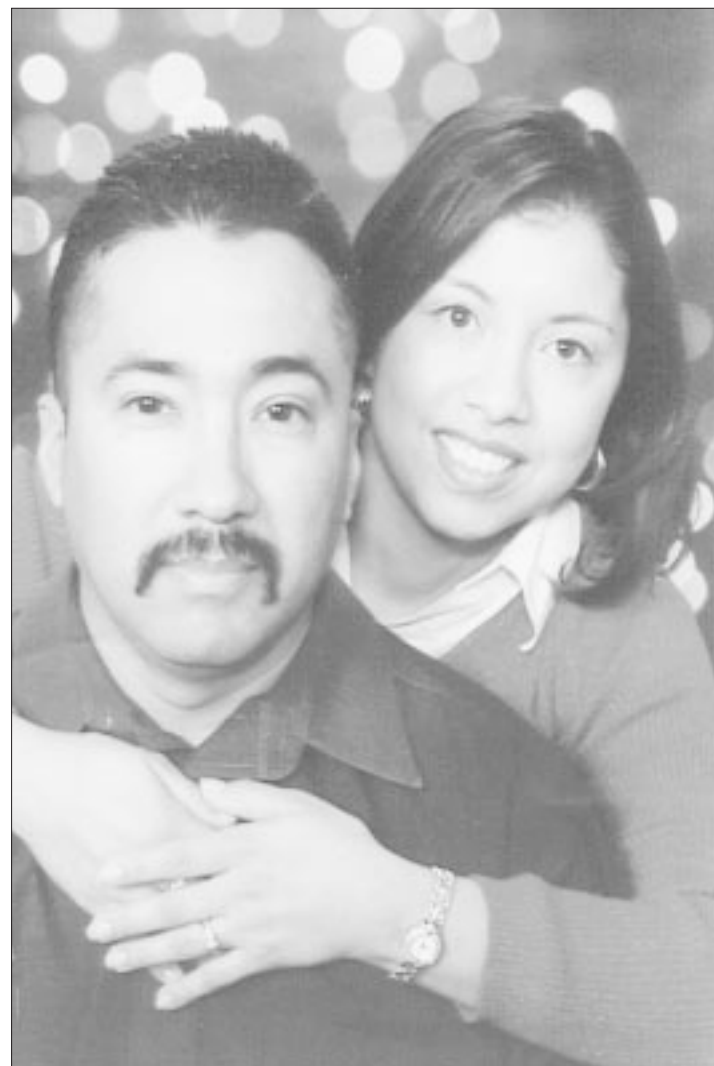
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Stephen Gonzales and Melinda Gonzales

Gonzales and Gonzales

Melinda Gonzales, born in Austin, and Stephen Gonzales, born in Big Spring, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows at 3 p.m. July 7, 2007, at 1009 Hearn at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Big Spring.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Edna Gonzales and Manuel Gonzales Jr. of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Eva and Manuel Gonzales Sr. and of Carolina G. Velasquez and the late Inez Velasquez of Big Spring.

The future groom is the son of the late Angelita Torres of Coahoma and Francisco Gonzales of Kersey, Colo., formally of Big Spring. He is the grandson of the late

Maria and Mauricio Torres and of the late Fela and Francisco Gonzales Sr., all of Big Spring.

Melinda is a graduate of Big Spring High School. She has obtained her certification in child development from Howard College. She is employed by the Big Spring State Hospital.

Stephen is also a graduate of Big Spring High School. He served in the United States Army from November of 1988 through July 1994.

He was a participant in Desert Storm.

For many years now, he has been employed by the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

The couple will make their home in Big Spring.

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High School is still sinking and the plumbing on the northwest quadrant has shut down the restrooms. The solution to even try and fix this is still a shot in the dark with no promises on results. The cost for continued repair at the junior high could easily end up eating up the \$5.8 million reserve.

I understand that any money the district could recoup for the junior high problem was received through the last settlement. Therefore, any more repairs will be totally out of the district's reserve money because we have no more companies to fall back on to get money for the situation.

Even if the junior high was not a money concern, what about our two elementary schools that are in need of great amounts of repair or totally rebuilding? Where is the money for those projects going to come from?

Recently some type of virus or worm hit the computer system at BSISD and it took right at three weeks to get all the student computers back up and running. For those classes that use computers as an extra teaching tool, this was obviously a bother and I'm sure they

experienced some adjusted lesson plans. However, to those classrooms that function totally with student computers, the classes were completely thrown off track. Every class in the district is on a tight schedule to complete curriculum requirements within the allotted time frame and a two- to three-week disruption affects what students can and should complete. Though the technology department worked hard to get things back to normal quickly, it still took three weeks.

Right now we basically have a "controlled environment" with the school computers. What will that be like with 1,200 more computers, especially when you cannot actually control everything that is loaded and sites that are accessed on all of those laptops that will travel to and from the buildings? It would seem that we would have to add more staff to handle the overload, and once again, where would that money come from?

This will not be a one-time lump sum of money to dedicate to this project. We will have to allocate money in the budget each year to maintain and update hardware and software. Do we actually have the extra taxpayer dollars to add to our overall budget for this one project

when school department budgets all over the district keep being cut and streamlined year after year?

Though we all want to live in an educated community, the school system already strives for that goal every day, every year. Giving every high school student a laptop will not guarantee an education any more than giving them all a CD player would guarantee they would become a musician, or giving them a calculator would guarantee they would become a mathematician.

We need to be careful that we don't allow our zeal for being one of the first schools putting technology in the hands of our students today to put us in a financial bind that will cripple our school system in paying for normal expenses in the next few years.

This is not a free project. It is our tax dollars — money does not come easily.

Take some time to call your school board member and ask them to spend your tax money wisely. I believe those members that are being cautious about spending the money do have our future and our best interest in mind, and I thank them.

GENE PIERCEFIELD
 BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

This is an open letter to Howard County residents.

I was nearly shot by a neighbor who was target shooting.

Those of you who are target shooting in congested areas of the county need to see the article I saw in the *Austin American-Statesman* detailing the death of a child, which may have been accidental, but the person who fired the shot is facing manslaughter charges and jail time.

Don't let this happen to you.

NANCY TINSMAN
 BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The first part of March we were missing some mail. We thought it was only a few pieces. My husband went to the post office and was told then we had a substitute carrier at that time.

As March went by, we were finding it was more than a few pieces of mail missing.

By the first part of April, after we received our bank statement for April, we discovered we had not received our March statement. We were missing our bank statement, and insurance claim check, gas bill, electricity bill, water bills for our home and a rent house and numerous oth-

ers.

We wound up receiving cut off notices for our water bills, a gasoline credit card payment wound up being late, costing us \$27, and a package sent to our address was returned saying it had been sent to an undeliverable address.

We don't know what else we didn't receive. We did a lot of telephoning trying to find out which bills or statements we had not gotten.

My husband went back to the post office on April 27, but was told a different story, blaming the post office in Midland.

We live on East 15th Street and just wonder how many others are having this problem. Our mail had been great up until the first of March.

It has been very nerve-racking for us. This mail has a lot of our personal information. It would have been nice if the guy at the post office could be of more help.

SHIRLEY GAY
 BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm very concerned about our city. Of course, no one has been asking individuals and voters, but it seems that our city wants to be going one way at all times.

It seems that just certain things are wanted to

be put on the Northside and other things stay on the Southside. I heard that IHOP didn't go through. Why? Because it was chosen to be on the Northside?

Stop and think. Also look. We need more businesses on the Northside. We seem to have quite a bit of motels, restaurants and other eating places.

