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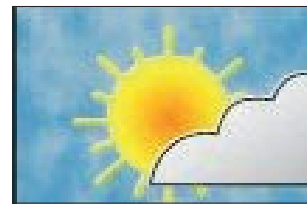
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Trio indicted for aggravated kidnapping

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury handed down 28 indictments late this week, including several for a local trio accused of the aggravated kidnapping of a 4-1/2-year-old child in April. Christene Michelle Beam, 26,

currently in Howard County Jail, was indicted on a charge of aggravated kidnapping — a first-degree felony — for her alleged part in the April 9 kidnapping of John Ray Lee from the 2500 block of Dow.

Tuterrence Demaskinni Davis, 28, of 1406 E. Sixth Street, was also indicted on a

charge of aggravated kidnapping and a single charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Tiffinie Monique Vanderbilt, 23, of 2534 Langley, was indicted on a charge of aggravated kidnapping and a single count of delivery of a controlled substance, a state jail felony.

According to police reports, the child was returned to a relative at approximately 1 p.m. the following day, more than 12 hours after his alleged abduction.

"It appears the motive for the kidnapping may be related to narcotic activity," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public informa-

tion officer with the Big Spring Police Department, following Beam's arrest. "Investigators feel the only reason the child was released safely was due to the prompt media response and the suspects' photograph and information being shown

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Funds coming in but 'Pops' remains short

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**
 Managing Editor

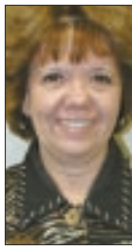
With a little more than two weeks remaining before the "Pops in the Park" concert and fireworks display at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, organizers say they are still shy of the approximate \$40,000 needed to stage the event.

What's more, they're still waiting to hear from active duty military personnel from the community who will be home during the holiday and would be willing to participate in the parade of flags that opens the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus' performance.

Held every July 3, "Pops in the Park" features a performance by the symphony and chorus, followed by a fireworks show that is coordinated with the symphony's patriotic music.

The 10th annual "Pops in the Park" concert and fireworks show will feature perhaps the most spectacular fire

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From left, Ruben Baca Jr., his son, Tiger, and his father, Ruben Sr., get in some fishing time at Comanche Trail Lake Saturday morning. Fishing weather should be ideal this weekend, with high temperatures expected in the 80s and decreasing chances of rain forecast through Monday.

Old Settlers Reunion set for June 23

Annual event to honor Rhoton, Overton families

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
 News Editor

It may well be the oldest event in the Crossroads area, dating back to before the storied Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, in fact. For 82 years — make that 83 on Saturday, June 23 — the Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion has drawn neighbors together to rekindle friendships, make new acquaintances and enjoy a good meal.

Decades ago, the reunion lasted several days and featured dancing, a fiddling contest, games and other activities. Today, the Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion is a half-day affair that still includes visiting and a good meal. Though the number of people attending has dwindled, organizers hope to keep the tradition alive. After all, they say, what could be more important than family and friends getting together?

The Old Settlers Reunion is set from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Howard County Fair Barn off FM 700. There is no charge for admission.

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Post office says stamp machines to be replaced

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Buying postage stamps will be a little bit difficult for the near future.

As part of an effort to upgrade service, local postal officials removed stamp dispensers from four Big Spring locations and will soon replace them with more modern machines.



"The (removed) machines were outdated and replacement parts aren't available anymore," said

Andy Lopez, officer in charge at the local post office.

Machines were removed at the post office, as well as Wal-Mart, the TravelAmerica truck stop and the Hallmark store in Big Spring Mall.

Lopez said officials were notified at the beginning of the year that the machines would be replaced, but did not know the work would begin so soon.

Aside from being easier to maintain, the new machines should be easier for consumers, as well, but Lopez said no timetable has been set for their installations.

In the meantime, stamps will be available at the main office at the local postal center, as well as various retail outlets around Big Spring, Lopez said.

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FATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

The Spring City Senior Center has scheduled its annual Father's Day Luncheon for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at the center, located at 1901 Simler.

The meal will include roast beef with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, salad, 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 father, youngest father, father with the most children, grandfather with the most grandchildren, and the great-grandfather with the most great-grandchildren. And as always, there will be a prize for the best hat.

FREEDOM FESTIVAL

COAHOMA — Organizers of the Coahoma Freedom Festival are putting out the call for veterans and active-duty personnel to participate in the event's annual parade, scheduled for June 30.

The parade and festival traditionally kick off July 4 celebrations throughout Howard County.

Aside from the parade, the festival — set for the community park — will feature live music, food and crafts vendors and games.

Veterans and active-duty soldiers are urged to call Charlie at 270-4156 or Lori at First Bank of West Texas, 394-4256 for more information.

MANAGING HOME PESTS

Want to know more about mosquitos and Africanized bees? Maybe how to avoid or get rid of them?

Dr. Mark Muegee, entomology specialist from Fort Stockton, will speak on Managing Home Pests at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Howard College Fireplace Room.

There will be two integrated pest management continuing education credits for participants who qualify.

For more information, contact Tommy Yeater, Howard County cooperative extension agent for agriculture, at 264-2236.

Tuesday's meeting is open to the public. There is no charge to attend.

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IN BRIEF

Coahoma Bulldogs baseball camp set

The Coahoma Bulldogs Baseball Camp has been slated to start Monday and finish Thursday at Coahoma High School's baseball field.

The camp is for boys ages 5-15 and will last from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. It will be administered by the Coahoma baseball coaching staff.

The cost of the camp is \$75 and will cover all phases of the game.

For more information, contact Brad Harman at 816-3258.

Big Spring baseball skills camp

The Big Spring Steers Baseball Skills Camp will begin Monday and conclude Thursday at Steer Baseball Field.

The camp is for students going into first through eighth grades and takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day.

Cost for the camp is \$20 with an optional \$10 T-shirt fee. Contact the Big Spring ISD athletic office at 264-3662 for more information.

City of Big Spring tennis camps slated

Two more City of Big Spring Tennis Camps led by Ted Olesen and Nelson Payne are slated to take place within the next week.

The first camp starts Tuesday at Comanche Trail's Figure 7 Tennis Center and concludes Thursday lasting from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Cost of the camp is \$100 and is available for all ages and ability levels with a daily lunch served.

The last camp will be held from June 23-26.

The camps are designed to teach the beginner player the basics, as well as teach the advanced player how to reach their full potential. Participants do not have to take the full week of camp.

For more information, visit the Web site www.bigspringtennis.com.

Lady Hawk hoops camps scheduled

Howard College women's basketball coach Earl Diddle will host the last of his three girls' summer basketball camps Monday. The camp will last through Thursday.

The Shooting and Position Camp is for girls entering grades 7-12 and costs \$60. It runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day.

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

Coahoma Annual Ragball Tourney set

Coahoma's 15th Annual Ragball Tournament has been set for June 29-31 at Coahoma's Softball Park.

Sign-ups begin at 5 p.m. June 29.

For more information about the tournament, call Shele Gilbert at 270-8963 or Randy Clanton

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Big Spring Little League names all-stars

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring Little League Baseball has selected five all-star teams that will represent the league in tournament play later this month. The five teams are separated into age groups — 9-10, 10-11, 12, a Forsan Pony League team and a Big Spring Pony League team.

The 12-year old team will play its first tournament in Odessa. A victory in it will win them a spot in a regional tournament with an opportunity to earn a trip to the Little League World Series.

The other teams will play their first tournament in Midland in an attempt to work their way to a state tournament.

The all-stars were selected by

the league's team managers.

9-10 All-Stars — Jacob Davis, Athletics; Kade Fannin, Cardinals; Blake Letcher, Mariners; Mason Coor, Mariners; Adam Franco, Rangers; Alex Byrd, Rangers; Devin Spivey, Rangers; Hunter Hill, Red Sox; Matt Beal, Rockhounds; Charlie Boling, Yankees; Mikael Pappajohn, Yankees; Tyler Bryan, Yankees. Coaches — Kurt Coor, Ron Letcher and Bill Davis.

10-11 All-Stars — Hagan Rodriguez, Astros; Austin Claburn, Athletics; Devin Roberson, Athletics; Tate Kennedy, Cardinals; Trevor Burchett, Cardinals; Brandon Warner, Rangers; Clayton

Galloway, Rangers; Jesse Cantu Jr., Rangers; Blaise Coffman, Red Sox; Matthew Mims, Rockhounds; Tobyn Tannehill, Yankees. Coaches — Tim Tannehill and Cary Burchett.

12 All-Stars — Caden Rosenbaum, Astros; R.J. Toudle, Astros; Gunnar Kennedy, Athletics; Austin Gibson, Cardinals; Dillon Bagnall, Cardinals; Robert Guzman Jr., Cardinals; Jarred Doporto, Red Sox; Joseph Morelion, Red Sox; Mark Anthony Torres/Molina, Red Sox; Brendan Roman, Yankees; Max Pappajohn, Yankees. Coaches — Jerry Doporto and Stan Parker.

Forsan Pony All-Stars — Chase Pierce, Forsan 1; Dylan Lowery, Forsan 1; Jake Rhoton,

Forsan 1; Patrick Robles, Forsan 1; Zack Dykes, Forsan 1; Bryson Phillips, Forsan 2; Foster Burchett, Forsan 2; Michael Mims, Forsan 2; Payton Parker, Forsan 2; Ty Johnson, Forsan 2; Zane Herrin, Forsan 2. Coaches — Randy Phillips and Scott Herrin.

Big Spring Pony All-Stars — John Ethan Flores, Astros; Aaron Vera, Athletics; Billy Davis, Athletics; Jacob Acosta, Athletics; Manuel Sosa, Athletics; Saul Cantu, Longhorns; Adam Guzman, Rangers; Anthony Saracho, Rangers; Jon Erik Molina, Rangers; Sergio Valente Torres, Rangers; Timothy Davila, Rangers. Coaches — Teddy Molina and Tony Saracho.

Hawks women's basketball holding last camp



Howard Hawks women's basketball coach Earl Diddle, right, looks on as Kayla Sanders, center, takes a shot, while Lexie Gee, in white, and Katelynn Raines prepare to rebound at Howard College's Little Hawks Basketball Camp June 7. Diddle will be leading a Shooting and Position Camp starting Monday and lasting through Thursday for girls going into grades 7-12. The camp will take place at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard campus. "Shooting is the most important aspect of basketball," said Diddle. The camp costs \$60 to attend and will last from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day. Walk-ins are welcome.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Owls whip Cards

By ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — After leaving town quietly last year, Rice opened the College World Series with a statement Friday.

Danny Lehmann doubled in the go-ahead run in a six-run eighth inning, and the Owls had 19 hits to rally for a 15-10 victory over CWS newcomer Louisville on Friday.

Lehmann not only gave Rice the lead, he ended a CWS-record streak for scoreless innings at 25 2-3 when he singled in the Owls' first run in the third inning.

"We came in here with a stigma," Rice coach Wayne Graham said. "I knew our kids could hit. They sure proved it today."

The Owls (55-12), the No. 2 national seed, will play Sunday against the winner of Friday night's Mississippi State-North Carolina game. The

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Oakmont frustrating top PGA players

By TIM DAHLBERG

AP Sports Columnist

OAKMONT, Pa. — The area between the clubhouse and the golf shop at Oakmont Country Club was meant to be a place where players can meet family, drop off caddies, maybe swap a tale or two.

The people who run the U.S. Open tried their best to do everything to make players happy there, just like they do their best to make them squirm everywhere else. It's a genteel place, underneath tall trees with an adjoining dining area for wives, girlfriends and personal psychologists.

Just a few steps away there's a parking lot loaded with Lexus GS450s to ease the drive home.

Life is good for the privileged few who get rich playing golf. Volunteers part crowds for them, bring them food and water and pretty much cater to their every whim. They can't possibly have anything to complain about.

On Friday, it was about all they did.

"It's dangerous, it really is," Phil Mickelson said.

