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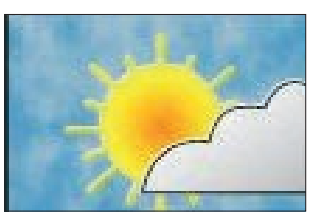
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## Time for crunching numbers

*City council to begin budget work sessions*

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Officials with the city of Big Spring will be rolling up their sleeves and getting down to business Monday evening, as the administration prepares to offer its 2008 proposed budget to the city council.



Fuqua

With budget work session slated for Monday and Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the council chambers, City Manager Gary Fuqua said he believes the staff is ready to present the council with a comprehensive budget based on suggestions offered during a workshop conducted in May.

"I'm confident the staff will have the budget ready for presentation Monday night," Fuqua told the council last Tuesday evening. "We've taken the items the council brought us during the recent work session and incorporated them into the presentation.

"We're going to try to finish the budget workshop in two nights — Monday and Tuesday — but we'll continue into Wednesday if we have to."

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Above, two of the younger participants in the 74th annual Martin County Old Settlers Reunion parade show off their toy car; at right, a clown pauses to hand out candy to children along the parade route; at top right, an Odessa Shrine Club member "pops a wheelie" for the crowd. The parade was the signature event of the reunion, which also featured an antique tractor pull, tours, class reunions and an evening meal and program at the community center.

HERALD photos/Steve Reagan



## Parade heralds annual Martin County reunion

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

STANTON — To say that the Martin County Old Settlers Reunion is a family affair for Jonama Myrick is understating the case.

Her great-grandparents helped organize the first such event in Stanton 74 years ago and a family member has been involved in every reunion since then.

Myrick, currently serving as past president of the reunion, said there are simple, yet compelling reasons that keep drawing her family to help out with the reunion.

"We just like celebrating the reunion and our history," she said. "Everybody just loves the chance to get together and visit."

The 74th edition of the reunion kicked off with its signature event, the annual parade through downtown Stanton, Saturday morn

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*"We just like celebrating the reunion and our history. Everybody just loves the chance to get together and visit."*

—Jonama Myrick

# Back to school already? SA needs donations

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

For most area children, the imminent return to classrooms is most likely the last thing on their minds.

For the Big Spring Salvation Army, however, it's the first. As fall quickly approaches,



Keeney

many area parents are faced with a dilemma: How to purchase much-needed school supplies on an already depleted budget.

Luckily, the Big Spring Salvation Army is starting its

annual back-to-school supply drive in an effort to make sure area children have the materials — notebook paper, pencils and pens — to start the school year.

Capt. Russ Keeney said the program has been such a success over the years because of community support, and there

are two ways for area residents to help.

"If they would rather make a monetary donation instead of going out and buying the supplies, it actually saves a little bit of money," said Keeney. "The Salvation Army is tax exempt, so we don't have to pay the taxes on them. But if they

prefer to purchase the supplies and bring them to us, it's fine as well. If they make a monetary donation, they also need to earmark it for the back-to-school supplies."

For some children, the annual program is the difference

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Funeral services were being held Saturday in Austin for Lady Bird Johnson, former first lady. See Page 7A

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## IN BRIEF

### Physicals required for some athletes

Big Spring High School is informing all student athletes that a physical is required for all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th graders, as well as any students who are new to the district.

Physicals must be taken care of and on file at the Athletic Training Center before athletes will be allowed to practice, participate or get equipment issued to them.

Call the ATC at 264-3662 with any questions.

### Howard County Golf Championship set

The 2007 Howard County Championship golf tournament has been set to take place July 27-29 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The format is 54-holes individual stroke play and all participants must have been a Howard County resident prior to Jan. 1, 2007.

Entry fee is \$75 per player plus a \$30 cart fee. Prizes will be given for gross and net scores with the field being pre-flighted based on handicap. The championship flight will break into two flights after the first round.

A senior division will be made for those over 70. The lowest score for a country club member will be club champion.

Tee times will be set for Friday and Saturday with a 1 p.m. shotgun on Sunday. A barbecue lunch will be served Saturday.

To enter or for other information, call the country club at 267-5354.

### Lady Steers v-ball team meeting

Big Spring's Lady Steers volleyball team will hold a parent/athlete meeting at 6 p.m. Aug. 2 at Alan and Della Partee's house at 1600 Kiowa.

The meeting will discuss rules and expectations for the upcoming season since two-a-days begin Aug. 6.

A swim party will be held following the meeting. Parents are asked to bring snacks and drinks.

Call Della Partee at 367-4038 or Coach Amanda Whitaker at (325) 864-1467 with any questions.

### Steers season ticket sales have begun

Big Spring High School have made 2007 Steer football season tickets available for previous season ticket holders at the Athletic Training Center.

Previous holders can purchase their tickets Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. until July 24.

Season tickets will be made available to the general public Aug. 8 through Aug. 22 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

### BSGSA all-star teams raising funds

All four Big Spring

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# Steers release football schedule

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Football season comes a step closer to kicking off with each passing day. Soon the clapping of pads colliding and the blowing of whistles will once again fill the air.

Two-a-days will begin for most area teams Aug. 6, including Big Spring's Steers.

The Steers released their fall football schedule to the public, announcing start of two-a-day practices for all ninth through 12th graders. The practices will be split up into two morning ses-

sions with the first practice lasting from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the second from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Two-a-days will continue until Aug. 17.

All ninth and 11th grade players will have to have a physical and record of it on file in the Athletic Training Center before they will be allowed to practice.

The season brings the Steers a new head coach in Mike Ritchey, who takes over athletic director duties from Tim Holt. Ritchey previously coached at Big Spring for 13 years and spent the last eight years in administration.

The Steers also must break in a

new signal caller after losing Ryan Tannehill, the ninth ranked quarterback of the 2007 class in the state according to ESPN.com, to graduation. He is currently fighting for a roster spot at Texas A&M.

Ritchey and his coaching staff will have their hands full as their regular season schedule features seven teams that made the playoffs in their respective classifications.

The varsity team will play its first scrimmage Aug. 18 against the Wichita Falls Hirschi Huskies. The Steers will play the 3A school at Shotwell Stadium in

Abilene. Their second scrimmage will take place in Lubbock on Aug. 24 against Pampa's Harvesters.

Big Spring kicks off the regular season playing two consecutive away games against 5A schools. The Steers visit Odessa High's Broncos — the only non-playoff team on the schedule — Aug. 31 and San Angelo Central's Bobcats Sept. 7.

The Steers play their home opener against District 3-4A defending champion Hereford

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## BSGSA teams seeking funds for tournament



Courtesy photo

Big Spring Girls Softball Association will be sending All-Star teams to compete in the annual West Texas All-Star Softball Tournament Friday through Sunday on the University of Texas-Permian Basin campus in Odessa. The 10-under team, pictured above, is one of four teams competing in four different divisions of the tournament. Each team needs to raise around \$1,400 to cover all expenses. Any person, group or business willing to donate can visit [www.bigspringsoftball.com](http://www.bigspringsoftball.com) for contact information.

Front row (left to right): Alicia Redwine, Makenzie Roberts, Alaine Lopez, Mary Gomez, Skydra Sanford and Mariah Sarmiento; Middle row: Danie Hull, Alexis Willis, Destiny Pineda, Kendra Dyer, Nadya Viasana and Brittnee Rios; Back row: Coaches Jason Hull, Monica Hull, Jennifer Sarmiento and Tony Sarmiento

## Cuban considers upstart professional football league

Stadiums across the country are littered with the carcasses of pro football leagues proven not quite ready for prime time. Still, almost without fail, someone comes along every decade or so with yet another plan to cash in on America's passion for its favorite sport.

Their acronyms live on, though the leagues have long since died.

If you remember the 70s, you can't forget the WFL, which tried to buy its way to success, only to succumb after just one World Bowl in 1974. Or the USFL, which went the other way with a more frugal approach before it, too, finally folded.

The legacy of the more recent XFL, meanwhile, was summed up neatly on the back of one player's uniform.

"He Hate Me" wasn't just Rod Smart's nickname. It could have been used as the slogan for those who couldn't stand watching the strange blend of pro wrestling and football aired for

one awfully long season on NBC.

With every new league, there's a new concept. Has to be, because it would be economic suicide to try to compete with the juggernaut that is the NFL on Sundays during football season.

It's been economic suicide regardless. No one has cashed in since AFL owners hit the bonanza four decades ago, and most of the millions spent on football dreams since then could have been better invested in Florida swamp land deals.

The failures of the past, though, aren't stopping others from trying.

Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban may be one. He is intrigued enough by the prospect of more football that he is studying the idea of a league that would play on Fridays and compete with the NFL for players drafted lower than the second round.

"It's a pretty simple concept," Cuban said in an e-mail last month to The Associated Press. "We think there is more demand for pro football than supply."

So does Gene Corrigan. But

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Dallas Mavericks' owner Mark Cuban reacts to a call that went against his team on December 7, 2006, as the Mavericks played the Detroit Pistons. Cuban has applied to purchase the Chicago Cubs, but also envisions a possible professional football league to rival the NFL.

# Coffee pairing

## Sweet... and Savory

FAMILY FEATURES

Coffee is the perfect accompaniment to a sweet treat, but the unique nuances of coffee bring out the flavors in savory dishes as well — much like wine. Coffee's aromatic flavor notes — berries, caramel, cocoa, flora, nuts and spice — excite the palate. And when paired with different foods, the flavors of each sip are enhanced by every bite.

Coffee takes on complex and rich flavor notes unique to its region of origin, creating a taste tapestry for your tongue. For example, the new Ubor Blend, developed by Starbucks master blender Andrew Linnemann and renowned chef Marcus Samuelsson, is elegant, with a layered complexity of delicate floral, citrus and herbal notes, blended from East African coffees.

The Ubor Blend (ubora is Swahili for "excellent quality") not only pairs perfectly with Starbucks new artisan pastry also created with Samuelsson — Caramelized Apple Pecan Coffee Cake, but it also offers an ideal complement to Samuelsson's Harissa-Roasted Turkey Breast.

Joya del Dia Blend (Jewel of the Day) has clean, delicate flavors and a soft cocoa finish, blended from Colombia, Guatemala and Costa Rica coffee beans. Sip it with Starbucks and Samuelsson's moist and tender Chocolate Cinnamon Bread.



