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## Jail may be ready for test Tuesday

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners may have good news waiting for them Monday, as ongoing efforts to bring the county jail into state compliance could have the facility reopened by the end of the month.

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—County Judge Mark Barr



repairs have moved along any unforeseen glitches, the jail slightly ahead of schedule, and could be ready for preliminary tests of its smoke evacuation

system as early as Tuesday. "Things have run along smoothly during the repairs to the system," said Barr. "In fact, as long as we don't hit any snags, we're expecting to finish a little earlier than we had expected, which is a really good thing."

"If everything goes the way we hope, we may be able to do

a preliminary test of the smoke evacuation system Tuesday. Depending on how it does, we'll call the jail commission in to do their test around May 17. After that we'll go through a process of cleaning everything up and making sure nothing potentially harmful is left behind. It's

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## Mom's Day meal

At Senior Center  
Herald Staff Report

The Spring City Senior Citizens Center will have its annual Mother's Day Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at the center located at 1901 Simler.

The meal will consist of roast beef with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, whole wheat rolls, strawberry shortcake and a choice of tea, coffee, juice or low fat milk.

Prizes and gift certificates will be given away for the oldest mother, youngest mother, the mother with the most children, the grandmother with the most grandchildren, the great-grandmother with the most great-grandchildren and the attendee with the best hat.

The public is invited to attend.

## ALL FLOWERED UP



Vila Mendoza of Dakota's Flowers arranges a bouquet of roses at the store Friday. Florists were kept extremely busy filling orders for Mother's Day.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

## Run For The Wall

New policies in effect for motorcycle trek

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Managing Editor

Run For The Wall participants will again be visiting Big Spring en route to the annual Rolling Thunder gathering in Washington, D.C., on Memorial Day.

The group is expected to make a brief stop at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial on Saturday morning, May 18, before making a lunch stop in Colorado City. They will have spent the previous night in Odessa.

According to Vietnam Memorial Committee member Jerry Groves, several local motorcyclists have indicated that they intend to join Run For The Wall 2007 this year.

However, Groves noted RFTW 2007 organizers have announced there are several new and important policies for the event that have taken effect this year that greatly affect the registration process.

The new registration process and the fees involved were implemented as a result of a recent lawsuit settlement by



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## Legislative home stretch

Major legislative proposals moving toward finish line

By KELLEY SHANNON  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — The Legislature enters the final two weeks of its five-month session on Monday, and lawmakers are scrambling to get their proposals passed. For some, it's already too late because certain deadlines have come and gone.

The state budget is the only bill lawmakers must pass. But they've got other high-profile items in their sights. With time running out, here's where some notable legislation stands:

Texas Youth Commission  
The House and Senate have

passed different versions of legislation to overhaul the scandal-plagued Texas Youth Commission, perhaps the most urgent matter lawmakers addressed once news spread of sexual abuse allegations in youth detention centers.

Both chambers' bills would improve staff-to-inmate ratios, create new investigative powers to examine abuse claims and prohibit courts from sending juveniles to state lockups for misdemeanors. Both also require inmates to be separated by age and offense and sent to the adult Texas Department of Criminal

Justice system when they turn 19.

A key difference is the way they want to structure the agency's leadership.

The Senate favors a governor-appointed commissioner. The House favors the current model of an executive director who reports to a citizen oversight board. Critics said the previous citizen board, which resigned, didn't have the expertise or the will to deal with problems.

Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, a McAllen Democrat leading the TYC overhaul effort in the Senate, said he has no doubt the two chambers will reach an

agreement. Repairing the TYC has become one of the biggest issues of the legislative session, he said.

"Any time you're dealing with our young people and discover they're being abused physically, mentally and sexually, it gets your attention," he said.

Texas Budget  
Far from the \$10 billion shortfall lawmakers faced in 2003, this year's Legislature had the luxury of a \$14 billion surplus.

Much of it was already promised to property tax

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### IN BRIEF

#### Bulldogs suffer 16-2 loss in series opener

Coahoma's Bulldogs suffered a 16-2 loss to Blanco's Panthers in the first game of a best-of-three Class 2A area playoff series Friday night in San Angelo to.

The Bulldogs looked to bounce back in Game 2 of the series which was scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Saturday. Blane Kerby was scheduled to make the start for the Bulldogs.

#### Lady Steers sports banquet rescheduled

Due to the Lady Steers softball team advancing in the playoffs, the Lady Steers Sports Banquet has been rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 21 at the Big Spring High School cafeteria. There will be a time allotted for picture taking starting at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at the ATC or by contacting Mique Yarbar at 213-5259 or Brenda Claxton at 816-9803.

#### Lady Hawk basketball camps scheduled

Howard College women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle will host three girls' basketball camps this summer.

The Little Hawk Camp begins on June 4. The four day camp will run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day. This camp is for girls entering kindergarten through third grades in 2007 and costs \$50.

The Individual Day Camp also runs from June 4-7, with an afternoon session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day. This camp is for girls entering grades 4-8 and costs \$60.

The Shooting and Position Camp is for girls entering grades 7-12 and costs \$60. It begins June 18 and runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. until June 21.

For more information or to register, please contact Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

#### Lady Steers summer softball camp set

The Lady Steers will be holding their All-Skills Softball Camp June 4-7 at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex. Each day's activities will last from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The camp is for girls going into 1st grade thru going into 8th grade. It will be administered by the Lady Steers head softball coach Jennifer Reyes and assistant coach John Sparks.

Cost for the camp is \$45 and will include a camp T-shirt.

For more information contact John Sparks at 270-2711.

#### Magers-Powell camp scheduled

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

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# Bulldogettes blank Blanco, 6-0 Newton chalks up 12th shutout of season

Herald Staff Report

ODESSA — Coahoma pitching ace Heather Newton continued her dominant season Friday with a shutout victory over Alpine's Lady Bucks. The Bulldogettes manufactured all six of their runs in the second inning to take a 6-0 win in Game 1 of their best-of-three Class 2A regional quarterfinal softball playoff series.

Newton had little trouble with the Lady Bucks' lineup, striking out 15 batters and giving up only five hits.

Alpine was able to get runners on first and second in the fourth inning against Newton, but she responded to the pressure with three consecutive strikeouts that

were dealt to the heart of the Lady Bucks' lineup.

Friday's shutout was Newton's 12th of the season.

Coahoma managed 10 hits off of Alpine's top pitcher, but crossed the plate in just the second inning.

Laci Sterling led the Bulldogettes' offensive charge in the second with a pair of RBIs. She knocked in the only two earned runs that the Bulldogettes would produce.

The other four runs scored in the inning were due to Alpine fielding errors.

Alpine threatened to get on the scoreboard in the seventh inning, putting together back-to-back hits to lead off the inning. But Newton quelled the riot, ending

the Lady Bucks' hopes.

Ami Martinez was also productive at the plate, going 3-for-4 and scoring a run. Martinez surpassed Sterling for the team lead in season batting average last week. The duo has been battling for that distinction for most of the season.

The Bulldogettes got a scare in the middle of the game when shortstop Shelby Paige hyperextended her knee. Coahoma head coach Tracy Tadlock was hopeful that Paige could contribute to the lineup in Game 2 Saturday.

"Losing Shelby really hurt our offense in the first game," said Tadlock. "She provides a strong bat to the lineup."

Game 2 was scheduled to begin

at noon Saturday. Martinez made her usual start for the Bulldogettes.

"If we win, it's because Ami had another great outing like she did last week," said Tadlock. "If we lose, it's because we allowed ourselves to get into a slugfest with Alpine."

Tadlock still had supreme confidence in his team going into Game 2, but noted that they couldn't look past Alpine.

"They're as strong as we are at the plate," observed Tadlock. "I think they're the closest team we've played to equaling our batting abilities."

A third game, if necessary, was scheduled approximately 30 minutes after the completion of Game 2.

## DAWSON TAKES BRONZE AT STATE



HERALD photo/Rob Matthews  
Junior Zack Dawson (7) finished third in 1600-meters at the State Track Meet held Friday night in Austin. Dawson finished with a time of 4:21.47. He was also the leader of Big Spring's state champion cross-country team in the fall.

## No. 2-ranked Hamlin roar past Buffs, 13-2

Herald Staff Report

SNYDER — Last week in their bi-district playoff series with Marfa's Shorthorns, Forsan's Buffaloes were able to end both games in the fifth inning thanks to the 10-run mercy rule.

The Buffs got a taste of their own medicine Friday night in the first game of their best-of-three Class 1A area baseball playoff series against the second-ranked Hamlin Pied Pipers. Game 1 was called after the sixth inning with Hamlin earning a 13-2 victory.

It was a disappointing outing for the Buffs that featured 14 walks by the pitching staff and six defensive errors.

Forsan's fielding woes started in the first inning, as Hamlin was able to score two unearned runs, courtesy of three Buffs miscues.

The Buffs, meanwhile, struggled to find any consistency at the plate. They were unable to string together consecutive hits and didn't put a run on the board until the bottom of the sixth inning.

Starting pitcher Evan Burton led off the inning with a walk followed by a single by Adam Bailey.

Burton would score the Buffs' first run when the next batter, Ray Martinez, singled. Bailey would round out Forsan's run production, scoring

after Cameron Parker hit into a fielder's choice to second base.

The Buffs would have needed two more runs in the sixth for the game to continue into the seventh. However, Forsan was unable to produce any more hits.

Burton lasted on the mound through the fourth inning, giving up six runs, four earned, on three hits and seven walks. It was an uncharacteristic outing for the Forsan ace. He had shown great consistency throughout the season and leads the Buffs' pitching staff in most statistical categories.

Burton was relieved in the fifth inning by Bailey. He was able to retire only one batter as Forsan's pitching woes against Hamlin continued.

Martinez pitched the last 1-2/3 innings for Forsan.

The Pied Pipers showed that they deserved their No. 2 ranking by finding a way to score a run in every inning expect the second.

In the third inning, Hamlin scored three runs on three walks and a bunt. The Pied Pipers continued to cross the plate in the fourth inning with another run after two walks and a single.

Hamlin chalked up three more runs in the fifth by hitting a single

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# Lady Steers stumble against Pampa

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Writer

PLAINVIEW — Big Spring's Lady Steers will have to prove to be a resilient team for a second consecutive week. The Lady Steers dropped Game 1 of their best-of-three Class 4A regional quarterfinal softball playoff series with Pampa's Lady Harvesters, 10-4, Friday night.

The previous week, Big Spring lost Game 1 to El Paso Chapin, but bounced back to sweep two games from the Lady Huskies on Saturday, earning an area championship.

Much like their Game 1 loss to Chapin, the Lady Steers' Friday night loss to the Lady Harvesters was a product of several fielding errors. The Lady Steers committed five errors in the field and also had several wild pitches that got past

catcher Baylea Fox.

"We're going to have to make a lot of changes defensively," said Lady Steers head coach Jennifer Reyes. "There were so many errors. That's not the team that we've been all year. Errors happen, but we have to respond better to them. After one error, everyone got mad and it led to more errors."

The Lady Steers were also faced with their toughest challenge this season from an opposing pitcher.

"She's the fastest pitcher that we've seen," said Reyes. "I was really proud of how the girls hit her though."

The Lady Steers jumped out to an early first inning lead on Pampa's star pitcher thanks to back-to-back doubles by



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull  
Big Spring's Kelly Sage lays off a pitch in action against Pampa's Lady Harvesters Friday night in Plainview. The Lady Steers lost Game 1, 10-4.

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# Thank you, Mom

### MOVIES

Many mothers just want a day of relaxation, so pop in a DVD of one of these mother-daughter-related flicks.

■ **"Steel Magnolias" (1989):** Sally Field and Julia Roberts play a mother and daughter at the center of a tight-knit group of friends in Louisiana.

■ **"Terms of Endearment" (1981):** This Oscar-winning movie chronicles the often difficult relationship between a mother and daughter, played by Shirley MacLaine and Debra Winger.

■ **"Anywhere But Here" (1999):** Susan Sarandon plays a mother who is tired of her small-town existence and decides to drag her less-than-willing daughter to Beverly Hills in hopes of a more glamorous life.

■ **"Stepmom" (1998):** Roberts and Sarandon play the future stepmom and dying mother, respectively, of Ed Harris' children.

■ **"Freaky Friday" (1976) or (2003):** Take your pick, Jodie Foster (the 1976 version) or Lindsay Lohan (2003) plays the ungrateful child who switches bodies with her busy mom.

■ **"Mommie Dearest" (1981):** The perfect portrait of a nightmare mom, this campy film will make you appreciate that your mom didn't have such an aversion to wire hangers.



Julia Roberts and Susan Sarandon in "Stepmom."

### SONGS

Here are some songs, along with selected lyrics, for a melodically memorable Mother's Day.

#### Hey Mama

By Kanye West

You work late nights just to keep on the lights  
 Mommy got me training wheels so I could keep on my bike  
 And you would give anything in this world  
 Michael Jackson leather and a glove, but didn't give me a curl  
 And you never put no man over me  
 And I love you for that mommy can't you see?

#### A Song for Mama

By Boyz II Men

Mama, mama you're the queen of my heart  
 Your love is like Tears from the stars  
 Mama, I just want you to know  
 Lovin' you is like food to my soul  
 You're always down for me  
 Have always been around for me even when I was bad  
 You showed me right from my wrong

#### Mom

By Earth, Wind & Fire

Mom, pains and joy I love her more and more  
 To her I'm still her boy  
 Yeah yeah yeah  
 And in my life I've always dug her  
 And in my life I've always needed her  
 The mom I know I love so well



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## Tips and tidbits to help celebrate Mother's Day

BY SALLY DADISMAN  
 McClatchy-Tribune

She helped you learn to walk, taught you about the birds and the bees, and drove you to soccer practice, scout meetings and birthday parties. Mother's Day gives you a chance to show Mom how much you care. Whether it's watching a movie, serenading her with a song or serving her breakfast in bed, we offer a few suggestions for celebrating, along with a brief history of the day, how to say "mother" around the world and a short quiz.

### HISTORY

A celebration that began with the Greeks and Romans, Mother's Day has been around for centuries in one form or another. The Greeks celebrated Rhea, the mother of the Gods, while early Christians had festivals on the fourth Sunday of Lent for Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. A religious order then created Mothering Sunday in Britain to celebrate all mothers, a tradition that was lost when British settlers formed the American colonies. In 1907, however, Anna M. Jarvis, a schoolteacher from Philadelphia, went on a mission to create a day honoring mothers. She sought help from legislators and businessmen, and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson declared the second Sunday in May a national holiday in honor of mothers.

### FLOWERS WITH FEELING

Flowers are a popular gift for Mom. But what message are they really sending? Here is a list compiled by the Society of American Florists on flowers' different meanings:

Flower	Color or type	Meaning
Carnation	Pink	Gratitude
	Red	Flashy
	Yellow	Cheerful
Daisy	---	Innocence
Lily	Calla	Regal
	Casablanca	Celebration
	Day	Enthusiasm
Orchid	Stargazer	Ambition
	---	Delicate beauty
	---	Delicate beauty
Rose	Pink	Friendship
	Red	Passionate love
	Red and white	Unity
	Yellow	Zealous
Sunflower	---	Adoration
Tulip	Pink	Caring
	Purple	Royalty
	Red	Declaration of love
	White	Forgiveness
	Yellow	Hopelessly in love

### QUIZ

Think you know about mothers? How many are there in the United States, what days and months are most popular for giving birth? Test your knowledge of these facts from the U.S. Census Bureau.