Mickelson wasn't talking about the drive across the Allegheny River, or the flight home in his private jet.

The Oakmont rough was his big worry, though the slick greens also gave him fits on this day. He wasn't happy about liquid fertilizer, either, or new machines that suck the grass up so the ball sits down in the rough.

Mickelson won't have to worry anymore because he didn't make the cut. But Lefty wasn't alone.

As the first wave of casualties arrived off the 18th green, the patio area was filled with furtive glances, embarrassed expressions and players who looked like they wanted to rip the numbers off the scoreboards held aloft by the standard bearers.

Some gathered outside to commiserate, though they didn't stay long. There were other places they would rather be, other things they would rather be doing.

"Ready to start drinking?" one said to another after signing his scorecard.

Uh, fellas. Maybe you

hadn't heard, but this is the U.S. Open.

You know, the tournament they hold every June with tricked-up rough, tiny ribbons of fairways and linoleum greens. The one everyone loves most to hate, and the one everyone would love most to win.

The one that caused such an outcry years ago that a U.S. Golf Association official was forced to defend it by saying the organization's goal wasn't to embarrass the best golfers in the world but to identify them.

Was there any reason you thought it wouldn't be this way?

Apparently so, judging from the dazed expression on the faces of players who got a break on Thursday only to find Oakmont playing at its snarling best in the second round. The sun was shining, the wind was blowing, and greens were so excruciatingly fast that balls seldom had a chance to settle anywhere near the hole.

"Just walking through

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Phil Mickelson shows his disgust as he misses a putt on the seventh hole in second round action Friday at the U.S. Open played at Oakmont Country Club in Oakmont, Pa. Mickelson headlined a noteworthy list of golfers, who missed Friday's cut.

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Lemon Chipotle Chicken Skewers With Mexican Rice

Serves: 4

4 Omaha Steaks 6-ounce Chicken Skewers With Vegetables, thawed

Lemon Chipotle Marinade

- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon garlic, chopped
- 1 tablespoon rosemary, chopped
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons canned chipotle in adobo sauce, puréed

For marinade, place all ingredients in bowl and mix well. In a gallon zipper-close bag, add chicken skewers and marinade. Roll up bag to push air out before sealing. Refrigerate skewers 8 to 12 hours.

Preheat grill to high; grill chicken skewers 4 to 5 minutes each side. Discard marinade.

To serve, plate Mexican Rice (see recipe). Remove skewers from grill and place atop rice.

Mexican Rice

Makes: 4 cups

- 8 plum tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon cilantro, chopped
- 2 cups water
- 1 teaspoon garlic, chopped
- 2 teaspoons canned chipotle in adobo sauce, puréed
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/3 cup canola oil
- 2 cups long grain white rice
- 1/2 cup yellow onion, chopped

In a heavy skillet over high heat, char tomatoes until skins split; transfer to a blender or food processor and purée. Stir in cilantro.

In large saucepan, combine water, puréed tomatoes, garlic, chipotle purée and salt. Bring to a slow boil.

In separate large saucepan, heat oil over high heat until hot. Add rice and onions; sauté until grains are bright white or slightly brown, approximately 7 to 10 minutes.

Add tomato mixture to saucepan with rice and onions. Simmer 15 minutes.

Remove saucepan from heat, cover and let stand 20 to 30 minutes, stirring twice.

Fluff rice with a fork. Keep warm until ready to serve.

Porterhouse Steak With Maytag Blue Cheese and Sun-Dried Tomato Butter

Serves: 4

4 Omaha Steaks 24-ounce Porterhouse Steaks
Omaha Steaks All Natural Steak Seasoning to taste

Maytag Blue Cheese and Sun-Dried Tomato Butter

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup unsalted Butter, sliced
- 1/4 cup sun-dried tomatoes, minced
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice, freshly squeezed
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 cup Maytag blue cheese, crumbled
- 1 tablespoon basil, minced

For blue cheese and sun-dried tomato butter, heat oil over medium heat in small saucepan. Add garlic; cook until brown. Add sun-dried tomatoes; cook about 1 minute. Stir in lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce and basil and immediately transfer contents to a food processor or blender.

Turn on food processor; add blue cheese and purée.

Add sliced butter to food processor allowing butter to be whipped into puréed cheese mixture.

Transfer mixture to a sheet of parchment paper. Roll into a tube about 1 1/2 inches in diameter and twist paper at the ends. Refrigerate 4 to 6 hours.

When ready to serve, slice into 1 1/2-inch coins as needed. Unused butter can be refrigerated for up to 1 week.

Thaw steaks over night in the fridge or quick thaw by placing sealed steaks in a sink with water about 1 hour.

Preheat grill to high. Season both sides of steaks. Grill steaks to desired doneness.

Just before removing steaks from the grill, place a butter slice on each steak so butter is partially melted as you serve the steaks.



Blackened Wild Alaskan Salmon With Smoky Mustard Sauce

Serves: 4

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 4 Omaha Steaks 6-ounce Wild Alaskan Salmon Fillets, thawed
- 2 tablespoons Omaha Steaks Blackening Seasoning
- 1/4 cup Omaha Steaks Smoky Mustard Sauce

In a well ventilated area, heat oil in a large nonstick sauté pan on high until hot.

Pat dry salmon fillets with a paper towel. Spread out seasoning on a clean plate; coat both sides of salmon with seasoning.

Carefully place salmon in hot oil and cook 2 minutes on each side. Place 1 tablespoon Smoky Mustard sauce on each plate; remove salmon from pan and place on top of Smoky Mustard sauce.



OWLS

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Cardinals (46-23) will face the loser of that game on Sunday.

Rice, with a team ERA of 2.83 ERA, figured it had the arms to quell Louisville's potent offense. But Louisville, which had scored 77 runs in eight NCAA tournament games, took leads of 5-0 and 10-4 before Rice pitchers Scott Loneran and Bobby Bramhall combined to hold the Cardinals scoreless the last four innings.

Rice used a three-run fifth inning and home runs by Joe Savery in the sixth and Aaron Luna in the seventh to get to 10-9.

"Coming back from six runs down, that's something not a lot of people — including people on the team — probably thought we could do," Savery said.

Bramhall (7-2) kept it a one-run game in the eighth after he intentionally walked Chris Dominguez to load the bases with one out. Bramhall struck out Pete Rodriguez after running the count full, then got Derrick Alfonso to fly out to end the threat.

The Owls broke open the game against Louisville closer Trystan Magnuson (3-3) in the bottom half. Chad Lembeck singled leading off and Tyler Henley beat out Dominguez's throw from third for a bunt single before Savery's liner into left tied it at 10.

"Momentum, that is what they had," Louisville coach Dan McDonnell said. "We couldn't get it back."

Lehmann's double put Rice up 11-10, and the

Owls scored four more times before Bramhall shut down the Cardinals in the ninth.

"Somebody asked me if I expected a pitchers duel. I didn't know what was going to happen," Graham said. "Can anyone truly define baseball? It's capricious, unpredictable. You've got to roll with the punches."

Louisville showed no jitters in its Omaha debut, getting two home runs from Logan Johnson and one from Dominguez, who has six home runs and 17 RBIs in his last seven games.

Although Rice's pitchers ranked fourth in the country and best among the CWS teams in ERA, Louisville had eight runs by the fifth inning on its way to scoring the most runs by an Owls opponent this season.

Dominguez's three-run homer in the third inning — his sixth in seven games — gave Louisville a 5-0 lead against Rice's Ryan Berry.

Rice strung together four RBI singles in the bottom half to get within a run.

Johnson's homer in the fourth off Matt Langwell — the first he allowed since March 6 — and his two-run shot in the fifth on Loneran's first pitch put the Cardinals up 10-4.

Berry struggled from his first pitch and lasted only 2 2-3 innings. The Conference USA freshman of the year hit Boomer Whiting with his first pitch of the game, and he hit Daniel Burton four pitches later.

Louisville scored in each of the first five innings.

"I'm not going to lie — I felt good about the game early on," Whiting said.

BRIEFS

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at 268-3699.

To reserve a booth for the event call Sara McMahon at 268-3728.

Optimist fishing tournament set at park

The Optimist 'Take a Child Fishin' Tournament is set for Saturday at Comanche Trail Lake.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. and participants will be fishing until noon.

Prizes will be given away for smallest and largest fish, most and

least stringer, and youngest and oldest fisherman.

For more details, contact Nancy Newell at 263-7641.

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 sessions for middle school players from 9 a.m. to noon. 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.gotrosevolleyball-camps.com.

Texas Tech schedules camps

Wes Kittle's Champions of Track & Field Camp begins

Sunday and lasts through Thursday. Call (806) 742-3355, ext. 249, for more details.

Tech's High Altitude Cross Country Camp will be held August 6-10 in Cloudcroft, N.M. For more information, call Jon Murray at (806) 742-3355 or e-mail him at jonathan.murray@ttu.edu

Go to TexasTech.com for more information about all upcoming Red Raiders' summer sports camps.

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Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in various positions.



By Steve Becker

Tug of War

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

Hand distribution for Contract Bridge: NORTH, WEST, EAST, SOUTH.

The bidding: South 1♠, West 2♦, North 3♠, East Pass. Opening lead — king of diamonds.

There are many twists and turns in this deal. The question is whether declarer can make four spades, assuming the best possible play by both sides.

West leads the king of diamonds, East overtaking the king with the ace and returning the deuce to West's ten. West continues with the queen, and it is easy to see that if dummy ruffs, East will overruff and return a trump to defeat the contract, since declarer must eventually lose a heart trick.

So South, instead of ruffing, dis-

cards one of dummy's clubs on the diamond queen. If East also discards a club, declarer can later ruff two hearts in dummy to get home safely, while if East discards a heart, South can establish his fourth heart by ruffing one heart in dummy.

It therefore looks as though declarer must triumph regardless of what East discards, but it is actually not that simple. When East does discard a heart, West plays a fourth round of diamonds. Declarer does best by ruffing in dummy, but East then finds the best defensive play of discarding a second heart as South also discards a heart.

It seems that the defense has finally succeeded, as declarer cannot ruff a heart in dummy without being overruffed. But South has yet another string to his bow that enables him to triumph after all.

After ruffing the fourth round of diamonds in dummy, he plays five rounds of trumps, and West, on the last trump, must discard from the Q-10-6 of hearts and A-10 of clubs in front of dummy's A-K of hearts and K-J-9 of clubs. If West discards a heart, South cashes the A-K of hearts to win the rest of the tricks. If West discards the ten of clubs instead, South crosses to dummy with a heart, ruffs the jack of clubs, felling the ace, and again makes the rest of the tricks.

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Karissa Wilson of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Wilson of Whitney, formerly of Big Spring. The groom is the son of Junior and Sue Casas of Knott and the grandson of Juan, now deceased and Zulema Villereal of Houston and Anacleto, now deceased and Ester Casas of Rio Grande City. Given away by her father and son, Ranen Wilson, the bride wore a mid-length white eyelet lace strapless dress. Her head-dress was a simple

halo adorned with pearls, babies breath and white satin ribbon.

She carried a bouquet of hand-tied coral colored Calla Lilies accented with babies breath and greenery and tied with white satin and light coral ribbon adorned with a string of pearls.

The groom wore a white dress shirt and blue jeans with a boutonniere made of the same flowers as the bride's bouquet.

The bride's attendants were Joshua Wilson of Midland, brother of the bride and Laura Lipham of Big Spring, cousin of the bride. He wore a light teal dress shirt and blue jeans with a boutonniere of a coral colored rose with babies breath.

The matron of honor wore a empire waist multi-colored sundress.

She carried a single stem coral colored Calla Lily accented with babies breath and tied with a light teal ribbon.

The groomsmen were Jim Bob Nichols of Big Spring and Logan Gamble of Big Spring. They were also dressed in a light teal dress shirt with blue jeans, with a boutonniere of a coral colored rose with babies breath.

The pavilion was decorated with white wisteria

with coral flowers as accents.