### Chocolate Cinnamon Bread

Prep time: 30 minutes Cooking time: 50 minutes

Makes 16 servings

#### Chocolate Batter

- 3 sticks unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 3 cups granulated sugar
- 5 large eggs, at room temperature
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 cups Dutch-processed cocoa powder
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

#### Cocoa-Spice Sugar Crust

- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon Dutch-processed cocoa powder
- Pinch ground ginger
- Pinch ground cloves
- 1/4 cup decorating or sparkle sugar

### Harissa-Roasted Turkey Breast With Stuffing

Prep time: 30 minutes Cooking time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Makes 6 to 8 servings

- 1 6-pound bone-in turkey breast (skin on)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 garlic cloves
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 1/2 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup harissa sauce (a fiery red paste)
- Stuffing (recipe follows)

Preheat oven to 400°F. Rinse turkey under cold water and pat dry. Sprinkle on all sides with salt and pepper. Stuff garlic cloves, cinnamon sticks and onion into neck cavity, and seal it closed with wooden skewer or toothpick. Generously rub harissa over and under skin.

Place turkey breast skin side up on roasting rack in roasting pan and cover with foil. Roast, basting occasionally with juices that accumulate in bottom of pan, until an instant-read thermometer inserted into thickest part of breast reads 160°F and juices run clear, about 1 1/2 hours. During last 20 minutes of cooking remove foil to brown skin. Let turkey rest at least 20 minutes before carving.

#### Stuffing

- 1/4 cup olive oil, divided
- 2 tablespoons lightly crusted almonds
- 1/2 loaf white bread, cut into 1-inch cubes (about 4 cups)
- 2 medium parsnips, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes

### Geography Is a Flavor

Take a sensory journey around the world by exploring the flavors in your coffee cup.

- Latin America coffees are most familiar because Central and South America produce more coffee than any other growing region. Coffees from Latin America are celebrated for great balance, medium body and a clean finish. A tangy brightness and consistent quality make Latin American coffee ideal for blends.
- Coffees from the Asia-Pacific region are popular for smooth, earthy, and exotic flavors, with low acidity and full body.
- In Africa, the original birthplace of coffee, the coffees generally have a rich flavor, sparkling acidity, unique floral or wine-like qualities, and medium to full body.

Available for a limited time exclusively at Starbucks, check out "Discovery of a Continent: Foods, Flavors and Inspirations from Africa," Marcus Samuelsson's newest cookbook, which shares his personal stories of the land, the people and the traditions of Africa through his artfully prepared dishes.

The new Ubor and Joya del Dia Blends, as well as both new artisan pastries, will be available at Starbucks beginning Aug. 28.

For more information, visit Starbucks.com.



Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease two 9 x 5 x 3-inch loaf pans and line bottom of pans with parchment paper.

**Chocolate Batter:** In bowl of electric mixer, cream together butter and sugar with paddle attachment on medium speed, until light and creamy about 5 minutes. Beat in eggs, one at a time, beating until each egg is completely incorporated before adding the next and scraping down sides of bowl several times.

Meanwhile, in medium bowl, sift together flour, cocoa, cinnamon, salt, baking powder and baking soda. In another bowl, whisk together buttermilk, water and vanilla. With mixer on low speed, alternately add flour mixture and buttermilk mixture to batter, beginning and ending with flour and beating just until blended. Divide batter between the two pans, shake pans to even tops and set aside.

**Cocoa Spice Sugar Crust:** In another small bowl, whisk together sugar, cinnamon, cocoa, ginger and cloves. Sprinkle surfaces of both batters with decorating sugar. Sprinkle with cocoa sugar mixture, dividing evenly. Bake until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, about 45 to 50 minutes. Let cool completely, run thin knife around sides to release breads and remove from pans.

**Perfect Pairing:** Pair with Starbucks Joya del Dia Blend, which has a soft cocoa finish that's intensified by the bread's deep chocolate flavor. Also try with Guatemala Antigua, Colombia Nariño Supremo or House Blend and discover how surprisingly complex and distinct each sip tastes.

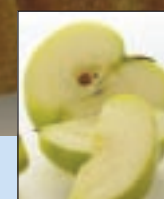
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 3 garlic cloves, cut in half
- 3 shallots, cut into 1/4-inch dice
- 2 quinces, peeled, cored, and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon harissa sauce
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 teaspoons chopped thyme
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in large sauté pan over medium heat. Add almonds and bread cubes and sauté 5 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from heat and set aside.

Heat remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil in Dutch oven or other large pot. Add parsnips and cinnamon sticks and sauté about 5 minutes. Add garlic, shallots, quinces and harissa and sauté until garlic is golden, about 5 minutes. Stir in chicken stock, orange juice and honey, reduce heat to low, and simmer 15 minutes.

Add thyme, salt, raisins and almond and bread cube mixture and stir until well combined. Cook over low heat, stirring frequently, until heated through. Stir in chopped parsley.

**Perfect Pairing:** Starbucks Ubor Blend, a blend of East African coffees, will complement the spices and herbs in this dish. The spices (cinnamon, caraway, coriander) in this dish are reminiscent of spices such as cardamom that are often combined with coffee in East Africa as part of coffee ceremonies to celebrate coffee and community.



### Caramelized Apple Pecan Coffee Cake

Prep time: 40 minutes

Cooking time: 1 hour 45 minutes

Makes 12 servings

- 3/4 cup coarsely chopped pecans, divided

#### Cinnamon Streusel Topping

- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted

#### Apple Filling and Topping

- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and cut into 3/8-inch dice
- 1/2 vanilla bean, split lengthwise, seeds scraped out

#### Coffee Cake Batter

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- Pinch ground ginger
- Pinch ground cloves
- 1/3 cup plain whole yogurt
- 1/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1/3 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and cooled

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease 9 x 1 1/2-inch round baking pan and set aside.

Spread pecans on baking sheet or jelly-roll pan and toast in oven until lightly browned, about 10 to 15 minutes. Set aside to cool.

**Streusel Topping:** In medium bowl, combine light brown sugar and cinnamon. Stir in butter until well combined and mix in half of pecans. Set aside.

**Apple Filling and Topping:** In small heavy-bottomed saucepan, cook sugar over moderately low heat. Without stirring, shake pan to help sugar melt evenly, until melted and dark golden. Remove saucepan from heat and carefully add apples and vanilla bean pod and seeds (mixture will vigorously steam and caramel will harden).

Cook mixture over moderate heat, shaking pan and stirring occasionally, until caramel is dissolved, liquid has evaporated and apples are tender but still hold their shape, about 10 to 15 minutes. Discard vanilla bean pod. Spread apples on sheet pan to cool.

**Coffee Cake Batter:** In large bowl whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, salt, ginger and cloves. In another medium bowl, whisk together yogurt, applesauce, brown sugar, granulated sugar, egg and butter until smooth. Pour wet ingredients into dry mixture and mix until well combined with large spatula. Fold in half the cooled apple filling and remaining pecans and pour into prepared pan. Sprinkle with half the streusel and top with remaining apple filling. Sprinkle with remaining streusel and bake until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, about 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool 20 minutes and cut into 8 wedges. Serve warm or at room temperature.

**Perfect Pairing:** Soft floral and spicy notes of coffees such as Starbucks Ubor Blend, Ethiopia Sidamo or Arabian Mocha Sanani accent the cake's apple tartness.



Obituaries

Terry Melvin Carter



Terry Melvin Carter, 80, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 12, 2007, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 16, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Phillip McClendon, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Joplin, Mo., officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born July 7, 1927, in Wichita Falls and married Dorothy M. Loudamy on Nov. 15, 1953, in Big Spring.

Terry graduated from Valley View High School in 1945 and served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II from 1945 to 1946. He came to Big Spring in 1947 and owned and operated Carter's Furniture from 1948 until retiring in 1995. He was a member of Baptist Temple Church and a member of the Gideons.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Carter of Big Spring; three brothers and sisters-in-law, John E. and Louise Carter of Grand Prairie, James C. and Elouise Carter of Midland and Donald J. and Wilma Carter of New Port Richey, Fla.; 10 nieces and nephews, Harold Kent Simpson and wife Andrea of Gainesville, Pamela Simpson of Mableton, Ga., Diane Moore and husband Harold of Odessa, Steve Carter of Midland, Tim Carter and wife Laura of Midland, Andi Thompson and husband Ron of Bedford, Sandi McCoy and husband Spence of Highland Village, Joe Carter and wife Nina of Tarpon Springs, Fla., Donnie Carter and wife Debra of Hudson, Fla., and Lisa Gardner and husband Matt of Evansville, Ind.; several great-nieces and nephews; and several great-great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.W. and Gladys Carter and one sister, Mozelle Simpson.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Gideon Memorial Bible Program, P.O. Box 133, Big Spring 79721 or to the Baptist Temple Church Building Fund, 400 E. 11th Place, Big Spring 79720.

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

*Paid obituary*

Omer 'O.W.' Decker



Omer "O.W." Decker, 82, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 13, 2007, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 16, 2007, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. John McCullough, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born July 24, 1924, in Cisco to Filmore and Dora "Mamie" Decker. O.W. served as a corporal in the United States Army 437th Troop Carrier Group in the European Theater during World War II. He worked for civil service as an aircraft mechanic at Webb Air Force Base for 36 years before retiring in 1979. He was a member of Airport Baptist Church, but had attended Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia and John McCullough of Big Spring, and Tracy and Jay Hodges of Bonham; one son, Paul Gene Decker of Dallas; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Norma Perkins.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Carolyn Abel on July 24, 1991, and an infant daughter, Omenda Lea Decker, and nine brothers and sisters.

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

Bert Shanks

Bert Shanks, 84, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 12, 2007, at a local nursing home. Private family services will be held at a later date.

He was born April 5, 1923, in Zephyr to Maudie and Reuben Shanks. He graduated from Muleshoe High School and Texas Technological College with a bachelor of science degree in Agriculture in 1951. He taught school at Sudan and retired from the Texas Highway Department.

He is survived by one son, Don Shanks of Lubbock; and two nephews.

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

Wayne Edwin Walker

Wayne Edwin Walker, 73, of Albuquerque died Monday, July 9, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Private family services will be at a later date.

He was born April 8, 1934, in Borger to Mayme and James Walker. He lived most of his life in New Mexico and Oklahoma and was in retail sales of Southwest artifacts and jewelry. He was also a photographer. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving as a paratrooper.

He is survived by three sons, Richard Thomas Walker, Ronald Ray Walker and Robert Wayne Walker, all of Oklahoma; and two sisters, Carol Hardin of Big Spring and Barbara Ashley of Odessa.