- How many mothers are there in the United States?  
 A. 60.2 million C. 80.5 million  
 B. 70.4 million D. 90.3 million
- How many children on average can a woman in the United States expect to have in her lifetime?  
 A. 1.7 C. 2.4  
 B. 2.1 D. 1.9
- What U.S. state has the highest average number of births per year per woman?  
 A. Utah C. Illinois  
 B. New York D. Nevada
- What is the most popular month to have a baby?  
 A. November C. May  
 B. February D. July
- What is the most popular day of the week to have a baby?  
 A. Monday C. Wednesday  
 B. Tuesday D. Thursday

ANSWERS: 1. C; 2. B; 3. A; 4. D; 5. B

### WORDS OF WISDOM

Here are a few quotes on motherhood, from "Women Know Everything: 3,241 Quips, Quotes and Brilliant Remarks," edited by Karen Weekes (Quirk Books, \$16.95):



“Any mother could perform the jobs of several air-traffic controllers with ease.”  
 — Lisa Alther (1944-), American writer



“Mothers are the most instinctive philosophers.”  
 — Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811-1896), American abolitionist



“Biology is the least of what makes someone a mother.”  
 — Oprah Winfrey (1954-), American television host, actress and magazine publisher

## A sweet treat for a sweet mother

So you may not be the next Bobby Flay or Rachael Ray, but you can still make a simple meal for your mom. Here is a recipe from "Coffee Cakes," by Lou Seibert Pappas (Chronicle Books, \$18.95), to get you started.

### BLUEBERRY STREUSEL COFFEE CAKE

Juicy berries suggest this easy-to-bake cake that flaunts a crunchy sweet topping of toasted walnuts and brown sugar streusel.

#### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar

- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup unbleached all-purpose flour

- 1 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup buttermilk or plain yogurt
- 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries or mixed blackberries, blueberries and raspberries

#### Streusel Topping

- 2 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into bits
- 1/4 cup unbleached all-purpose flour

- 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 cup (4 ounces) walnuts, chopped

**To make the topping:** In a medium bowl or a food processor, combine the butter, flour, sugar and cinnamon. Cut the butter in with your fingers or process until the mixture forms coarse crumbs. Stir in the nuts and set aside.

#### Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Lightly butter a 9-inch springform pan.

In a large bowl, combine the oil, sugars, eggs and vanilla and beat with a whisk or electric mixer until smooth. In a medium bowl, combine the flours, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Stir to blend. Add to the creamed mixture alternately with the buttermilk or yogurt in two increments. Beat until smooth. Stir in the berries. Turn into the prepared pan and sprinkle evenly with the topping.

Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until the cake is golden brown and a cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean. Let cool in the pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes, then remove the pan sides and let cool completely. Cut into wedges to serve.

Makes one 9-inch coffee cake; serves 10.



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### 'MOTHER' AROUND THE WORLD



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Obituaries

Mary Ruth Bugg Morton



Mary Ruth Bugg Morton went to heaven on May 11, 2007, at the age of 89. Ruth was born on Dec 13, 1917, to A.H. and Myrtle Bugg in Toyah. The Buggs were a West Texas pioneer family. Ruth's paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bugg, came to Texas in a covered wagon from Missouri after the Civil War and homesteaded near what is now Sterling City.

In the spring of 1918 the Buggs packed up baby Ruth and her four older siblings and moved to Big Spring. Three more children were born after the move. Growing up in Big Spring in the 1920s in a home of 10 was never dull. Ruth loved to remember and tell stories about that exciting time. Her dad, A.H., worked hard and became successful in the community. At one time he owned two grocery stores, a meat packing plant and farmed as well.

On Dec 3, 1934, Ruth married the love of her life, W.B. "Jack" Morton. Jack was also from Big Spring, having grown up on a small farm near town. This was the very heart of the Great Depression and like everyone else who lived through these tough times, the Depression colored Ruth's and Jack's lives. They took nothing for granted, worked hard, appreciated what they had and wasted nothing. These two would spend the next 58 years together. They tackled all that life could throw at them, together as a team. They loved each other so much.

In 1946 Ruth and Jack moved their family, now grown to four, with the addition of daughter LaDean and son Howard, to Tucumcari, N.M. In Tucumcari they worked hard, built a home, finished raising their children and farmed and ranched successfully.

In 1976 Ruth and Jack retired from farming and moved to Springdale, Ark. The couple loved to travel and now had time to pursue that pastime with vigor. They had a travel trailer and drug it all over kingdom come, visiting family and friends and exploring the beautiful country they both loved.

Ruth's beloved husband Jack passed away in March of 1991 of Alzheimer's disease. Ruth cared for him tirelessly, with love, determination and without complaint.

In 1999 Ruth moved back home to Big Spring to be closer to loved ones. She was strong. Her willpower was legendary. If she made her mind up about something, come hell or high water, the thing would be done.

Ruth was special in so many ways. She loved to take care of others, especially her family. She worked hard at it and she was good at it. She was a champion homemaker. She loved to sew and did it like a pro. Everyone loved to come to her house because they knew she would feed them and they knew the food would be outstanding. She loved her family ferociously. She was a great grandmother. She was social and loved to laugh and have a good time. She was our sister, our mother, our grandmother, our great-grandmother and our friend. We love her and we will miss her greatly, but take solace in knowing she is now in a better place and her suffering is over.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, A.H. and Myrtle Bugg; husband, W.B. Morton; sisters, Jessie McKinney, Almarie Williams, Evelyn Hauser and Joyce Green; and brothers, Finis Bugg and Henry Bugg.

Survivors are a sister, Dorothy Thomas of Big Spring; a daughter, LaDean Lewis of Dallas; a son, Howard Morton and his wife, Rosalie, of Artesia, N.M.; grandsons Mark Lewis and his wife, Julie, of San Antonio, Brian Morton of Artesia, N.M., and Greg Lewis and his wife, Judy, of Weatherford; granddaughters Dana Morton of Artesia, N.M., and Carolyn Culling and husband, Tim, of Dallas; 10 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; numerous nephews, nieces and cousins; and countless friends.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 14, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle-Welch Funeral Home.

*Paid obituary*

Forrest "Bub" Eubank

Forrest "Bub" Eubank, 91, of Pecos died on Thursday, May 10, 2007, in a Big Spring hospital. Memorial services will be held at a later date in Pecos.

Mr. Eubank was born on Sept. 11, 1915, in Fairfield and married Ruth Eubank on Jan. 1, 1942, in Houma, La. She preceded in death on Aug. 1, 1998.

He was a Methodist.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Melanie and Larry Parker of Odessa; two sons and daughters-in-law, William "Bill" and Linda Eubank of Farmington, N.M., and Kirk and Lani Eubank of Kapaaui, Hawaii; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church of Pecos or The Navajo Ministries, 2103 W. Main, Farmington, N.M. 87401.

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

Police blotter

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

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 200 block of Third Street.
- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 500 block of Goliad and the 700 block of Interstate 20.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 500 block of Goliad.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID** was reported in the 1000 block of Lamesa.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE** was reported in the 1000 block of Lamesa.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of Gregg.

Take Note

• **PARENT ORIENTATION** for Big Spring eighth grade students going to the ninth grade will be held at 6 p.m. Monday in the high school cafeteria. Counselors will distribute information concerning high school diploma plans, schedules, graduation and college information.

• **THE WORKFORCE NETWORK HAS FUNDING AVAILABLE** for training and employment with competitive wages for youth in Howard, Borden and Glasscock counties. Enrollment will be held at the Workforce Network, 310 Owens in Big Spring from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. May 21. You must bring copies of your birth certificate, Social Security card and picture ID if you have one. You must have a parent with you if you are under 18 years of age.

• **CROSS STITCHERS ARE NEEDED** to stitch a square for the annual Howard County Fair quilt. The quilt theme this year is "Animals of Texas." Stitchers may pick up a pattern kit, containing everything they will need to finish the square, from the Posey Cotton Office, 601 Scurry. Squares need to be completed within the next several weeks to allow time to piece the quilt together and get it quilted. Funds raised through tickets sold on the quilt go to pay the expenses associated with the Howard County Fair. The fair will be Sept. 26-29.

• **ALL CREATURES SANCTUARY AND RESCUE** has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Highway 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. See John Kimberly, manager or Cruz Rodriguez, metal specialist, to make your donations. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. The sanctuary is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina Brand Dog Foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. Box 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account also set up with Howard County Feed and Supply at 701 E. Second St. For donations of coastal or grass hay for a rescue horse.

• **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES** Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

Support Groups

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

**TUESDAY**  
• The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

**MONDAY**  
• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Event Center, 1607 E. Third St.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library.

Weather

Sunday...Mostly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. East winds around 10 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

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Thursday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and Thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

Lottery

A single player has won the grand prize from the latest Mega Millions lotto drawing.

Lottery officials said the winning ticket from Friday night's drawing — worth \$112 million — was sold in California.

In addition to the grand prize winner, 8 players matched all five numbers but not the Mega Ball number. They will receive second prizes of \$250,000 each.

The winning numbers from Friday night's drawing were: 28-30-33-48-54. The Mega Ball number was 25.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-10-20-24-30.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$30,872.

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Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-1-1

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Linzee Yarbar and Amber Sides. Yarbar crossed the plate on Sides' double to give Big Spring the 1-0 lead. Sides would score later in the inning to give the Lady Steers a 2-0 edge.

Pampa would respond in the bottom of the first inning by stringing together two singles, a double and a triple. Two runs crossed the plate for the Lady Harvesters to even the score after one inning.

Big Spring would strike again offensively in the third inning when senior Brenna Phernetton doubled to drive in Yarbar and Cortney Heinis, putting the Lady Steers back on top, 4-2.

The Lady Harvesters would again respond immediately in the bottom of the third. It was in that inning the Lady Steers' fielding woes began. Pampa was able to push five runs across the plate on three hits, three Lady Steer errors and a passed ball to take a 7-4 lead.

It was a lead that they would not relinquish, as

the Lady Steers were unable to score another run, despite having runners in scoring position in the fifth and seventh innings.

The Lady Harvesters added one run in the fourth inning and two runs in the fifth to give them the 10-4 victory over Big Spring.

Phernetton led the Lady Steers offensively going 2-for-4 at the plate with a double and two RBIs. Yarbar was also 2-for-4 with two doubles and two runs scored.

Sides went 1-for-4 at the plate with a double, a RBI and a run scored. She also had some key plays in the field that shortened Pampa's offensive onslaughts.

The loss left the Lady Steers in an unfortunate, but familiar situation heading into Game 2 Saturday. Reyes tinkered with the lineup after the Game 1 loss to Chapin and planned to do the same thing heading into Saturday's second game against the Lady Harvesters.

"Some of the girls looked really good against their pitcher," commented Reyes. "Then there

were some that looked scared against her. I'm going to have to move some of the girls that looked good up higher in the lineup."

Game 2 was played at 1 p.m. Saturday. Game 1 starter Kelly Sage also started Game 2 for the Lady Steers. Sage hoped to rebound from a tough night on the mound in the first game. She gave up 10 runs, only one earned though, on 16 hits. Sage was a key figure in Big Spring's two wins last Saturday over Chapin.

Reyes believes that the most important aspect that the Lady Steers could have adjusted for Game 2 was their attitude.

"We need to come out with the attitude that we had in the beginning of the game, that we know we can win," said Reyes. "We can't settle once we score runs. We have to stay on top of them and not give them 10 runs after we get our four. They only had one run that they earned against us."

A third game, if necessary, took place 30 minutes after Game 2.

Contact **Jonathan Hull** by calling him at 263-7331.

**BRIEFS**

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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.

**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 abilities.

**WBU schedules tryout baseball camp**

The Wayland Baptist

University baseball staff is holding a tryout camp for graduating high school seniors and college players with remaining. The camp is scheduled for Saturday, May 26 at the WBU campus in Plainview.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the tryouts to follow at 9:00. There is no cost. For more information or to make reservations, contact Coach Josh Milner at 806-292-1690 or 806-291-1158 or email him at milnerj@wbu.edu.

**PROPERTY TAX PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURES**

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

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

**Review by the Appraisal Review Board**

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

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to resolve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 315 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas.

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

**Review by the District Court**

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

**Tax Payment**

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

**More Information**

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at 315 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas 432/263-8301. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

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Janette is the daughter of Elsie M. Melton of Burley, Idaho, and the late Paul Melton. William is the son of Julie Spencer of Nyssa, Oregon, and the late Harmon Clark.

The bride was given away by her brother-in-law of Sinton. She wore a silk gown with pearls and lace. Her bouquet was made of navy blue and ivory roses and carnations.

The maid of honor was Betty Shipman of Campwood, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Melba Snyder, Lauren Arpin, Cheyl Arpin, Sarah Clark and Francis Henderson.

The best man was Troy Roberts of Coahoma. Groomsmen were Barry Blouser, Travis Roberts, Tommy Payne, Woody Crow and Arron Henderson.

Candle lighters were Alexis Emerson and Hailey Wells. Flower Girl was Hailey Henderson and ring bearer was Zack Kinard.

The bride is an LVN at the VA Medical Center. The groom is employed by Howard County Road and Bridge.

The couple made their home in Big Spring.

The couple will take their honeymoon in June in an undisclosed location

## Menus

### New Hope Christian School

Monday: Lunch, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, milk.

Tuesday: Lunch, ham & cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, pears, milk.

Wednesday: Lunch, corn dogs, baked beans, corn bread, pineapple, milk.

Thursday: Lunch, chicken, refried beans, salad, tortillas, milk.

Friday: Lunch, pepperoni pizza, garden salad, rose pears, milk.

### Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast, strawberry waffle treat, applesauce cups, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple tidbits, rolls, milk, (high school second choice, steak fingers).

Tuesday: Breakfast, peanut butter uncrustables, pineapple-orange juice, milk; Lunch, beef shepherds pie, broccoli w/cheese, Jello, wheat rolls, milk (high school second choice, chicken strips).

Wednesday: Breakfast, cereal, sausage patties, grape juice, milk; Lunch, pig in blanket, veggie medley, pinto beans, mandarin oranges, milk (high school second choice, rib sandwiches).

Thursday: Breakfast, muffins, orange smiles, milk; Lunch, crispy chicken sandwiches, pickle spears, mixed fruit, applesauce, milk (high school second choice, burritos).

Friday: Breakfast, pancake on stick, apple juice, milk; Lunch, beef & bean burritos, mexicali corn, Spanish rice, kiwi fruit, milk (high school second choice, steak sandwiches).

### Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fajitas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, French toast sticks, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, chili-cheese dogs, tator tots, fruit, ice cream, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, breakfast pockets, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, baked potatoes, broccoli and cheese, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, muffins, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, pancakes, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue on a bun, pickle spears, tator tots, corn, banana cake, milk.

### Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast, waffles, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, Sloppy Joes/bun, grilled ham/cheese, French fries, vegetable sticks, pears, milk, ketchup.

Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch, beef taco, taco shells, flour tortilla, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato salad, pineapple, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuits, sausage, cream gravy, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch, choice pizza, green beans, garden salad, applesauce, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, blueberry muffins, yogurt, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, pot roast, manager's choice, mashed potatoes, peas/carrots, fruit cocktail, hot rolls, milk, gravy.

Friday: Breakfast, breakfast burrito, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue/bun, peanut butter/jelly sandwiches, potato chips, buttered corn, peaches, cheese por-

tion, milk, mayonnaise.

### Sands CISD

Monday: Breakfast, chicken in a biscuit, juice & milk; Lunch, meat & bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, Rosie applesauce, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, honey bun, juice, milk; Lunch, hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes & pickles, oven fries, pudding, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, breakfast sausage rolls, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, strawberry shortcake, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, juice & milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple orange salad, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, cereal & graham crackers, juice & milk; Lunch, pizza, tossed salad, seasoned corn, fruit cups, milk.

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**JAIL**

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possible we may have prisoners back in our jail as soon as the end of the month."

The county jail was shut down by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards in November, after the facility's smoke evacuation system failed to meet requirements during a pair of tests in 2006.

The jail also failed to meet state

requirements that call for a standpipe in the jail to deliver water to firefighters and a door that swung in the wrong direction. However, these pair of problems have since been corrected, leaving the smoke evacuation system the lone obstacle standing in the way.

Since the jail's closure, inmates of the Howard County Jail have been housed in other counties, including Dickens, Glasscock and Lamb counties, at considerable expense to the county.