The bride and groom were honored at a reception by friends and family, which was held at the Trinity Baptist Church, Craven Annex at 6 p.m. June 9.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and Howard College with an ssociate's degree in science and dental hygiene. She is now employed by Sharp Image Energy. The groom is a graduate of Sands High

School and Texas State Technical College of Sweetwater with a degree in collision repair. He is employed by Casas Farms.

The bride and groom have made their home in Knott on the farm.

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SETTLERS

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In fact, there's no charge for the meal of hamburgers, chips and cobbler. "We charge \$1 for the drinks and that takes care of everything," said Nancy Raney, director of the Heritage Museum, which sponsors the annual event. There may be some misconceptions about the reunion. "Some people think that if their family wasn't involved in farming or ranching, the Old Settlers Reunion isn't for them, but that's not the case," stressed publicity chairperson Nila Allen. "We want everybody to come and have a good time. This is for everyone, no matter what your

heritage or race." And since the crowd tends to be a little older — it is, after all, the Old Settlers Reunion — some may stay away because they have trouble getting around. "This year, we have asked students from the high school to serve people who cannot stand in the serving line for food," said Allen. "So for those who have difficulty standing or getting around, there is no reason to let that keep them away this year. We want you here!" Free food and someone to serve it to you. It doesn't get much better than that, according to Allen. There will also be a dessert auction during the reunion, so those attending may be able to take home a pie, cake or an extra portion of the cob-

bler they had for lunch. Polka music will be provided by local band Extremo from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and again from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Special guests this year will be the Rhoton family from Howard County and the Overton family from Glasscock County. Each year, the reunion committee selects a Pioneer Family from each county to honor. "We hope you'll join us and help keep this tradition going," said Allen, whose family was among the first to settle in the area. "We'd like to see it grow. It's fun and doesn't require much. Just visiting and relaxing." For more information on the reunion, contact Allen at 263-1152 or call the museum at 267-8255.

4,500 pieces of mail sent to Walter Reed Army Medical Center never delivered

WASHINGTON (AP) — Turns out the trouble at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the focus of a firestorm of criticism over poor treatment of wounded war veterans, reached into the mailroom. The Army said Friday that it has opened an investigation into the recent discovery of 4,500 letters and parcels — some dating to May 2006 — at Walter Reed that were never delivered to soldiers. And it fired the contract employee who ran the mailroom. In an indication of the Army's sensitivity to problems at Walter Reed, whose reputation as the crown jewel in the Army medical system was tarnished by the disclosures of poor treatment of soldiers earlier this year, officials put out a written statement late Friday afternoon detailing the problem with the mail.

INDICTED

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throughout West Texas." All three suspects face five to 99 years to life in prison for the charge of aggravated kidnapping, a first-degree felony. Also indicted was Lawrence Wayne Hein, 44, of 416 Edwards, who was true-billed for violation of the civil rights of a person in custody, violated sexually. Hein, a former Big Spring Police Department jailer, was arrested at his home in early April and charged with sexual assault by a public servant. Texas Ranger Don Williams, the investigator in charge of the case, said the arrest came after DNA evidence in the case was confirmed by Department of Public Safety labs. "The complaint was received July 14, 2006," said Williams. "The police department requested an outside agency handle the investigation, and the case was taken over by Texas Ranger Jeremy Wallace. Wallace, who was in charge of Howard County at the time, transferred out and the case was passed on to me. "Evidence had already been sent to the DPS lab at that time, and when I received the analysis I was able to get a warrant

to get DNA standards from the suspect. The results were returned after about a month and we were able to get an arrest warrant for the suspect." Williams said the alleged victim in the case was an inmate at the BSPD jail at the time of the assault. According to Robin Orr, assistant district attorney, the charge is a state jail felony, punishable by 180 days to two years in a state correctional facility and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. Also indicted were: • Dora Lang Ausbie, 53, of 2603 Fairchild, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony). • Lori Ann Bennett, 24, of 1429 E. Sixth Street Apt. 40, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony). • Pedro Christopher Carrillo, 21, of 1101 Pickens, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony). • Kamaluddin Nadir Cross, 25, of 2609 Wasson

Apt. 16, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony). • Nicholas Eagan, 45, of 434 Dallas, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony). • Lonnie Green, 51, of 1509 Wood, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony, enhanced). • Domingo Guerra Jr., 54, of 1308 Nolan, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony). • Terry Lynn Hargers, 37, of 2607 Fairchild, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony, enhanced) and delivery of a controlled substance (first-degree felony, enhanced). • Joel Brent Howard, 45, of 4200 Callahan Road, driving while intoxicated (second-degree felony, enhanced). • Jose Ellis Linfernal, 32, of 1501 Wood, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony). • Priscilla Grace Love, 24, of 613 McEwen, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Johnnie Ray Mason, 48, of 300 Tulane Apt. 7, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony, enhanced).
- Jon Lloyd McLeod, 45, of 618 Tulane, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Matthew Mendoza, 27, of 1903 S. Monticello, theft of a firearm (state jail felony).
- Joshua Mier, 24, of 624 Ridgela, possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony).
- Fred Rubio Jr., 18, of 621 Sgt. Paredez, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- LaPaul Eric Scaggs, 30, of 603 Circle, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Charlene Renae Steagald, 28, of 405 Washington Blvd., two counts of possession of a controlled substance (both second-degree felonies).
- Tyrone Deion Smith, 27, currently in the Howard County Jail, two counts of possession of a controlled substance (both second-degree felonies).
- Zachary White Terry, 29, of 616 State, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Jeremy Russell Vick, 31, of 1709 Sioux Trail in Kingsland, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).
- Derrick Damond Wilbert, 26, of 2507 Kelley Circle, delivery of a controlled substance (state

jail felony). • Wanda Sue Wilbert, 56, of 2507 Kelley Circle, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony). • Rickey Ray Winters Jr., 21, of 700 N. Pine, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony). Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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Cancer patient Johnston treated as Mavs' miracle man

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Sitting courtside with Mavericks owner Mark Cuban in New Jersey, Ray Johnston watches his buddies play and tries getting lost in the action.

He can't do it. Instead, Johnston imagines the ball back in his hands, spotting Josh Howard, throwing a lob for a dunk and getting a nod of appreciation.

Oh, how he loved those "attaboy" moments.

Johnston never lets the memories linger for long.

It's been a couple years and way too many doses of arsenic and chemotherapy since everything happened, all of it so fast:

The scout at the Hoop-it-Up tournament. The try-out. Going from a 25-year-old loan officer with season tickets to having Steve Nash's locker, a No. 2 jersey and being teammates with Howard and Devin Harris on the Mavericks' summer league team.

Then a bump in a pickup game led to surgery — and a coma. All because of the leukemia no one knew he had.

Two brushes with death later, he awoke with a tube coming out of his neck and seven toes blackened by poor circulation, soon to be amputated. Eighteen months after his cancer was gone, Dallas was playing Miami in the NBA finals and Johnston was facing cancer again. The Mavs lost; Johnston won.

Now it's late on Dec. 5, 2006. The Mavericks have beaten the Nets and are settling in for the flight home. Johnston heads toward his seat, practically giving out high-fives and slaps on the back.

"Good win, man, good win," he says in his Southern drawl.

He passes poker foe Jason Terry, text-messaging pal Dirk Nowitzki and all the coaches. Then he plops his 6-foot-2, 165-pound body into a comfy black leather chair.

That's when he feels it again. That pain in his tailbone that should've been gone by now.

Johnston grew up in Montgomery, Ala., getting into basketball by shooting free throws in his driveway when he was 4. By fifth grade, he was picked first in games with 40-year-olds at the YMCA. In eighth grade, he made the

high school varsity.

Before his senior year, Johnston went to the same all-star camp as Stephon Marbury. Knowing he was no NBA prodigy, Johnston went home with the award for being the hardest worker.

"I was a pass-first point guard with an inconsistent shot," he said. "I was a guy that always went after loose balls. I might not get it, but I'd be on the floor and leave a sweat stain."

The work ethic, along with a devotion to faith and family, came from his parents, who divorced when he was 2 but shared in his upbringing.

His mom, Martha, sometimes had several jobs at once, including a long stint leading Auburn athletes in aerobics. Ray often tagged along, especially Sundays after football games; that's how he got to know Bo Jackson.

Ray Sr., a Vietnam vet, sold insurance and raised cattle. He taught his boy how Johnston men handle tough times and how to treat people right. Strangers were a handshake from being friends. Humility and happiness came naturally. That's why he was always smiling, even on the court.

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the parking lot is tough," Bubba Watson said.

The field averaged nearly 77 strokes on a par-70 course. The top four players in the world were a combined 28 over par.

No matter, players said. It wasn't really their fault.

Blame the people in the blazers who run the USGA and believe it is their mission in life to make a course so hard that even the best players using the latest in grooved technology and golf balls that dance on command come off it mumbling expletives under their breath.

Amateurs running a professional tournament. Guys who can't break 80 on a good day deciding how to set up a course for a game they're unfamiliar with.

This wouldn't happen at the Bob Hope Classic.

"Sometimes it's hard to

accept you hit great shots and make bogeys," J.J. Henry said.

Par was just a concept on this day, and birdie a remote notion. When two-time champion Lee Janzen rolled a 55-footer through two valleys, across three ledges and through the clown's mouth for one on the ninth hole, it was a rare feel-good moment on a day when embarrassment loomed on every shot.

"There are times you feel if there's a hole next to the bunker and you can crawl in it, it would be great," Janzen said.

Unfortunately, there aren't many places to hide at Oakmont. The trees that used to line the fairways have been cut down, and the course lays open to both players and fans.

The rough isn't going to get any shorter over the next two days, and the greens aren't going to get any easier. The player who finally scratches his way to win the coveted

major will have to deal with both over the next 36 holes.

Tiger Woods understands that better than most because he's won two of these things. But even he was shaking his head with a wry grin on his face, practically begging the USGA to at least water the greens overnight.

They plan to do that but insist that things are just the way they want them.

Even par is leading the Open, and that's just fine with the guys in blazers.

Besides, somebody did shoot a 66, right? So what that 35 others couldn't break 80?

Leave it to an Englishman playing another country's national championship to be among the rare few to agree.

"There's no point bitching and moaning that it is a difficult golf course because it is a tough golf course," Ian Poulter said. "It is not supposed to be easy."

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Stanley and Eileen Haney would like to announce the marriage of their grandson, Brandon Leaphart, to Heather Evans of Monterey, La.

Brandon is the son of Ron and Sandy Clanton of Dallas and the great-grandson of Merle Haney of Big Spring. The couple married at the historic Eola Hotel in Natchez, Miss., June 15, 2007. The bride and groom are both



2007 graduates of Northwestern State University, Heather with a degree in interior design and Brandon in industrial eEngineering.

After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple will reside in Lafayette, La., where Brandon is employed with BJ Services.

► **Births**



Sean Kyle Rivera

Sean Kyle Rivera, a boy, was born at 10:36 p.m. April 30, 2007, weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

He is the son of Elizabeth Bobo and Roger Rivera of Big Spring. His maternal grandparents are Tommy and Michele Bobo of Big Spring. His paternal grandparent is Trish Rivera of Big Spring.

Spencer Faith Patterson, a girl, was born at 8:15 a.m. June 8, 2007, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.



Spencer Faith Patterson

She is the daughter of Jennifer and Todd Patterson of Rockport and Big Spring. Her maternal grandparents is Patricia Picarazzi of Rockport. Her paternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson of Big Spring.

Spencer was welcomed home by siblings, 5-year-old Jake and 2-year-old Mason.

Emily Bri Green, a girl, was born at 12:47 p.m. May 18, 2007, weighing 7 pounds and was 20 inches long.

She is the daughter of T.J. and Tara Green of Big Spring. Her maternal grandparents are Robby and Linda Dickenson of Coahoma, Charles LaRue of Snyder and Becky LaRue of Kingsland. Her paternal grandparents are Toby and Debbie Green of Big Spring.