I have discussed this with some of my friends — thank God I still have some — and they feel just like I do. Most of the Northside residents wish we had a grocery store, a laundromat and even clothing shops. But no, we have to go almost across town to get to one. It seems as if the city doesn't want to have a balanced city.

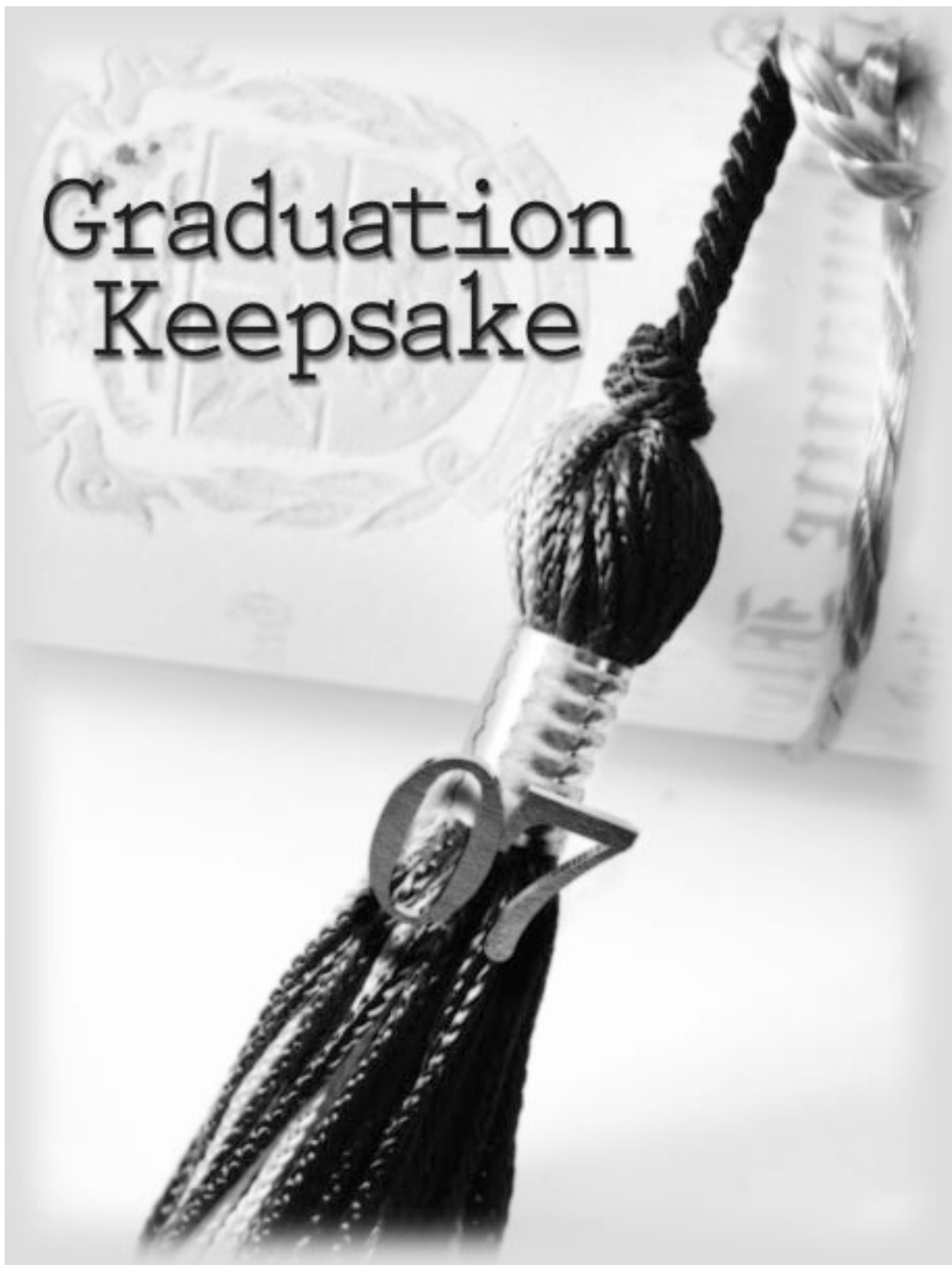
Why have things labeled Northside and Southside? It would be wonderful to see this city work together in everything and get along, regardless of race or color.

Remember the saying, "It takes all kinds of people to make the world go around."

I've heard people say negative things when the Northside is mentioned. Others will say things like, "Oh, gosh, the Northside!"

I may not get attention from a lot of people, but I say what I feel and see. I

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John Barker, left, and Kelly Weinette stand in front of one of Big Spring's newest industrial supply distributors, Fastenal, located at 1605 E. FM 700. Weinette is the store manager, while Barker will handle outside sales.

Fastenal here

Fastenal features mind-boggling array of products

Fastenal Company, America's largest fastener distributor and fastest growing full-line industrial supply distributor, has opened a new store in Big Spring at 1605 E. FM 700.

The new store offers expanded retail space, improved merchandising, additional product inventory and staff to help customers find what they need. It's the latest addition to the company's network of 2,073 stores worldwide, including 245 store openings in the past year alone.

The new store is managed by Kelly Weinette with help in outside sales from John Barker. Weinette worked as a Fastenal store manager in Odessa prior to being named manager of the Big Spring store. Store hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, with 24-hour emergency service for account customers.

"We're not just a hardware store; we're here to help Big Spring businesses and workers solve their supply challenges and achieve their goals," said Weinette. "If you can't find a part on our shelves, we'll source or manufacture it for you or we can even manage your inventory for you, includ-



Kelly Weinette, right, and John Barker get the shelves at their new business, the Fastenal Company ready for customers. The store is part of America's largest fastener distributor and fastest growing full-line industrial supply distributor.

ing daily bin stocking. Bottom line: We're ready to go to work for you."

Fastenal products are backed by a local and national sales force trained through the company's internal training program, the Fastenal School of Business. Fastenal sells roughly 750,000 varieties of industrial and construction supplies across 15 product

lines, including: different types of threaded and miscellaneous fasteners, tools, cutting tools, hydraulics and pneumatics, material handling, janitorial, electrical, welding, safety, metals and alloys and a full line of abrasives, chemicals and paint. Fastenal's lineup of industrial services includes: tool and hoist repairs, bandsaw weld-

ing, tool and cutter grinding, custom chain slings, hose crimping, metals services, engineering services, laboratory services, custom packaging, material management, product sourcing, and engineering and manufacturing services.

Fastenal Company has 10,874 employees and

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bass family puts towers up for sale

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Bass family is trying to sell two office towers that helped revitalize downtown when they were built in the 1980s.

Sundance Square, a Bass family company, said Thursday it has hired Holliday Fenoglio Fowler to develop sales material for the 33-story Wells Fargo Tower and the 38-story D.R. Horton Tower.

The towers are nearly full and command some of the highest rents in Fort Worth. They have more than 75 tenants and 8,000 workers, according to Sundance Square.

Johnny Campbell, Sundance's chief executive, said in a statement that the business climate in Fort Worth has been strong and the company considers this a good time to test the market.

Fort Worth has one of the lowest vacancy rates for downtown office space, according to recent reports by real estate research firms. Developers are building or planning several other nearby projects, including a Bass-backed 16-story office building.

Dell to relocate jobs to Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Dell plans to move jobs to Lebanon from an Austin plant that refurbishes returned computers and equipment.

Some of the Texas employees may move to Tennessee, Dell spokesman Venancio Figueroa said, but the company also will hire people locally.