Also on Monday's agenda, County Auditor Jackie Olson will present invoices and purchase requests. Olson

is also expected to present considerations for a car for the sheriff's office, renew copier contracts for the county clerk's office and talk about the budget for the coming year.

A presentation concerning pre-paid legal services and identity theft services is expected to be made by Robert Munoz, while Drew Mouton, the attorney in charge of collecting delinquent taxes for the county, will present resolutions allowing the auction of property.

Representatives from Williamson County are also to meet with commissioners concerning a proclamation des-

ignating July 1-4 as "The American Family Reunion," a reunion of present perspectives with past patriotism for future families celebrating origins, heritage and liberty.

Commissioners are to discuss a contract with the law offices of Bickerstaff and Heath.

Discussion centered the design and construction of a new jail facility are also on Monday's agenda.

Monday's meeting is set for 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

**WALL**

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RFTW.

Registration for the RFTW Southern Route will be open only in the mornings before departure from each overnight stop and in the evenings at overnight stops. There will be no registrations taken during midday fuel and meal stops.

A nominal registration fee will be charged for each registrant. The fee will primarily fund the required AMA insurance coverage, plus provide additional funds for RFTW projects.

If a registrant is requested to leave the Run for safety, behavioral or other issues, the registration fee may be returned to that registrant.

Other important requirements are insurance coverage and a motorcycle-endorsed driver's license which are required by the American Motorcycle Association (AMA).

For those who live outside the Midland/Odessa area, organizers recommend that those planning to join the ride either register Friday evening, or spend the night in Odessa Friday night and register Saturday morning. Registration will take a little longer than it used to because of the new

process, they said.

The new registration program is a necessity in order to follow AMA regulations and be covered by insurance. Registration forms are available on-line that participants can print out and complete prior to registering, which will help speed the process. However, pre-registration cannot be done on-line.

For a complete itinerary, interested persons can check the Southern Route's schedule on the Web site (<http://www.rftw.org/>).

RFTW participants will be staying at the MCM Grande Motel in Odessa, as well as the Great Valu-U Inn.

Another new decision made by orga-

nizers is that there will no longer be an "FNG" platoon. There will be several "staggered" platoons, as well as a "Day Rider/Large Group" platoon.

According to RFTW spokesperson Diann Perkins, the group is now forming up to seven platoons, which are needed once the group starts through Texas and continues across the eastern U.S.

Anyone needing additional information or have questions concerning the registration process can contact Perkins by calling 432-366-0405 or 432-368-1822.

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**LEGISLATURE**

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relief and state service increases because of population growth, but it was extra money. The result: easier budget debates, mostly about where to spend money instead of where to cut it.

The Texas budget covers a two-year period and will total about \$150 billion, counting state and federal funds. Both the House and Senate have approved a budget bill, now in a conference committee where legislators from the two chambers are working on a compromise.

Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick said important bills, including the budget, have moved through the Capitol well this session.

"Obviously we've got the budget left. That's the biggest item," he said.

**Cervical Cancer**

One piece of legislation that sailed through was a bill blocking Gov. Rick Perry's cervical cancer vaccine order.

Lawmakers sent Perry the rebuff with plenty of time left for an override vote if he decided to veto it, but Perry announced

Tuesday he would let it become law without his signature. He criticized legislators for playing politics with the issue.

In February, he issued an executive order requiring the human papillomavirus vaccine for schoolgirls starting in September 2008. The virus can cause cervical cancer.

Lawmakers objected. Some critics said Perry's order interfered with parental decisions or would encourage premarital sex. Others said the Legislature — not the governor — should make that kind of policy.

Perry repeatedly noted that parents could opt out of having their daughters vaccinated.

The Legislature wasn't swayed.

**Toll Road Moratorium**

This could be the sticking point of the session. The moratorium is contained in a sweeping transportation bill the House and Senate both passed and sent to Perry.

Perry doesn't like the bill and is threatening to call lawmakers back to town for a special session if they don't change it before the session ends May 28. Perry opposes it not because of the toll road moratorium — though he has spoken out

against that — but because he said some of its other provisions will hurt the state's ability to pay for roads.

Lawmakers are working on a deal to undo the parts of the bill Perry opposes while keeping intact the moratorium. Prospects for an agreement are uncertain.

**Sex Offenders**

A Texas version of "Jessica's Law," to provide tougher punishments for sexual predators, has made it through the House and Senate and is in the hands of House-Senate negotiators.

Legislators expect to reach an agreement. Dewhurst has made the measure a main part of his children's agenda this session.

The Senate version of the bill carries a possible death penalty for those who are twice convicted of raping children under 14. The House version would crack down on sex offenders who repeatedly prey on children by creating a new category of crime — continual sexual abuse of a young child or children. It carries a minimum of 25 years to life in prison and possibly the death penalty for a second offense.

The bill is named for

Jessica Lunsford, a Florida girl who was abducted and killed. More than a dozen states have passed versions of Jessica's Law.

**Voter ID**

After lengthy, partisan debate, this Republican-backed proposal to require photo identification or two other forms of identification at the voting booth won House approval. It then moved to the Senate, where Dewhurst says he wants to pass it.

The Senate's 11 Democrats, however, are blocking it from coming up for debate.

Sen. Mario Gallegos, a Houston Democrat recov-

ering from a liver transplant, returned to the Senate for the final month of the session to give Democrats the 11th blocking vote they needed.

Supporters of the proposal say it's meant to prevent non-citizens and other ineligible residents from voting. Critics claim it's intended to suppress votes and say it would most hurt minorities and the elderly, who aren't as likely to have the required ID.

**Texas Primary**

There's little opposition to a bill that would move the Texas primary up to Feb. 5 in 2008, so it's

expected to make it over its final hurdles before the session adjourns.

Democrats and Republicans alike support the bill, and Perry is not expected to oppose it. The measure is awaiting a Senate vote.

If all goes as expected, Texas would have a much bigger say in the presidential primary and wouldn't be relegated to an afterthought, as happened in 2004 when presidential nominations were sewn up by the time of Texas' primary that March.

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# Golden State strikes back, beat Jazz 125-105

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer  
OAKLAND, Calif. — Baron Davis' twisting drives, off-balance 3-pointers and steady playmaking gave the Golden State Warriors their key Game 3 win.

All anyone wanted to talk about after the game was the dunk.

Davis' one-handed throw down over Andrei Kirilenko provided the exclamation point to the Warriors' 125-105 victory over the Jazz on Friday night that cut Utah's series lead to 2-1.

"I shocked myself on that dunk," Davis said. "I got that bounce. I saw Kirilenko and I was going to try to reverse it. But knowing he was a great shot-blocker, I figured I would just try my luck, and I got lucky."

Davis finished with 32 points and nine assists in a performance so breathtaking that his 360-degree layup earlier in the fourth quarter was barely a footnote after he capped his night with the jam.

Davis beat Deron Williams off the dribble and launched himself — bad hamstring, bad knee and all — toward the rim as Kirilenko came over for what he hoped would be his 17th block of the series.

But Davis put his left hand in Kirilenko's face and powered the ball through the rim with his right hand, sending his teammates and the raucous crowd into disbelief

and giving the Warriors a 121-99 lead with 2:48 left.

"That would have to be the greatest dunk I've ever seen with my eyes in person," marveled Jason Richardson, the two-time NBA dunk champion. "It was like he put his whole body in the rim."

Even Kirilenko was impressed. "At least I got to be on the poster," he said.

Davis even got a technical foul after throwing it down for "acting the fool" in celebration, but it didn't matter at that point.

Game 4 in the best-of-seven series is Sunday night in Oakland, with Game 5 back in Salt Lake City on Tuesday.

In the other playoff series, Cleveland was scheduled at New Jersey and Phoenix at San Antonio on Saturday. The Cavaliers led 2-0 and the Suns were tied with the Spurs 101.

Detroit, ahead 3-0, is at Chicago on Sunday.

Davis had plenty of help as the Warriors bounced back from two tough losses in Utah to open the series, including an overtime defeat Wednesday aided by Davis' missed free throw in the closing seconds.

Coach Don Nelson could see the frustration on his players as they walked off the plane following that loss.

All it took was the energy from the soldout crowd decked out in their yellow "We Believe!" T-shirts to get the Warriors back on track.

"Flying back you're thinking about all the mistakes you made, all the shots you missed, the free throws, the defensive assignments," Davis said. "It was a long flight. Coming back tonight, we wanted to play a full 48 minutes and close this game out and we did."

The Warriors went on a 15-0 run in the first quarter and then broke the game open with a 40-point second quarter, hitting a record-tying 11 3-pointers in the first half.

Richardson hit five of Golden State's 15 3-pointers for the game on the way to a 25-point night, Al Harrington added 15 points and the eighth-seeded Warriors got big contributions from Andris Biedrins, Mickael Pietrus and Monta Ellis on their way to the win.

Golden State once again looked like the loose, free-wheeling team that knocked off top-seeded Dallas in the opening round with three impressive wins at home.

"That's how we play," Stephen Jackson said. "I think we got out playing our game tonight. We knocked some 3s down, took the game up-tempo and once we got a lead we know how to keep it at home. It's harder on the road. But we were able to finish the game tonight."

Carlos Boozer had 19 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Jazz, who could not capitalize on the momentum. Derek Fisher's dramatic midgame return from his



MCT photo/Jose Carlos Fajardo  
Golden State Warriors' Al Harrington assists with a screen as Baron Davis drives around Utah Jazz's Gordan Giricek in the second quarter of Game 3 of the NBA playoffs at Oracle Arena in Oakland, Friday.

baby daughter's cancer operation in Game 2 gave them.

Fisher had nine points and no assists before fouling out.

Point guard Deron Williams also was in foul trouble and had seven of Utah's 25 turnovers.

"We need to play smarter and more efficient," Fisher said. "We turned the ball over way too much. Sometimes when you turn the ball over at home, at times you can get away with it. When you turn the ball over 20-plus times on the

road, it makes life really hard."

Utah tried to rally in the second half, cutting a 30-point lead to 15 in the fourth quarter.

But Davis wouldn't let the Jazz get any closer.

Game 4 takes place Sunday.

# Nowitzki to be named league MVP

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer  
DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki has been chosen as the NBA's MVP for leading the Dallas Mavericks to one of the best regular seasons in league history, a team official told The Associated Press on Friday.

The formal announcement will come Tuesday at a news conference, said the team official, who requested anonymity because the announcement is pending.

Nowitzki and the Mavericks went from a league-best 67 wins to a stunning first-round elimination by eighth-seeded Golden State, with the big German quite un-MVP-like for most of the series.

Voting was completed before the playoffs.

The story was first reported late Thursday by ESPN.com.

Nowitzki becomes the first MVP in 25 years not to win a single playoff series; it last happened to Houston's Moses Malone in 1981-82. That failure is likely to be remembered more than the fact he's the first European honoree, and the first not to have attended a U.S. high school or college.

Nowitzki's victory also ends the two-year reign of his good friend and for-

mer teammate Steve Nash of Phoenix. After blossoming into star players together in Dallas, one of them has been the MVP all three seasons since they've been separated.

Nowitzki earned it this time by being the best player on the best team, leading the Mavericks in scoring (24.6 points per game) and rebounding (8.9 per game).

He was an All-Star for the sixth straight year and started the game for

the first time. That was a first for a Dallas player — as is this honor. On Thursday, he was chosen to the all-NBA first-team for a third straight year.

While Nowitzki's ninth season wasn't his highest-scoring, it was his most accurate. He set career-highs in shooting percentage on field goals (50.2), 3-pointers (41.6) and free throws (90.4); no other player in the league topped 50, 40 and 90 per-

cent. Nowitzki and the Mavericks came into this season driven by having blown a 2-0 lead in the NBA finals last summer. After losing their first four games, they dropped only 11 more. They won the most games in team history and tied for sixth-most in league history. They also became the first club with three winning streaks of at least 12 games, going on spurts of 12, 13 and 17 in a row.

But reputations are

made in the playoffs, and that's where Nowitzki has looked so ordinary in his last two series — the finals against Miami and the one that ended last week.

Pestered by smaller defenders who were armed with the insight of coach Don Nelson, Nowitzki's coach his first seven seasons, the Warriors limited him to 19.7 points per game on 38 percent shooting. His 3-point accuracy plummet-

ed to 21 percent. In the series finale, Nowitzki scored just eight points on 2-of-13 shooting after having dramatically helped the Mavs avoid elimination in the closing minutes of the previous game.

The combination of last year's collapse against Miami and the Golden State flop have sparked wide debate about whether Nowitzki is capable of leading a team to a title.

## BUFFS

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and drawing four more walks. The Pied Pipers drew another four walks in the sixth inning along with two singles to score four addition runs.

Forsan looked to rebound in Game 2 of the series at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Parker made the start for the Buffs. A third game, if necessary, was slated to take place approximately 30 minutes after the completion of Game 2.

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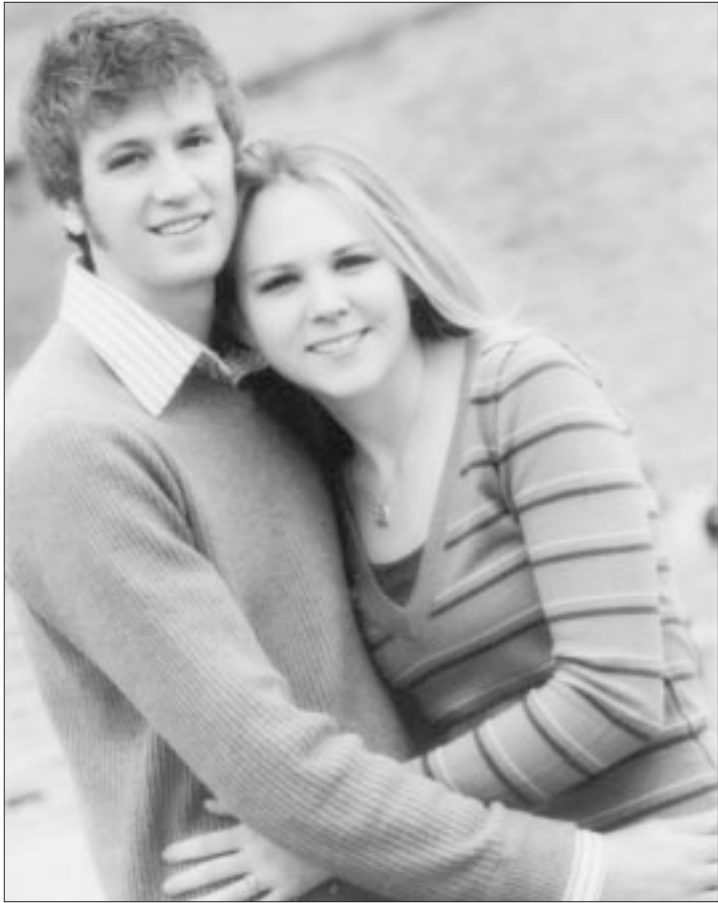


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Joshua Lee Liles and LeDawn Burt

## Burt and Liles

Dr. Scott and Debbie Burt of Big Spring announce the engagement of their daughter LeDawn Burt to Joshua Lee Liles, son of Mark and Julie Coleman of Atwater, Calif.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Jim and Mary Burt and Ann Fitts and the late James Fitts,

all of Big Spring.

The future groom is the grandson of Ken and Doris Liles of Coleman.

The couple are both attending Arlington Baptist College.

LeDawn is pursuing a degree in elementary education and Joshua is a youth ministries major.



Lance Aron Brock and Brittany Roberson

## Roberson and Brock

Brittany Roberson and Lance Aron Brock will exchange wedding vows at 7 p.m. July 21, 2007, in Alto, N.M.

Brittany is the daughter of Sarah Roberson and the late E.C. Roberson.

Lance is the son of Rondel and Sherry Brock. He is the grandson of Bob and Joann Brock.

Brittany is a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech

University where she received a degree in psychology and biology. She is employed as a science teacher at Big Spring Junior High.