Emily was welcomed home by big sisters Kaylor and Aubrey Green.



Emily Bri Green

► **Who's Who**

Jessica Ray, daughter of Pat and Gwen Ray of Big Spring, has been named to the Dean's List at Angelo State University. She had a 4.0 grade point average for the fall semester. She also recently received a student endowment scholarship. ASU established the scholarship to encourage and award students who excel in areas of leadership, campus involvement and scholastic achievement. Jessica, a 2004 graduate of Big Spring High School, will graduate from ASU in December with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics.



Roberts

science degree in nursing. A total of 928 students received degrees in various health disciplines. Hooding and student awards were presented at individual school convocations prior to the commencement ceremony. Upon completion of certification, Jody plans to practice in Big Spring as a family nurse practitioner.

She is the wife of Ross Roberts and the granddaughter of Gene and Jeneane Perry and the late Kay Brooks.

Howard County native Kathy Smith, assistant registrar at Texas Tech University, was one of 20 university employees

honored with the school's Quality Service Award.

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Smith

Award recipients received \$500, a lapel pin and engraved plaque. Chancellor Kent R. Hance and President Jon Whitmore presented the awards.

Smith, a 1979 graduate of Forsan High School, is the daughter of W.F. and Tink Harrell of Big Spring.

Jody Roberts, daughter of Roger and Carla Brooks, graduated May 19, 2007, from Texas Tech University Health Science Center with a master of

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OUR VIEWS

It's your day, Dad, and one well-deserved

You might call him "Dad," "Daddy" or "Pop," but whatever you call him, today is his day. It's time to recognize the man who taught you to fish or how to throw a ball, carried you on his shoulders and gave patient advice.

He may have cried at your wedding, or you may have never seen him cry at all, but chances are he consoled your tears on many occasions.

For some, it seems he was always around ... especially when you were doing something you weren't supposed to do.

To others, however, he was rarely part of your life due to a demanding work schedule or family problems, and maybe you only got to know your father well as an adult.

One thing is certain, though. Fatherhood is taken for granted all too often today. It seems we are constantly being reminded that many children don't know their fathers or don't see them regularly.

Those of us who do should be thankful, because that's clearly something many in coming generations will not enjoy. And that, we think, is not only a shame, but destined to be the ruination of our society.

Today we should also remember that a father is sometimes a "father figure," someone who gave you his time and attention, even though he was not your father.

It is for all those sorts of men we celebrate Father's Day.

For all the things your father was to you, take time today to show appreciation. Let him know that you saw how much he cared and what it's always meant to you.

And for fathers everywhere: We realize you had a tough job to do. Thanks for taking it seriously. Your influence continues to have a lasting effect.

Have a great day, because you've definitely earned it!

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can deal with others in a positive way when we have you with us, Lord.

Amen

A few what ifs for Big Spring

I have been at the helm of the *Big Spring Herald* long enough to be given the OK from Big John Moseley to write my first column.

First of all, let me say that the people here at the *Herald* are a great bunch to work with.

I have never worked with a more dedicated staff. It is my pleasure to have each and every one working with me.

As for the Big Spring community, I have met a lot of dedicated people who work for the good of the community and surrounding area. There are many people who dedicate themselves to making the Big Spring area a better place to live. I have found Big Spring residents friendly, kind and courteous. I feel welcomed to the community.

As the *Herald's* publisher, I dedicate myself to providing our readers with information they cannot get anywhere else.

We will stay focused on local journalism and reporting the facts. I believe that a small town newspaper belongs to the community it serves and should provide its readers with the information needed to help them with their day-to-day lives. I also pledge to service our advertisers' needs and to help

their businesses grow and flourish. I will also strive to have a newspaper our readers, advertisers and employees can be proud of.

I am glad to be in Big Spring and look forward to serving our readers and advertisers.

As for the city of Big Spring, progress has to be made. Some say we are moving forward while others say we are going nowhere.

I am told the Big Spring population is growing ever so slightly. I am also told that the school attendance has grown slightly during the past two years. We do need growth and I believe gradual growth is best. And if we all pitch in, we can grow for the benefit of the community and our citizens and at a pace we can all live with.

I have my own views on what I feel could be done to make this town a better place to live but I will keep them to myself until I have a better understanding of the community and our leaders.

As for now, I will leave you with a few "What If's"

- WHAT IF: What if we had new schools for our children!
- What if we attracted more local industry!
- What if we had a Starbucks!
- What if we had a Home Depot or Lowes!
- What if businesses kept their facilities clean and neat in appearance including alleyways!

What if residents took more pride in the appearance of their homes and surroundings!

What if we had a 24 hour Walgreens or CVS!

What if the downtown area was revitalized!

What if we had a Target!

What if we developed areas with more affordable housing!

What if we had curbside trash (bag) pickup instead of dumpsters!

What if County government had a weekly TV show!

What if the Mall had the occupant's names on their marquee!

What if parents went bowling with their children!

What if parents played disc golf with their children!

What if teachers used the local newspaper in their classrooms!

What if parents took their children to the movies!

What if parents took their children for a hike or bike ride at the park!

What if we had a Chili's!

What if the Railroad cleaned up their in town area!

What if streets were swept!

What if we had a nice (indoor) Putt-Putt!

What if we had good drinking water!

What if more people were like Hayes!

Contact Publisher Ron Midkiff at 263-7331, ext. 250, or by e-mail at publisher@bigspringherald.com.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo depends on help and cooperation from the area media to enhance its small advertising budget.

When Channel 9 (KWES-TV) called, offering to air a news feature, Shane Ward gathered several board members to make time to appear in a promotional piece.

The television station asked to have someone who could speak Spanish appear in the piece to air on Telemundo. No one on the board was comfortable conversing in another language. I called Raul Marquez of KBYG radio to ask him to do a favor for the rodeo board. His answer was, "Of course, it's for my community."

What a marvelous attitude. What a perfect answer when asked to do something extra for an event. "Of course, it's for my community."

Raul, you make be proud to live in your community.

SUSAN LEWIS
PUBLICITY COORDINATOR
BIG SPRING COWBOY
REUNION & RODEO

at cleaning up this community.

Anna is a great leader in putting together and getting these clean up jobs done.

Thank you to all of you. You're all appreciated.

TAMMY ADAMS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to recognize a few people for their aggressiveness on recycling and cleaning Big Spring..

Anna Travino heads up the clean up recycle drive that Wal-Mart here in Big Spring is doing, and there are a few people that step up to the plate to help her on their days off by volunteering their time to keep Big Spring pretty.

Her helpers are Fermin Gutierrez, Patty Moralis, Nicky Chavez, Veronica Solis, Debbie Williams and Melissa Rogers.

Thanks to these fine folks, they are doing wonderful in their efforts

TO THE EDITOR:

In the article of the June 12 edition of the *Big Spring Herald* "Proposed jail site draws controversy," I would like to agree. What a horrible location! What is the guiding principal for choosing this location in particular?

The commissioners are proposing to build a multi-million-dollar jail where? Did the city not learn its lesson on the multi-million-dollar junior high school that was

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A challenge that needs taking today

It's Father's Day and I can't think of a better time than to discuss a story I saw in the *Austin American-Statesman* last week detailing University of Texas head football coach Mack Brown joining Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott to rally behind a cause Abbott dared to call more important than Longhorns football: Preventing domestic violence.

I couldn't agree more. And that comes from an Orangeblood, who has been known to live and die with the 'Horns.

But as president of Rape Crisis/Victim Services of Big Spring's board of directors, I've truly become aware of just how terrible domestic abuse is, as well as how big a problem it is right here in our community.

Therefore, I can honestly say I was happier when Brown challenged Texas fathers to speak out about domestic violence in their communities and to treat their families with respect, than I was when the Longhorns won the national championship two years ago. The fact that he did so five days prior to Father's Day was perfect.

"If we don't respect our opponents in football, we're about to get beat," Brown said. "If you don't respect your family, your family name, your wife, your children, your friends; if you don't respect the law, then really you have nothing, because you can't respect yourself."

Brown said that the two most important things in his life are being "a good husband and a good father." Both are difficult, he said, because they have to be done even when he's tired or has a headache;

even when he's lost a football game.

He said it's important that even in a time of crisis, dads "step up for what is right" instead of turning to drugs or alcohol or abusing their families.

"Just because it is a crisis situation doesn't mean that it gives you the right to be angry at your wife or child," Brown said. He and his wife, Sally, have four children.

Abbott said it takes strength, character and courage to speak out against domestic violence.

"Frankly, what it takes is a man," Abbott said.

Amen.

Come to think of it, there's no better way to say that. Because it doesn't take a man to beat or verbally abuse women, children or the elderly.

It only takes a coward to be an abuser.

That's right, I said COWARD. Unfortunately, there are too many of them out there.

Some 200,000 Texans are the victims of domestic violence each year, according to figures developed by the Attorney General's offices. And every week, about three Texas women die as a result of domestic violence.

About 74 percent of Texans say they have either experienced domestic violence or know someone who has, according to Shann Smith, Victim Services of Big Spring's executive director.

"This is not a women's issue," Smith said. "This is a community issue, and it's one that affects every member of the family."

She offered fathers several solutions to combat domestic violence:

- Talk to your children about what a healthy relationship is.
- Speak out if someone you know is being abused.
- Ask children about their own relationships. For pointers, see loveisrespect.org for information

on the National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline.

• Pledge not to commit, condone or remain silent about domestic violence and learn about the Men's Nonviolence Project at mennonviolence.org.

For information on resources available to domestic abuse victims, call Victim Services of Big Spring at 263-3312 or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-SAFE.

"Our staff and volunteers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year," Smith noted. "Our services are confidential. They can even give us a false name if they feel they need to. The important thing is for victims to get themselves out of a dangerous situation and we're always available to help."

The bottom line, Smith said, is that Victim Services is available when victims in Howard, Glasscock, Martin, Borden and Mitchell counties need to talk.

Speaking of Father's Day...

I know if he were alive today, my father would be extremely proud of Coach Brown and General Abbott for the stand they're taking this Father's Day. That's the kind of man he was.

He taught me what being a man was about — that it's not about being tough, although he could be when necessary.

It wasn't about being strict, even though he often was because he wanted me and my brothers to become good men.

No, my Dad taught me what being a real man was all about by being a great example — loving God, his wife, his sons, his family and his fellow man.

I just hope I'm half as good a man as he was.

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MIRACLE

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"We had friends who didn't even have children in the game who would come to watch him," Ray Sr. said.

Small colleges were interested, but Johnston wanted to play in the Southeastern Conference. So he walked on at Alabama for two seasons. He graduated in 2001, then moved to Dallas.

Within a few years, he'd built a life to be envied.

He was dating Miss Texas, working in the mortgage business and was the model on a life-sized cardboard cutout in every FedEx Kinko's store in the country. He also had gigs playing guitar and singing tunes by Dave Matthews and Pat Green.

And there was basketball — leagues at night, weekend tournaments anywhere within a five-hour drive and pickup games from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. nearly every day.

Michael Irvin and Deion Sanders were impressed enough to hand him an agent's

business card.

"It's probably a boring thing to hear," Johnston said, "but practice paid off."

The 2004 Hoop-it-Up tournament was held right outside the Mavericks' arena. Cuban gave it an "American Idol" flair by sending scouts to look for 20 candidates to battle for spots on Dallas' summer league squad.

Once he made that cut, Johnston taught the others plays he knew the Mavericks used. They listened because he was setting them up for shots. Mavs president Donnie Nelson noticed that no matter what combination of players Johnston was with, his teams always won.

When the few who made it moved into the locker room, Johnston settled in under Nash's nameplate. Then Nash showed up to clean out his locker. He'd just agreed to sign with Phoenix.

"Sorry, I'm in your way," Johnston said.

"You're fine," Nash said, smiling and shaking his hand.