Figueroa did not know how many jobs would be created in Wilson County, but he said the Texas operation employs fewer than 360 people.

"Any expansion or additional work that they bring to Middle Tennessee would be of value to Wilson County," said G.C. Hixson, director of the local Joint Economic & Community Development Board.

Dell employs 1,000 people at a computer assembly plant in Lebanon and 3,000 people at a Nashville distribution center and a call center.

Figueroa said the company was moving the jobs to Lebanon to reduce delivery times, because the town is closer to most of Dell's customers.

"It's all about speed with us," he said.

Group bidding for Qantas says shareholders have rejected the deal

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Shareholders apparently rejected an \$8.9 billion bid to buy Qantas on Friday, the bidders said, scuttling one of Australia's biggest corporate takeover attempts.

Airline Partners Australia, led by Australia's Macquarie Bank and Fort Worth-based TPG Inc., formerly the Texas Pacific Group, said it appeared to have fallen short of the minimum number of shares it needed by a deadline of Friday evening to keep the deal alive.

"It appears that acceptances haven't reached the 50 percent level required to extend the offer," APA said in a statement. "If this is confirmed, APA's offer for Qantas Airways will not proceed."

APA needed 50 percent acceptances by the Friday deadline to get a two-week extension on its offer of 5.45 Australian dollars a share for the iconic company known as the Flying Kangaroo.

It needed 70 percent acceptances for its financial package of loans to kick in and the deal to go ahead. The Qantas board, which backed the APA bid, was expected to meet Saturday to discuss the situation.

AAA: Texas retail gasoline prices climb

IRVING (AP) — The retail gasoline price spike resumed in earnest this week in Texas after a marginal increase last week, according to the weekly AAA Texas gasoline price survey released Friday.

Retail prices of regular-grade gasoline rose an average of 9 cents to \$2.87 per gallon in the 11 Texas cities surveyed. Nationally, regular grade rose 11 cents to an average of \$2.99 per gallon.

"Motorists saw gas prices skyrocket this week, with the city of Amarillo showing a 15 cents increase in only one week," said AAA Texas spokeswoman Rose Rougeau. "Strong consumer demand, reduced domestic output due to refinery problems and lower imports continue to push prices higher."

Of the 11 cities in the survey, Amarillo had the highest average price of regular grade at \$3 per gallon. The cheapest was in Corpus Christi, at \$2.79.

Combs offers delinquent taxpayers a 'Fresh Start'

AUSTIN — Comptroller Susan Combs will offer a 60-day tax amnesty to businesses with overdue state taxes and those that may be operating without required tax permits.

From June 15 through August 15, 2007, taxpayers can come forward, file past-due tax reports and pay their taxes in full, and the Comptroller will waive penalty and interest charges normally added to delinquent taxes. The tax amnesty applies to taxes and tax reports originally due before April 1, 2007.

"We're calling the amnesty period Project Fresh Start, because taxpayers have a unique, limited-time opportunity to clear up unpaid, under-

reported or overdue taxes without fear of penalty or interest and get a fresh start with the state," Combs said.

The Project Fresh Start amnesty period applies to sales tax, franchise tax and all other state and any local taxes and fees administered by the state Comptroller, except unclaimed property and PUC gross receipts assessments. Eligible taxpayers include those who did not file a required tax return or report; misrepresented, understated or omitted any tax liability on a past report; or erroneously claimed tax credits or tax deductions.

The amnesty does not

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Cox receives scholarship

Ashley Cox, daughter of Billy and Stephanie Cox of Stanton, received a \$12,000 scholarship from The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo at the State FCCLA meeting in Dallas on April 14.

Ashley has held a regional office in FCCLA during the last two years. She is a graduating senior at Stanton High School.

She is planning on attending Wayland Baptist College in Plainview this fall.

Ashley is the granddaughter of Vernon Cox Sr. and the late Anita Cox of Stanton and also Deanna Burnett and the late David Burnett of Big Spring. Pictured with Ashley is her sponsor for FCCLA, Jackie Nichols

Emotions need to be kept in check

We are all blessed with emotions. Sometimes however, they are very difficult to control.

Such was the case of a physician who had a very bad temper and, not surprisingly, suffered from a heart disorder called angina pectoris. He had a habit of remarking, "My life is at the mercy of any scoundrel who chooses to put me in a passion." This proved quite prophetic. At a meeting of the hospital board in London he became involved in a heated argument, walked out, and dropped dead.



DARRELL RYAN

Most people are aware that on-going anger can eventually lead to a number of physical illnesses, notably heart disease. However, there are much more immediate and unpleasant effects. It consumes huge amounts of mental and physical energy, takes from our enjoyment of life, interferes with constructive and useful thinking, threatens our relationships and career prospects, undermines our self esteem and, in extremes, can so obsesses us that it crowds most other thoughts from our minds.

After an angry exchange you can be affected for hours or even days as you endlessly go over the event in your mind, churning up the anger feelings and adding to them. And during this period your mood is being ruled by the memory of the person you are angry with and not by you. You are a victim of the event.

When you allow someone else's behavior to make you angry, you are indeed the victim. They are likely to go off and forget about it. You are being controlled by them without their even knowing about it — as you fume and fret and relive the event for days or months afterwards while trying to enjoy yourself with friends or family, while relaxing on the beach, or while trying to sleep at night.

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence. The

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first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally, the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there."

A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one. There will always be scars. Most wounds do result in some degree of scarring. But a scar is a natural part of the healing process. The worse the damage is, the worse the scar will be. Scars replace normal skin or other tissue after destruction. A scar results from the biologic process of wound repair in the skin and other tissues of the body. Because the body cannot re-build the tissue exactly as it was, the new scar tissue will have a different texture and quality than the surrounding normal tissue.

An injury does not become a scar until the wound has completely healed; however, scar tissue is not identical to the tissue which it replaces. Like the holes in the fence, no scar can ever be completely removed. So it is that when we inflict wounds we inflict scars.

May we learn to control our emotions so we will not leave scars on those around us.

Darrell Ryan is the director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK



Courtesy photo
Howard College vocational nursing students are celebrating National Nurses Week May 6-12, and just as important, their pinning ceremony at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 10. Pictured are, left to right, front row, Vanessa Munoz, Jill Matthews, Holly Ludington, Chelsea Partlow and Kelly Overton, and back row, Brandon Greathouse, Casie Jones, Carol Dyer, Teresa Caldwell, Pauline Diaz, Amber Hill and Katherine Rawls.

LETTERS

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wasn't raised like that. I was raised in a small town where we all cooperated together, helped each other and got along very well — like one big family.

It hurts to see a lot of business buildings closed down and moving to FM 700 and the mall, making downtown look like a ghost town. I wish there would be more cooperation and togetherness all over our city.

ONEGA HERNANDEZ
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I feel that there has been a great injustice done for the death of my father, Ellihue Magers. On Jan. 26, 2006, he was run over by a woman. After she hit him, she left the scene. Her sister was in another car following behind.

The information that I received was that the young lady ran a stop sign; she was driving on the wrong side of the road; and she was driving without a license.

The police officer that arrived at the scene only gave her a traffic ticket.

I would like to know why did the officer take justice in his own hands and not arrest her for hit

and run, failing to stop at a stop sign, driving on the wrong side of the road and driving without a license? Even though she came back to the scene of the accident and was remorseful, it does not erase the fact that she just ran over a man — someone's husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather and uncle. She committed a crime.