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

H. Ralph Caffey



H. Ralph Caffey, age 84, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on July 12, 2007.

Ralph was born to Haskell Roberts and Daisy Ruth Caffey on April 3, 1923, on the family farm in the Truby community of Jones County. He graduated from Anson High School in 1940 and began his studies at Hardin-Simmons University. Interrupting his education, he enlisted in the Marine Air Corp in 1943. He served his country as a radio gunner on a B-25, providing air support for ground troops in the Pacific Theatre during campaigns, including the Battle of Mindanao, to free the Philippine Islands from Japanese occupation. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and was a four-time recipient of the Air Medal. He was proud and honored to have served his country as a United States Marine.

While on leave from active duty, Ralph married Ladie Fred Crain on Dec. 7, 1943. The wedding took place at the Crain's home in Trent. At the conclusion of the war, he returned to Hardin-Simmons to resume his studies, graduating with a BBA in May, 1950. He was ordained into full-time ministry in 1951 at Trent Baptist Church. As a pastor, Ralph's service to his Lord and Savior spanned 45 years. He pastored 15 Southern Baptist churches in Texas, California, North Dakota and Minnesota.

During his lifetime service, Ralph graduated from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., in 1962 with a Masters of Divinity. He helped build churches in Prunedale and South San Francisco, Calif. In October 2001 he was honored by South San Francisco Baptist Church for his commitment of service and sacrifice, when the church renamed the original church building "The Caffey Building." He had a heart for those who did not know his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and traveled during the 1980s and 90s with the International Crusades, preaching in India (twice), Peru, Argentina and Brazil.

Ralph and Ladie Fred moved to Big Spring in 1991 where he retired from full-time pastorate in 1995. They moved to Midland in June, 2003. He was a member of College Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Haskell and Daisy Caffey. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ladie Fred; daughters Deborah Heath and her husband Kenny of Rawlings, Md., Dianne Haun of Irving and Linda Russell and her husband Micheal of Midland; grandchildren Mary Heath and Clayton Heath of Rawlings, Md., Johnny Haun and wife Laura of Temple, Angie Kinnett and husband Mike of Edgewood, Trevor Roten of Midland, Stephanie Melton and husband Derrick of Midland, Tim Russell and wife April of Everett, Wash.; great-grandchildren Hannah and Hunter Haun, Krista and Logan Kinnett, Morgan Roten, Corbin, Hayden and Sterling Melton, Amanda, Ashleigh, and Alec Roten, Kayla White, and Ethan Russell; sister Noma Ruth Winton and husband Carlton of Roundrock and brother Woodie Caffey and wife Darlene of Stanton.

The family would like to thank the nurses, personal care aides, social services department, and especially Dr. Gregory Bartha of Hospice Midland for their compassionate care over the past three and one half years.

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

Pallbearers will be Clayton Heath, Derrick Melton, Sterling Melton, Corbin Melton, Johnny Haun, Hunter Haun, Trevor Roten, Mike Kinnett and Logan Kinnett.

The family suggests memorials to Western Baptist Association, 1101 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21502; College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane; Big Spring 79720 or Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland 79701.

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

*Paid obituary*

Bill C. 'Bud' Coleman

Bill C. "Bud" Coleman, 77, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 12, 2007, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, July 16, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Shane Brue, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

He was born July 23, 1929, in Big Spring and married Dorothy Walters on July 29, 1950, in Big Spring.

Bud was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and a member of Texas A&M Class of 1950. He was active in Rotary for many years and was presented the Paul Harris Fellow award. Bud enjoyed playing bridge and poker.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Coleman of Big Spring; two sons, Bill Coleman and fiance, Flora Vega of Big Spring and Bob Coleman of Colorado City; one sister, Dorothy Johnson of Big Spring; and numerous other relatives.

Honorary pallbearers will be Kenneth Johnson, Charles Johnson and the Monday Night Poker Club.

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

Esther Cathcart

Esther Cathcart, 95, of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 14, 2007, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Leatrice Whitehead

Leatrice Whitehead, 79, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 13, 2007, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- ERICK QUALLS, 41, no address given, was arrested on a citation.
- CHARLES REIGN, 45, no address given, was arrested on a citation.
- SAMMIE WILLIAMS, 32, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARCUS LAMAR COLE, 20, 715 Tulane, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- CODY D. McCAIN, 22, 510 Goliad, was arrested on two local warrants.
- CHARLES FLOYD MASE, 33, 712 Birdwell, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- CYNTHIA MENDEZ, 37, 302 N.W. Sixth, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of Fifth.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 800 and 1200 blocks of Interstate 20 and the 2000 block of Gregg.
- DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID was reported in the 200 block of Sixth.
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY was reported in the 500 block of 15th.
- THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willia, the 2000 block of Gregg and the 2400 block of Gregg.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1400 block of Highway 87.

Weather

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Light and variable winds becoming east around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Light and variable winds becoming east around 10 mph in the afternoon.

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

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 90.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-16-20-24.  
Number matching five of five: 0.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-8-1

Bulletin Board

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- MONDAY**
- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
  - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

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# Beckham's arrival worth the hype

It's safe to say no athlete, no matter how famous, has ever gotten a welcome quite like David Beckham.



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Hundreds of fans at the airport, and thousands more at the stadium — decked out in his brand-new jersey, of course. His every word, smile and wave during his introduction carried live across the

globe. A blizzard of confetti. Not just one mayor on hand, but two.

Beckham is worth every bit of this fawning. Ever since he announced in January he was leaving Europe to come to the Los Angeles Galaxy, the talk about soccer's most famous face and foot tended to fall into one of two categories: He's going to be the savior of Major League Soccer, or he'll make a big splash initially, just as Pele did 30 years ago, but it won't matter because Americans don't care

about soccer.

Neither is true. The anti-soccer curmudgeons are loath to admit it, but the world's favorite game has established a solid foothold here and it's only going to get bigger. Go to any park or schoolyard on the weekend, and somebody's playing soccer. TV ratings for last summer's World Cup were up — even with the U.S. team going home early — and ABC and ESPN think enough of the game to televise all 31 matches of the 2008 European Championship.

Will adding Beckham to this mix elevate soccer to NFL status? No, and it's ridiculous to expect that of him.

But with his good looks, ever-changing hairstyles, Spice Girl wife and BFFs who double as Hollywood's A list, Beck's will make sure fans and fringe alike watch. He gives MLS the kind of pop culture cred it was years from getting on its own.

More importantly, he and the other big-name players who joined MLS this season will lift the level of play across the league. That helps narrow the still-considerable gap with Europe's top leagues and makes for stronger American players. Which eventually means better results at the World Cup. Which eventually generates more interest in the sport.

It's a work in progress to be sure, this makeover of the United States into a full-fledged soccer nation. That was clear with the tacky displays at Friday's news conference — and no, that's not a reference to Posh and her outfit.

The Galaxy trotted out L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, who is currently starring in the city's most popular soap opera after splitting with his wife and announcing his affair with a local TV newscaster. He was, not surprisingly, booed. Galaxy GM Alexi Lalas couldn't pass on the opportunity to shill team merchandise.

But that is why Beckham is here. His arrival is a shortcut on the road to respectability.

"I think soccer in America has a lot of potential, just maybe something is missing to

take it to another level," he said after his introduction Friday. "And I'm hoping I'm going to be part of that."

The naysayers love to point to Pele, saying even he couldn't convert Americans when he played for the New York Cosmos in the heady days of the North American Soccer League.

But that's not a fair comparison.

Americans were about as into soccer as they were cricket when the NASL began in 1967. Sure, there were some semipro leagues and a few die-hard fans. But there was no base, no real history of the game. The United States hadn't been to the World Cup since 1950, and an American had as good a chance of playing on the moon as he did in any of

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## STEERS

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Whitefaces. Big Spring will be looking for a bit of revenge against the Whitefaces. Hereford knocked the Steers out of the playoffs with a 31-24 overtime victory.

Homecoming will be Oct. 5, featuring a game against a former district rival — Andrews' Mustangs. The Mustangs return 16 starters from a team that advanced to the Class 3A Division I state quarterfinals.

The Steers will begin district play the following week in a home game against Plainview's Bulldogs.

They visit defending the district champion and Class 4A Division II state semifinalist Frenship Tigers on Oct. 26. Frenship features three seniors, who have already given verbal commitments to play for Texas Tech — quarterback Seth Doege, tailback Michael Connor and defensive end Ryan Haliburton.

The Steers won't be helpless in this schedule and Ritchey will definitely have some weapons to use. Big Spring will be switching to a spread offense, taking advantage of speedsters, such as

junior wideout Sidney Parker and sophomore running back Monte Anderson.

Defensively, the Steers will be led by senior cornerback Brandon Ontiveros and junior linebacker Cade Hollandsworth.

Season tickets are now on sale for previous holders at the ATC until July 24. They will be made available to the general public Aug. 8.

### Big Spring Steers football schedule

|            |                      |      |
|------------|----------------------|------|
| Aug. 18    | WF Hirschi (Abilene) | 6:00 |
| Aug. 24    | Pampa (Lubbock)      | 6:00 |
| Aug. 31    | Odessa High (T)      | 7:30 |
| Sept. 7    | S.A. Central (T)     | 7:30 |
| Sept. 14   | Hereford (H)         | 7:30 |
| Sept. 21   | Abilene Wylie (H)    | 7:30 |
| Sept. 28   | Sweetwater (T)       | 7:30 |
| Oct. 5     | Andrews (H)          | 7:30 |
| HOMECOMING |                      |      |
| Oct. 12    | *Plainview (H)       | 7:30 |
| O P E N    |                      |      |
| Oct. 19    | O P E N              |      |
| Oct. 26    | *Frenship (T)        | 7:30 |
| Nov. 2     | *Estacado (H)        | 7:30 |
| Nov. 9     | *Lakeview (T)        | 7:30 |

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## DAHLBERG

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the new league his group is trying to launch may have the best gimmick yet.

You need a college degree to play.

"I wouldn't have stayed with this if it hadn't been for the college degree requirement," Corrigan said.

Corrigan likes that rule for good reason. For seven years he was athletic director at Notre Dame, and he is the former commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference. He saw an awful lot of players leave college without degrees to pursue their goal of playing in the NFL, mostly with little success.

Those who didn't make it were left with limited job skills, and their football prospects reduced to playing with semipro teams.

"All kids think they are going to play in the NFL," Corrigan said. "Not many do."

The All-American Football League hasn't

played a game yet. It may never play one, though Corrigan, league financier Marcus Katz and the rest of the board of directors hope to make a decision in September to go forward with a spring schedule.

The league would be based mainly in the South, with six to eight teams consisting of players who went to college in that area. A team in Orlando, for example, would use mostly former Florida, Florida State and Miami players.