Playing behind two draft picks, Johnston's per-minute averages were decent, but he didn't get many minutes.

Still, everyone hated to see him go when the summer league ended. Nelson even offered to find him a roster spot in Lithuania or Croatia.

Johnston had six weeks to decide. Meanwhile, he kept playing pickup ball.

During a lunchtime game in late August, he got hit on the right shin. It was barely more than a tap, but it kept hurting, then swelling. The next morning, he went to Mavericks orthopedist T.O. Souryal for a surgical procedure that took only 20 minutes.

"You're good," Souryal said in the recovery room. "Keep in touch."

Hours later, a nurse frantically called Souryal. The area below Johnston's right knee was filling like a balloon, only with blood.

He was rushed to Presbyterian Hospital, where specialists spent days trying to figure out what was wrong with a 25-year-old athlete whose medical history was one line long: a hernia when he was 8.

With no diagnosis, Johnston's mind raced. Friends came to the ICU to keep him occupied, like the night of Sept. 1, when a

game of spades turned into Texas Hold 'Em.

The next thing Johnston knew, it was November.

Johnston awoke to a bright room with get-well cards dangling from the ceiling.

Colored posterboards held hundreds of encouraging e-mails. A guestbook was filled with names and prayers. It was as if all the attaboys he'd ever given had come back to him.

His mom was behind the decorations — and the mood.

When a doctor said there was a 1-in-whatever chance he'd make it, she shot back, "You just may be looking at the one."

During the coma, Johnston had to be shocked back to life. Twice.

His lungs collapsed, five days apart, with an irregular heartbeat in between.

His kidneys failed. Twice. Blood clots in his brain led to seizures.

The culprit: acute promyelocytic leukemia, which the American Cancer Society says accounts for about 3 percent of leukemia cases.

The cancer was declared in remission about two weeks after Johnston came out of the

coma.

It wouldn't last.

By the spring of 2006, Johnston was worried when he was playing football and the 40-yard spirals he usually threw went only 4 yards. Dozens of excruciating arsenic treatments later, he was a two-time cancer survivor.

The early December road trip with the Mavericks was somewhat of a celebration, but the joy was short-lived.

All because of that aching tailbone.

He was hospitalized again in late December. Using arsenic, chemotherapy and radiation — the medical equivalent of a triple-coverage defense — cancer was again pummeled into remission by early February 2007.

He received a bone-marrow transplant on Feb. 28, a few weeks after turning 28.

If he could make it to 100 days, his chances of surviving would soar.

Mom moved in. Dad flew in plenty. And there were lots of prayers from family in Alabama and friends in Dallas.

There also was his Dallas family. The Mavericks.

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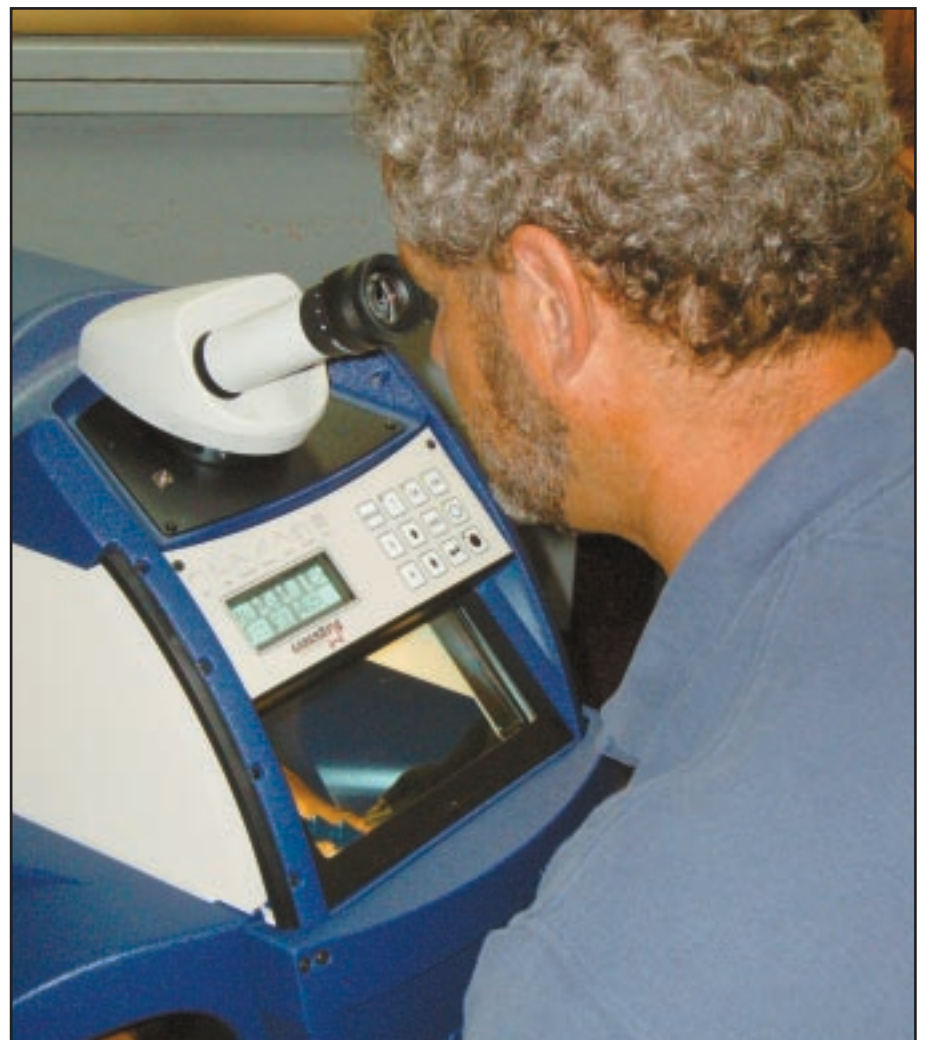
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LETTERS

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built on sinking sand and continues to cost BSISD with problems and taxpayers' money?

The first rule in real estate is "location, location, location" and that rule applies whether you are buying a home or building a jail. It is always said that it is better to invest in the worst house in the best neighborhood, than the best house in the worst neighborhood. Why not the old Wal-Mart building or somewhere on the interstate? Maybe the old grocery store in College Park. I know there are other options out there.

A house on a hill cannot be hid. Big Spring needs to show the world that we are a progressive community and if you commit a crime in Big Spring you will go to jail. Put the jail out for all the world to see, criminals and tourists alike.

Like many other taxpayers and citizens of Big Spring, I want the best investment my budget can buy in the best location. Big Spring is headed in the right direction, hats off to Pat Simmons and the Community Eyesores Exposed program. Now let's get Gregg Street reworked and repaved, as I mentioned in a previous letter, and let's build a new jail in a good location.

A. CHARLES SMITH JR.
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I live less than a half block from the Herald. I've called the police more than one time on the pill trading and selling and use of crack. It's looking like a Wal-Mart store here with so many people coming and going.

Some of those people I know because I drank

beer with them.

I had one task force officer tell me last summer he didn't want the buyers, he wanted the sellers. The problem is, they may be small time sellers, but they're still doing it and getting off with a sap on the hand.

Now, if I was sitting on my porch drinking a beer, they could arrest me for public intoxication because I'm outside my home, even though I still on my land.

The difference is they can see it and smell it. I know respectable people in this town may drink a beer when they mow their yards and I don't see anything wrong with it.

Don't think I believe it's right to drink and drive, because I don't. The law showed me they could smell it when people had only one or two beers.

What I would like to know is when are they going to check for crack and the other drugs these

people are using to get high?

I'm only writing this because I think a bunch of old-timers do drink a beer and get in trouble for it, even though it's legal, and the rest are not, even when you give them license plate numbers of people who are doing illegal drugs.

They want the big drug traffickers.

I've turned in several plate numbers and the police haven't done any-

thing, even with my neighbor having witnessed it and the Westex telephone employees seeing all the traffic.

Maybe the county can do something about it and get a new jail.

GEORGE COKER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

This morning at about 10 a.m. (June 11), I was sitting on my bed checking my e-mail when my

front door was pushed open. I peeked around through the doorway to see a man standing there and he said "Sheriff's Office." He then looked back out the door and said "he's right here." Another man from the Sheriff's Office proceeded to search my house never saying a word to me. I had the alarm on and had to turn it off. I asked what was going on, neither

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Olibas and Yanez

Mr. and Mrs. Gome Olibas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Maureen Olibas to Joseph Donald Yanez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Yanez of Big Spring.

Lindsay graduated from Pecos High School in 2000 and received her bachelor's degree in philosophy and English from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Lindsay is currently attending Texas Tech School of Law where she is working towards both a J.D. and a master's in public admin-

istration. Joseph is a 2000 Big Spring High School graduate and received his bachelor's degree in English from Texas Tech University in 2004. Currently, he is employed at Lubbock Independent School District where he is teaching chemistry and physics at Monterey High School.

The wedding will take place Aug. 4, 2007 in Lubbock at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

The couple will reside in Lubbock.



Randy Lynn Lewis II and Samantha Renee Stapp

Stapp and Lewis

Samantha Renee Stapp and Randy Lynn Lewis II, both of Midland, will exchange wedding vows at 6 p.m. June 30, 2007, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland.

The future bride is the daughter of Robert and Melinda Stapp Jr. of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Robert and Rosie Stapp Sr., Tom and Glenda Runyon and Doyle and Mark Railsback of Big Spring.

The groom-elect is the son of Randy and Jeana

Lewis Sr. of Cairo Egypt, formerly of Midland, and the grandson of Roy and Jennie Tinkler of Robert Lee, Mary Lou and the late Wendall Lewis of Wimberly.



Jessica Marie Gallegos and Eric Gonzales

Gallegos and Gonzales

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Gallegos of San Angelo are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jessica Marie Gallegos to Eric Gonzales of Big Spring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rivera of Big Spring. The wedding will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral in San Angelo on July 14, 2007.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Wall High School and attended Howard College. She later transferred to the University of Texas of The Permian

Basin where she earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in August of 2006. She is employed by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

The bridegroom is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2005 graduate of Howard College where he earned an associate's of science degree. He also graduated from Dallas Institute of Funeral Service in May 2007. He will be conducting his apprenticeship in San Angelo.

Sibling valedictorians

In the Huddleston household, being named valedictorian is a family tradition.

Like a sister and brother before her, 2007 graduate Jenny Huddleston was named valedictorian at Monahans High School. Jenny is the daughter of Doug and Tammi Huddleston of Monahans and the granddaughter of Jewel Burcham and the late Phillip Burcham of Big Spring.



She will graduate with a 5.382 grade point average. While in high school, she was involved in Student Council, National Honor Society, choir, University Interscholastic League events, a member of the Speech Team and FTA and co-chaired the Shattered Dreams project. She also named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and the Region 18 Vision IV Outstanding Gifted and Talented Students.

Jenny will be attending the University of Texas at Tyler through the five year masters program to receive a master's degree in accounting.

In 2002, Jenny's sister was the first of the Huddleston children to graduate as MHS valedictorian. Brother Seth followed.

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LETTERS

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man spoke to me, they just left the house.

My brother was right behind them and I talked to him later. He said they were chasing my niece and thought she might have run into my house.

The deputies did not see her run in here because she did not. Yet they came in anyway. When I called the Sheriff's Office, the man who answered stated when in pursuit they have a right to enter a home. When I said they did not know where she was and did not see where she went and they had no right to just come in anyone's house, the man on the phone then stated that my brother may have given permission for them to enter my home. I said, "No, he does not live here, it is not his home and he can't give them permission." He referred me to the chief deputy who was unavailable.

I know when law enforcement is in pursuit of someone they have certain rights of entry, but in this case they did not. I am appalled and very upset that they didn't even ask if anyone was here or if they could search my house. They went through so fast I don't even know who they were. They did not identify themselves except they were from the Sheriff's Office. When I asked what was going on they ignored me and left.