Just recently I found out from the District Attorney that they had decided to not prosecute her because of insufficient evidence. By the end of the day the DA called me back and told me that they had re-examined the evidence and would take it to the grand jury. The grand jury still came back with a verdict to not indict the young lady because of lack of sufficient evidence.

I questioned the DA. One of my questions was: How can you hit a person going 5 mph and cause two broken legs and two head contusions? I was told that she and her sister testified that she stopped at the stop sign.

Again, how did she hit him if he was on the opposite side of the road and she came to a complete stop? She could have seen him and avoided hitting him.

Also, going 5 mph, a person could have gotten out of the way of the vehi-

cle. I would like to have an expert explanation because the police department did not do its job of investigating the scene as a crime scene. I was told that when she came back to the scene and that the patrol car taped her coming back with her sister (I assume) in the sister's car.

My question is: Why did she not come back in the car that caused the accident so that the officer could take picture of the car that caused the accident? What was she trying to hide? Why wasn't she given a sobriety test for drugs and alcohol and arrested for causing the accident.

Being remorseful does not erase the fact that she caused a death.

Would that be vehicular battery until the person dies and the charge would change to vehicular manslaughter if the person died?

I still say it is a crime when you hit someone with your vehicle and cause injury.

Is it only for black victims that the person who caused the accident, if white or Hispanic, does not get charged?

I want to know why the

police department did not investigate the scene as a crime scene. It was obvious that she did commit a crime. It leads me to believe that since he was an old black man that his life meant nothing. But walk a mile in my shoes and see how you feel.

Wouldn't you want justice for a brutal crime that was committed and caused the loss of my daddy, my mother's husband, a grandfather and great-grandfather?

We loved Ellihue Magers and he was taken away from us.

If the person was white or Hispanic and the driver was black, the person would be in jail and sentenced to many years in prison.

A similar accident happened several years ago. A Hispanic man was run over and died. The driver was a black woman. She hit him and left the scene and is now serving time in prison.

Here you have two cases similar in content, but the victims are different races and defendants are different races, but the Hispanic woman gets off without being charged.

LINDA MAGERS
BRANDON, FLA.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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Contract Bridge

An Anti-Percentage Play

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 10 4
♥ K 5
♦ Q J 8 6 2
♣ 6 5 2

WEST
♠ J 8 6 3
♥ J 9 6 4 2
♦ 5
♣ 10 7 3

EAST
♠ K Q 9 5 2
♥ A Q 7 3
♦ 4
♣ K Q 4

SOUTH
♠ 7
♥ 10 8
♦ A K 10 9 7 3
♣ A J 9 8

The bidding:
East 1♦ South 2♦ West Pass North 4♦

Opening lead — three of spades.
Assume that in a given case you have three low clubs in dummy and A-J-9-8 in your hand, and that your aim is to lose only one trick in the suit. When you lead a club from dummy and the next player follows low, are you better off in the long run to play the eight or the jack?

The answer is clear. The eight is a far better play than the jack because your right-hand opponent will be

dealt Q-10-x or K-10-x twice as often as K-Q-x.

However, in a particular case — such as the present one — it may be better to play the jack than the eight. All rules have exceptions, and today's hand illustrates one of them.

West leads a spade against five diamonds, and South can tell from the bidding that East almost surely has the ace of hearts. Consequently, after taking the spade with the ace, drawing a round of trumps and leading a club from dummy, East following low, South should play the jack.

As it happens, the jack wins the trick, and when declarer then plays the ace and another club, he winds up making the contract because he is able to discard one of dummy's hearts on his fourth club. His only losers are a club and a heart.

The reason declarer abandons the usual percentage play is that he cannot afford to lose a club trick to West because he will then subject himself to a killing heart return through the king.

South's only real chance to avoid two heart losers is to assume that East has the K-Q of clubs, and he shapes his play to cater to that assumption.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Sonia M. Barlow, 4209 Parkway, Big Spring
Casey D. Bernal, 901 Grand, Hereford
David Canales Jr., 501 E. 17th, Big Spring
Isabel Cervantes, 805 N. 16th, Lamesa
Andrea Clardy, 2401 Ave. L, Snyder
Jared Coby, 901 S. High St., Longview
Susan Cuellar, 2301 N. Pecos, Midland
Randy James Ellis, PO Box 391, Snyder
Fermin Lopez Flores Jr., 600 N.W. Seventh St, Big Spring
Rebecca Ann Morales Gomez, 1606 E. Fifth Street, Big Spring
Joseph Granados, 538 Westover Road, Big Spring
Nora Gutierrez, 606 N. Eighth Street, Lamesa
Allan J. Hoey, 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. 2, Big Spring
Brandy Johnson, 24327 Pleasonton, San Antonio
Rene M. Johnson, 9205 W. County Road 174, Midland
Traci Rene Martinez, 1402 Mt. Vernon, Big Spring
Daniel Eugene Mata, 101 N.E. Ninth Street, Big Spring
Carol Lee McNeil, 2601 Westridge, Snyder
Christopher Jay Mendoza, 1419 E. 11th, Big Spring
Ebaline Flores Mendoza, PO Box 291, Mertzton
Melissa Merket, 402 W. Eighth, Colorado City
Angela Moreno, 1712 N. Third Street, Lamesa
Jerry Musquiz, 2609 Cotton Flat Road, Midland
Michael Todd McClinton, 1003 S. Midkiff, Midland
George T. Palmer, 1310 Mobile, Big Spring
Katherine Hardin Perez, 4908 Parkway, Big Spring
Michael Dewayne Renteria, 1810 Owens, Big Spring
Keyana Cooley Rincker, 1905 Wasson Apt. 56, Big Spring
Alfredo Riojas Jr., 255, S. 11th St., Lubbock
Veronica Rodriguez, 3010 Cherokee, Big Spring
Perry Lee White Jr., 200 Collins Road, Big Spring
Christina Williams, 400 Macarthur, Odessa
Jerry Lee Wrightsil Jr., 2816 Ridge Road, Fort Worth

County Court Decisions:

Probated Judgment: Oscar Hilario, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,000 fine, \$389 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Lana Munoz, resisting arrest, \$1,500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Jodi Lyn Mills, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Gene Trujillo, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended,

12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Jerry Thomas Stanhope, duty on striking fixture/highway landscape, \$1,500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Alexander Roberts, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$389 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Leon James Scroggins, bail jumping and failure to appear, \$250 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

District Court Filings:

Lucia Gomez vs. Jessie Ferrel, family court.
First Financial Asset Management Inc. vs. Alejandrina M. Acevedo, accounts, notes and contracts.
Ackerly Oil Company dba Trio Fuels vs. Jimmie and Janis Ramey dba J&J Farms JV and J.L. Ramey Farms Inc., accounts, notes and contracts.
Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp. vs. Allen C. James, accounts, notes and contracts.
Kimberly Michelle Vega vs. Roy Justin Pitts, family court.
Hudson and Keyse LLC vs. Deanne M. Lester-Berry, accounts, notes and contracts.
Hudson and Keyse LLC vs. Zeld A. Shorts, accounts, notes and contracts.
Ruth Lopez Ontiveros vs. Ricardo Guzman Ruiz, family court.
Ti Vogel vs. Justen Tei Vogel, family protective order.
Palisades Collection LLC vs. Ramona N. Molina, accounts, notes and contracts.
LVNV Funding LLC vs. Anglea Hein, accounts, notes and contracts.