If tryouts last week were any indication, getting players won't be a problem. Katz said 2,000 players wanted to try out, and that 300 were accepted and showed up in Orlando.

Among them was Todd DeLamielleure, a linebacker at Duke and Rutgers who now works as a firefighter in Charleston, S.C.

"The last few years I've always hoped to get some type of opportunity," DeLamielleure said.

"This league is different. The fact that it's going to try and draw on college traditions where there's a lot of loyalty should get

a fan base right away."

The concept sounds good, but until the average fan plunks down actual money to watch, that's all it is. And while television craves sports content, there's not a network around ready to pay a new league for rights.

Besides, who really needs a league full of goody-goody college graduates who don't hang around strip clubs after the game? How are they going to get any media attention if they don't preen after making tackles, wear more jewelry than Mr. T, and run dog-fighting rings?

How about a real league, with ready-made stars like Pacman Jones, Tank Johnson and Chris Henry there for the taking? The All-Outlaw League wouldn't have many rules, but one of them would be that players could only be on teams in the same state as the prison they just left.

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## BRIEFS

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Girls Softball Association All-Star teams are raising funds for expenses for the tournaments on the UTPB campus in Odessa each team will participate in starting Friday and continuing through Sunday. Each team needs to raise \$1,400.

Any person, group or business willing to donate can visit www.bigspringsoftbal.com for contact information.

### 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 is from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The fee will be \$125 per player.

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

### Texas Tech schedules camps

Tech's High Altitude Cross Country Camp will be held Aug. 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.

### Wal-Mart, HEB playing for charity

Employees of HEB and Wal-Mart have scheduled a charity softball game at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Cotton Mize field in Comanche Trail Park.

Admission is free and all proceeds made from the concession stands will be donated to charity.

Wal-Mart will be playing for the Boys Club and Relay for Life, while HEB is playing for The United Way.

### O.H. Ivie opening hunting to public

Application for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas will be accepted by mail only beginning Monday and ending Aug. 17.

Permits will be limited. A public drawing for the 2007 hunting season will be held at 1 p.m. Sept. 14 at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office located near the north end of the dam. All applicants are welcome to attend, if they desire.

Requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) at 267-6341. Or write to CRMWD, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, 79721 with attention to public hunting.

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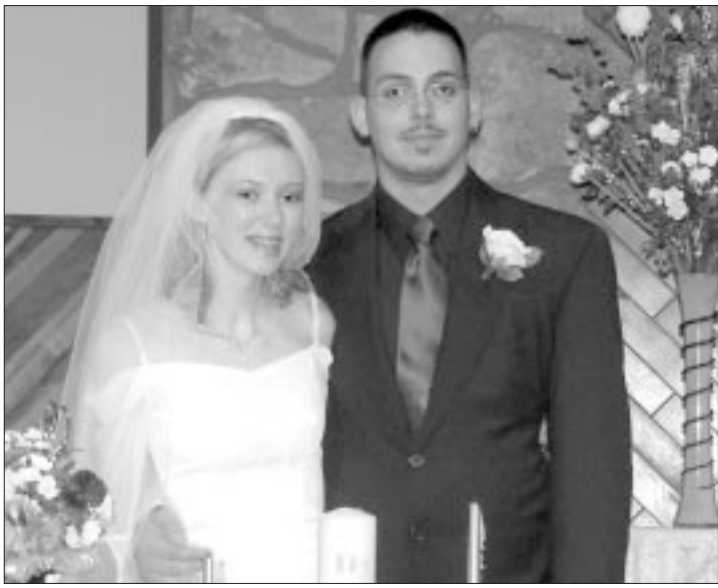
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Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Chrisman

**Bedford and Chrisman**

Lorisa Layne Bedford of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, and Bryan Lee Chrisman of Lubbock, formerly of Roswell, N.M. were united in marriage at Bethel Baptist Church in Roswell at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 2, 2007. The ceremony was performed by Richard Grisham, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church.

Lorisa is the daughter of Johnny and Desiree Bedford of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Janice Wagner of Big Spring and the late Doug Wagner Sr. and Dorcas Bedford of Burleson, formerly of Big Spring, and the late Bob Bedford. She is the great-granddaughter of Della Robinson of Berthoud, Colo.

The groom is the son of David and Jana Chrisman of Roswell, the grandson of Lou Hubbard of Roswell and the late Herb Hubbard, and David and Pat Chrisman of Roswell and the great-grandson of John and Elizabeth Gary of Roswell.

The bride's father, Johnny Bedford, escorted the bride down the aisle;

and when asked, "Who gives this bride in marriage?" stated, "Her mother and I do."

The bride was wearing a wedding gown made of ivory satin overlaid with sheer organza and sporting off-the-shoulder long sheer butterfly sleeves, beaded spaghetti straps, a decorative lace-up back and a train. She also wore a sheer veil with beaded edging. The groom was attired in a charcoal pinstripe suit, which belonged to his grandfather, and a dark purple tie.

The bridal bouquet had two silver entwined hearts surrounded and uplifted by dark and light purple, violet and white flowers and greenery with silver, sheer silver, black and purple ribbon trim.

The groom's father, David Chrisman, sang "The Lord's Prayer" during the ceremony. Other featured music played included "Innocence," sung by Avril Lavigne, "Broken Road," sung by Rascal Flatts, and a selection from the "Roswell" soundtrack.

The couple exited the

church to "Bitter Sweet Symphony" by The Verve. Daniel Mendiola and Kevin Michael Cochran served as ushers. Kathryn Cochran attended the registry table. Misty Kennedy, the groom's cousin, and Denise Wagner, the bride's aunt, were the photographers. Kraig Knox, the bride's brother-in-law, video recorded the ceremony.

Maid of honor was Megan Shell of Lubbock and bridesmaids were Lavenda Bedford and Kaleena Knox, both of Lubbock and Brittany Mendiola of Roswell. Best man was Max Royall of Lubbock and groomsmen were Ryne Bedford of Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, formerly of Lubbock, and Gerald Aguirre and Wade Hood, both of Roswell.

Flower girls were Caytlin Wagner of Big Spring and Natalie Van Horn and Isabelle Mendiola, both of Roswell. Isabelle carried the ring box.

The maid of honor and bridesmaids were attired in black tea-length halter-dresses and the best man and groomsmen were attired in black shirts, black pants and dark silver/charcoal ties. The flower girls were attired in black shoulder strapped gathered dresses with ivory ribbons and decorative hem points. The flower girl ring bearer wore an ivory ruffled dress. The maid of honor and bridesmaids carried bouquets of light and dark purple flowers and ribbons similar to the bride's larger bouquet, and the boutonnières and corsages for the rest of the wedding party, parents and grandparents were made of light and dark purple flowers.

The reception was held in the fellowship hall of Bethel Baptist Church. The wedding cake was a three-tiered white cake adorned with silver hearts, dark purple flowers and black ribbon and had a purple fountain beneath the bottom layer and a black entwined bride and groom porcelain topper. The groom's cake was a basic German chocolate cake with some light brown decorative

flowers around the edges. The room was decorated purple and black with white and lace table cloths. Sherbet punch, dinner mints, mixed nuts and different flavored chocolate candy sticks were also served. The bride and groom's grandmothers were the servers. At the close of the reception, the guests formed an aisle outside the door and blew bubbles and threw wild rice with birdseed at

the couple as they exited the building.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of New Deal High School and is currently employed by Convergys in Lubbock.

The groom attended Lubbock Coronado High School through 2001 and obtained his GED. He is a shift manager for Pizza Hut in Wolfforth.

The couple honeymooned in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

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**Kyle and Laci McMorries participate in the Martin County Old Settlers Reunion parade Saturday morning. Almost 50 entries participated in the parade, the keynote event in the 74th annual reunion.**



**REUNION**

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ing. About 45 entries, ranging from Boy Scouts to Shriners, greeted a large crowd lining St. Peter Street.

"It seems like it's a little smaller than it was last year, but it was still good," Myrick said.

Several events filled the afternoon schedule, including an antique tractor pull, tours of the museum and Connell House and a meal and program at the community center.

The honored family at this year's reunion was the Caleb and Sarah Louder clan. Family members participated in the morning parade, then were honored at a 2 p.m. reception.

The major reason for the event, however, was the chance for old friends to renew acquaintances. Several class reunions were on tap during the day.

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**COUNCIL**

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The city administration had plenty of suggestions to work with, as council members each brought numerous projects to the table.

Councilwoman Gloria McDonald listed several items of interest, including the enlistment of a grant writer, signage at the historic spring in Comanche Trail Park to better identify the landmark and the annexation of property into the municipal borders.

"I'd like to see some property be annexed into the city. This is something we can discuss in more detail at an appropriate time, but I want to know where we begin," said McDonald. "How do we get the process started? There are some ideas

about some land that we need to discuss for the coming year."

Councilwoman Jo Ann Staulcup had several items she'd like to see considered, including costs surrounding the expected closing of the municipal landfill in 2020, water treatment, a recycling program for the city and a closer look at travel budgets.

"I'd like for us to take a more detailed look at our travel budgets," said Staulcup. "I want us to look at all of the details and see where we're spending the majority of the money. I know some of these are things that are required, but I feel like we can also cut some of that."

Councilman Greg Biddison said the condition of several city streets — most notably Lancaster — has his attention for

the coming budget sessions, as well as improved lighting at Cotton Mize Field, a softball facility located in Comanche Trail Park.

"I think we could look at using some CVB (Conventions and Visitors Bureau) funds for the field," said Biddison.

The longest list of requests during the evening-long session came from Councilwoman Stephanie Horton.

Among the items of concern for her were improved street signage for the city's north and west sides and a grant writer.

Horton also asked the city staff to look at seal-coating for dirt roads, most specifically in the Jones Valley area, and an increase in the police department's drug-related investigations.

"I'd like to see more drug patrol units," said Horton. "There are just too much drugs going on in the city. I have drugs right now in my neighborhood. We have to do something to stop this."

Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr. voiced similar concerns for streets and signage in his district, and suggested the council look into a city-wide "hot spot" for wireless Internet service.

"I've been looking at a similar program in another Texas city," said Ramirez. "Most programs, even EMS and fire programs, are Web-based now. There are a lot of different ways we could benefit from the city-wide hot spot. I'm not sure if the nearby ISPs (Internet Service Providers) would be against it or not, but it could certainly be a valuable tool for the city."

Mayor Russ McEwen said the majority of his concerns were brought up by fellow council members, but did express his support of the city's merit-based pay raise system.

"I think the merit pay system is a very good thing, and that's something I'd certainly like to see continued," he said.