Lance is a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech University where he received a degree in psychology and biology. He is employed by Halliburton as a MWD drilling engineer.



Ragan Nicole Darden and Justin Holder Outlaw

## Darden and Outlaw

Ragan Nicole Darden of Midland and Justin Holder Outlaw, also of Midland, are planning to be married at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 26, 2007, at Greenwood Baptist Church in Midland.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Kyle and Melody Cook of Midland and Todd and Teresa Darden of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Toni and Wade Choate of Midland and Claudia and Aubrey Darden of Big Spring and the late Ginger Davis of Brownwood.

The groom-elect is the son of Janet and Tim

Outlaw of Midland. He is the grandson of Dr. WT and Carol Holder of Clifton and Katie Outlaw and the late Clyde Outlaw of Clifton.

Ragan graduated from Big Spring High School in 2003 and will graduate from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in August 2007 with a degree in child and family studies.

Justin is a 2001 graduate of Greenwood High School and attended the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He is employed with Choate Company Inc. as an oil and gas landman.



Michelle Raelynn Wiley and Douglas Frank Wilberg

## Wiley and Wilberg

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Willberg of Big Spring are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Douglas Frank Wilberg, to Michelle Raelynn Wiley of Athens. Michelle is the daughter of Richard and Jan Wiley of Athens.

The couple plan to marry June 23, 2007, at First Christian Church in Athens.

The bride-elect is a 2002

honor graduate of Athens High School. She will graduate from Angelo State University in May 2007 with a degree in elementary education.

The groom-elect is a 2001 graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Texas Tech University. He is working for Lariat Services out of Midland as a derrick hand.



Jerilyn Lynch and Brian Huddleston

## Lynch and Huddleston

Kay Lynch and Jimmy Lynch, both of Conroe, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jerilyn Lynch, to Brian Huddleston, son of Carol and Ken Huddleston of Big Spring.

Jerilyn graduated from Conroe High School and Texas A&M University. She received her bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. Jerilyn currently lives in Dallas and is an international product manager for Match.com.

Brian graduated from Crane High School in 1991. He received his

degree in industrial distribution from Texas A&M in 1996. Brian also currently lives in Dallas and is a regional sales manager for Bonfiglioli USA.

The couple knew each other in college through various social events and began dating several years later after a reunion in Dallas. Brian asked Jerilyn to marry him during a very romantic vacation in Cinque Terra, Italy and she said yes! The couple will marry June 2, 2007 in Wimberley.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### The Psychological Factor

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>			
♠	10 6 4 3		
♥	9		
♦	A J 7		
♣	K Q J 4 2		
<b>WEST</b>			
♠	J		
♥	K 10 8 6 4 3		
♦	10 5 3 2		
♣	8 6		
<b>EAST</b>			
♠	K 9		
♥	A J 7 5 2		
♦	8 6 4		
♣	A 10 9		
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠	A Q 8 7 5 2		
♥	Q		
♦	K Q 9		
♣	7 5 3		

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
2 ♣ Pass 3 ♦ Pass  
4 ♣ Pass 4 ♣ Pass  
Opening lead — six of hearts.

In duplicate bridge, where the method of scoring is usually match points, the aim is to get a better score with your cards — be it 10 points or 1,000 — than other pairs who hold the identical hands.

As a result, an extra trick picked up in a partscore or game contract looms much larger in importance than it would in a rubber-bridge game, where an extra 30 points is relatively insignificant.

This hand occurred in a pair event, and at most tables the final contract was four spades played by

South. In nearly every case the declarer made 11 tricks, losing only a heart and a club after the spade finesse succeeded.

At one table, however, where the bidding went as shown, South made only 10 tricks, earning a poor score for the North-South pair (and a good one for the East-West pair). There was only a 30-point trick involved, but that made all the difference.

West led a heart to East's ace. East could see that his king of spades in front of the spade bidder was in danger of being decapitated, so, in an effort to steer declarer away from the winning course, he returned the ten of clubs!

This unusual play was designed to implant the fear of a club ruff in South's mind. And, sure enough, after declarer won the club in dummy and returned a spade — on which East played the nine — South was in a quandary.

He had visions of losing the queen of spades to the king, after which West might be able to lead the ace and another club and give East a club ruff to defeat the contract. South therefore went up with the ace of spades and wound up with only 10 tricks.

It may be argued that declarer should have seen through East's ploy and finessed the spade despite the danger, but credit nevertheless must be given to East for having the imagination to play upon declarer's fears.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Make sure you remember Mom on her holiday

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

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

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

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

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

But not today, please.

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

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

Lord knows they're deserved.

## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

The mail delivery problems in Big Spring have been ongoing for quite some time in our part of town. We live on the east side.

Over the past years I have personally talked with our Big Spring postmaster and complained about this problem. He advised me to write to the postal inspectors in El Paso, which I did, but never received a reply.

Some of our mail has gone to "who knows where" on many occasions.

It is not a very pleasant surprise when upon opening the front door, one finds a cut-off notice. This past April the water department along handed out more than 60 of them.

Our family has always paid bills long before the due date.

To receive cut-off notices and letters because of non payment is outrageous when it is the fault of the post office.

Doctor's bills, hospital bills, credit card bills and utility bills, when not

paid, will do a lot of harm to our credit ratings. But first they have to be delivered by our postal system.

Since there seems to be a big problem with the postal service in Big Spring, I really believe that they should be held responsible for late fees, and also be held responsible for messing up a lot of people's credit ratings.

I have had to call the post office, trying to find Social Security checks. When speaking to several postal workers on several occasions, the stories of why the checks are not delivered when they should be differ from person to person.

Since the mail delivery problem has been going on for a while now, I think everyone in Big Spring should worry about identity theft.

If you care to register a complaint with the postal inspectors, write to: Postal Inspectors, P.O. Box 1112, El Paso 79946-1112.

ERIKA VELA  
BIG SPRING

## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You have so much to offer us, Lord, if we will just trust in You.

Amen

# Shaky launching pad for kids

You're young and living in the richest and mightiest country in the world. Your path to the future should be amazingly bright, stretching before you like a smooth, open road toward a shining city on a hill, a virtuous and democratic society that has nothing to hide from the gaze of the world's people. Your elders should be widening that road, and making the city more beautiful than ever to prepare it for your entry.

But something is wrong. For many of our nation's children, the paths are unmarked, the way ahead rocky, the city tarnished. Hey, where are the grownups around here?!

Those of us with limited money are urged to show our concern for our children by camping overnight in Wal-Mart's parking lot to line up for some new video game.

You can afford it with that pack of credit cards that came in the mail. Consume today and worry about the bills tomorrow.

Similarly, for our nation, the rule is: Consume today, and forfeit future investments. Far from leaving no child behind, rules seem more and more designed to hurt our children. Let's look at what's happening to the underpinning of democracy — education:

- A steady diet of tax cuts, fed to

the few who already can well afford to send their kids to private boarding schools, makes a high quality public education unaffordable for the rest of us.

• Many children in our schools have parents from other countries. Partly because they know what it's like to live in places where the only road out of poverty leads out of their home country, they are often hard working and highly motivated. Yet we won't let undocumented-immigrant class valedictorians attend college at in-state tuition rates.

• For young people who live in poor rural areas, especially in the South, joining the military is often the only way to get more education. But while average army privates make \$25,000 a year risking their lives for their country, and earn educational benefits far less than their granddads got with the GI Bill, the average defense industry CEO gets \$7.7 million a year, without worrying about any self-sacrifice.

It doesn't have to be this way! As the recent election has shown, a shift in thinking about misplaced priorities is beginning. Beyond personal responsibility, we need social responsibility in order to create a good life for all our nation's children.

As in dysfunctional families, sometimes the children are more "together" than the so-called adults. All over the nation, young people are organizing to ensure that they have a voice and a future.

For example, Youth Speaks is a youth of color organizing project in San Francisco. In conjunction with United for a Fair Economy, it will be putting out a Hip-Hop brochure, "Vote the Dream," that will inspire young folks to get involved in the 2008 election. Leaders are educating their fellow students on topics not covered in school, and finding their friends thirsty for information relevant to their futures.

And youth are not buying anti-family messages. When young folks were told to support privatizing Social Security so they wouldn't have to pay for their grandparents' retirement, in an unusual alliance with AARP, they publicly voiced their refusal to throw granny from the train.

Our children will make the road again by walking it, and the rest of us will need to put our shoulders into the effort as well. The next generation is poised to broaden civic participation, widen the pathways to success, and get this country back on the road. We'll say with pride: "There goes our Brendan/Lesha/Tran/Roberto/Rachel/AnyaNkomo/Auguste/Keuilin..."

*Meihzu Lui is director of United for a Fair Economy (www.faireconomy.org). UFE is a non-partisan national non-profit that spotlights the growing economic divide in our country.*

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# Amnesty's one thing, a solution's another

The debate about immigration reform is shifting dramatically, and with it the high-stakes negotiations between Democrats and Republicans that have been taking place for several weeks now in a backroom on Capitol Hill.

The good news: The fight over legalization, or "amnesty," is all but over. Even conservative Republicans intensely skeptical about a foreign influx are coming to understand that we as a nation can't solve the problem of illegal immigration without doing something about the 12 million illegal immigrants already here, and together they and Democrats are crafting a measure that would allow many of those workers to earn citizenship over time.

The not-so-good news: There is very little agreement among lawmakers about the much larger, more important issue of how to structure the immigration system going forward.

The system we have obviously does not work. Every year for years now, U.S. economic needs have drawn roughly 1.5 million foreigners — workers and their families — into the country. But we issue only about 1 million visas. It's as if we were making cars and had to import the steel, but our steel quotas provided only two-thirds of what we needed, and the other third had to be smuggled in for the economy to function at full capacity.

Illegal immigrants are merely a symptom. The real problem is the law that ignores the truth about our economic needs. And the critical question is whether Congress can own up to the reality of those

needs and the real behavior of the foreign workers who come to meet them.

The last time legislators rewrote the immigration code, in 1986, they couldn't bring themselves to face the facts. They legalized that era's illegal population; they stipulated the need for a better, more realistic system and more effective enforcement. But they just couldn't bite the political bullet — explaining to voters why we needed to raise our quotas by 400,000 to 500,000 new visas a year.

This time around, Congress appears a little more intrepid, and many lawmakers — Democratic and Republican — recognize the need for additional visas. But under pressure from organized labor, some Democrats are resisting, determined to limit the increase to 200,000 new permits. And an equally unrealistic faction of Republicans, though willing to admit an extra 400,000 workers a year, is insisting that they stay only temporarily — that no matter how well they do in this country or what kind of roots they put down here, every single one of them must go home at the end of a three-year work stint.

These Republicans' mantra is "temporary is temporary," and the reasoning behind it isn't entirely wrong. Many unskilled Mexicans and Central Americans don't want to stay permanently. They work to build a nest egg and, after a few years, return home. That's good for the countries they go back to, and it safeguards us against the possibility of an economic downturn when we no longer need so many foreign workers.

But what about the foreigners who do so well here — rising up the economic ladder, putting down roots and falling in love with the United States — that they want to settle permanently and, like generations of immigrants before them, become citizens? We need a sys-

tem that can accommodate them too.

One possible compromise: Allow foreign workers to enter on temporary visas, then use a point system to determine who can stay.

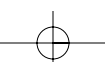
In fact, the Republicans in the backroom in Washington are considering a point system, but they want to apply it primarily to people waiting abroad for permanent visas. The problem with that idea? What can we determine about people waiting abroad beyond their skill and education level? Of course we need more doctors and computer scientists. But we also need farmhands and drywallers. And there's no real way to judge from afar how well either group will do here.

Far better to admit an array of temporary workers, skilled and unskilled, and then after a few years use a point system to screen them for permanent visas: a system that rewards not just skill and education but hard work, job advancement, abiding by the law, learning English, putting down roots and investing in your community — the things we want to see in U.S. citizens.

"Temporary is temporary" makes a good sound bite, but as a one-size-fits-all policy, it's not a workable answer. A system like that would deprive us of our most able, enterprising newcomers. Even worse, many of them probably would not go home when their work stints were done, but instead would burrow underground, creating another generation of illegal immigrants.

At some point, Congress is going to have to face the facts. Wouldn't it be better to do it now than wait another 10 or 20 years?

*Tamar Jacoby, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, is launching a new nonprofit, Our Pledge, devoted to helping immigrants become Americans.*



# Rangers back to their losing ways

## The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — John Lackey put up eight shutout innings before Sammy Sosa spoiled Lackey's homecoming with his 596th career homer.

Lackey liked the final results, however, allowing only five hits in 8 1-3 innings to lift the Los Angeles Angels to a 6-3 victory over the Texas Rangers Friday night.

Lackey, a native of Abilene, Texas, struck out seven and walked one to even his career record against the Rangers to 8-8.

Lackey had a fastball in the low to mid-90s and was consistently ahead of the Rangers hitters. He threw 95 pitches, 69 for strikes.

"That's as good a game as I've seen him throw," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "His fast-ball command was terrific. The fact that he established it early helped him keep down his pitch count. It would have been nice to see him finish, but the bigger thing is he got us 25 outs."

In the ninth, Michael Young broke up Lackey's bid for his sixth career shutout with an RBI double and Sosa added a two-run drive for his eighth of the season. Scot Shields replaced Lackey (5-3) and got the last two outs.

Lackey said he was able to keep his pitch count down "because I threw a lot of fastballs. The early runs by our guys helped me a lot."

After he was removed from the game, Lackey

was angry with himself. "It would have been nice to get a shutout, but a win's a win," he said. "I'm not going to lie. I was pretty mad when I didn't get it."

Lackey tried to get a fastball over the inside corner to Sosa, but the pitch caught too much of the plate.

"He's got 500 and some homers," Lackey said. "I threw him that pitch about eight times tonight and he finally hit it."

Sosa said he hasn't been obsessed with the long ball as he tries to become the fifth player in major league history to reach 600 home runs. He hadn't homered since April 27.

"I'm not only thinking about homers," he said. "I'm trying to do things to help the team win games. Lackey was pitching great. He was dealing. He threw me fastballs all night and I finally got one."

Former Ranger Gary Matthews Jr. had two RBIs for the Angels. Reggie Willits and Orlando Cabrera had two hits apiece.

The Angels opened the season with a three-game sweep of the Rangers. Los Angeles has won 36 of the past 51 meetings.

The Rangers had 16 hits in a 14-2 rout of the New York Yankees on Thursday, but Texas was held in check by Lackey.

Los Angeles scored two runs in the third inning against Vicente Padilla (1-5) when Cabrera singled in a run and Matthews hit a sacrifice fly.

The Angels took advan-

tage of a Texas miscue to score two more in the fifth. With the bases loaded and one out, Matthews hit a potential double-play grounder that went through the legs of second baseman Ian Kinsler for an error, allowing Cabrera and Willits to score.

"Sometimes he loses a little focus," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "If he makes that double play, we're off the field."

Said Kinsler: "I wasn't trying to let it go through my legs. It happens and it's probably not the last time. You want to turn two, I just missed it."

Padilla lasted seven innings, allowing four runs — three earned — and seven hits. He struck out three and walked three.

The Rangers have scored three runs or less for Padilla in seven of his eight starts.

"Padilla is one guy we haven't supported very well," Washington said. "The team lost this game, not Padilla."

Kendry Morales hit an RBI double in the ninth and scored when Chone Figgins grounded into a double play to make it 6-0.

Notes: The Rangers turned a strange inning-ending double play in the second. With runners on first and third, Morales hit a sharp grounder up the middle that glanced off Padilla's foot and directly to Young at short-stop. Young stepped on second and threw to first to complete the double play. ... Kinsler has seven

errors in 33 games. He had 18 in 119 games as a rookie last season. ... Lackey has lasted at least six innings in each of his past five starts. ... Sosa has homered off 361 different pitchers.

## Mariners 3, Yankees 0

At Seattle, Jarrod Washburn pitched eight scoreless innings against New York, five days after he was involved in an incident at Yankee Stadium.