Marriage Licenses:

Matthue Lynn Ellis, 23, and Jessica Elizabeth Wright, 19, both of Big Spring.
Jose Louis Briseno Jr., 20, of Ackerly, and Aleticia Marie Lucio, 20, of Big Spring.
Ryan Craig Ward, 18, and Julie Ann Cadenhead, 20, both of Big Spring.
Ernest Garcia Jr., 36, and Michelle Dawn Deanda, 39, both of Big Spring.
Christopher Cody Smith, 25, and Deanna Christine Templin, 26, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:

Grantor: Cloud Land & Cattle LTD
Grantee: Bobby Barber and Cheryl Barber
Property: A 4.8 acre tract out of Section 5, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 24, 2007
Grantor: Margaret Lowe
Grantee: William E. Pollard
Property: Lot 5, Block 13, Kentwood Unit No. 1
Date: April 25, 2007
Grantor: Freddy Morton Miears and Lillian Zonell Sneed
Grantee: Swartz & Brough Inc.
Property: Lot 16, Block 3, Avion Village
Date: April 25, 2007



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First Bank of West Texas President/CEO John R. Scott Jr., with scissors, is joined by bank officials and Chamber of Commerce officials during ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the bank's Scurry Street branch Saturday morning.

Grantor: Ken Froman and Layne Froman
Grantee: Terry J. Huit
Property: Lot 12, Block 16, McDowell Heights
Date: April 26, 2007

Grantor: Katpast Enterprises LP
Grantee: Sandra D. Duck
Property: A tract out of Section 5, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 26, 2007

Grantor: Katpast Enterprises LP
Grantee: Garey Smale and Alicia Carmona
Property: Lot 7, Block 1, Muir Heights
Date: April 26, 2007

Grantor: Randy Johnson
Grantee: Quert Huit
Property: A 1.02 acre tract out of Section 25, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 27, 2007

Grantor: Thomas Bradley Cates
Grantee: Glenda Kruhm
Property: Lots 3-5, Block 13, South Haven Addition
Date: April 27, 2007

Grantor: Lloyd Robinson and Mary Sue Robinson
Grantee: Kent Robinson
Property: A tract out of Section 14, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 27, 2007

Grantor: Connie Jo Campos
Grantee: Craig Olson
Property: Lot 3, Block 5, Wasson Place
Date: April 27, 2007

Grantor: Sheree Phillips Crow
Grantee: David White
Property: Lot 7, Block 1, Amended Piner Heights
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Grantor: David White
Grantee: Swartz & Brough Inc.
Property: Lot 7, Block 1, Amended Piner Heights
Date: April 27, 2007

Grantor: Machel Williams
Grantee: Craig Olson
Property: Lots 5-6, Block 18, Fairview Heights
Date: April 27, 2007

Grantor: Rhonda Morrison
Grantee: Ron Letcher
Property: The S/90 feet of the SE/4 of Block 17, College Heights
Date: April 30, 2007

Grantor: Derrill W. Pope and Cherie Pope
Grantee: Chris Olson
Property: Lot 5, Block 5, Monticello Addition
Date: April 30, 2007

Grantor: TLC Property Management
Grantee: Terry Carter and Marsha

Property: Lot 7, Block 7, Washington Place
Date: May 1, 2007

Grantor: Jamie Valdez
Grantee: Swartz & Brough Inc.
Property: Lot 10, Block 10, Earles Addition
Date: May 1, 2007

Warranty Deeds With Vendor's Lien:

Grantor: Charles A. Dykes
Grantee: Beverly Smithie and R.E. Smithie
Property: A 1-acre tract out of Section 48, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 25, 2007

Grantor: George Williams
Grantee: Guadalupe Nieto
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 12, Washington Place
Date: April 25, 2007

Grantor: Premier Rental Properties
Grantee: Investment Property Exchange Services Inc.
Property: Lots 6 and 7, Block 10, Settles Heights

Date: April 27, 2007
Grantor: James W. Salvato and Viola Salvato
Grantee: Brett McKibben and Jennifer McKibben
Property: Two tracts out of Section 44, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 30, 2007

Grantor: Harold Gaida Talbot and Paula Talbot
Grantee: Leslie Kay Elrod dba LKE Properties
Property: The NE/4 of Block 18, College Heights; and the N/50 feet of the SE/4 of Block 18, College Heights
Date: April 30, 2007

Grantor: Steven Dickson
Grantee: Oracio Lopez and Sylvia Lopez
Property: A tract out of Section 44, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 30, 2007

Grantor: Lida Frances Mason
Grantee: Eric Eckenrode
Property: A tract out of Section 44, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: May 1, 2007

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apply to assessments already identified by the Comptroller, taxpayers currently under audit or review and taxpayers the Comptroller has already contacted about an audit or possible tax deficiency.

Combs urges taxpayers to visit the Project Fresh Start Web site at www.freshstart.texas.gov for details about how to participate in the tax amnesty, or call (800) 252-1390 or contact the nearest Comptroller field office.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Poet Fiona Macleod wrote, "My heart is a lonely hunter that hunts on a lonely hill." Poet Julia Pardoe wrote, "The heart is a free and fetterless thing — a wave of the ocean, a bird on the wing?" Pluto asks,



HOLIDAY MATHIS

"Which are you more like?" as he takes lady Venus into the depths of the heart. Is your heart fulfilled or hungry?

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Words can fail the human heart, but they can also resuscitate it. When the beauty of a song lyric or poem lands on a tender spot in need of care, you'll know exactly how to give back to the one you love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A famous Rolling Stones song proclaimed that you can't always get

what you want. But how about what you need? If you lighten up, you may just get both what you want and what you need by 7 p.m.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Contrary to what you once believed, there's no conspiracy designed to keep you from your highest interest. You reach out, and the world opens its arms. It's as simple as that.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Does self-denial bring one closer to sainthood? Or is it just a righteous cloak for low self-esteem? Today there's a clever way to have your cake and eat it, too. Just ask a Sagittarius person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're earning the reputation of teacher and respected wise-person in your community of peers, so you'll naturally attract a few immature souls in need of direction. Be the gentle guide.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're placing a lot of importance on a technical detail because you value

consistency. However, it benefits you to be more like the graceful willow — when the wind asks it to bend, it does.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're more at home with yourself than you've been in years, and yet you're simultaneously prompted to reach beyond familiar boundaries into the great unknown. Love can take you there. So can art.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Some live in shades of gray — that life would be incredibly dull for you. However, before you dismiss someone else's experience, let his or her story impress upon your view of the world.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The remarkable power you're generating transmits to everyone you meet. You may not know how strongly you're coming on, so keep a healthy perspective on any strange reactions you receive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Something is missing. It's possible

your rules have kept this piece out of your life. Rules send strong messages to the unconscious, but the good part is, you can always amend them when necessary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You love your friends for the ways you're alike. You also love them for the ways in which you're different. The differences may be more pronounced now, challenging you to stay open.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The search for meaning is one of the oldest journeys in history. After you've cracked a few secret codes, you may realize there's nothing to know that you haven't already experienced in your dreams.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Venus is so popular. So why is she hanging out with Pluto, Mr. Unpopular? She's the girl you admired in school for her popularity, beauty and brains. Pluto's

the lone wolf. He travels solo in dark glasses and a trench coat. He could be a bad boy, but his brooding gives him away — there's something about those dark, penetrating eyes. When Venus catches Pluto silently watching her in the hallway, she's intrigued. She's never encountered someone like him. He's got an aura of danger and power. And he's smokin' hot.

Literally. In myth, Pluto is the king of the underworld, promising spiritual encounters with fate and hardship that strip us of our superficial values. In exchange for naiveté, we get the one thing that no one can ever take away: personal power. Through their meeting, Venus uncovers her own inner reservoir of strength to meet whoever comes her way.