The first workshop is slated for 5 p.m. Monday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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between going back to school armed with the proper materials and being forced to rely on the day to day generosity of their classmates, according to Keeney.

"This is very important. This gives a child an opportunity to go to school with brand new supplies," said Keeney. "Some children go to school and they don't have any supplies at all. They have to depend on borrowing their supplies or depend on a teacher to supply them."

"When they go to school and have what they need, they fit right in. They're not being made fun of. And it's important to the family to be able to do that. It's also a great

opportunity for the community to come together and help each other."

According to Salvation Army Social Worker Paula Lafler, the application process and distribution of the school supplies will be handled similar to past efforts.

"The last few years we've done the applications and distributions at the same time," said Lafler. "The parents come in and fill out the paperwork, and if they are eligible, they can pick up

the supplies right then. It makes it easier to keep up with our supply, and it makes it easier on them because they don't have to make a second trip to the office."

"We're in the process of nailing down the date for applications, so that's going to be announced soon. However, what we need now more than anything is donations from the program, whether it's in the form of supplies or monetary donations. We have to have the support

of the community."

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**ARMOUR**

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Europe's top leagues. Pele, Franz Beckenbauer and Johan Cruyff may have excited fans, but there was nothing to grab onto beyond them.

"Pele sort of started on page 1," soccer historian

Colin Jose said. "And now we're at page 50." MLS is only in its 12th season, but it has already had an impact. Where the best players once hung up their boots in high school or college, they can now make a living playing soccer. Maybe not the \$32.5 million Beckham is getting paid, but enough to keep

them playing. U.S. players are no longer novelties in Europe, with three — Brian McBride, Carlos Bocanegra and Clint Dempsey — at Fulham alone in the English Premier League. And while the Americans didn't exactly do themselves proud at last summer's World Cup, they're not

international lightweights anymore. Soccer's time in America is coming.

Beckham's arrival brings it that much closer. Nancy Armour is a

national sports columnist for *The Associated Press*. Write to her at [narmour@ap.org](mailto:narmour@ap.org)

**Yankee fans do u-turn on A-Rod**

Talk about a U-turn: All those New Yorkers who volunteered to drive Alex Rodriguez back to LaGuardia Airport within weeks of his arrival, and almost every day since, suddenly can't imagine life without him.



JIM LITKE

Remember the tank top A-Rod's wife wore to Yankee Stadium nearly two weeks ago? The one with the two-word obscenity printed on the back that the New York Post splashed on the front page and the locals found so offensive? Well, the only thing that would offend most of them at the moment is finding out that Cynthia Rodriguez borrowed it from her husband's closet. Because now that the New York dailies again are speculating whether A-Rod could be going, going, gone at season's end, it might be easier to ship the Statue of Liberty out of town instead.

The Yankees are 10 games behind AL East-leading Boston. But fans understand that without Rodriguez's off-the-charts contributions so far, calculating the "games-behind" figure would have required the use of their toes as well. That explained why unidentified team executives

have been quoted as saying the club is willing to negotiate an extension for Rodriguez whenever his agent, Scott Boras, gets around to calling. The first time the subject was broached in March, Boras said he was instructed to hold off on contract talks during the season, and that remains his stance in public.

"We have always been under the plan that it's something we would talk about at the end of the season, and we've had no discussions with anyone," Boras said Thursday, then quickly added, "Don't expect to." Willy as he is, Boras knows the current panic has more to do with slow news days than a real shift in the Yankees' negotiating stance. But he also knows the longer it drags on, the easier his work likely will be come November, not to mention much more lucrative.

The funny thing is that A-Rod never had it quite this good in New York. For all the things he's tried to win over fans and teammates — moving from shortstop to third, trash-talking opponents, even baring his soul about visits to a shrink — nothing has made him look better than being surrounded by similarly high-priced, but woefully underperforming teammates. And because details of his salary have been published over and over the

last few days, even the most committed A-Rod haters have to concede he's a bargain.

Rodriguez gets a \$27 million salary this year, but thanks to the shrewd deal general manager Brian Cashman cut to bring him to New York, Texas Rangers owner Tom Hicks still has to kick in about \$11 million of the total. As one of the tabloids noted, that means the Yankees are getting A-Rod's services for about 60 cents on the dollar.

Of course, that assumes Rodriguez will continue motoring along at his MVP pace and, almost as important, delivering big hits in the late innings. He's already hit seven home runs in the ninth inning alone, two of them game-ending.

Loved as Rodriguez is at the moment, however, all it will take is a big drop in production or another subpar playoff performance, and he'll be loathed again. And that tank top his wife wore to Yankee Stadium could become a hot-selling item in the Bronx, with the word, "too," tacked on the end.

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**Big Spring native making name for himself as jockey**

**Herald Staff Report**

Frankie Pennington Jr. left Big Spring at age 14 with his parents Peggy and Rodney Faulkner to pursue his dream of being a jockey. He had attended Forsan and Coahoma schools.



FRANKIE PENNINGTON

His first win was aboard "Confused Genius" Sept. 21, 2003. At 17 he moved to the big track Philadelphia Park where he became the leading apprentice rider and, at age 18, won the \$100,000 New Jersey

Derby aboard "Touched By Madness."

Last year he was the leading rider and broke the track record for most wins with 261 for the year. He would like to acknowledge his older brother Cody Pennington who is currently a Marine corporal in San Diego, Calif. He would also like to recognize his father, Frankie Pennington Sr. of Big Spring, mother Peggy Faulkner and his stepfather Rodney Faulkner of Cleveland Ohio, as well as his grandparents John and Pat Ramey of Big Spring, James Pennington and step-grandfather Joe Faulkner for their support.

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## Turney and Metcalf

Meghann Nicole Turney and Jesse Lee Metcalf III were united in marriage Saturday, June 23, 2007, at 4 p.m. in the Midway Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Meghann is the daughter of Kathy Turney of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Patsy O'Neil and the late Alvin O'Neil of Lamesa.

Jesse is the son of Jesse and Lori Metcalf of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Helen Metcalf and the late Jesse Metcalf Sr. of Coahoma and William Brown of Big Spring and Mary Whitsitt of Vernon.

Guests registered from Dallas; Cedar Raids, Iowa; Fort Worth; College Station; Midland; Coahoma; Temple; Vernon; Lamesa and Big Spring. Assisting at the registration table was Katie O'Neil, cousin of the bride. A picture of the bride and groom and a tall crystal vase filled with red and white roses adorned with white and gold ribbons graced the table.

Vows were exchanged before an alter accented with three seven-branch candelabrum decorated with lace-leaf geranium ivy, miniature red rose buds and white lady's breath. A long alter rail was draped with leather, leaf ivy and held six tall crystal hurricane lamps. Baskets of lace-leaf geranium ivy were positioned at each side of the candelabrum. The wedding decorations were designed and created by Nevell Griffin of Lamesa, aunt of the bride.

The bridal aisle was marked with white silk-

taffeta bows centered with silk illusion and white seed pearls.

Following the vows officiated by Pastor Mark Winn of Big Spring, the bride and groom performed the unity ceremony to the musical selection "I Cross My Heart."

Serving as the bride's maid of honor was Jessica Spradling of Midland. She wore a sleeveless tea-length gown of red peau do soie with a red chiffon overlay and carried an arm bouquet of red and white roses tied with white satin ribbons.

Randall Hipp of Big Spring served the groom as the best man. Ushers were Eric Barber, Cody Barraza, Mitchell Hooper and Andy Metcalf of Big Spring. The groom and his attendants were dressed identically in traditional black tuxedo jackets, red vests, black jeans and black boots.

Gehrig Abbott of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was ring bearer and he carried a white, satin pillow decorated with embroidery lace and white seed pearls.

D.J. Chandler and McKaylee Metcalf of Big Spring served as flower girls. They wore identical white, sleeveless, tea-length gowns of silk-taffeta accented with a red sash. Each carried white baskets filled with red and white rose petals.

Escorted to the alter and given in marriage by her brother Matthew Turney of Big Spring, the bride wore a formal Mori Lee gown of candlelight white satin. The A-line gown featured a strapless bodice accented with



Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lee Metcalf III

metallic embroidery, beading and crystals and was designed with a shoe-lace back. Metallic embroidery and beading also accented the front of the skirt. Her fingertip veil of silk illusion featured the same beading and crystals at the edging and was attached to a small jeweled tiara. Her bridal bouquet was fashioned with red roses and white baby's breath tied with white silk ribbon streamers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held

in the church fellowship hall. Tables were draped in white cloths and centered with a runner of red roses and greenery. The bride's table was covered with a floor length, white silk-linen cloth topped with a white lace overlay. The center and each corner of the table cloth was gathered and tied with white, tulle bows centered

with one miniature red rose. A tall pedestal crystal vase filled with red roses, baby's breath and greenery centered the table. The bride's cake, a cream cheese confection frosted in white icing, was designed with red roses atop the cake and a ring of red roses around each tier.

The groom's table was draped with a white cloth and also held a large crystal vase of red roses. The groom's cake, a large double-dutch chocolate confection, was fashioned in a western theme with miniature spurs, cowboy hats and boots as decorations. A large tray of chocolate dipped strawberries was served.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of O'Donnell High School and a 2007 graduate of Howard College. She plans to enroll in the fall for the EMT program.

The groom is a 2004 graduate of Coahoma High School and graduated from Howard College. He is attending the Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy. He is employed with the Howard County Sheriff's Department.

After a wedding trip to South Padre Island, the couple will reside in Howard County.

Parents of the groom hosted a rehearsal dinner Friday evening, June 22, at KC Steak House in Big Spring. Guests enjoyed a menu of steak, chicken, shrimp, vegetables, rolls, coffee or tea, strawberry cheese cake or chocolate pie.

Aubrey Hamilton, wife Jo of Tyler. He is retired from the U.S. Air Force.

Chance Nichols, wife Amber of Louisville, Ken. He is employed at Johansen Landscape & Nursery.

Douglas Evans, wife Danielle of San Angelo. He is a RN at the Big Spring State Hospital.

Gaston Lackey, wife Sharon of Midland. He is employed at United Fuel & Energy out of Midland.

Eric Hess, wife Amanda, daughter Haley, 4, Destiny, 6, son Nathan, 3, of Fort Benning, Ga.

Abel Rios, wife Lucy of Des Plaines, Ill. He is retired from construction work.

Alfredo Luna, wife Karen, son Alfredo Jr., 8 months old. He is employed by Key Energy.

Brad Dockrey, wife Donna. He is self-employed in the aviation industry.

Hector Gonzalez, wife Nadine, son Xavier, 10, daughter Alexis, 8, of Levelland. He is employed by Robinson Drilling of Texas.