Washburn (3-3) allowed six hits and struck out a season-high six. Kenji Johjima hit a two-run home run for Seattle.

In his previous start, Washburn hit Josh Phelps in the back with a pitch after Phelps bowled over catcher Johjima at home plate. When Yankees reliever Scott Proctor retaliated later in the game, he and manager Joe Torre were ejected and eventually suspended.

J.J. Putz got three outs for his eighth save in eight chances.

Darrell Rasner (1-2) gave up three runs and seven hits in five innings.

## Athletics 8, Indians 2

At Oakland, Calif., Jack Cust drove in four runs to lead the Athletics to the win.

Cust hit a tiebreaking two-run homer off C.C. Sabathia in the seventh and a two-run single off Roberto Hernandez in the eighth. Cust went 2-for-4 a day after homering twice in Oakland's 17-3 victory

over Kansas City.

The Athletics acquired Cust from the San Diego Padres on May 3 and promoted him from the minors when Mike Piazza went on the disabled list last Friday. He has four homers and nine RBIs in five games with the A's.

Joe Blanton (4-1) took a shutout into the sixth inning, and won consecutive starts for the first time this season.

Sabathia (5-1) allowed six runs and nine hits in 6 2-3 innings. Ryan Garko had three hits, including a home run, and drove in two runs for the Indians, who have lost three straight.

## Blue Jays 5, Devil Rays 1

A.J. Burnett struck out a season-high 10 to win for the first time in three starts and Toronto ended a nine-game losing streak.

Alex Rios homered for Toronto, which has been riddled with injuries. Staff ace Roy Halladay was whisked to a hospital before the game for an appendectomy, sidelining him for four to six weeks. Third baseman Troy Glaus suffered an apparent leg injury while running out a fly ball in the first inning and was replaced by Jason Smith in the second inning.

Burnett (3-3) allowed one run and five hits with a season-high five walks in 6 2-3 innings.

Elijah Dukes homered in the first for visiting Tampa Bay. It was his sixth of the season and third in the last seven games.

Scott Kazmir (2-2) lost for the first time since April 8, giving up five runs, four earned, and nine hits over 6 1-3 innings.

## Orioles 6, Red Sox 3

Nick Markakis and Melvin Mora had four hits apiece, Brian Burres pitched five innings for his first major league victory and Baltimore won its fourth consecutive game.

Markakis singled to start a three-run rally that broke a fifth-inning tie, and the visiting Orioles got help when Red Sox right fielder Willy Mo Pena misplayed two consecutive balls: one went over his head for an RBI ground-rule double, another glanced off his glove for a run-scoring two-base error that made it 5-2.

Burres (1-1) allowed two runs and seven hits. Four relievers bridged the gap to Chris Ray, who got three outs for his eighth save.

Julian Tavarez (1-4), gave up five runs — four earned — and 10 hits in five innings. The Red Sox left the bases loaded in the first, second and seventh innings, stranding 13 in all.

The loss snapped Boston's four-game winning streak.

## White Sox 2, Royals 1

Jon Garland held Kansas City without a run for eight innings and Chicago won for the fifth time in six games.

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Yvonne Lynn Acuff and Warren Lee Zant

## Acuff and Zant

Yvonne Lynn Acuff of Big Spring and Warren Lee Zant of Westbrook announce their intention to marry at 5 p.m. July 7, 2007 at the Zant Homestead in Westbrook. The bride-elect is the daughter of Lavelle and the late Richard Miller of San Antonio. She earned

her associate's of criminal justice degree from Howard College. The future groom is the son of Warren and Anna Zant of Westbrook. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas Permian Basin.



Ryan Daniel Moses and Lilly F. McBride

## McBride and Moses

Lilly F. McBride of Bryan and Ryan Daniel Moses of College Station will exchange wedding vows in June.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Paul McBride of Bryan and Rhonda Pelland of Avondale, Ariz. She is the granddaughter of Keet McBride of Tenaha, Texas, and the late William Delton McBride and Faye McCarty of Bryan, and the late William Carson Harris.

She attends Blinn College, pursuing a degree in business management. She is currently employed as a certified communications special-

ist with the Blinn College Police Department.

The groom-to-be is the son of Steve and Paula Moses of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Ben and Christine Moses of Abilene and Paul and Betty Whaley of Morristown, Tenn. He is a graduate of Howard College and received a bachelor of science degree in electronic engineering technology from Texas A&M on May 11. He is currently employed at the university.

The wedding will be held at 6 p.m. June 2, 2007, at Texas Avenue Baptist Church in College Station.

## Who's Who

Mr. and Mrs. Blaz Bailon of Odessa are honored to announce the graduation of their daughter Yolanda Robinson from veterinary school in Indiana. She graduated with top honors. She was a 1971 graduate of Big Spring High School.

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## Birth



Dominic Cruz Holguin

Dominic Cruz Holguin, a boy, was born at 1:46 a.m. April 21, 2007, weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19-3/4 inches long. He is the son of Joe Manuel and Amber Holguin of Big Spring. His maternal grandpar-

ents are Darla Estill of Big Spring and Dusty and Patty Choate of Big Spring. His paternal grandparents are Manuel and Mary Holguin of Coahoma and the late Sylvia Ramirez of Stanton. His great-grandparents

are Bill and Darlene Hipp of Big Spring, Carroll and Joyce Choate of Big Spring, Ray and Teresa Boothe of Stanton and the late Cruz Holguin of Stanton.

...  
Damien Rosendo Jay Garcia, a boy, was born at 10:26 a.m. April 20, 2007, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long.

He is the son of Gabriel and Sheree Garcia of Big Spring. His maternal grandparents are Wayne and Maria Bristo of Big Spring. His paternal grandparents are Roberto and Josephine Garcia of Big Spring.

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# Lawmakers near deal on transportation bill

By **LIZ AUSTIN PETERSON**  
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AUSTIN — Lawmakers inched closer to a compromise on Friday on a sweeping transportation bill that Gov. Rick Perry has threatened to veto, with negotiators on both sides saying only a few details remained unresolved.

Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, said he was optimistic that they could work out the final points Friday.

"It's the details," added Rep. Mike Krusee, a Republican from Round Rock who chairs the House Transportation Committee. "Even after you come to an agreement in principle, you still have to put it on paper."

The bill lawmakers sent Perry earlier this week would put a two-year moratorium on most new privately financed toll road projects and give local authorities more power over toll projects in their areas. The legislation also would tighten controls on comprehensive development agreements, used in contracts for private-public road building.

Perry says parts of the bill could delay or derail highway projects and jeopardize federal transportation funding. He said Wednesday that he is willing to call a special session if he vetoes the legislation and lawmakers override him.

Lawmakers hope to push the compromise bill through both the House and Senate first thing next week so it can be on the governor's desk before Wednesday. That would mean the Legislature would still have the ability to override a veto if the governor took that route.

Local leaders from North and South Texas complained Friday that many of the provisions in the bill would jeopardize road building projects in their areas.

Grady Smithy, secretary and co-founder of the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition, criticized a provision in the bill that would reduce the maximum length of comprehensive development agreements from 70 to 40 years.

Comprehensive development agreements, or CDAs, are a relatively new tool meant to let the Texas Department of Transportation complete road-build-

ing projects more quickly and cheaply by using a single contract for both the design and construction tasks.

Those agreements have attracted the attention of multinational consortiums willing to pay large sums up front for the right to operate roads and pocket the tolls for decades to come.

That has outraged residents and lawmakers who say drivers will become hostages to the private companies, forced to pay increasingly hefty tolls.

## Ex-company bookkeeper admits to fraud

LUBBOCK (AP) — A former bookkeeper in West Texas faces up to 20 years in federal prison after admitting she swindled her employer out of about \$200,000.

Tonya McGuire Stalcup, who worked for Wool Growers Central Storage in Ozona, pleaded guilty May 3 in Lubbock.

Prosecutors said that between August 2001 and May 2006, Stalcup defrauded and swindled her employer out of about \$200,000.

Federal authorities said the 39-year-old Barnhart woman wrote unauthorized checks and took cash from the storage business. Stalcup had worked for the company since 1998.

Besides prison, Stalcup could be fined \$250,000 and ordered to pay restitution.

Stalcup remained free Friday. A sentencing date has not been set.

## Man with weapon under coat arrested for possessing firearm

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A 19-year-old man was arrested when authorities found him carrying an unlicensed sawed-off shotgun under his trench coat, federal officials said.

U.S. Attorney Richard B. Roper of the Northern District of Texas said Friday that Casey Paul Jurgens was arrested on a charge of knowingly possessing an unregistered firearm.

He was being held Friday at the Tom Green County jail on \$20,000 bond, a jail official said. His case will be presented before a federal grand jury, Roper said in a news release.

A deputy constable spotted Jurgens on

Monday wearing a trench coat, acting strange and apparently concealing something underneath his arm, according to a federal complaint affidavit. Jurgens walked into a cemetery and tried to hide behind a tombstone, Roper said. Jurgens allegedly tried to reach for something under his coat before he was apprehended.

Officers found a .12-gauge shotgun attached to Jurgens' belt by a wire and 18-rounds of ammunition.

Angelo State University police Chief James Adams said Jurgens is not a student at the school.

"To my knowledge, he's not been on the campus," Adams said.

## Suspected car thief rescued as car dangles in air

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A suspected car thief spent three hours dangling 30 feet in the air in a sport utility vehicle Friday after he apparently lost control and ended up with the car wedged between an exit ramp and an interstate.

The SUV was suspended between an Interstate 35 exit ramp and Interstate 37 after police say the 18-year-old took the exit ramp too fast, lost control and skidded along the railing. The SUV was caught at about its midpoint with its hood pointing toward the ground.

Dozens of onlookers watched as firefighters eventually sawed off the door to rescue the teen, whose legs were trapped and whose upper body had been thrown into the backseat.

"They basically took that car apart," District Chief Tommy Thompson told the San Antonio Express-News. "But it seemed like no matter how much they took it apart, they couldn't get his foot out."

The teen was taken to the hospital, where he was expected to be fine. Police said they will pursue automobile theft charges.

The teen from Kansas City, Mo., had been living on the beach in Corpus Christi and stole the SUV from there Friday morning, police said.

Meanwhile, an off-duty Live Oak County sheriff's deputy following a bus of baseball players to San Antonio spotted the SUV somewhere between Bexar

County and Live Oak County. The deputy ran its license and discovered the SUV was stolen.

"Something didn't look quite right," San Antonio Police Sgt. Robert Farley said.

Farley said that the deputy then radioed Bexar County dispatchers for support as he kept an eye on the SUV. Before the crash, the driver was speeding up to 80 mph and then slowing down next to the deputy in an apparent game of "cat and mouse."

## Five individuals charged in kidnapping

DALLAS (AP) — Five people have been charged in a kidnapping that ended with a shootout at a Wal-Mart that left another suspected kidnapper dead.

Those charged in the kidnapping last week of Carlos Moreno Esquivel are: Salomon Bocanegra; Juan Jose Ornelas-Castro; Heberto Bocanegra, also known as "Christopher" or "Beto"; Damarius Ornelas-Castro; and Sylvia Rodriguez.

They appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Paul D. Stickney on Friday for their initial appearance. Rodriguez was released to the custody of her sister on the condition that she be on home confinement. The other four were detained pending a hearing set for Tuesday.

On May 4, Esquivel's cousin told authorities that Esquivel had been abducted and his abductors wanted \$250,000 ransom, the amount was later dropped to \$120,000 or 8 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine and 8 kilograms of cocaine, according to an affidavit.

A ransom drop-off staged by the FBI outside a Wal-Mart the next day ended with the shootout and the death of Gerardo Diaz, 46. An FBI spokesman has said that Diaz was fatally shot after trying to hit FBI agents with his car. Authorities said the alleged kidnappers had believed they were meeting the victim's family to collect a ransom.

The kidnapping victim was found alive inside a trailer home. He had been beaten and had two non-life-threatening gunshot wounds, according to the affidavit.

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### Cool temps could spell trouble for fiber-producing seedling

By **BETSY BLANEY**

AP Agriculture Writer

LUBBOCK — Cotton producer Weldon Melton has planted most of his fields, but the seedlings could be in trouble if the cooler than normal temperatures continue.

Melton, like a lot of farmers in the nation's leading cotton-producing state, has gone from

dealing with brutal droughts in recent years to suddenly hoping things will dry out and heat up.

"If we have two or three days with cool temps, it could hurt it," said Melton, who farms near Plainview about 45 miles north of Lubbock. "The cool nights are what will bother us more."

Soil temperatures need to

average about 60 degrees for planted cottonseed to germinate and begin to grow. But daytime temperatures in the Lubbock area have been as much as 4 degrees below normal this month and heavy rains — 2.22 inches above normal for May alone — have also chilled cotton fields.

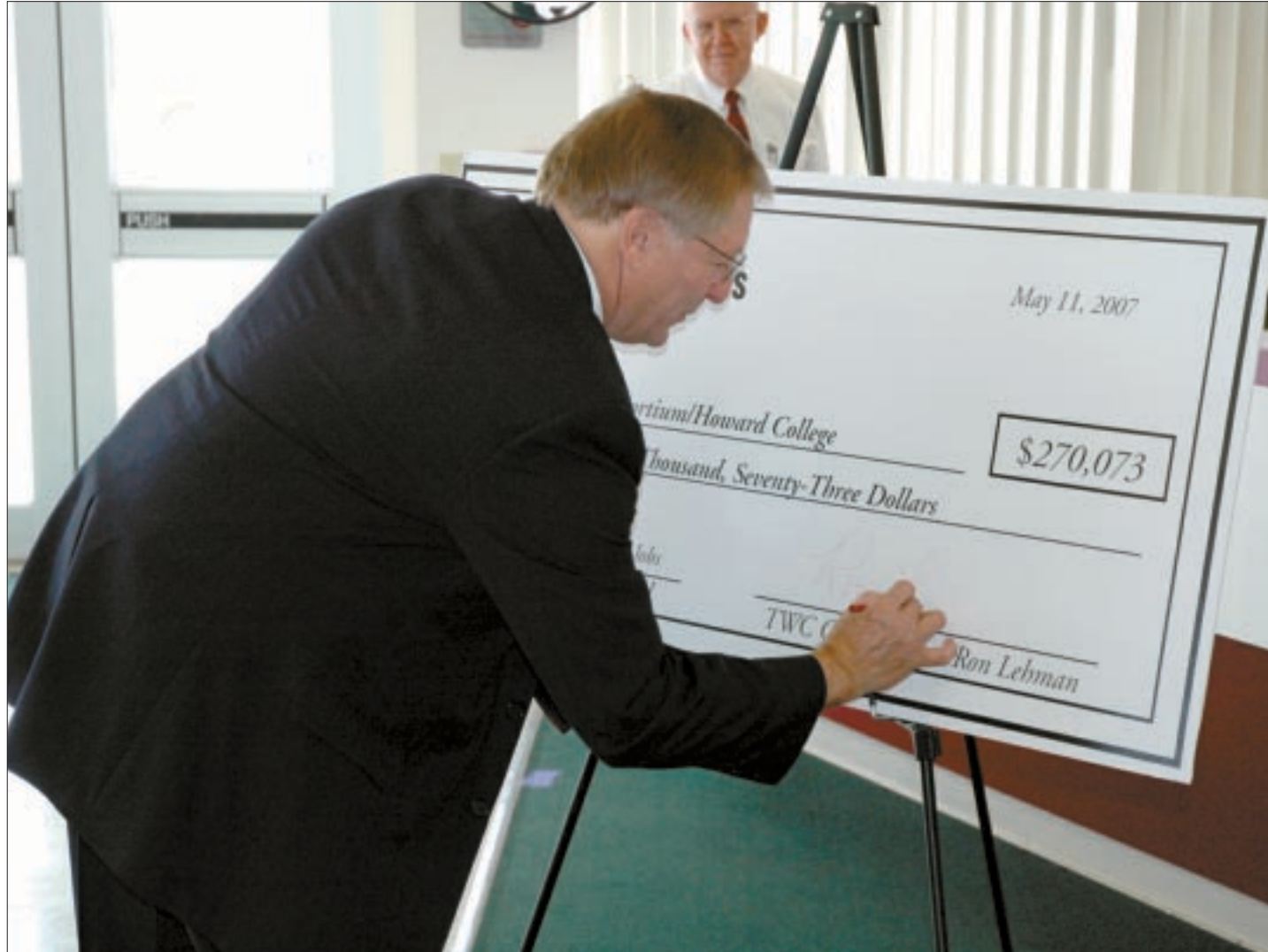
"Cool and wet weather means

that the seed is setting in chilly ground and that is not conducive to rapid and healthy growth," said Roger Haldenby, spokesman for Plains Cotton Growers, which serves 41 counties that make up the world's largest cotton patch.