If someone or something both intrigues and makes you strangely suspicious this week, it's Pluto. You could be asked, like Venus, to surrender your innocence for depth.

What cracks your heart wide open also ripens it for beauty, truth and power.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Will George Clooney be a bachelor forever? It's the million-dollar question that single women of America are obsessed with. Michelle Pfeiffer and Nicole Kidman both bet \$10,000 that Clooney would father a child by age 40 — they lost. Clooney has the chart of a gentle rogue. This freewheeling gentleman believes in old-fashioned chivalry. He'd rather be alone than disrespect a lady.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: We have three adult sons, one of whom is married with two young daughters. We had very little bonding with their first child. Our daughter-in-law's mother took over, even though she had three other grandchildren. We gave in other ways, including money for preschool every month and paying for vacations. When the second baby was born, we were allowed to baby-sit more often. In fact, once a week, the little girl stayed with us after school.

Not too long ago, we were at their house when our granddaughter wanted to show me some photos. Apparently, she pulled out the wrong album, because I saw several pictures of her dad's big birthday party. A lot of family and friends were there, but obviously, we were not included.

I was so shocked and hurt that I blurted out that her parents were mean not to invite us, and she relayed that remark to her parents. At first, nothing changed. We continued to take our granddaughter after school, although instead of bringing her home, our son would pick her up. We thought it was considerate until I asked why. My daughter-in-law then berated us and said we were snoops and not to be trusted in their house. I suggested family counseling, which she refused. Instead, she recommended I write a letter of apology, fax it to her, and she would show it to our son. I did this.

Now we are allowed to see our grandchildren only on their terms. The special bond built up for several years is shattered. My grandchildren seem guarded. We feel rejected and sad. What can we do? — Not So Grand

Dear Grand: You were wrong to speak ill of your son and his wife in front of their child, and we trust you won't do it again. But it's too bad your son and daughter-in-law couldn't apologize for their wrong assumptions about snooping and, worse, for having a family birthday party and excluding you. Still, they control this situation. If you want to keep your relationship with your grandchildren (and your son), you'll have to swallow this hurt and toe the line. Sorry.

Dear Annie: I'm in my 60s and have been celibate for years, even



**KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR**

before my husband's death. I now feel as if I would like to have a male companion or possibly marry again.

My church has no single males near my age group, and I have no desire for the bar scene. How does someone like me go about meeting anyone and forming a friendship? I have been out of the dating scene for so many years, I haven't a clue. Any advice will be greatly appreciated. — Lonely

Dear Lonely: First, let your friends and family members know that you are interested in meeting someone. Then, get involved. Join a choir, theater group, health or travel club, work for a political candidate, volunteer at a hospital or take dance lessons. AARP has singles groups, and you also can check out reputable online dating sites. If you fill your time doing fun and interesting things, you will appear fun and interesting to others, while enjoying what life has to offer.

Dear Annie: "California Charger" referred to his wife as the "proverbial little old lady from Pasadena," saying she drives too slowly. Surely you remember that the original song about the Little Old Lady from Pasadena (Jan & Dean and The Beach Boys) says she actually drove too fast: "And everybody's sayin' that there's nobody meaner, than the Little Old Lady from Pasadena. She drives real fast and she drives real hard. She's the terror of Colorado Boulevard. It's The Little Old Lady from Pasadena. Go, Granny, go, Granny, go!" — M.L., Lafayette, Ind.

Dear M.L.: You're right about the song, but the phrase, "little old lady from Pasadena," was originally attributed to used-car salesmen who claimed their vehicles were once owned by "little old ladies" who

drove rarely and cautiously. That's why the line was parodied in the hit record. But thanks for the memories.

Dear Annie: My daughter, "Lara," is a 37-year-old single mom and unemployed. She had a difficult childhood, and as her mother, I feel partly to blame. Over the years, my husband and I have paid for several types of therapy for her, and we also provide her with a free place to live and have been paying her bills. Now that my husband is retired, however, we are no longer able to continue and have told her so.

Lara is an alcoholic, and that is probably the reason she has not gotten a job. I would immediately kick her out, except for my 5-year-old grandchild. I worry about his well-being. Recently he had eight cavities filled and a tooth extracted, and I think this is due to neglect. He weighs only 29 pounds and looks very fragile.

My grandson's father is in the picture, but he, too, has a drinking problem. My daughter barely speaks to him.

My conscience will not let me kick them out, and she knows it. What do we do? How can I help my grandchild and my daughter? — Distraught in Texas

Dear Distraught: We're not sure you can help Lara, because she doesn't seem ready to be helped. You can, however, petition to get custody of your grandson, if you are willing to take your daughter to court, and we hope you are. The boy is in need of a stable home with responsible parents. (It's also possible that Lara would be relieved to have you raise him.)

Contact Families Anonymous (familiesanonymous.org) at 1-800-736-9805, and Al-Anon (al-anon-alateen.org) for assistance with Lara and her alcohol problems. Then talk to a lawyer about the steps you need to take in order to protect your grandson. Good luck.

Dear Annie: I have been invited to a May evening wedding, which will take place outside. Upon checking the couple's wedding webpage, it states "formal casual dress" for guests.

Isn't it either formal or casual? No one I have spoken to has heard of this. I think it means suits for men, but no tuxes. What do women

wear?

Also, the food choices for the dinner are unacceptable because I have gastric reflux. I will get deathly sick if I eat anything on the menu. What am I supposed to do? — Wondering in the Northeast

Dear Wondering: Sigh. Instructions on attire are supposed to be helpful, not confusing. There is no "formal casual" designation.

It's something the bride and groom have created because they don't want their guests to be uncomfortable, but they also don't want them wearing jeans. You should ask the bride what she has in mind, though generally, for an evening, outdoor, not-very-formal wedding, men wear suits or sport coats, and women wear street-length cocktail or sundresses, or

dressy slacks. As for the food, eat a filling meal before you leave home, and bring carrot sticks or an apple in your purse. (P.S.: If you aren't on medication for gastric reflux, see your doctor.)

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Gifting Dilemma," who seems to think no one likes charitable donations instead of actual gifts.

I would like to say that I greatly appreciate these donations. My husband and I are fortunate enough to have what we need at this time, and when our friends make donations in our name, we feel gratified. We are lucky enough to have friends who know of our interests and make these donations to organizations we approve of.

Instead of a gift we don't need or won't use,

we would much rather have the money go to a worthy cause that we support. — Carol

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At least 7 dead as tornado levels Kansas town

By **ROXANA HEGEMAN**

Associated Press Writer
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The dead include six in Kiowa County, where Greensburg is located, and one in nearby Stafford County, said Sharon Watson, a spokeswoman for the Kansas Adjutant General's Department.

The tornado that struck Greensburg late Friday dam-

aged about 90 percent of the town about 110 miles west of Wichita, City Administrator Steve Hewitt said Saturday.

Dazed residents walked the streets, looking for loved ones and taking in the sight of crumpled buildings and smashed cars in the town of some 1,600 people.

Much of downtown was destroyed, along with City Hall, the high school and the junior high school, Hewitt said.

"I don't think we have a business left downtown," he said. A mandatory evacuation was ordered, he said.

Emergency personnel and

search and rescue teams raced to Greensburg from throughout southwest Kansas. Trained dogs accompanied law enforcement officers who searched house to house for anyone trapped or injured.

"There is still a possibility we do not have all of the people accounted for in that town," Watson said. "That is something we will be working feverishly to do over the next several hours."