Here we are sending our people overseas to defend people's rights and here at home our rights are ignored. I have always supported the law, and I still do. But our laws are here for a reason. If our law enforcement officials ignore our laws, how can they expect us to obey them?

BOBBY RAWLS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
Shop Big Spring! Buy Big Spring! Keep your money and your business

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It seems more and more local establishments are losing the mentality that "the customer is always right." I hear more and more people randomly disgusted with different businesses throughout the community.

We cannot go to Denny's anymore without being there for three hours only after being ignored by the waitstaff and being griped at by the manager.

No Denny's? How about Red Mesa? Oh wait, they have gotten rid of their children's menu in an effort to change the place into a bar. The sign on the door this week read something to the effect of, "We are in the process of changing our menu. Do not even ask about ordering a food item you do not see." Nice touch. Hey, it's almost a new week and that means we can look forward to a new sign being on the door!

If you're so bitter about our local elected government making smoking changes, move to a town that allows people to

smoke in public places. Simple as that. I'm sure someone else would love to move into that building and open a really great friendly restaurant.

Well, let's go down to Sears and buy a lot of power tools! What? They won't be much of a help to us there? I've had the experience of listening to two family members within the last month describe their disgust with the employees at Sears. It seems that when the owner (who is generally a great help and always friendly) is gone, we're on our own.

Well, we could always go rent a movie, right? That'd be great if you want to deal with the cold atmosphere in Blockbuster. And no, I'm not complimenting the air system. I was in Blockbuster last week and stood at the counter for five minutes while two female employees talked and laughed about a paper one of them had to complete (she was work-

ing on while at work, no less). When my presence was finally acknowledged, I certainly wasn't given a, "Hello," or a "Did you find everything okay?" I didn't even get any eye contact.

Several days later I took those movies back to check out another one and the same thing happened with a different employee. But this time he was over gathering the movies that had been returned and let me stand at the counter for almost five minutes. I was about ready to put my movie back and leave when he came waltzing over to the register. Again, not a word.

Here's my issue. I love this town. I love the people in this town. For most of us here, this is "home." Big Spring has, and has always had, a "hometown" pride about it. We love our town, we love our state and we love our country. That's great. I love the warm fuzzy stuff. But, every time we turn a

corner in our lovely town we see something referring to "Shop Big Spring."

What I want to know is, why?

Why in the world should I shop Big Spring when I can drive 35 minutes down the highway and get better customer service, more options and, in some cases, a better deal?

I am not at all suggesting that we boycott Big Spring businesses. My family and friends own businesses in this town and I'd say that the majority of businesses in this town are honorable, hard working and customer serving.

But what about those major ones like restaurants and entertainment stores that we would like to stay in town for? It seems like my friends and family have been traveling to Midland more and more just for a better experience.

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BSSH names top psych aide

Reception honors 'Dee-Dee' Jones

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald
Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon named Ardelia "Dee-Dee" Jones as the hospital's Psychiatric Aide of the Year during an afternoon reception Wednesday in the Allred Building Auditorium.

Jones was one of 40 psychiatric aides nominated for the award, which is presented jointly by Big Spring State Hospital and the Mental Health America of Texas.

The Mental Health America of Texas, formerly the Mental Health Association in Texas, partners with the state's psychiatric hospitals to recognize the state's top psychiatric aides.

Psychiatric aides are on the front line of mental health patient care spending a great deal of time caring for patients on the unit, transporting patients to classes and attending to their daily needs.

The nearly 240 psychi-



Courtesy photo
Big Spring State Hospital Chief Executive Nurse Stormy Ward, MSN, RN.C, right, congratulates Ardelia "Dee-Dee" Jones after Jones received the Psychiatric Aide of the Year Award.

atric aides are eligible to be nominated for the award by their peers and supervisors. The Psychiatric Aide of the Year is chosen from those nominations by a committee comprised of past

award recipients and the Psychiatric Aide of the Year chair. This year's chair was Edward Wayman Wells, R.N.

Jones' nomination read that she is a "dedicated, caring and compassionate

employee and exemplifies excellence in caring for our patients. She is very attentive and sees to their comfort. She is respectful and shows them kindness

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Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a senior vice president of Investments of A.G. Edward's Midland office. He is also a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior assistant to the branch manager. He is also a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.



While \$55 to \$65 oil may be a nuisance to the general public, so far, it seems consumers can cope. But for OPEC, maintaining this level as a consistent trading range is a top priority.

A portion of OPEC's stated mission is to "coordinate and unify" petroleum policies, but it continues, saying the group seeks to "ensure the stabilization of oil prices."

For OPEC, and nearly any cartel, stable prices ensure members are able to provide a reliable source of supply at a price deemed "fair" by its members. As a cartel, the group wants to set a barrel price high enough to give its members greater revenue than the free market would create. Simultaneously, it wants to have a target price low enough to prevent demand destruction and discourage non-OPEC energy production.

Put another way, OPEC seeks prices high enough to ensure ample revenues and low enough to support demand growth while discouraging supply competition. Finding this balanced price is a difficult task.

Every month OPEC succeeds in maintaining stable prices, is one more month of training consumers to accept today's high prices as "normal." In the future, we think Saudi Arabia will lead the efforts to ensure this remains the case.

However, there are a few caveats to maintaining a desired trading range. As geopolitical tensions remain high, future terrorist acts or wars creating supply disruptions will spike prices above the desired range. Depending on the extent to which supply is lost will dictate how quickly prices will return to "normal."

Additionally, Mother Nature can also affect price. Hurricanes impacting the producing Gulf of Mexico, further damaging a recovering infrastructure would lead to higher prices as well.

For the following reasons, we think OPEC's new targeted trading range may lie between \$55 and \$65 per barrel:

- With its late 2006 and early 2007 production cuts OPEC effectively defended a price floor between \$50 and \$55 per barrel. This appears to be the new "floor" for OPEC's target price — typically the lowest price the cartel will endure without adjusting its production.

In the future, we anticipate sustained prices below this level will prompt OPEC to decrease supply, forcing prices to return to levels above \$55 per barrel. We think efforts to defend this price floor will be led by Saudi Arabia, which is aggressively attempting to increase its productive capacity. Logically, higher prices support its expansion efforts.

- This trading range is also supported in that demand will likely remain robust — about 1.8 percent this year — despite comparatively high prices. While current oil prices tend to be a nuisance to consumers, they are not as high as inflation-adjusted prices seen in the early 1980s. That being the case, this price level may create some demand destruction in OECD nations, but any lost demand will not offset incremental demand growth coming from developing nations.

- Because OPEC has taken some production off line, their effective spare capacity has increased. Combined with their capacity addition plans, in the near-term, OPEC will likely have the ability to bring some production back to the market if prices remain above the upper boundary of this range for an extended period of time.

That said, the call on OPEC is expected to increase going forward and will likely outpace capacity additions, suggesting spare capacity will remain tight (below 5 percent through 2010), lending support to sustained, historically high prices.

- Additionally, global economies continue to be accommodative to higher prices. The push toward tighter monetary policy has slowed, suggesting

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Courtesy photo
These Glasscock County 4-H members took first place in Share-the-Fun at the 2007 Texas 4-H Roundup in CollegeStation. From left to right, top to bottom, they are Kelsey Jones, Amy Multer, Halie Schaefer, Brittney Chudej, Lauren Schwartz, Amber Halfmann, Whitney Kellermeier, Sydeny Halfmann and Mikela Barton. They were among many Glasscock 4H Club members awarded at the annual event.

Glasscock 4-H stands out at Roundup

Nineteen senior members compete on Texas A&M campus

Special to the Herald

Nineteen senior 4-H members represented the Glasscock 4-H Club during the 2007 Texas 4-H Roundup event held at College Station on the Texas A&M University campus, June 5-8.

"Roundup is the ultimate competition and experience for high school-aged Texas 4-H members," said Charlene Belew, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. "Through participation in a Roundup contest, 4-H members gain a greater amount of knowledge about their 4-H projects and develop a higher level of public speaking skills and skills in presenting and interacting with others.

"Blaine Walker and Kevin Hillger are the president and vice-president for the current

District 6 4-H Council. With that honor, they had the opportunity to serve on the Texas 4-H Council and complete job responsibilities behind the scenes in order to ensure that Roundup ran successfully."

Cade Halfmann and Colton Schwartz were awarded the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Scholarship in the amount of \$12,000 each, and Marissa Schwartz received a \$1,500 technical scholarship.

Laura Halfmann competed in the Fabric & Fashion Design contest in the Apparel Division with a sundress she designed, placing fifth.

"The livestock judging team members found great success," said Belew.

Team 1, consisting of Cade Halfmann, Levi Schaefer, Cole Schwartz and Lane Halfmann, fin-

ished third in the competition behind Tom Green and Floyd counties. The third-place finish qualifies them to compete at the American Royal Livestock Show youth livestock judging contest this October.

Team 2 — Amber Halfmann, Kelsey Jones, Lauren Schwartz and Blaine Walker — finished 23rd in the contest.

Cade Halfmann finished the contest as high individual overall. Coach for the two teams was Rebel Royall, County Extension Agent-Agriculture, for Glasscock County Cooperative Extension.

Walker and Jared Bradford placed third in the Comedian Division of the Share-the-Fun contest with their version of creation of woman as told by God and Adam. Belew was their coach.

Whitney Kellermeier, Amy Multer, Mikela

Barton, Halie Schaefer, Brittney Chudej, Sydney Halfmann, Kelsey Jones, Lauren Schwartz and Amber Halfmann won the Celebrate 4-H Division of the Share-the-Fun contest with their 4-H Super Healthy Chicks act, which entitled them the opportunity to perform on stage at the closing assembly at Roundup. Coaches for the team included Belew, along with volunteer adult leaders, Charlotte Kellermeier, Gena Halfmann and Karen Schaefer.

Colton Schwartz participated as an individual at Roundup in the Entomology Identification contest. Colton's coach was Warren Multer, Extension Agent-Integrated Pest Management, for Glasscock, Upton and Reagan County Cooperative Extension.

Rios promoted by TxDOT

Maintenance assistant

Special to the Herald

Roberto Rios was promoted to maintenance section assistant for the Texas Department of Transportation's Howard County maintenance section, effective May 1.

He went to work for TxDOT in July of 1998 as a maintenance tech I in the Howard County section and steadily worked



Rios

his way up to crew chief before being promoted to assistant.

Rios was born in Diley and moved to O'Donnell a short time later. He attended school in Borden County and lived there until he married Jan and moved to

Coahoma in 1995.

Roby and Jan have two sons, Nick, age 15 and Sammy, age 20.

Roby enjoys mechanic work, racing cars with his buddies from Lamesa and anything having to do with Dale Earnhardt Sr. and Dale Jr. He also enjoys anything having to do with history and watching old Western movies.

News briefs

Visit from Bush motivated soldier who lost leg to help other amputees

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — Mike McNaughton, a soldier who lost his right leg in a mine explosion in Afghanistan, was still in the early stages of recovery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center when he received a visit from President Bush.

"I told him one day I'll outrun him," McNaughton said. "He said, 'When you feel better, let me know.'"

McNaughton took the president at his word, and 14 months later the two ran a mile together on property surrounding the White House, even though McNaughton was still adjusting to running with his new prosthesis.

He recalled that run Friday, noting his well-timed hospital visit, as he participated in the Amputee Coalition of America's annual conference, which highlighted the Military Amputee Peer Visitation program. McNaughton is among more than 100 veterans who participate in the program at the Walter Reed facility in Washington, the Brooke Army Center in San Antonio and the Naval Medical Center San Diego.

"I saw the president and 14 months later I ran with him, so I had a little more motivation," McNaughton said of his recovery. "After that I found, I guess, my true calling. That's when I started talking to more soldiers and amputees in general."

Abbas aides: U.S. pledges end to embargo against Palestinians

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — The United States strengthened its offer of support for President Mahmoud Abbas on Saturday, telling him an international aid embargo against the Palestinians would end as soon as he forms a new government without Hamas, aides to Abbas said. There was no immediate U.S. confirmation.