Alfonso Ramirez, wife Jessica, son Alfonso Jr., 2 1/2, of El Paso. He is employed by Blatter & Son Windmill Construction.

Lucie Atkinson of Midland. She is a clerk at Warren Chiropractic Center.

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## OUR VIEWS

# A tough time for those who represent us

It's one of the most excruciating times of the year for elected officials anywhere — that time when every entity which collects taxes, fees and other assessments is tasked with forming a budget for the coming fiscal year.

It means hours and hours of meetings with managers, financial officers and department heads in an effort to accomplish what sometimes seems all but impossible.

Some of it is projection based on past history: How much water will city customers use? How many more miles can the school district rely on an aging 74-passenger bus? Will sales tax rebates remain steady? How many prisoners will have to be housed in other county's jails? Will an air conditioning unit that supplies cool air to 150 students or 60 employees last one more year?

When needs are identified, they must be prioritized. Then choices must be made, based on revenue expectations.

We don't envy those who have to make these decisions — our public schools and college boards, city council members and county commissioners. At the same time they are the individuals elected to represent us and we expect them to do so with us in mind.

That's not easy, because we are all different individuals who live in different neighborhoods. For some, resurfacing the street in front of our homes is of paramount importance. Others see water quality as a big issue. Still others deem the county road near their farm or ranch a priority.

If we have children in school, public education always seems to have more importance.

If we are on a limited budget, it's important that we don't have to endure a tax increase.

Our elected representatives have to take all of that into consideration and make the best decisions they can — sometimes with very limited resources.

That seems to almost certainly be the case for most of the taxing entities in Howard County. Yes, property values figure to be higher, but so are the costs of everything our governments and schools need to operate.

We here at the *Herald* are like most, we want those representatives to search hard for ways to cut costs and retain, if not improve, services. After all, everyone wants more for less, don't they? Sure they do!

Rarely is that possible.

As a result, we all have to be realistic.

Therefore, we encourage the general public to be tolerant in the days and weeks ahead, and to remember that those representatives are faced with a very difficult and quite often thankless task.

We don't envy them one bit. We do, however, thank them for their service and think there is no better time than to let them know they are appreciated for the job they do for all of us.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*We are optimistic and positive when we walk with You, Lord.*

Amen

# Spending plenty on a revolving door

The defendant sat in the witness box, dressed in a blindingly orange jumpsuit, testifying on his own behalf why he should have a bond reduction. After the judge declared a mistrial on evidence of jury tampering by the defendant's family, this young black man, barely 23 years old, was in county jail in a small East Texas town awaiting his second trial on narcotics possession. In this case, it was crack cocaine with intent to deliver in a drug free school zone, some 200 yards from a neighborhood Head Start program.



CYNTHIA HALL CLEMENTS

The judge had set his bail at \$250,000, since the local police had arrested him on a subsequent drug charge, marijuana possession, while he was out on a lower bail before his first trial.

The defendant testified he needed a lower amount now, perhaps \$100,000, to get out of county jail since his grandfather was in poor health and his grandmother needed him to help her with his niece, who lived with them.

His girlfriend, a petite, young white woman sitting in the audience, started weeping when the deputy brought him to the courtroom and she saw him shackled and handcuffed.

During testimony, the district attorney asked on cross-examination, "How many times have you been arrested in your adult career as a criminal?"

The defendant had just stated he never had held legal employment to-date.

"I don't know," mumbled the defendant, which I'm certain was his way of saying, "It's too many too recall."

"Does 34 times sound right?" the D.A. asked, reviewing the defendant's rap sheet.

"Sure," he admitted, nonchalantly, whatever. His answer stunned me, though.

The judge denied the defendant's motion for a bond reduction, which was not unexpected. The deputies gathered up and escorted Mr. Defendant back to county jail, and his girlfriend wailed even harder. This endeavor in futility wasted 30 plus minutes of court time, not including the legal effort before it got there.

It's the process that counts, not those charged with a crime, any been-around lawyer will tell you. It's justice by checklist. Read defendant his rights. Check. Defense argument. Check. Prosecution cross-examination. Check.

Divorces, drugs and drama reign; only the faces are different in the blur of the busy courtroom. The stories are shockingly similar to the novice observer. It's mind numbing at times, emotionally overwhelming at others, but the system perseveres, regardless of the participants.

But 34 previous arrests for this baby-faced, seemingly innocuous in appearance, African-American man? That number stuck with me. Even when not including juvenile offenses, it's too many. Basic math shows his arrest average is about seven a year, approximately once every other month, consistently, for the past five years. My fear, though, is that he's like too many others, since almost 45 percent of

Texas' inmate population is black, even though African Americans are just 12 percent of the state population.

The state of Texas is wasting its resources on this guy. We've arrested him "34 times." He's had countless motions before the court, numerous trials and lived in county jail and the Texas Department of Corrections for a good part of the past five years, not including his juvenile delinquencies and time spent for them.

For the amount Texas taxpayers have spent on processing this young man through various encounters with the system, he likely could have attended community college, or a technical school to learn a vocation, also paid for by us.

"But some people just don't want to help themselves," I hear the eye-for-an-eye crowd clamoring, eager for blood — sometimes literally — and retribution. Fine. Let's just continue to pay for prison for this guy until the legal players change, until he's broken and thoroughly defeated in and by life, and then we'll release him. We'll still be supporting him, however, through Medicaid and food stamps.

That'll show him. Or will it show us?

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# Scooter's got an extended family

The way the deal went down, according to usually reliable informants, if you get my meaning, is this:

When the caper started — the going to the mattresses with the Mustache Pete way out East — Chainsaw Dick calls in the Scooter man, his top earner, and tells him to go out and sell the operation. It's important, he says. The future of the Family depends on it.



DONALD KAUL

So ol' Scooter, he starts selling and does a heckuva job, on account of people trust him so much. Hey, you seen the guy. Would Scooter lie?

He does such a good job that even *The New York Times* is in bed with us, you believe that?

So when the caper begins to go sour (which is because not enough muscle was assigned to the project, in my opinion) the vultures, including "The New York Times," begin jumping all over the Boss.

Even Chainsaw Dick starts to get heat. Shoulda done this, Shoulda done that; woulda, coulda, shoulda.

They even got the nerve to accuse the Boss of lying about a few minor details, like he's supposed to know everything about everything.

This makes Chainsaw mad — you know how he is — so he sends his crew out to take care of the bozos who are all the time

criticizing, including one bozo's wife who is a blonde I would not turn away from my door in a snowstorm, if you know what I mean. We ain't talking about sleeping with no fishes here, just a little character assassination, teach 'em a lesson.

Naturally, Scooter being Scooter, he is the point man on this and, like always, he does a heckuva job. When all of a sudden the linguini hits the fan and before you know it Scooter — the Chainsaw's right-hand guy — is in front of a grand jury, looking at criminal charges. For messing with a reputation! What they think this is, beanbag?

Anyway, this all makes people back at the Ba-Da-Bing on Pennsylvania Avenue a little nervous. There is talk, even, of bringing Crazy Boy Liddy out of retirement to whack the Scooter. The Chainsaw says no.

The Scooter is a standup guy, he says, and will not rat us out. In effect, he vouches for him, so what ya gonna do?

But pretty soon, the Scooter man is indicted and his mouthpieces are talking about calling Chainsaw as a witness. In court. I mean can you imagine the Chainsaw up there on the witness stand taking the Fifth? It would be undignified.

So now the Boss's capi are really nervous. Are you sure Scooter is not going to rat us out, they keep asking.

Chainsaw, he just gives them that look, you know the one. "I'll have someone talk to Scooter's

lawyers," he says. "I will make them an offer they can't refuse." Discussion over.

And pretty soon, what do you know, you don't hear nothing more about the Chainsaw man being called to testify.

So they have their little trial and Scooter, he can't remember anything, and the jury, which it turns out we can't get to, says "guilty" and the judge, who apparently never wants to be on the Supreme Court, drops 30 small on our friend Scooter.

This, we all agree, is a bad situation. It's one thing to be a standup guy when you're out on bail; it's another when you're in the joint (although I have to admit, some of the fed joints aren't so bad. I learned to play checkers in one of 'em.)

However, just as Scooter is about to go inside the Boss steps in and commutes his sentence, which I didn't even know he could do unless he had a good reason.

So Scooter walks, his bills get paid by a person or persons unknown and Halliburton or some outfit like that gets a new executive.

Is that a happy ending or what?

Like I always said, it pays to have Family values.

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# Stewart, Hamlin tiff about Daytona crash

By CHRIS JENKINS

AP Sports Writer

JOLIET, Ill. — Tony Stewart is a two-time NASCAR champion and the unquestioned leader at Joe Gibbs Racing.

But upstart teammate Denny Hamlin doesn't think that means he should have to take the fall for an accident that he says wasn't his fault.

"It's painful to watch somebody trash you the way they did," Hamlin said. "And if I was behind him and totally blatantly wrecked him and took him out, he still should not have taken the route he took."

Hamlin was leading early on at Daytona International Speedway last Saturday when Stewart ran into the back of his teammates' car and both drivers crashed. Stewart blasted blamed Hamlin for slowing down in front of him, and questioned whether he understood what it meant to be a teammate.

Hamlin, who actually sits ahead of Stewart in the Nextel Cup standings going into Sunday's race at Chicagoland Speedway, said he still respects Stewart's leadership position in the team but wasn't backing down.

"He's still the leader at Joe Gibbs Racing, without a doubt," Hamlin said. "He's the guy who really, when I need help, I'll still go to regardless. But there's a point where being a leader doesn't make you right."

Hamlin said he would be looking for an explanation from Stewart this weekend, but it wasn't clear whether he got one. Stewart wouldn't talk about the incident on Friday, or confirm that he and Hamlin had spoken.

"I'm not going to talk about that this week," Stewart said. "That was last week, I'm on to this week. So if you want to talk about something going on this week, great. If not, I don't have

time to mess around with stuff that happened last week or two years ago."

The bickering between Stewart and Hamlin was just one of two high-profile intrasquad squabbles that showed no signs of cooling off at Chicagoland Speedway on Friday. As Hamlin returned Stewart's verbal volley, Kyle Busch continued to vent about being ostracized by his teammates at Hendrick Motorsports.

Busch, moving on after this season to make room for Dale Earnhardt Jr., complained after Saturday night's race in Daytona that his teammates didn't line up behind him to help him win. Busch reiterated his complaints Friday, saying he still thinks he's the odd man out at Hendrick.

Busch said he and the other Hendrick drivers used to call and text-message each other, but he has been alienated lately.