If the seedlings don't start growing within about two weeks, producers have to

decide whether to replant or to another crop. Warmer temperatures are in the forecast for the next week, but some heavy rain is, too. Farmers need things to warm up as soon as possible for healthy crops by harvest time in late September or early October.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
**Texas Workforce Commissioner Representing Labor Ron Lehman puts his signature on a check for \$270,073 for the Transportation Consortium Partners, led by Howard College, during a special news conference at the Big Spring Airport Terminal Friday morning. The grant will be used to fund a training program for truck drivers that includes classroom, driving range and road instructions. The grant is expected to train approximately 52 individuals for employment in the trucking industry.**

### Alon reports record \$35 million quarter, notes cash dividend

Special to the Herald

DALLAS — Alon USA Energy, Inc. (NYSE: ALJ) has announced results for the quarter ended March 31, 2007. Excluding special items, Alon reported record net income of \$35 million, or \$0.75 per share, for the first quarter of 2007, compared to \$24.1 million, or \$0.52 per share, for the same period last year.

Including special items, net income for the first quarter of 2007 was \$35.6 million, or 76 cents per share, compared to \$54.2 million, or \$1.16 per share, for the same period a year ago.

Special items for the first quarter of 2007 included \$600,000 of after-tax gain on disposition of assets in connection with the contribution of certain pipeline and terminal assets to Holly Energy Partners LP in the first



quarter of 2005. Special items for the first quarter of 2006 included \$34.3 million of after-tax gain recognized on disposition of assets primarily relating to the sale of Alon's Amdel and White Oil crude oil pipelines in March 2006 and \$4.2 million of after-tax interest expense resulting from the prepayment of Alon's \$100 million term loan facility in January 2006.

The increase in net income (excluding special items) for the first quarter of 2007 over the first quarter of 2006 is evidenced by the increase in

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### Sound Buys: Pentax K10D with 'pancake' lenses

By **Don Lindich**

McClatchy-Tribune News

Pentax's K10D is one of the leaders in the SLR market. Featuring a 10.2-megapixel image sensor, sensor-based image stabilization (which Pentax calls Shake Reduction), a bright, clear viewfinder and an intriguing set of custom features and manual controls, it has the goods to compete with much more expensive cameras and is pretty much untouchable at its price point of \$999 with the 18-55 kit lens.

This is not much more than an entry-level SLR from any number of manufacturers, but the K10D's solid build quality, weather sealing, and advanced feature set put it in an entirely different league, though it can be as simple as a point and shoot when placed in automatic mode. Pentax clearly aimed the K10D at the advanced and serious photographers, as well as more family-oriented types who wanted something a clear cut above the entry-level competition.

Many of these serious photographers look for something special in lenses, too, and that can be hard to find unless you have a large budget and a big camera bag. The market and the industry have been trending toward zooms for years, and though they offer convenience, they are bigger and heavier than fixed focal length lenses that do not zoom in and out. Zooms also are not as sharp as fixed focal length lenses and they do not work as well in low light,



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Courtesy photo  
**Members of the Sands FFA attended the El Rancho District Banquet at Garden City earlier this month. Pictured left to right are Gabriel Guillen, Ashli Stockton, Richard Lucio, Reuben McMorris, Jerry Casas, Garrett Nichols and Logan Gaskins.**

### Sands FFA Receives Awards at district banquet

Several members of the Sands FFA attended the El Rancho District Banquet at Garden City Tuesday, May 1. Each member participated in one way or another. Logan Gaskins represented Sands as a district officer. He served as

the district's vice president. Richard Lucio received first place in Senior Prepared Public Speaking. Tyler Treptow received first place in Junior Prepared Public Speaking.

Reuben McMorris and Ashli

Stockton organized the order of the banners for the event. Gabriel Guillen and Jerry Casas were Sands FFA voting delegates. During the banquet Sands FFA members received 10 banners for district placings during the year.

### Antitrust officials approve U.S. Steel-Lone Star deal

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Federal antitrust authorities have approved United States Steel Corp.'s planned acquisition of Lone Star Technologies Inc., a maker of welded pipe used in oil fields.

The \$2.1 billion cash deal, announced in March, will make U.S. Steel the largest producer of tubular steel in North

America.

The government has finished its review of the terms of the sale and ended a waiting period on the transaction, according to a Federal Trade Commission notice filed Thursday. The companies expect to complete the deal in the second quarter of 2007.

Pittsburgh-based U.S. Steel

will be able to produce about 2.8 million tons of tubular steel in North America annually after the transaction is completed, the company has said.

Lone Star, based in Dallas, is a \$1.4 billion holding company with subsidiaries that manufacture and market oil-field casing; tubing and line pipe; specialty tubing products; flat-

rolled steel; and other tubular products and services. It shipped 1 million tons of tubular steel in fiscal 2006. U.S. Steel's tubular business shipped 1.2 million tons and had revenue of \$1.8 billion during the same period.

Shares of U.S. Steel rose 56 cents to \$111.08 Friday, while shares of Lone Star rose 25

cents to \$67.06.

The purchase is expected to boost U.S. Steel's per-share profit this year, excluding accounting adjustments related to inventory.

The company plans to fund the transaction with cash on hand and credit.

The deal is subject to Lone Star shareholder approval.

# Retired general says Iraq strain on National Guard will harm U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Guard isn't as strong as it should be because of the war in Iraq and American communities will suffer as a result, retired Air Force Gen. Melvyn Montano said Saturday.

Delivering the Democrats' weekly radio address, Montano said the strain means it will take longer for Greensburg, Kan., to recover from a devastating tornado that leveled the town a week ago.

"Crucial equipment used by the Guard for disaster relief is now in Iraq instead of standing ready to respond to crises here at home," said Montano, who was once adjutant general of the New Mexico National Guard.

"When the tornado struck Kansas last week, the Guard had half the number of Humvees and large trucks they usually would have at their disposal," Montano said. "The recovery process now will take longer."

Montano echoed Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, a Democrat, who clashed with the Bush administration this week. "I don't think there is any question if you are missing trucks, Humvees and helicopters that the response (to the tornado) is going to be slower," she said Monday.

"The real victims here will be the residents of Greensburg, because the recovery will be at a slower pace."

## 27 killed in political violence in Pakistan

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Government supporters and opponents turned entire neighborhoods of in Pakistan's largest city into battlegrounds Saturday, leaving at least 27 people dead in the worst political violence since President Gen. Pervez

Musharraf suspended the chief justice.

Even before political rallies had begun, street battles throughout the sprawling city killed and injured scores, as gunmen traded assault rifle fire in a residential area of bungalows and concrete apartment blocks just a half-mile from Karachi's international airport.

A private TV network came under fire, but stayed on air as rioters torched vehicles outside.

The fighting broke out as Chief Justice Iftikhar Mohammed Chaudhry arrived for what organizers hoped would be the largest in two months of rallies by lawyers and opposition parties protesting his ouster. Pro-government parties were responding with their own shows of strength.

Hospital officials and a senior security official told The Associated Press that 27 people had died in the violence and more than 100 were injured.

## 5 from U.S.-led forces killed, 3 missing after pre-dawn attack

BAGHDAD (AP) — Seven U.S. soldiers and an Iraqi army interpreter came under attack Saturday morning during a patrol in a Sunni insurgent stronghold south of Baghdad, leaving five dead and three missing, the military said.

Troops were searching for the three missing, using drone planes, jets and checkpoints throughout the area, according to the statement. Soldiers were also asking local leaders for information.

After the pre-dawn attack near Mahmoudiya, which is about 20 miles south of Baghdad in a Sunni insurgent stronghold dubbed the Triangle of Death, nearby units heard explosions and a drone plane later observed two burning vehicles, the statement said.

Troops who arrived later found five of the soldiers dead. The other three members of the patrol were gone, according to the statement, from Maj. Gen. William Caldwell, the chief U.S. military spokesman in Iraq.

The military refused to specify whether the Iraqi interpreter was among those killed or among the missing, citing security.

"Make no mistake: We will never stop looking for our soldiers until their status is definitively determined, and we continue to pray for their safe return," Caldwell said.

The attack occurred nearly a year after two American soldiers went missing following a June 16 attack in the same area.

Their bodies were found tied together with a bomb between one victim's legs several days later.

In the Iraqi capital, police on Saturday closely guarded two bridges damaged by suicide car bombers in what appears to be a new strategy by suspected Sunni insurgents of targeting crossovers in the capital.

Friday's attacks in predominantly Shiite areas of the city brought to five the number of bridges that have been targeted by large explosions in Baghdad since March 21.

## Missouri floodwaters expected to peak this weekend

WOOLDRIDGE, Mo. (AP) — Levee breaks along the Missouri River swamped homes, farms, highways and railroad tracks as floodwaters that have inundated the region were expected to peak in some spots this weekend. It appeared many areas would fare much better than had been feared days earlier, however.

Near-record flood levels dropped in some places but rose in northwest and central Missouri, as worried residents removed valuables from their homes and filled sandbags to protect river communities.

A barge that floated loose in Glasgow was captured by the state water patrol about 60 road miles downstream near Hartsburg, officials said. The water patrol planned to tie it up until the waters recede, Highway Patrol Capt. Tim Hull said.

Along the Mississippi River, surging water and debris threatened to knock loose a docked, four-story pleasure barge and slam it into a bridge.

Three of the four chains holding it in place broke, but U.S. Coast Guard crews and a private tug boat company were able to secure it.

Rivers breached or topped dozens of levees across the state, officials said. No serious injuries or deaths had been reported in the flooding.

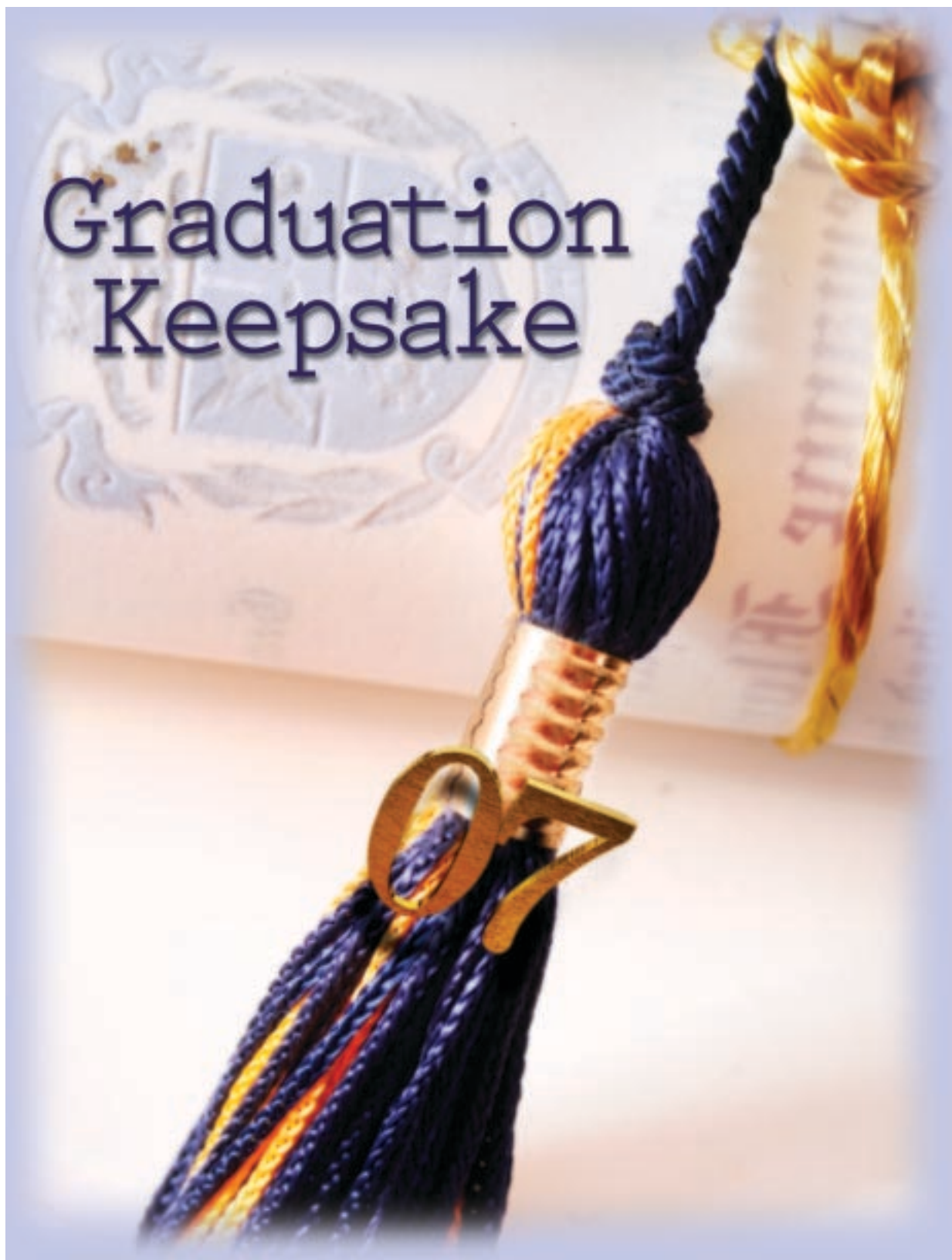
The storms that raised river levels also generated the tornadoes that killed 12 people in Kansas last weekend.

Although the river crests were lower than forecast in many areas, residents remained anxious.

Many were here for the 1993 floods, among the most costly in U.S. history.

At the State Emergency Operations Center, Gov. Matt Blunt said damage assessment teams were being dispatched to 17 counties, and about 100 Missouri National Guard members had been deployed. He said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has prepared about 1.2 million sandbags.

"We were fortunate that a majority of counties made a lot of improvements since '93," National Guard Col. Glenn Hagler said.



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Probated Judgment: Jeffrey Clark Forshee, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,000 fine, \$389 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Clyde James Northcutt, assault causing bodily injury, \$250 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Ruben Cisneros, driving while license suspended, \$100 fine, \$324 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Danny Craig Dalton, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$2,500 fine, \$389 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: James

Alvin Waddell, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$389 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Sandra Jo Tollett, driving while intoxicated - open container, \$1,500 fine, \$389 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Heather Anne Atkinson, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, \$250 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Rickey Earl Hokes, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$389 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Tony Gamble, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Ruben Cisneros, driving while license suspended, \$100 fine, \$274 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
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**District Court Filings:**  
Ginni K. Smith vs. Kendall V. Smith, divorce.

Rebecca Trevino vs. Alex Trevino, divorce.  
Chase Manhattan vs. Rebecca J. Stone, civil suit.  
Alejandro Castillo vs. Angela Willborn for Brittini Willborn, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.  
LVNV Funding LLC vs. Tammie Croft, accounts, notes and contracts.  
Asset Acceptance LLC vs. Arnoldo D. Solis, accounts, notes and contracts.  
Robert G. Mata vs. Liberty Mutual Insurance, accounts, notes and contracts.