Hewitt said at least 50 people had been taken to hospitals, 16 in critical condition, but said exact numbers were impossible to come by. Rescuers pulled

about 30 people from the basement of a partially collapsed hospital early Saturday.

A storm front spawned tornadoes along a line stretching northeast from Greensburg through central Kansas. Three small tornadoes also touched down Friday in rural southwestern Illinois, but officials said there were no reports of injury or damage. Two tornadoes struck in Oklahoma, damaging some structures but injuring no one, officials said.

Larry Ruthi, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Dodge City, said the storm system spawned at least

three significant tornadoes, including the one that hit Greensburg. He said there were likely other smaller twisters.

The weather service described the tornado that struck Greensburg as a "wedge," an especially broad and tall formation. Frederick Kruse of the weather service's Dodge City office said there were initial reports that the tornado was at least three-quarters of a mile wide on the ground.

Watson said the state fire marshal's office dispatched hazardous materials teams because railroad cars in Kiowa County had overturned.

Current, former Alaska lawmakers indicted

By **STEVE QUINN**

Associated Press Writer
JUNEAU, Alaska — For several thousand dollars and other promises, an Alaska legislator and two former lawmakers threw their support behind a tax scheme and a natural gas pipeline plan that would have benefited an oil services company, prosecutors said.

The three men, Rep. Victor Kohring of Wasilla, and former state Reps. Pete Kott of Eagle River and Bruce Weyhrauch of Juneau, were arrested Friday but deny wrongdoing. The three Republicans pleaded not guilty at their arraignments.

Kohring was charged with extortion, attempted extortion, bribery and conspiracy, according to a federal grand jury indictment unsealed Friday. Kott and Weyhrauch each entered their pleas to four counts, including conspiracy to commit extortion, extortion, bribery and fraud. If convicted of all charges, each of the men could face up to 55 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.

Prosecutors allege the three were involved in a scheme that unfolded as lawmakers weighed a new petroleum profits tax structure and a contract for a natural gas pipeline

last year.

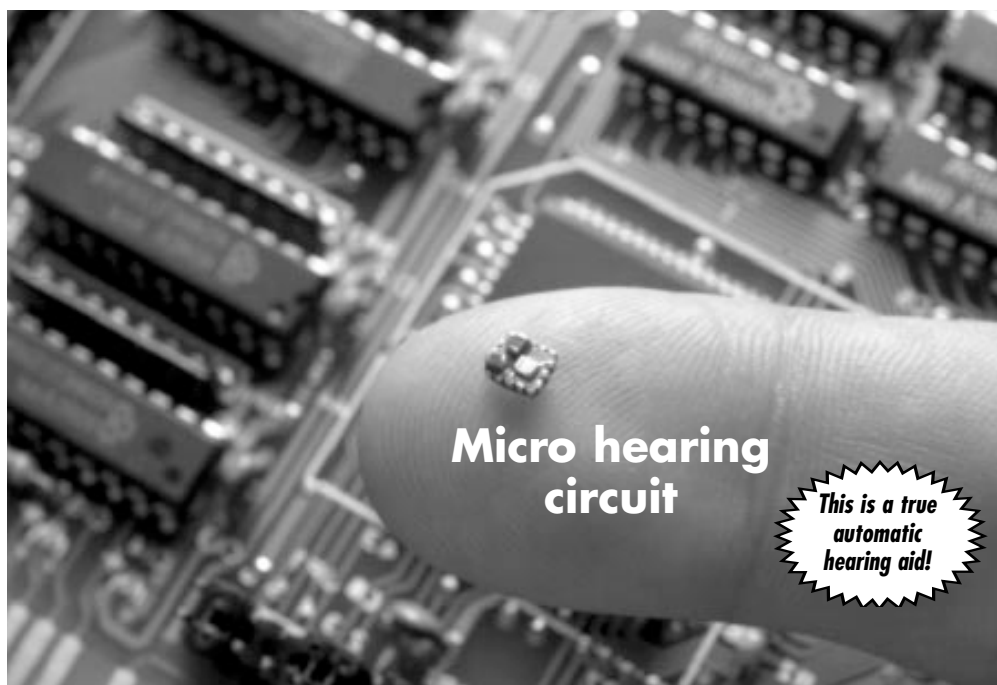
Kott, the former House speaker, explicitly said during a teleconference with company officials that he would support the pipeline and the company's preferred version of the tax proposal if he was made warden of a prison the company was building in the Caribbean, according to the indictment.

"You'll get your gas line, the governor gets his bill, and I'll get my job in Barbados," he told company executives.

The tax passed, but the contract for the pipeline negotiated by former Gov. Frank Murkowski was never approved.