"I'm in the team meetings, just sitting there listening," Busch said. "I don't even really talk about what my car does, because they all seem to talk amongst themselves. I'm sort of just sitting there in the corner."

Busch said he wants to win races for his crew members, but he won't be doing any favors for his teammates if they aren't willing to help him out.

"I'm not helping anybody but myself and this team for winning races," Busch said. "And I'm not helping Jeff Gordon, and I'm not helping Jimmie Johnson, and I'm not helping Casey Mears. They're able to go back and see what (setups) I run and that kind of stuff, but for me, it's just to go out there and try to win races."

Johnson said he was surprised by Busch's postrace comments at Daytona.

"It's unfortunate that he thinks that way," Johnson said.



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Tony Stewart drives during qualifying for the Pepsi 400 at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach July 6. Stewart crashed into his teammate Denny Hamlin during the race causing a dispute between the two that continues into Sunday's race at Chicagoland Speedway.

"I can say that from the Hendrick side, we haven't done anything to push him out, to eliminate him from meetings and in fact, I thought we worked well throughout the race and I thought that our teammate situation was working really good, through our debriefs and advancing the race cars. Hopefully, his opinion will change and he won't have that chip on his shoulder thinking that everybody's trying to push him out."

Gordon said he planned to meet with Busch.

"I think everything is fine," Gordon said. "I don't see any issues there."

Johnson chuckled when he was reminded that Busch left

the track while his crew was working feverishly to fix his damaged car and get back in the race at Texas Motor Speedway earlier this year — perhaps not making Busch the sport's foremost authority on teamwork.

"I think he's a young driver, and we've all seen that, and he's going through a big growing process right now and I think it's good for him," Johnson said. "He has all the skills to be a champion, he's an amazing driver, and through this process I think he's going to do some growing, and he needs to."

But he'll need to do it somewhere else.

"Hopefully, as he moves into

a new team, he can grow and do the right things to have a very promising and successful career," Johnson said. "I really think he's probably one of the fastest guys on the track week in and week out, but he just needs to grow a little bit and mature in some other areas to be a team leader and kind of have some stability in his racing career."

Busch knows his complaints might further damage a public image that has been tarnished by occasional outbursts, but he doesn't seem to care.

"My perception's been horrible since I've come into this sport, so it doesn't really matter any more," Busch said.

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## ► Anniversary

### Roten 65th

STANTON — Robert Louis and Mamie Lee Roten will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 11, 2007, at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

The event will be hosted by the couple's children and grandchildren. It is requested that no gifts be brought.

Mr. and Mrs. Roten were both born in Red River County in 1925. They grew up together in the Aikin Grove Community south of Clarksville, where they met in the third grade.

Mrs. Roten, the former Mamie Perrin, married her husband on Aug. 7, 1942. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. L.B. Tooley, at this home.

Louis Roten served 23 months in the Army during World War II in the Philippines and Japan. He is retired from White Motor Company after completing 40 years of service. She is retired from Stanton National Bank after five years of service where she served as secretary to the president when the bank



65 years ago



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roten

opened its doors in 1985 until her retirement. She was also the administrator of Martin County Hospital for 15 years prior to joining the Stanton National Bank staff.

Both are members of First Baptist Church and he is a member of Stanton Masonic Lodge. She has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi for more than 63 years.

The couple have three children, Rodney Karl Roten of Midland, Robert Glenn Roten and wife Patty of San Marcus and Rhonda Gilliland of Stanton. They have nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

"We've never had a serious quarrel," the Rotens said, "because it

takes two to fight. She would fuss and he'd never say a word until she forgot what she was mad about."

Stanton and Martin County have been home to the Rotens for their entire marriage. They participate in senior citizen center activities and are both members of the Old Sorehead Band. They enjoy traveling, photography and most of all spending time with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



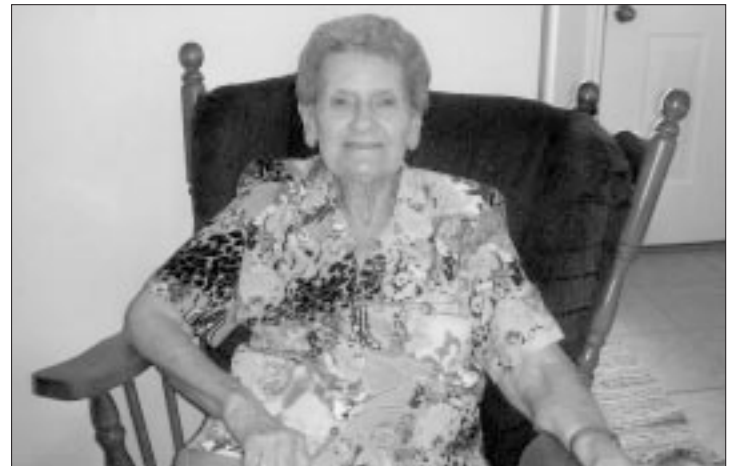
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The graduating class of Knott celebrated their 50 year reunion last May. Pictured are back row: J.T. Boney, Euladio Rodriguez, Bruce Parker, Woodie Long, front row: Helen Smith Rowe, Joan Allred Blagrove, Joyce Railsback Nichols, Flossy Ann Williams Alexander.

## Knott school reunion held

In September, 1945, 20 children started school at Knott school. Twelve years later, on May 17, 1957, there were 10 who graduated. Out of the original 20 students who started in 1945, five of those 10 were graduates. They were: Woodie Long, Joyce Railsback Nichols, Joan Allred Blagrove, Helen Smith Rowe and Flossy Ann Williams Alexander.

On May 17, 2007, the graduating class celebrated its 50th reunion at the Spanish Inn in Big Spring. Eight of the 10 who graduated attended. A fun-filled time of remembering old times at Knott school was reported by all who attended. The group is hoping to have another reunion in the future.



Fabris Moore was honored with a 89th birthday reception, Saturday, July 14, 2007, at the Coahoma Church of Christ. The event was hosted by her children, Alfred Moore, Myrtie and D.C. Lee, Wenona and Horace Hamilton and Danny and Sherye Moore.

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Miss Hoelscher is a graduate of Garden City High School and a 2004

graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science in agriculture science. She is employed by Capital Farm Credit in Uvalde as a loan officer.

Her fiancé, Aaron, is a graduate of Uvalde High School and a 2000 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science in entomology. He is employed by Del Monte Foods in Crystal City as a research manager and production supervisor.

The couple will be united in marriage Aug. 25, 2007 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Lawrence.

## 5 GENERATIONS

Courtesy photo

FIVE GENERATIONS — Jason Battle, left, of Ballinger and daughters Jessa Jo and Jenna Lee are pictured with their grandfather, Roger Battle, great grandmother, Myrtie Lee and great-great grandmother, Fabris Moore, of Big Spring, during Christmastime 2006.



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## ADOPT AN AIRPORT



From left, Col. Jim Little, director of the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, State Sen. Kel Seliger, Texas Department of Transportation District Engineer Russel Lenz, State Rep. Joe Heflin and Jarle Boe, owner of the U.S. Flight Academy, unveil a sign designating the airport as the 13th in the state to become part of the Adopt an Airport program. As provided by the program, Boe and his students will be responsible for cleanup of the airport grounds.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

## Retail sales take sharpest plunge in nearly 2 years

### Inventories post solid increase

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Consumers put away their wallets in June, sending retail sales crashing by the sharpest amount in nearly two years.

The Commerce Department reported

Friday that retail sales fell by 0.9 percent last month, the biggest drop since August 2005. Demand for autos, furniture and building supplies all plunged.

The drop was much bigger than the flat reading that economists had been expecting. It raised new worries about consumer spending, which is closely watched because it accounts for two-thirds of total economic activity.

But in other economic news, the government

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## TXU adopts 'Luminant' for power operations

DALLAS — "Luminant" is the new name for TXU Corp.'s power generation and related businesses, which include mining, wholesale marketing and trading, construction and development operations. The Luminant brand was announced in May with advertising to help business partners and the public become familiar with the new name prior to today's official transition. The name became official this week.

Adopting the new brand is a milestone as the Luminant business transforms and further focuses on providing cleaner energy, investing in renewable energy, leading the state as the largest purchaser of wind power and ensuring that customers' power needs are met safely and reliably, company officials said.

"We chose the Luminant name and its blue-and-green brand identity to reflect our environmental commitment and our vision for a new energy company to meet Texans' electricity needs," said Tom Baker, vice chairman, TXU Corp.

Several Luminant changes are occurring in the coming weeks. The Luminant brand is replacing the TXU Power brand on power plants and other facilities, vehicles and other locations. The people and assets of the power generation, wholesale marketing and trading and related businesses will start using the Luminant name.

Luminant business partners will experience no change in day-to-day operations as a result of the new name.

## Inventor finds easy propane tank gauge

By **JON ORTIZ**

McClatchy Newspapers

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — With the summer barbecue season well under way, gas grillers everywhere face the bane of propane: running out in mid-cookout. A Granite Bay, Calif., inventor known worldwide for devising a scale used to weigh animals says he has a solution.

Al Werner's Propane Tank Scale senses the weight of a propane tank and uses a simple one-button LED system to alert a user when it's time to refill.

The idea came to him about three years ago.

"I ran out of propane in the middle of a barbecue," Werner said. "I thought, 'I know I'm not the only person that this has happened to. How I can I solve this?'"

His answer is a decade-long story about how inventions evolve, and the battle inventors face to sell them for profit.

In 1997, the Sacramento Zoo was looking for a scale to weigh one of its lions. Zoo officials were concerned that the animal was sick; accurately tracking

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—Inventor Al Werner

its weight was one way to monitor its health.

Werner's company, Gagetek, made weight-sensing "load

cells" that convert downward force into an electric signal. He suggested that zoo officials place four cells under a sheet of plywood, then lay the anesthetized lion on top.

It worked. Refinements followed. The Gagetek RB-100P Portable Platform Scale became a word-of-mouth hit.

Today, more than 100 zoos worldwide use Gagetek scales to weigh everything from elephants to sea turtles. Anheuser-Busch Inc. recently bought one to weigh its famed Clydesdales. Werner, a zoo enthusiast, said

he doesn't make much money from the animal scale, which sells for up to \$2,700, depending on capacity.

The Propane Tank Scale, however, is a moneymaking venture. It uses the animal scale's load cell technology packaged in a 2-pound black plastic ring that looks like a car steering wheel. The user places it on a flat surface next to a gas grill, sets the propane tank on top and connects to the barbecue as usual.