**Marriage Licenses:**  
Marcus Lopez Yanez, 41, and Veronica Martinez, 24, both of Big Spring.  
David Scott Warneke, 39, of Snyder, and Maricar Tapalla Aruta, 22, of the Philippines.  
Everett Lee Parton, 42, and Gina Lee Garling, 35, both of Big Spring.  
Jason Duaine Havens, 23, and Mary Beth Sanders, 36, both of Big Spring.

**Warranty Deeds:**  
Grantor: Joe Mark Adams  
Grantee: James Archer and Christy Archer  
Property: Lot 11, Block 12, Douglass Addition  
Date: May 7, 2007

Grantor: Nora Taylor, Donald Scott, Lawrence Scott, Nora Darnel, Margaret Stevens and Sammie Williams

Grantee: Verl Shaw  
Property: The S/2 of the NE/4 of Section 11, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: May 7, 2007

Grantor: Patsy Edwards  
Grantee: Worthy Land and Development Inc.  
Property: Lot 22, Block 3, Village at the Spring  
Date: May 7, 2007

Grantor: Shannon Kinard  
Grantee: Cynthia Hernandez  
Property: Lot 1, Block 1, Mittel Addition  
Date: May 8, 2007

Grantor: Paul C. Larimer and Donna Larimer  
Revocable Living Trust  
Grantee: Swartz & Brough Inc.  
Property: Lot 1, Block 3, Avion Village  
Date: May 8, 2007

Grantor: George Cantu Padilla and Christine Rubio Padilla  
Grantee: Swartz & Brough Inc.  
Property: Lot 2, Block 1, Indianiola Addition  
Date: May 8, 2007

Grantor: Gabriel Soto and Delilah Soto  
Grantee: Tony Castillo  
Property: Lot 10, Block 1A, Belvue Addition  
Date: May 8, 2007

Grantor: Armando Salgado

Grantee: Kent Ivey  
Property: Lot 1 and the W/20 feet of Lot 2, Block 38, Cole and Strayhorn  
Date: May 8, 2007

**Warranty Deeds With Vendor's Lien:**  
Grantor: Betty Freeman and Barry Moffett  
Grantee: Jaime W. Salan and Cynthia Salan  
Property: A 11.5 acre tract out of Section 19, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: May 3, 2007

Grantor: Cindy L. Pittman  
Grantee: Linda Duchene  
Property: Lot 10, Block 11, Monticello Addition  
Date: May 4, 2007

Grantor: Justin May and Sarah May  
Grantee: Stephen A. Faith  
Property: Lot 2, Block 22, College Park  
Date: May 4, 2007

Grantor: Johnston Construction and Painting Service  
Grantee: Clinton M. Bower  
Property: Lot 5, Block 5, Cedar Ridge  
Date: May 7, 2007

Grantor: Melva Loraine Hofacket  
Grantee: Roland E. Gore and Sally Gore  
Property: A tract out of Section 46, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
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SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf students stand after receiving their degrees from the school during graduation ceremonies at the SWCID Activity Center Friday morning.

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Graduating students pass between instructors during the opening processional of Howard College Commencement ceremonies Friday evening at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. More than 200 HC students received diplomas and certificates during the program.

## 41 years later, Big Spring man to receive high school diploma

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Late is better than never, but Mike Tarpley admits he pushed things a bit.

Big Spring native Tarpley will take care of an old case of unfinished business when he receives his high school diploma 41 years after his original classmates later this month.

Tarpley, originally a member of the Snyder High School Class of 1966, will join the 2007 SHS graduates at commencement ceremonies scheduled for May 25.

Consider his delayed graduation a case of "things getting in the way" — little things like a disagreement with a teacher, and big things like a war.

"I had plenty of credits to graduate (in 1966),"



Tarpley

Tarpley said. "But I got into a tiff with my English teacher and ended up dropping out."

After leaving school, Tarpley joined the Army and served with distinction in Vietnam from April 1967 to April 1968, earning two Bronze Stars, the Air Medal, parachute wings, combat assault wings and Combat Infantry Badge and two Purple Hearts, among other decorations during his tour of duty.

When he returned home, Tarpley joined the work force, eventually operating his own oilfield business.

Recently, he learned through the National Organization of Purple Hearts that Texas state law allows veterans of the

Korea and Vietnam wars to receive their high school diplomas.

"I contacted (Snyder High School) in February and asked if they'd mail me my diploma," Tarpley said. "They said they could do that, but they really wanted me to walk the stage to receive it in May."

"I talked about it with my wife and kids, and they said, 'You're walking the stage,'" he added.

So, when will Tarpley's new status as high school graduate really sink in?

"Probably when I'm walking the stage on May 25, that's when it'll hit me — here I am, 41 years later, at my high school graduation," he said.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com).

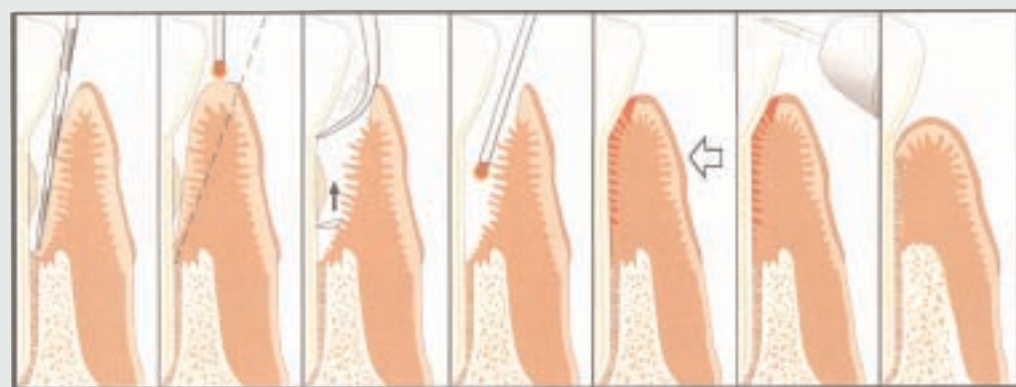
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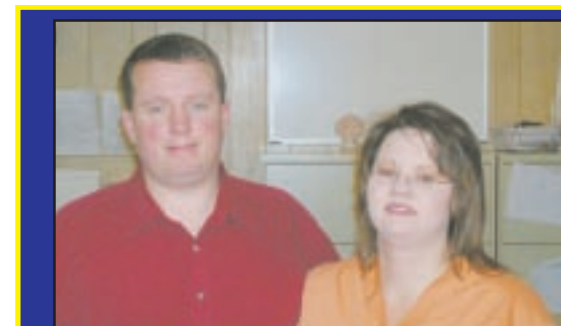
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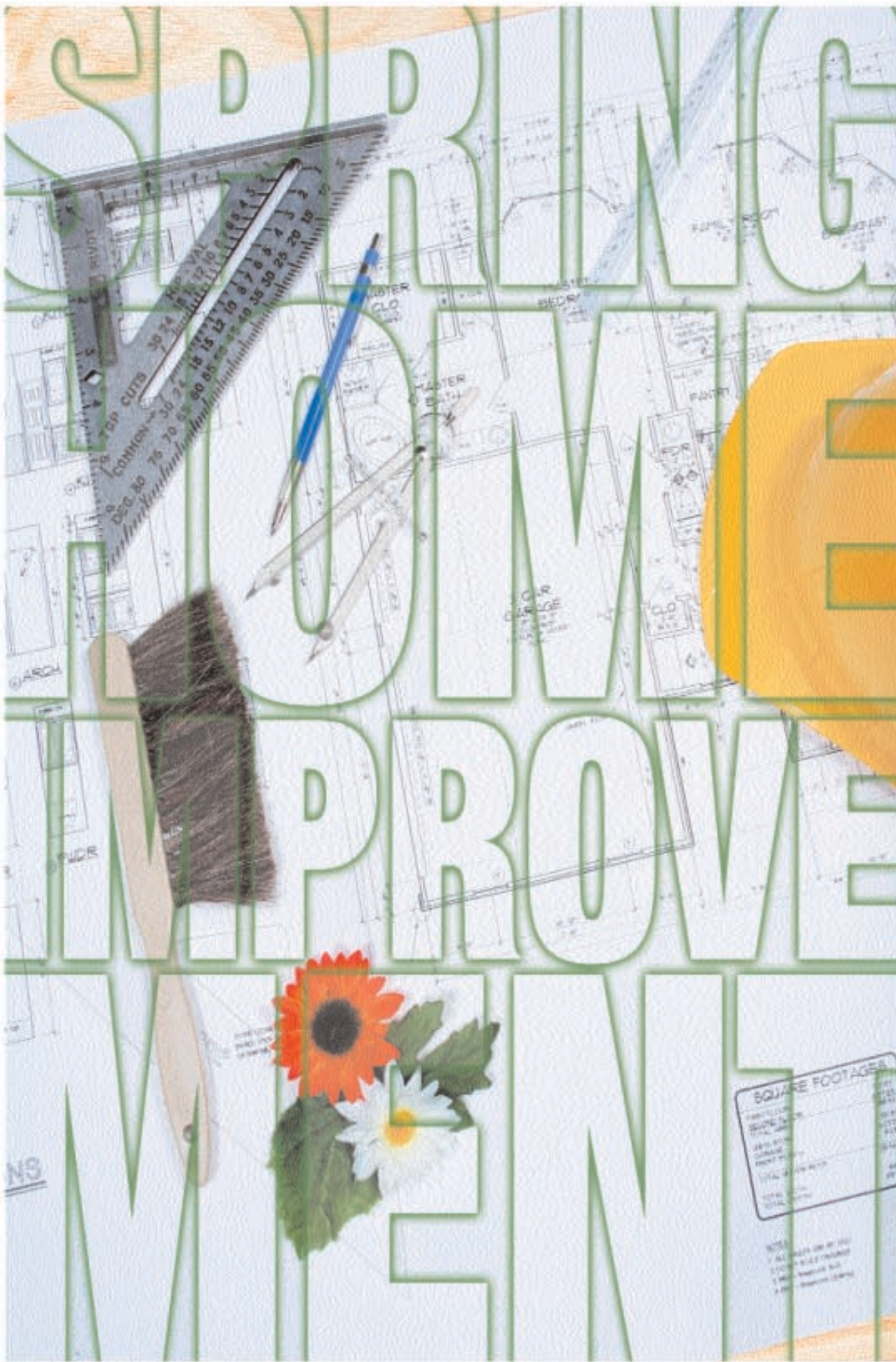
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Sealed bids are to be turned in by Monday, May 14, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. and then will be opened at the regular council meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at the Coahoma City Hall at 7:00 p.m. Bids are to be brought by the Coahoma City Hall located at 122 N 1st or mailed to City of Coahoma, P.O. Box 420, Coahoma, Texas 79511. For more information please call (432) 394-4287. Equipment will be sold as is and the City of Coahoma has the right to reject any and all bids. #5348 May 2, 6, 9 & 13, 2007

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

THE COAHOMA CITY COUNCIL HELD A SCHEDULED MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M. AND MADE THE UNANIMOUS DECISION TO ABATE PROPERTIES BY DEMOLITION OF THE FOLLOWING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES: 302 CULP-.275 ACRES LOCATED ON LOTS 1-2, BLOCK 9, SAUNDERS ADDITION, COAHOMA, HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS. 202 N. MAIN-.138 ACRES LOCATED ON LOT 3, BLOCK 9, SAUNDERS ADDITION, COAHOMA, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS. BILL READ, MAYOR CITY OF COAHOMA #5352 MAY 9 & 13, 2007

**CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed bids on the following date/time for the purchase of the below listed items/equipment:  
1. Date/Time: Monday May 14, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:  
1. (1) each Tub Grinder  
Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Hall Conference Room, Upstairs at 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. #5359 May 6 & 13, 2007

**Legals**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of D.L. Newton, Deceased, were issued on April 19, 2007, in Cause No. P-13530, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Marcia Newton.  
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Marcia Newton  
1608 Jim Long Road  
Big Spring, Texas 79720  
DATED the 7th day of May, 2007.  
Glynn Mouton  
Attorney for Marcia Newton  
State Bar No.: 14606500  
200 West Third Street  
Big Spring, Texas 79720  
Telephone: (432)263-7676  
Facsimile: (432)263-8686  
#5363 May 13, 2007

**LEGAL NOTICE**

West Texas Centers for MHRM is seeking competitive proposals from licensed insurance vendors for its property and casualty insurance coverages, which effectively renew on September 1, 2007. The RFP specifications will be sent via e-mail to interested vendors starting at 9:00 a.m. on May 9, 2007. Requests for the specifications should be directed to: Ms. Gail Wells  
Chief Administrative Officer  
West Texas Centers for MHRM  
409 Runnels  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
Phone: 432-264-2650  
Fax: 432-264-6610  
E-Mail: gail.wells@wtcmhmr.org  
The deadline for submission of proposals is 12:00 p.m., July 9, 2007. The proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the Administration Office at the above address. Any questions dealing with this property and casualty RFP should be addressed to Gail Wells. #5375 May 13 & 20, 2007

**Legals**

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

TO: Henry M. Gutierrez  
Sylvia Gutierrez  
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

**E50' of N50' of Lot, 2, Blk 94, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas**

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,421.99, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against HENRY M. GUTIERREZ and SYLVIA GUTIERREZ and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the April 30, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. HENRY M. GUTIERREZ and SYLVIA GUTIERREZ, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4994 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 25th day of June, 2007 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 7th day of May, A.D. 2007.

Gwen Harding  
Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#5364 May 13 & 20, 2007

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Not May - December, but Maybe July - November

Dear Margo: I am a 37-year-old woman who was divorced two years ago. My husband, the man I had been with since I was 21, no longer wanted to be married to me.

I look quite young for my age, and most people mistake me for being in my 20s. I keep fit, am very successful in my career and have a youthful outlook on life. I've dated quite a bit since the divorce, mostly younger men.

Since I wasn't initially looking to settle down, it was quite a lot of fun at the time. However, now I am serious about settling down and starting a family, as I am no spring chicken and do not have children from my first marriage.

The problem is that I am attracted to — and attract — younger men (mostly 10 to 12 years

younger). I know that some of these men are just playing the field, but some seem to be genuinely interested in a relationship.

However, the age difference is a bit unsettling to me because I am not sure if it is feasible to think that a younger man can be seriously committed to a significantly older woman and settle down, including marriage and children. I know it sometimes works in Hollywood, but I am dealing with this in real life.

What are your thoughts



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on the topic? I feel that deep down I should focus on men closer to my age, but honestly, I am attracted to the younger men because of their progressive outlook on life . . . and I also feel a younger man can give me my lost youth, so I can start fresh on a life that I would like to have with a partner. — Confused Older Woman

Dear Con: Attraction is hard-wired; it is just there. I do think, at your age, an older woman/younger man romance has a chance. Some men skew toward older women.

Something I found jarring, however, was that one motivation here was to retrieve your "lost youth." That ain't never

gonna happen, so I would hope you select a new partner for compatibility and character without pretending that his age is your age. — Margo, eternally

Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via e-mail to dearmargo@creators.com. Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be

answered.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

THE STATE OF TEXAS & COUNTY OF HOWARD

By virtue of a ORDER OF SALE issued out of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, pursuant to judgment rendered in 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said Court, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I did on the 25th day of April, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., levy upon and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction on the 5th day of June, 2007, being the first Tuesday of said month beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day, at the North Courthouse door of said County, all the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, to-wit:

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

TO: Craig Parrott if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lots 5 & 6, Blk 7, Lakeview Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value- \$1,000.00 Amt. owed- \$1,029.35

Lot 4, Blk 102, Original Town, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value- \$100.00 Amt. owed- \$355.48

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,384.83, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Elizabeth Moore and Henry Melchers, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 29th day of January, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ELIZABETH MOORE AND HENRY MELCHERS, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5064 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 25th day of June, 2007 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 7th day of May, A.D. 2007.