Hundreds of Fatah gunmen stormed Hamas-controlled institutions across the West Bank, seeking revenge for the Islamic group's takeover of the Gaza Strip.

In Gaza, the deposed prime minister appointed a new security command to solidify control. Despite Hamas pledges to restore calm, looters attacked several

prominent Fatah symbols, including the home of longtime Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

The Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip and the Fatah-controlled West Bank have effectively become separate political entities, endangering the Palestinian dream of forming an independent state in the two territories.

In the West Bank, Abbas' newly appointed Palestinian prime minister, Salam Fayyad, moved forward with plans to form an emergency government. Officials close to Abbas said the government would also include members from Gaza, underscoring Abbas' claim to lead all Palestinians. Hamas, which now claims its own government in Gaza, called the move illegal.

Abbas aide Yasser Abed Rabbo said the new government would be sworn in by Sunday. He also rejected negotiations with Hamas: "There will be no dialogue with killers who carried out field executions in Gaza."

U.S. military announces new offensive against al-Qaida in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — The U.S. military, which just days ago completed its latest troop buildup in Iraq, has launched a large offensive operation in several al-Qaida strongholds around Baghdad, the top U.S. commander said Saturday.

Gen. David Petraeus said the operation began in the last 24 hours and will put forces into key areas surrounding Baghdad that, according to intelligence, al-Qaida is using to base some of its car bomb operations.

Petraeus, who met with Defense Secretary Robert Gates at a morning breakfast, also said that he doesn't have all the American troops he might want, but he knows he's got all he's going to get.

"There's never been a military commander in history who wouldn't like to have more of something or other — that characterizes all of us here," he told reporters traveling with Gates. "The fact is frankly that we have all that our country is going to provide us in terms of combat forces. That is really it right now."

He said the buildup of nearly 30,000 additional forces that has just been completed allowed him to launch the latest

assault. The move is allowing him to send operations for the first time into "a number of areas around Baghdad, in particular to go into areas that were sanctuaries in the past of al-Qaida."

He said: "Our job now, frankly, along with the job of our Iraqi counterparts ... is to do everything that we can with the additional forces that we have."

Girl, 5, found alive after disappearing on boat trip; her grandfather dead

MOMENCE, Ill. (AP) — A 5-year-old girl who was feared drowned with her grandfather on a boating trip startled searchers Friday when she emerged from the woods — naked, scratched and holding raspberries.

Crews had pulled her grandfather's body from the Kankakee River in eastern Illinois just hours earlier.

"People were like, 'Who's that little girl? That can't be her, can it?'" Kankakee Sheriff's Chief Deputy Ken McCabe said. "I went up to her (and) asked, 'How you doing? What's your name?'"

When authorities told Hannah Klamecki's family — already grieving the loss of her grandfather — that she was alive, the home erupted in screaming.

Hannah was taken to a hospital as a

precaution. She slept with her parents and a teddy bear at her side before being released.

Ferlin Husky hospitalized in Missouri after leg surgery

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country singer Ferlin Husky was resting in a Missouri hospital after surgery on his leg, his spokesman said.

Doctors at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Mo., on Friday inserted a number of stents into the arteries in his left leg to aid his circulation, said Tracy Pitcox, president of Heart of Texas Records, Husky's label.

Husky, 81, has been having problems with his legs for the past few months. Tests showed that arteries in both legs were nearly blocked.

Surgery is planned on his right leg in the next two weeks.

At the height of his career, Husky was a movie and TV star and recorded such hit songs as "Wings of a Dove," "Gone" and "Country Music Is Here to Stay."

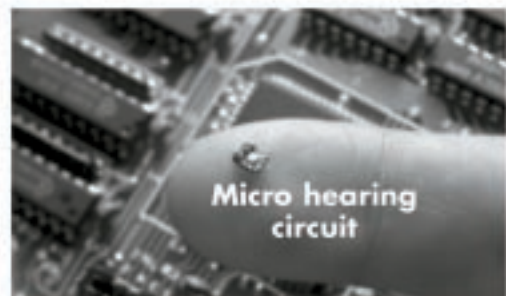
He made 18 movies with co-stars such as Jayne Mansfield ("Las Vegas Hillbillies" in 1966) and Zsa Zsa Gabor ("Country Music Holiday" in 1958).

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Grantee: Juan Zavala
Property: Lot 17, Block 2, Muir Heights
Date: June 11, 2007
Grantor: Amy L. Cox
Grantee: Jeff Rhoades and Misty Rhoades
Property: A 10 acre tract out of Section 104, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. Survey
Date: June 11, 2007

ENERGY

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interest rates will continue to support higher commodity prices.

- Non-OPEC supply growth consistently underperforms. Projections suggest that after 2010, there will be little growth in non-OPEC supply. Between then and now, we anticipate non-OPEC supply growth to be limited and consistently behind schedule.
- Field decline rates in geopolitically "safer" regions are estimated above 5 percent and accelerating. This suggests that as OPEC — Saudi Arabia particularly — expands their productive capacity the call on OPEC will increase and the cartel will leverage increasing amounts of power.
- At the upper end of the trading range, we anticipate a leakage of supply from OPEC's members as they try to capitalize on higher prices, maximizing their individual export revenues. This phenomenon will help keep pressure on prices extending beyond the \$65 per barrel level for an extended period of time.

With this being said, there are factors that may force prices below the lower bounds of the trading range regardless of OPEC's efforts. These include sharply tighter monetary policy creating a less accommodative environment for high oil prices, slowing economic growth and hurting demand.

Additionally, a localized recession in the U.S. or China could impact demand enough to dampen prices. Lastly, a terrorist strike in Western nations (e.g. a 9/11-type attack) could also cause both a slowdown in economic activity and reduce travel, limiting demand and forcing prices lower.

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Cause No. 5057 Recording Vol/Pg 1010/306 Style vs. Marsalis No. 11 Account No. B3150015500 Legal Description Lot 15, Blk 8, Douglas Addn. Address 3711 Dixon Assessed Value \$1,500.00 Cause No. 5057 Recording Vol/Pg 1028/148 Style vs. Marsalis No. 12 Account No. B4170001500 Legal Description Lots 3-5, Blk 4, Lincoln Addn. Address 2505 Old Hwy. 80 Assessed Value \$750.00 Cause No. 5057 Recording Vol/Pg 1010/306 Style vs. Marsalis No. 13 Account No. B4200006300 Legal Description Lot 8, Blk 3, Lockhart Addn. Address 3907 Wasson Rd. Assessed Value \$7,650.00 Cause No. 4992 Recording Vol/Pg 1010/364 Style vs. May Dell Henry Cline Property No. 14 Account No. B4440003000 Legal Description Lot 7, Blk 4, Mesa Addn. Address 1313 Elm Dr. Assessed Value \$150.00 Cause No. n/a Recording Vol/Pg 999/7 Style Garza WD No. 15 Account No. B4470002300 Legal Description Lot 7, Blk 3, Mittel Acres Addn. Address 1812 Owens Assessed Value \$2,480.00 Cause No. 4923 Recording Vol/Pg 1010/402 Style vs. Edwards No. 16 Account No. B4530002300 Legal Description W/25 of Lot 4, Blk D. Moore Addn. Address 1009 NW 4th Assessed Value \$16,723.00 Cause No. 4747 Recording Vol/Pg 1010/411 Style vs. Sanchez No. 17 Account No. B5070006200 Legal Description Lot 10, Blk 6, Porter Addn. Address 505 Owens Value \$1,500.00 Cause No. n/a Recording Vol/Pg 1010/329 Style Hass WD No. 18 Account No. B5160001200 Legal Description Lot 2, Blk 2, Rice Addn. Address 1306 Mesa Ave. Assessed Value \$11,984.00 Cause No. 4778 Recording Vol/Pg 1010/382 Style vs. Lawson No. 19 Account No. B5400002900 Legal Description S/72 of Lot 1 and E/15 S/72 of Lot 2, Blk 3 Settles Heights Addn. Address 3000 W. Old Hwy. 80 Value \$3,619.00 Cause No. 4827 Recording Vol/Pg 1010/373 Style vs. Cuellar No. 20 Account No. B5400005800 Legal Description Lot 3, Blk 6, Settles Heights Addn. Address 705 Creighton Value \$2,054.00 Cause No. n/a Recording Vol/Pg 1010/270 Style

Steen WD No. 21 Account No. B5400012800 Legal Description Lot 9, Blk 12, Settles Heights Addn. Address 714 Lorilla Assessed Value \$5,514.00 Cause No. 4670 Recording Vol/Pg 1010/376 Style vs. Evans No. 22 Account No. 51429002501 Legal Description 1 acre out of Sec. 29, Blk 32, T1N Address 207 Davis Rd. Assessed Value \$5,207.00 Cause No. 4894 Recording Vol/Pg 1010/392 Style vs. Young No. 23 Account No. 51446006000 Legal Description 1.44 acre out of Sec. 46, Blk 32 T1N Address 3406 Jesse Rd. Assessed Value \$12,974.00 Cause No. 4748 Recording Vol/Pg 1010/408 Style vs. Vinson Weaver No. 24 Account No. 51932008600 Legal Description 0.161 acre out of Sec. 32, Blk 33, T1N Address 802 San Antonio Assessed Value \$2,540.00 Cause No. 4562 Recording Vol/Pg 1010/385 Style vs. Overman No. 25 Account No. 51932008700 Legal Description 50'x140' acre tract of land out of the N/50' of Sec. 32, Blk 33, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey Address 800 San Antonio Assessed Value \$1,576.00 Cause No. 4562 Recording Vol/Pg 1010/395 Style vs. Overman No. 26 Account No. B2640014400 Legal Description N/50 E/130 of Lot 3, Blk 18, Cedar Crest Addn. Address 904 Bell Assessed Value \$750.00 Cause No. 4562 Recording Vol/Pg 1010/389 Style vs. Overman No. 27 Account No. B4440003600 Legal Description Lot 1, Blk 6, Mesa Addn. Address 1210 Elm Drive Assessed Value \$4,862.00 Cause No. 4586 Recording Vol/Pg 1021/596 Style vs. Bradley No. 28 Account No. B2370002000 Legal Description Lot 2, Blk 4, Bowser Addn. Address 1302 W. 2nd. Assessed Value \$50.00 Cause No. 4586 Recording Vol/Pg 1021/602 Style vs. Bradley No. 29 Account No. B2880039600 Legal Description Lot 1, Blk 37, Cole & Strayhorn Addn. Address 900 E. 15th Assessed Value \$2,000.00 Cause No. 4586 Recording Vol/Pg 1021/599 Style vs. Bradley No. 30 Account No. B3180006900 Legal Description W/2 of Lot 6, Blk 2, Earles Addn. Address 504 W. 7th Assessed Value \$1,942.00 Cause No. 4674 Recording Vol/Pg 1021/584 Style

vs. Coates No. 31 Account No. B3180006800 Legal Description E/2 of Lot 6, Blk 2, Earles Addn. Address 610 Bell Assessed Value \$1,580.00 Cause No. 4674 Recording Vol/Pg 1021/584 Style vs. Coates No. 32 Account No. B228003700 Legal Description Lot 6, Blk 4, Bauer Addn. Address 410 NW 5th Assessed Value \$1,051.00 Cause No. 4971 Recording Vol/Pg 1021/565 Style vs. Hernandez No. 33 Account No. F4990074000 Legal Description Lots 19-22, Blk 35, Original town of Forsan Address 210 W. 4th, Forsan Assessed Value \$2,980.00 Cause No. 4858 Recording Vol/Pg 1021/571 Style vs. Rios No. 34 Account No. B4440004100 Legal Description E/40' w/140' N23 1/6' of Blk 6, Mesa Addn. Address 4207 W. Hwy. 80 Assessed Value \$2,834.00 Cause No. 4750 Recording Vol/Pg 1021/574 Style vs. J. Marquez No. 35 Account No. B2910034600 Legal Description Lot 12, Blk 39, College Heights Addn. Address 2101 Johnson Assessed Value \$1,500.00 Cause No. 4724 Recording Vol/Pg 1021/581 Style vs. Dawson No. 36 Account No. 51442021200 Legal Description 50'x150' tract of land out of Tract 24, William B. Currie Addition, SE/4, Sec., 42, Blk 32, T1N Address 607 NE 8th Assessed Value \$5,725.00 Cause No. 4669 Recording Vol/Pg 1021/587 Style vs. C. Flores No. 37 Account No. B3990002000 Legal Description Lot 5, Blk 3, Indianola Addn. Address 1502 W. Cherokee Assessed Value \$7,521.00 Cause No. 4649 Recording Vol/Pg 1021/590 Style vs. Luera No. 38 Account No. B2940025800 Legal Description Lot 12, Blk 23, College Park Addn. Address 3304 Auburn Assessed Value \$25,115.00 Cause No. 4621 Recording Vol/Pg 1021/593 Style vs. Little No. 39 Account No. 51441001300 Legal Description .180 acre out of the SE/4 of Section 41, Blk 32, T1N Address n/a Assessed Value \$270.00 Cause No. 4576 Recording Vol/Pg 1021/605 Style vs. Fulton No. 40 Account No. 51441001400 Legal Description .840 acre out of the SE/4 of Section 41, Blk 32, T1N Address n/a Assessed Value \$7,260.00 Cause No. 4576 Recording Vol/Pg 1021/605 Style