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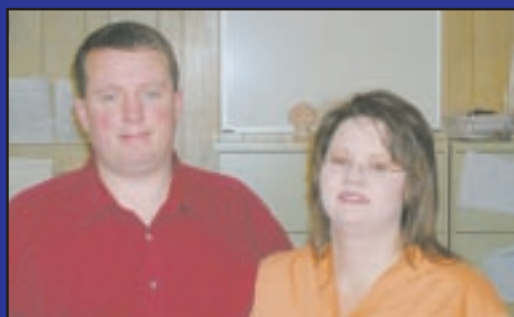
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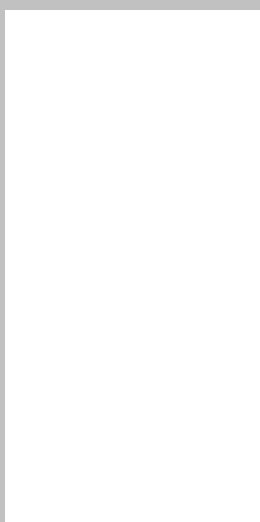
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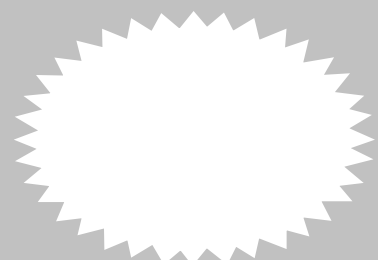
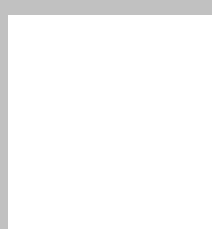
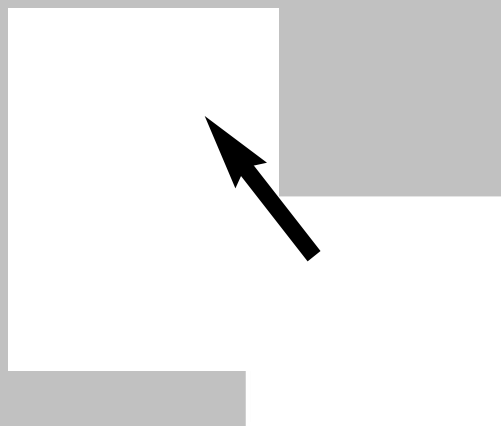
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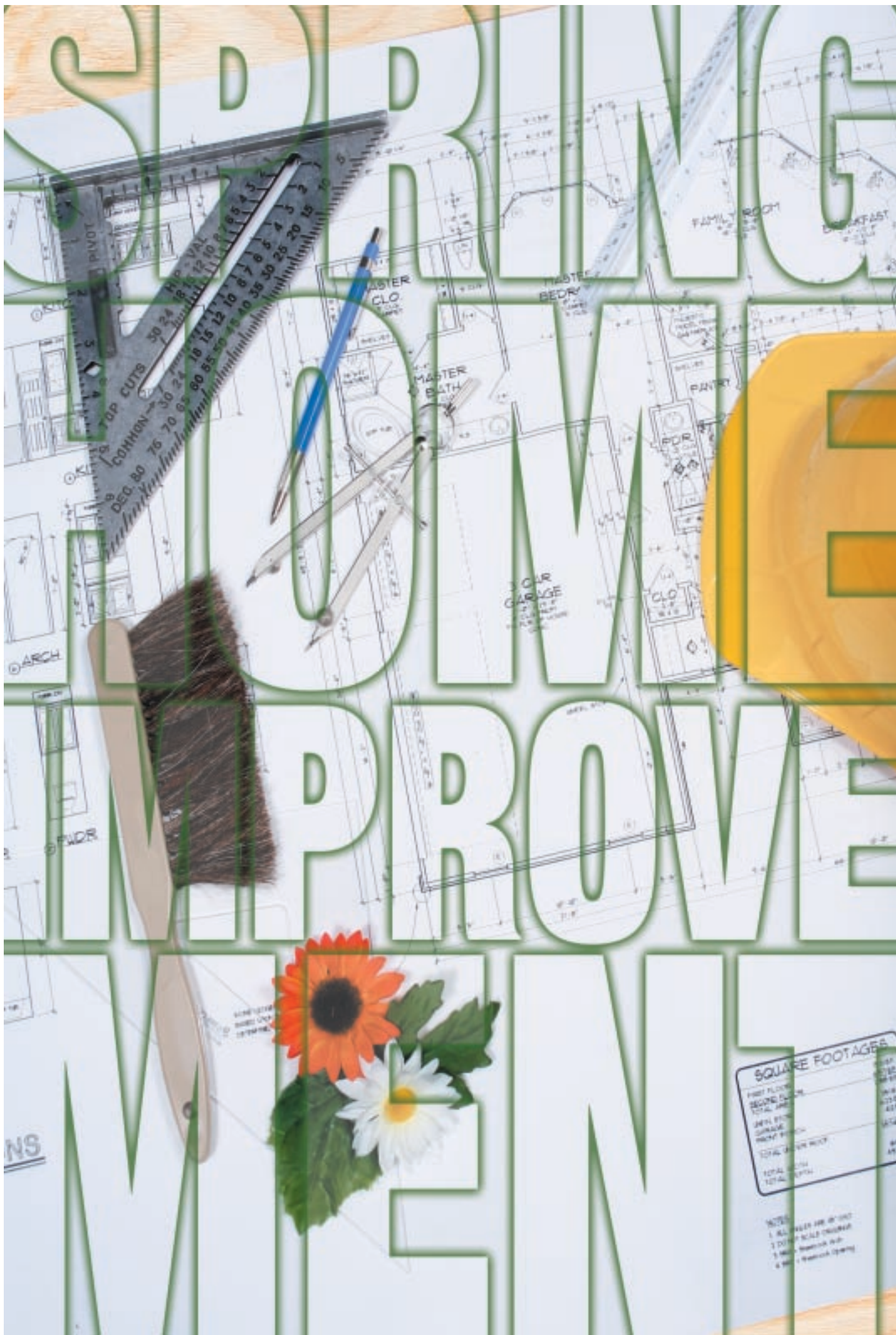
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'It's desert?' Investors surprised by West Texas land buy

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL
Associated Press Writer

DELL CITY (AP) — Maxine Bryant received an ad in her mailbox last year for undeveloped land in West Texas and bought, sight unseen, 20 acres of sorry-looking desert in the middle of nowhere.

The Florida woman said the real estate company, Florida Top Land, told her a Home Depot was coming to nearby Dell City and that the airport — if that's what you can call a gravel strip along a farm field — would soon be improved.

She said she was led to believe, like some of the 200 or so other customers who bought the company's pitch and paid \$15,000 to \$20,000 for a 20-acre lot, that this was a place where "things are happening."

But if things are happening around Dell City, it's news to locals. And clearly, some of the buyers didn't look very closely at a map before signing on the dotted line.

"It's desert? What we bought is desert?" said new landowner Robert Brown of Hollywood, Fla. "It's not wetland?"

Florida Top Land has not been accused of any wrongdoing, and none of the customers interviewed for this story are threatening to sue. Florida Top Land president and chief executive Dennis Grant denied misleading anyone.

"Twenty years from now, which is not a long time, people are going to be building all over the place," he said. "So people might say there's an area where there is nothing right now, just like Florida. When people saw what happened in Florida and other parts of the country ... they saw something that can change, and I know this will change, too."

The land is a few miles outside Dell City, a spot along the Texas-New Mexico line that has 400 residents, no grocery store, no bank, no doctor's office. Farmers grow wheat from the hard-

scrabble earth. A mineral-rich reservoir irrigates the fields, but it's generally not suitable for drinking. Drinking water is available only by well, and electrical service is spotty.

Outside of town, a welcome sign touting Dell City as "The Valley of Hidden Waters" is surrounded by flat, empty land, big sky, and a two-lane road, straight as a shotgun blast, that recedes to the horizon. A street sign, marking the intersection of a nonexistent Keen Ave. and Overton Rd., stands forlornly amid scrubby vegetation and sand.

Many modern conveniences are close to 100 miles away, with no gas station in between.

No one seems to have any plans to civilize the area, either.

Don Harrison, a Home Depot spokesman in Atlanta, said no mega hardware store is coming to Dell City, whose entire population could fit inside one. And no improvements are plan-

ned at the Dell City "airport," which does not even have a terminal building.

Grant, the real estate company president, acknowledges as much and is advertising the land as an investment today that will help the buyer "retire wealthy tomorrow."

He said that anything customers were told about a Home Depot and airport improvements had to do with El Paso, which is nearly 100 miles away and is anticipating a mini-boom from a planned expansion at Fort Bliss.

He also said he tells customers about reported plans for a private spaceport being built by Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos about 90 miles from Dell City.

Bryant, a 43-year-old clinical researcher in Hollywood, Fla., said she never planned to live on her 20-acre spread, and bought it as an investment. Still, she said she was surprised to hear a description of the town

from a reporter.

"So I'll be holding on to that land for a long, long time," a bemused-sounding Bryant said.

Grant, who runs a church ministry and sells mostly to fellow Jamaican immigrants, said he is confident buyers are pleased, and he offers post-purchase trips to check out the land. He said if any customers change their minds after seeing the land, he will buy the property back.

Other investors said they are not worried. After all, they reasoned, the value of their holdings is bound to rise as open land becomes scarce, much the way it has in Florida.

"That's why we bought, the potential that years from now it may be worth something," said Valda Phillips, a 50-year-old nurse from Florida. "I know that it won't be valuable right now. That doesn't bother me."

Judith Ricketts was relieved it wasn't a swamp.

"I went there and I don't

mind," said Ricketts, a South Florida college administrator. "As a matter of fact, I heard (from friends) that it was swamp land, so I was pleasantly surprised. I really just bought it now just for keeps. I have some plans in mind for the property."

The land sales have some folks in Dell City scratching their heads.

Betty Carol Perry, who runs the hardware store with her husband, Leroy Wayne, said the small town doesn't have much to offer.

"We've seen a bank come and go," Perry said. "We've seen a lot of people come in and then leave."

Juanita Collier, the Dell City administrator and justice of the peace, said she has seen countless speculators buy property in the area and sell it to unsuspecting outsiders.

"We have lots of problems with this," Collier said of sight-unseen land purchases. "They don't have any idea what they are buying."

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