Gwen Harding Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5370 May 13 & 20, 2007

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (J. S. Garlington and Mrs. Robert Elton Lee)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 5, Blk 20, Jones Valley Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (N.E. Glendenning and Leslie Lloyd)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION All of Lots 7 & 8, Blk 5, Jones Valley Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (T.B. Hicks)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION All of Lot 12, Blk 7, Lakeview Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Johnnie Fay Hurlocker)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lots 6, 7 & 8, Blk 9, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Adeline Hutchinson)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 12, Blk 4, Wright's Airport Annex #2 Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Billy Fred Johnson and Hershel Johnson aka Hershel Johnson)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 16, Blk 7, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Benito Rodriguez)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 22, Blk 4, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Jerry D. Stephens)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 2, Blk 20, Jones Valley Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Thomas Lozano, Sr., aka Thomas Lozano and Ambrosia Lozano)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot No. 12, Blk 10, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Lewis Birt Martin)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 10, Blk 5, Jones Valley Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Fernando Martinez)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot No. 12, Blk 3, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Denton Marsalis)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lots 9 & 10, Blk 4, Wright's Airport Annex #2 Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Noel D. Marsalis and Johnnie B. Marsalis)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 18, Blk 9, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Janie Juanita Mendez, Rosa Acosta, Elvia Acosta Erives, Cynthia Acosta Erivas, Jose A. Acosta, Jr., Francisco Acosta, Simona F. Morales and Ruben Fuentes)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 6, Blk 4, Mesa Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (P. E. Harrelson aka Paul E. Harrelson)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 3, and N/25' of Lot 4, Blk 10, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

O. J. Allred, et al (Henry M. Moore aka Henry Moore and Elia Louise

Moore) PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 5, Blk 1, Bowser Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Ella Moore)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 1, Blk 4, Bowser Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Alejandra Nunez Olivio)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 2, Blk 1, Adell Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Robert W. Palmer)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 19, Blk 2, Wright's First Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Ralph Pierce)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION All of Lot 10, Blk 21, Jones Valley Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Albert Pittman)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 3, Blk 2, Mesa Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Albert Pittman)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 5, Blk 5, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Benito Rodriguez)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 22, Blk 4, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Jerry D. Stephens)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 2, Blk 20, Jones Valley Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Beatrice Turner)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 1, Blk 4, Mesa Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (L. B. White)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lots 16 & 17, Blk 2, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (R. M. Winn)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 22, Blk 2, Wright's First Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (Jon Rodney Wright)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION N/20' of Lot 16 and the S/20' of Lot 17, Blk 8, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas CAUSE NO.

T-5321 STYLE Howard County, et al vs. O. J. Allred, et al (L. E. Ziriox and M. R. Ziriox)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 2, Blk 3, Wright's Second Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Witness my hand this 25 day of April, 2007

DALE L. WALKER SHERIFF OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS BY DEAN RESTELLI, Deputy #5377 May 13, 20 & 27, 2007

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

TO: Tony Reyes if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

A tract of land out of Section 32, Blk 33, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas, further described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,228.42, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against TONY REYES and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on April 30, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. TONY REYES, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5197 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 25th day of June, 2007 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 7th day of May, A.D. 2007.

Gwen Harding Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5371 May 13 & 20, 2007

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

TO: Elizabeth Moore and Henry Melchers if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 12, Blk 1, Wiley Terrace Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$4,246.65, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Elizabeth Moore and Henry Melchers, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 29th day of January, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ELIZABETH MOORE AND HENRY MELCHERS, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5064 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 25th day of June, 2007 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 7th day of May, A.D. 2007.

Gwen Harding Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5367 May 13 & 20, 2007



**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
Happy Mother's Day! The Aries moon points out that no matter how long ago it was that we were babes born of women, there's a part of us that is still small, innocent and in need of a mother's nurturing. As you celebrate the maternal influence in your life, let her know she'll always be needed. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You wrestle with angels and bad influences in a William Blake kind of way. Buried things are coaxed out of the dark corners and into the light. The angels will win -- oh, happy day! **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're the most patient in the bunch, and someone's making a point of testing that patience. All this person really



**HOLIDAY MATHIS**

wants to do is reconnect, even if they have a funny way of showing it. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Aggression has a way of getting misplaced. If you're frustrated with the vacuum cleaner, don't take it out on the dog. Let off that steam with some vigorous exercise and everyone wins! **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You have moxy! Remember? Now where did you misplace it? Practice walking, talking and working your spunky self. Woe to the person who gets in your face, as you're a victim no more! **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You're totally focused on finishing a project. You've the endurance of Superman and the mental agility of a statistician. Keep the midnight candle burning long enough to do a victory dance. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No, you're not imagining things. You've got every reason to be irritated at someone's poor judgment and every right to feel the complex

emotions that make you human. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You see the sweetest part of others. Your sentimental mood is infectious. The maternal influence in your life is sure to shed a happy tear when she catches the emotion you're spreading. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can move forward with what you have or sink more of your resources into an endeavor. The only thing that matters is that you don't give up. If your belief in your cause is strong enough, it sustains everything. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Once, a Colorado woman started a multi-state forest fire by burning an angry love letter during the no-burn season. For you, one small remark could fan the flames of devastation or passion. Use common sense. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No goal thrives without the loving support of community. If

someone in your family or circle of friends lets you down, think about the people you most admire and align yourself with their positive vision. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Choose your battles. Narrowing your focus conserves energy for the things that really matter. The person you disagree with today might be able to help you tomorrow. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a powerhouse. Keep acknowledging your crazy-strong psychic and creative abilities while you're rattling the cage of any stubborn limiting beliefs. There's nothing powerful about staying small. **FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** Taurus flower power prevails this week. When you happen upon a fragrant bed of flowers, catch a whiff of an intoxicating meal or admire a beautiful woman, you whet the earthy appetite of Taurus. Taurus appreciates, in both uses

of the word: to "admire" and "make more of." Mother Nature admires her handiwork and decides to make more of it. Why make just one white flower when we can have hundreds, maybe thousands? The midweek new moon in Taurus finds every reason to appreciate what we have. Simplicity is essential -- nothing too complex. The Bull moves slowly, knowing that the ideas we spawned during Aries times need to be plowed into the Taurus earth before they can grow into something we can touch. It's not impossible to rush a flower, some growers do, and it's called rushing a start. "Rushing starts" force flowers to bloom before their season, which works against nature and the common sense attribute of Taurus, patience. Common sense goes far with the new moon this week, for when we ask simply, "What is it that I need?" we learn what we lack. And when

we ask simply, "What is it that I want?" we appreciate what we have. **CELEBRITY PROFILES:** While Cate Blanchett was studying her upcoming role as the young Bob Dylan, she says she fell in love with his life. She has the touch of the soulful singer/songwriter in herself. Blanchett's sun surrenders to Neptune, planet of emotional highs and lows, discontent and uplift. Her Mercury in the roving sign of Gemini makes her a keen observer and communicator of the human experience. *If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com) and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).* © 2007 **CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.**

**Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need**

Dear Annie: I remember reading a piece a long time ago that said something about women who didn't win "mother of the year." I'd love to see it again. Can you please find it and reprint it? — Seattle Reader



**KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR**

Dear Seattle: Here it is. The piece was written by Cindy Lange-Kubick and appeared in the Lincoln (Neb.) Journal Star. Happy Mother's Day.

This is for all the mothers who didn't win Mother of the Year. All the runners-up and all the wannabes. The mothers too tired to enter or too busy to bother.

This is for all the mothers who froze their buns on metal bleachers at soccer games Friday night instead of watching from cars, so that when their kids asked, "Did you see my goal?" they could say, "Of course, wouldn't have missed it for the world," and mean it.

This is for all the mothers who have sat up all night with sick toddlers in their arms, wiping up barf laced with Oscar Mayer wieners and cherry Kool-Aid, saying, "It's OK, honey, Mommy's here."

This is for the mothers who gave birth to babies they'll never see. And the mothers who took those babies and made them homes. For all the mothers who run carpools and make cookies and sew Halloween costumes. And all the mothers who don't.

What makes a good mother, anyway? Is it patience? Compassion? Broad hips? The ability to nurse a baby, fry a chicken and sew a button all at the same time? Or is it heart? Is it the ache you feel when you watch your son disappear down the street, walking to school alone for the very first time? The jolt that takes you from sleep to dread, from bed to crib at 2 a.m. to put your hand on the back of a sleeping baby? The need to flee from wherever you are and hug your child when you hear news of a school shooting, a fire, a car accident, a baby dying?

I think so. So, this is for all the mothers who sat down with their children and explained all about making babies. And for all the mothers who wanted to but just couldn't. This is for

blouses and diapers in their purses.

This is for all the mothers who teach their sons to cook and their daughters to sink a jump shot.

This is for all the mothers whose heads turn automatically when a little voice calls "Mom?" in a crowd, even though they know their own offspring are at home.

This is for mothers who put pinwheels and teddy bears on their children's graves. This is for mothers whose children have gone astray, who can't find the words to reach them.

This is for young mothers stumbling through diaper changes and sleep deprivation. And mature mothers learning to let go. For working mothers and stay-at-home mothers. Single mothers and married mothers. Mothers with money, mothers without.

This is for you all. So hang in there. And better

luck next year, I'll be rooting for you.

Dear Annie: I live with the laziest, luckiest 63-year-old male. We've known each other for 20 years, and have lived together for the last 10 (not married). "Ralph" hangs around the house six days a week, and all he does is sit, lie down and watch TV. He is obese and has diabetes, so he says he has to sit all the time because his back and legs hurt. The doctor has told him there's no reason he needs to sit that much.

This all started seven years ago, when Ralph was fired. He went back to school, but was never able to hang on to a job. I worked two jobs to support us. He was lucky, however, because shortly after he lost his last job, he inherited a huge sum of money from a relative. Now he believes he doesn't have to work.

Our huge fights are over getting him to do anything at all. Whatever

little he does, he does wrong, sloppily or halfway. I've written lists, he ignores them; he says he "forgets," and often complains he has a headache, so he has to lie down (and watch TV).

Last year, I suffered a terrible back injury that left me unable to do much for nine months. Ralph really resented taking care of me. He wouldn't clean or cook, and never hired anyone to help.

I am convinced Ralph has lost his pride, shame and guilt. I am sick of this man. He won't work, volunteer or even get a hobby. I'll be financially able to leave at the end of the summer. How do I hang on until then? — Stuck a While Longer

Dear Stuck: A diabetic should not be lying around all day, watching TV. It's possible Ralph is depressed, and if so, counseling would help both of you. If he won't go, go without him. Then, if you still want to leave, use this time to make plans. You've been living together for 10 years, which means your CD collection and books are mixed in with his, not to mention your bank account and mortgage papers might be in both names. You may need to see a lawyer. It will take time to disentangle yourself, so you'd better get started.

*Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar.*

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COTTON

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"It's imperative that we get the bulk of our acreage planted in the month of May to ensure the crop matures adequately," Plains Cotton Growers spokesman Shawn Wade said. "It's normal springtime weather, dodging storms and getting into the fields."

Nighttime temperatures have been above 60 degrees only twice this month. Farmer Larry Nelson said he's seen temperatures into the 40s some nights in Hale County near where he farms and operates a cotton gin, but remains confident things will heat up in time.

"If we do that we'll be fine, I think," Nelson said. "I'm not saying we're not going to have any problems. If it stays too wet too long with (nighttime) temperatures in the 40s before the seedling emerges, we could have

trouble."

Cotton producers also need ample soil moisture before planting and then need a planting rain afterward. But recent heavy rains have prevented many growers from getting into their fields to plant. Those growers who haven't planted are awaiting higher soil temperatures.

"The benefit of the moisture is going to outweigh the danger we have from the cold, Melton said.

The rains are a big shift from last year. In 2006 agriculture in Texas took sizable hit from drought. Losses of \$4.1 billion hit the livestock and crop sectors, the worst single-year ever.

That came on the heels of back-to-back bumper crops. Texas notched record cotton crops in 2004 and 2005, and even with the dearth of rain last year, the state produced its fourth-largest crop. It was also the third largest on the South Plains.

ALON

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Adjusted EBITDA. Adjusted EBITDA for the first quarter of 2007 was \$84.3 million compared to \$48.7 million in the first quarter of 2006, an increase of \$35.6 million.

The California refineries and the asphalt assets acquired in the third quarter of 2006 contributed \$22.4 million and \$6.2 million of the Adjusted EBITDA increase, respectively. The Big Spring refinery contributed \$7 million to the increase in Adjusted EBITDA. The combined refineries throughput for the first quarter of 2007 averaged 124,615 barrels per day (bpd), consisting of an average of 65,451 bpd at the Big Spring refinery and an average of 59,164 bpd at the California refineries compared to an average of 70,529 bpd at the Big Spring refinery in the



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first quarter of 2006. The lower refinery throughput at the Big Spring refinery was due to a scheduled turnaround completed in January 2007. Throughput at the California refineries reflects the effects of a regulatory required turnaround in one of the four crude units in March 2007.

Gulf Coast 3-2-1 crack spreads increased to an average of \$12.75 per barrel for the first quarter of 2007 compared to an average of \$9.70 per barrel for the first quarter of 2006. West Coast 3-2-1 crack spreads increased to an average of \$32.49 per barrel for the first quarter of 2007 compared to an average of \$19.35 per barrel for the first quarter of 2006. The WTI/WTS crude oil differentials for the first quarter of

2007 decreased to an average of \$3.98 per barrel compared to an average of \$6.57 per barrel for the first quarter of 2006.

"We are pleased with the increased earnings achieved in the first quarter resulting primarily from our California refineries and related asphalt assets acquired last year," Jeff Morris, Alon's president and CEO, commented.

"Our integration of the California refineries and asphalt business is progressing according to plan and we look forward to increasing profit contributions from these operations."

Alon also announced that its board of directors has approved the regular quarterly cash dividend of 4 cents per share.

The dividend is payable June 14, 2007 to shareholders of record as of June 1, 2007.

K10D

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either.

For those looking for the ultimate in image quality and performance, a fixed focal length is the undisputed choice. Regrettably, with the zoomward move of the market, many manufacturers have neglected their fixed focal length offerings, especially affordable ones.

Pentax has a long heritage of catering to lovers of photography, dating back to their K1000 camera of decades ago. I imagine it is with many of these people in mind that they introduced their new "pancake" series of fixed focal length lenses, offering incredible color and sharpness, high-quality metal construction, and as their pancake nickname suggests, an extremely small size that

barely sticks out from the lens mount.

There are currently three Pentax pancake lenses available. The wide-angle 21mm/3.2 lens sells for \$419 after rebate, the "normal" 40mm/2.8 at \$225 after rebate, and the 70mm/2.4 telephoto for \$489 after rebate. While these prices may sound a bit high in these days of the \$100 zoom lens, it's like comparing a high-performance European sports car to an entry-level commuter car made in Korea. The difference in quality and performance is that pronounced, and the difference in the pictures is easy to see even with an untrained eye.

A set of pancake lenses costs about the same as a K10D body, and as I have always told my readers, an investment in quality lenses is always worthwhile as you can use them for decades, while digital camera bodies will

go obsolete and be replaced over time.

Using the lenses with the K10D reminded me of the convenience and capability of a classic rangefinder camera. In one tiny bag I had a camera body and three top-flight lenses capable of creating incredible images, much as a Leica user would have. Though they do not perform in low light as well as a Leica lens, the ability to raise the camera's ISO compensates in some regard. They create a brighter, clearer viewfinder image than the kit zooms, as well.

The serious photographers out there understood the mission and performance of the lenses as soon as they were announced, but the new digital SLR owner probably wonders if they are something appropriate for them.

If you are a travel photographer interested in

the best possible performance in the least amount of space, I would say they are absolutely the way to go. If you are a slightly less serious picture taker but want to see how good it can get, the 40mm 2.8 is easily afford-

able. I imagine once you have one in your camera bag you will find yourself reaching for it often. If portraits are your bag, go right for the 70mm/2.4 as it is perfectly suited for the task.

If the K10D is a little too

expensive, I found the K100D to be a nice match for the pancake lenses as well. Pentax is to be commended for creating such wonderful, yet somewhat offbeat photographic tools. You can see them at www.pentaxslr.com.

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