Style vs. Fulton No. 41 Account No. B2130001300 Legal Description Lot 14, Blk 1, Avion Addn. Address 1608 Avion Assessed Value \$6,643.00 Cause No. 4755 Recording Vol/Pg 1038/241 Style vs. Gaskins No. 42 Account No. B2130002200 Legal Description Lot 5, Blk 2, Avion Addn. Address 1609 Avion Assessed Value \$6,498.00 Cause No. 4755 Recording Vol/Pg 1038/244 Style vs. Gaskins No. 43 Account No. B3760000500 Legal Description Lot 6, Blk 1, Highland Addn. Address 610 Settles Assessed Value \$9,792.00 Cause No. 4964 Recording Vol/Pg 1037/710 Style vs. S. Hart No. 44 Account No. B3180004100 Legal Description Lot 6, Blk F, Earles Addn. Address 410 Douglas Assessed Value \$750.00 Cause No. 4980 Recording Vol/Pg 1037/712 Style vs. A Gilbert No. 45 Account No. B3180004000 Legal Description Lot 5, Blk F, Earles Addn. Address 408 Douglas Assessed Value \$4,974.00 Cause No. 4980 Recording Vol/Pg 1037/712 Style vs. A Gilbert No. 46 Account No. B3180003900 Legal Description Lot 4, Blk F, Earles Addn. Address 406 Douglas Assessed Value \$6,015.00 Cause No. 4980 Recording Vol/Pg 1037/712 Style vs. A Gilbert No. 47 Account No. B4530008900 Legal Description Lot 6, Blk J, Moore Addn., Address 902 NW 1st Assessed Value \$1,047.00 Cause No. 5050 Recording Vol/Pg 1045/91 Style vs. W. Johnson No. 48 Account No. B4530009000 Legal Description Lot 7, Blk J, Moore Addn., Address 900 NW 1st Assessed Value \$2,779.00 Cause No. 5050 Recording Vol/Pg 1045/91 Style vs. W. Johnson No. 49 Account No. 52012003900 Legal Description Parcel and piece of land being part of Sec. 12, Blk 33, T1S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey and being out of Blk 15, Kennebeck Heights Addn. Address n/a Assessed Value \$2,380.00 Cause No. 4987 Recording Vol/Pg 1045/103 Style vs. L. E. Bender No. 50 Account No. 51444004400 Legal Description All that certain parcel or tract of land out of Sec. 44, Blk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey Address 1310 E. 6th Assessed Value \$1,760.00 Cause No. 5034 Recording Vol/Pg 1045/106 Style

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 Wednesday: Pork cutlets, buttered noodles, glazed carrots, cottage cheese and pears, whole wheat rolls.
 Thursday: Chicken strips, cream gravy, macaroni and tomatoes, mixed fruit, cornbread.
 Friday: Turkey and dressing, yams, green beans, cranberry sauce, whole wheat rolls, lemon pie.

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works display in the event's history. However, organizers had only raised about three-quarters of the money needed when they met at noon Thursday.

"We're very pleased with the way donations and sponsorships for the show have been coming in," Jan Hansen, chairman of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation, said of the organizing committee's fund-raising efforts. "We're actually in a better position financially than we were at this time last year, but we need to make sure people understand that we're still not where we need to be. We still need financial help at this point."

Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. What's more, they make it possible for organizers to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

"It is the entire community's celebration, that's something we always want to stress," Hansen said. "It's a chance to gather with friends and family at the park and join our neighbors in celebrating the fact that we live in the greatest country on earth."

"But to make that possible, we rely the community's help," she added. "The people and businesses in this community always come through. They're doing so now. We just need to make sure people know we still need donations."

"We are convinced that nobody celebrates the Fourth of July holiday like Big Spring does," Hansen continued. "In fact, the show brings visitors from outside our community and we think it's important to make sure we continue to have a quality show for everyone to enjoy."

Dr. Keith Graumann, the symphony's conductor, noted that even musicians and chorus members from outside the community look forward to taking part in the event.

"Several of the people who have volunteered to sing in the chorus are from Midland and Odessa," Graumann said during the committee's meeting Thursday. "They don't have anything that compares to this in Midland and Odessa, and

that's a sign that we're going to have quite a few people from outside our community here just to enjoy the show."



Graumann

Presenters of the event include the *Big Spring Herald*, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the city of Big Spring, the Big Spring Symphony, the Click Ranch, KBYG and KBST — each providing donations of \$5,000 or more in funding or in-kind services.

For those unable to serve as "Presenters," Hansen noted that the committee is also seeking support at different levels — "Stars and Stripes" sponsors that donate \$3,000 or more; "Texas Star" sponsors, donating \$2,000 or more; and "Rocket" sponsors, donating \$1,000 or more.

"Stars and Stripes" sponsors for the show are Fiber Glass Systems and Robinson Drilling.

The lone "Texas Star" sponsor at this point is the Wal-Mart Super-cen-

ter, which is featuring the evening's opening act, Los Greengos.

"Rocket" sponsors to date include Alon USA, the Worthy Company, Medicine Center Pharmacy, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Cornell Companies Inc.

"We're very excited that some of these major sponsors have increased their donations this year, plus some of them are new to the list," Hansen added. "We really want to thank those who support us, no matter how they are able to contribute."

While committee members continue their fund-raising effort, Becky Crane, who co-chairs the organizing committee, is coordinating the list of businesses and organizations wanting to operate vendor's booths during the show. She can be contacted at 267-5449 or at 517-0373. She can be e-mailed at rccrane10@cox.net. Vendor packets are already available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices.

Crowds pack the amphitheater every year

and the crowd always spills over into the park and along U.S. Highway 87 with between 10,000 and 15,000 attending the concert, and as big a crowd or an even larger one is expected this year.

"It seems like the crowd gets a little larger every year," Hansen said. "And that's one of the reasons we always try to make each year's show a little bigger and better. This is the largest single event in terms of the people gathered at one time that we have in our community each year."

Those interested in making a donation to the project can do so by contacting Debbye ValVerde at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391. Military personnel interested in participating in the parade of flags are also asked to call ValVerde.

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Texas unemployment rate dips to 4.1 percent

By DAVID KOENIG
AP Business Writer

DALLAS — The Texas unemployment rate fell to 4.1 percent in May, the lowest point since at least 1976, state officials said Friday.

Economists said the numbers showed that the economy is holding up despite pressure on consumers from high gasoline prices. Employers reported that finding qualified workers is a challenge.

The Texas Workforce Commission said the unemployment rate fell a notch in May from April's jobless rate of 4.2 percent. A year ago, the Texas jobless rate was 5 percent.

Unemployment was lowest in the Panhandle and central Texas and highest in the Rio Grande Valley and El Paso.

The commission estimated that Texas added 22,700 jobs in May and 239,000 over the past 12 months. The agency estimated the annual job growth rate at 2.4 percent, nearly double the national increase of 1.4 percent.

Commission Chairwoman Diane Rath said the low unemployment rate was due to a long run of job growth and a strong Texas economy.

"Texas employers are prospering, which means more opportunities for

working Texans," she said.

The state's jobless rate has steadily declined this year even as the overall economy slowed to its weakest pace in more than four years, and even White House forecasters are now more cautious about the rest of the year.

But job markets have remained healthy. Weakness in the housing industry hasn't spilled over into other sectors.

"The Apocalypse is not yet upon us, and maybe it never will be," said Michael Davis of Southern Methodist University.

Davis was among the economists who expected the combination of high energy prices and weak housing markets to cause consumers to cut back their spending, sending the economy into a slowdown.

But consumers seem to be accepting \$3 per gallon gasoline. And housing has been weakest in bubble markets such as California and Florida, not in Texas, which missed the real estate price spikes of recent years.

Employers are starting to feel the pinch from low unemployment.

"At every pay grade, from engineers to the call center, it's getting harder to find good people," said Brian Walsh, chief operat-

ing and financial officer at Wyndham Jade L.L.C., a Plano-based corporate meeting and travel planning company with 150 employees.

"A year ago you put an ad out and the hardest part was sorting through all the resumes," Walsh said. "Now it's tough to find a BEA (software) programmer or an Oracle data base manager."

Walsh said the tight labor market has made it crucial to keep people from leaving. So the company is increasing pay 3 to 5 percent, protecting benefits and offering morale-boosting rewards and events, such as a lunchtime cookout on Friday.

Initial claims for unemployment benefits rose 10 percent in May, to 60,405. And the Workforce Commission estimated that between 443,100 and 475,200 Texans were unemployed.

The commission said the 4.1 percent Texas unemployment rate was the lowest since the current system of tracking the labor market began in 1976.

The figures were adjusted for seasonal trends in hiring and firing, which most economists believe gives a better picture of the job market. Davis, the SMU economist, said however that May — when many college stu-

dents are looking for work — can be a tricky time to calibrate seasonal patterns.

Midland had the lowest unemployment rate of any Texas metropolitan area, at 2.6 percent, followed by Odessa, Amarillo, College Station-Bryan, Lubbock and Austin.

The Rio Grande Valley area around McAllen, Edinburg and Mission had the highest rate, 5.7 percent. Local figures are not adjusted for seasonal patterns.

The biggest increase in jobs came in professional and business services, which added 5,400 jobs.

Education and health services gained 4,900 jobs, according to commission estimates.

Trade, transportation and utilities gained 2,600 jobs. Mining, which includes the oil and gas industry, added 1,600 positions, the commission said.

Following are the preliminary May unemployment rates for local areas in Texas, with revised April figures in parentheses. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. The statewide unadjusted jobless rate was 3.9 percent.

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- Amarillo 3.0 (3.2)
- Austin-Round Rock 3.2 (3.2)
- Beaumont-Port Arthur 4.8

- (4.8)
- Brownsville-Harlingen 5.3 (5.5)
- College Station-Bryan 3.1 (3.2)
- Corpus Christi 4.0 (4.0)
- Dallas-Plano-Irving 3.8 (3.9)
- El Paso 5.4 (5.6)
- Fort Worth-Arlington 3.8 (3.9)
- Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown 3.8 (3.8)
- Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood 4.2 (4.2)
- Laredo 4.2 (4.4)
- Longview 3.7 (3.6)
- Lubbock 3.1 (3.1)
- McAllen-Edinburg-Mission 5.7 (6.1)
- Midland 2.6 (2.7)
- Odessa 3.0 (3.0)
- San Angelo 3.3 (3.3)
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