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## CHAMBER RIBBON CUTTINGS



HERALD photo/Dustin Wilson  
Kim Shafer is surrounded by friends and family as Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives Tito Arencibia and Sherry Hodnett hold the ribbon as they celebrate the opening of The Life Clinic at 2601 Wasson.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
Mary Gregg, with scissors, is joined by fellow fellow Texas Workforce Commission officials and representatives of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce during ribbon cutting ceremonies denoting the grand opening of TWC's new offices in the Federal Building in downtown Big Spring.

# Hundreds line up to say goodbye to former first lady

By KELLEY SHANNON

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Former presidents and first ladies headed to Texas for a funeral service Saturday honoring Lady Bird Johnson.

First Lady Laura Bush and former first lady Barbara Bush planned to attend the service at Riverbend Centre. Former President Bill Clinton and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton; President Jimmy Carter and wife Rosalynn Carter; and former first lady Nancy Reagan also said they would be on hand.

Three days of ceremonies began Friday with private family prayer services, followed by a huge public outpouring. Visitors paying their respects to the wife of former President Lyndon B. Johnson filed past her casket late into the night at the LBJ Library and Museum, which was open to the public overnight.

Lady Bird Johnson died Wednesday at her Austin home of natural causes.

"My mother had 94 delicious years. She lived them to the fullest," daughter Luci Baines Johnson said Friday. Despite her mother's medical problems, she said, Lady Bird Johnson recently toured a university art museum and delighted in wildflowers in the nearby Hill Country.

"As long as she drew breath, she was wanting to discover and make an impact on beauty," her daughter said.

Ceremonies for Johnson began with a religious service for the family at her beloved Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, which Johnson founded in 1982 to further the preservation of wildflowers and native plants.

Her casket was later placed in the exact location in the Johnson library where her husband's casket rested after his death in 1973.

About 600 admirers were waiting in the Texas heat when the library's doors opened Friday afternoon.

The first person to file past



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The ceremonial procession with former first lady Lady Bird Johnson arrives at the LBJ Library in Austin.

the casket wiped a tear from her eye as she left the building.

"I'm very honored. What a neat lady," said Mary Vidani, 57, who lives near Austin. "I

had to be here. I always wanted to meet her and shake her hand and this is as close as I could get."

Saturday's funeral service

was invitation-only, but was scheduled to be televised. The former first lady will be buried Sunday next to her husband at the LBJ Ranch.

## State briefs

### Lawsuit says nursing home kicked out rape victim

TEXAS CITY (AP) — The mother of a mentally disabled woman has filed a lawsuit that alleges her daughter was kicked out of a nursing home after accusing a male employee of raping her.

HRA Village nursing home locked out the 28-year-old woman after a rape kit administered at the University of Texas Medical Center in Galveston tested positive for semen, according to the lawsuit.

After the positive test, nursing home officials refused to allow the patient to return, but continued to bill her mother for several months.

The lawsuit alleges nursing home employees tried to cover up abuse. They "created an atmosphere of oppression where residents were frequently yelled at, intimidated and 'punished' by being confined to their rooms and having their phones taken away, among other forms of punishment."

"They absolutely knew that this woman had been abused," said Tony

Buzbee, the lawyer representing the patient's mother.

The employee named in the lawsuit was indicted in March on a sexual assault charge, Assistant Galveston County District Attorney Bill Reed said.

HRA Village Executive Director Judy Slocumb-Farrell declined to comment on the lawsuit. The employee named in the lawsuit has been fired, she said.

### Man accused of killing zebra

RED OAK (AP) — An 18-year-old man was arrested Friday in connection with the fatal drive-by shooting of a zebra named Zambi.

Joshua Romano of Red Oak faces a charge of cruelty to animals.

Zambi was shot dead July 5 as he grazed in a pasture at HiView Farms outside of Waxahachie, said Lt. Kevin Ketchum of the Ellis County Sheriff's Office. The farm is also home to camels, llamas and ring-tailed lemurs.

The owner of the farm was outside working at the time of the shooting, Ketchum said.

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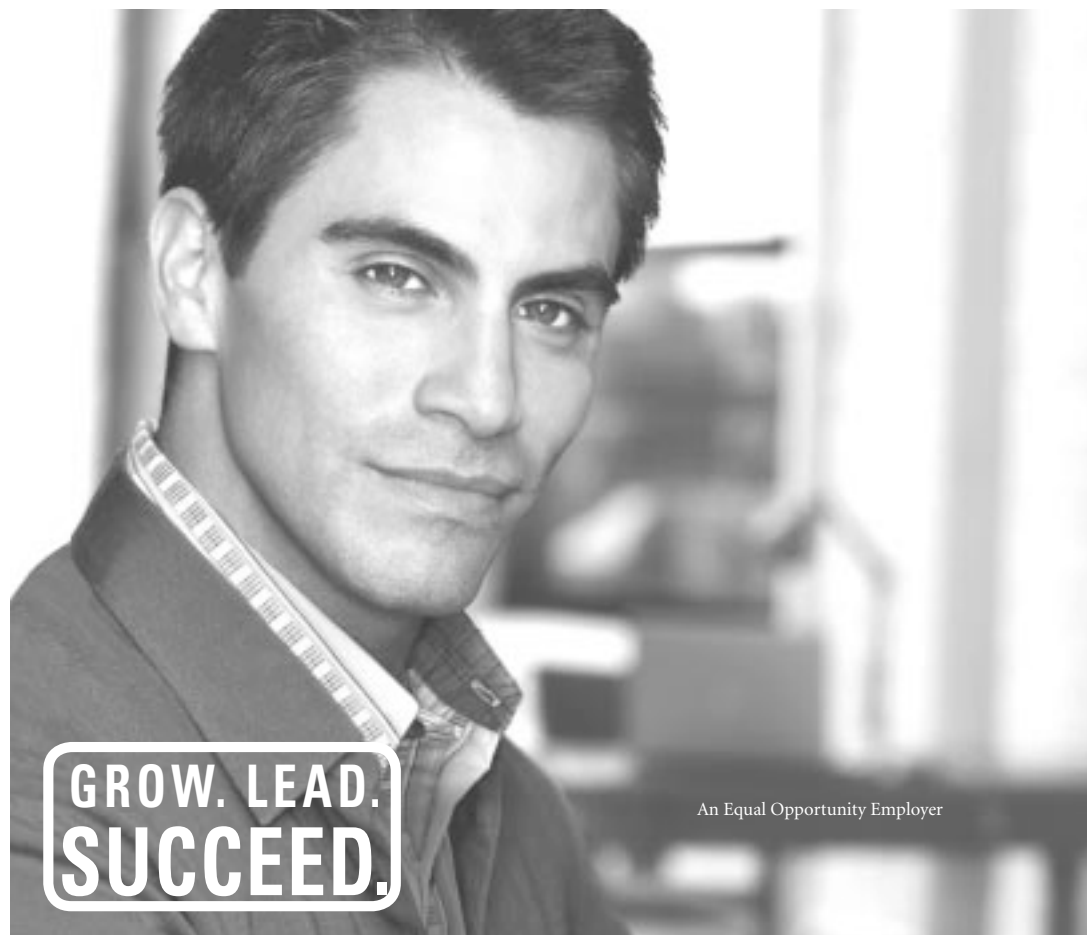
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# West Texas Deer Study Group to meet in San Angelo

The West Texas Deer Study Group will have its 10th annual program Aug. 7-8 at the Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Center in San Angelo. Anyone interested in deer management is invited to attend. The meeting starts with registration at 8 a.m. Aug. 7.

Sponsors are Texas Cooperative Extension; Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; Natural Resources Conservation Service and Wildlife Systems Inc.

Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo, said this year's theme is "Enterprise Aspects of the Deer Business."

"The interest in what I call 'intensive' deer management continues to climb in Texas, and throughout the whitetail's range for that mat-



TOMMY YEATER

ter," Rollins said. "Some of that growth is prompted by personal interest in 'how big a buck can I grow?' and some is prompted by economic interest."

The two rationales may not always jibe.

"Our aim for this year's meeting is the business aspects of deer management; that is, to see why or why not the two schools of thought don't always go together. We'll also have a host of other topics addressing everything from ethics to recipes."

A sampling of those topics includes: "The Business of Deer and Deer Hunting," "Maximum Profits — Minimum Headaches," "Integrated Captive Breeding," "Culinary Side of a Hunting Lodge" and "Cashing in on Does, Culls and Misfits."

The group was formed in 1998 to advance sound deer and habitat management in West Texas, the region considered west of Interstate 35 and north of U.S. Highway 90, Rollins said.

Individual pre-registration

received before July 25 is \$60; registration after July 25 will be \$90 at the door. The fee includes three meals and all program materials.

For more information, contact Rollins at (325) 653-4576 or see <http://teamquail.tamu.edu> for a copy of the agenda.

Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County. His office is in the bottom floor of the Howard County Courthouse. He can be reached at 264-2236.

## PROPANE

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A push button activates a five-LED panel powered by two AA batteries. The tank's weight is translated into descending quarter-tank measurements next to each light, from "Full" to "1/4." As the tank gets lighter, the LEDs darken one by one until only the "Refill" light remains on, indicating about 2 pounds of liquid remain in a 20-pound tank.

Rick Self, owner of Placer Propane in Roseville, Calif., said that during the summer months he gets dozens of panicked barbecuers each week who run out of fuel in mid-grill.

"It's a common problem," Self said. "And the thing is, the only way to tell for sure how much gas you have is by weight."

Pressure gauges, which sell for as little as \$16, aren't accurate because they measure gas pressure, not propane's liquid volume or weight, Self said. "So you never really

know how much propane you have until you're on fumes," he said. "By then it's usually too late."

Several manufacturers sell low-priced magnetic strips, "but to get a reading you have to boil water and pour it on the strip," Self said. "Who wants to do that?"

A new generation of translucent composite cylinders allows users to see the fuel level, but at \$80 and up, they're roughly two to four times the price of a steel tank.

Some barbecues have spring-loaded arms that attach to a tank and move an indicator bar as the cylinder empties.

"But those rust, get bent, the spring just wears out or the arm sticks," Self said. "People come in all the time and tell me that the thing showed half-full right up until they ran out of gas."

Tom Tapken, chief executive of patio furniture and barbecue retailer California Backyard, said, "We always recommend an extra tank as the only surefire way to know you will have gas."

The Gagetek scale uses

the same weight principle employed by companies that fill large propane tanks and tanker trucks, said Lesley Garland of the Sacramento-based Western Propane Gas Association.

"(Werner) has taken the technology used industrially and brought it down to the consumer level," Garland said.

But designing a problem-solving gadget and selling it for profit are distinctly different things. Retail space is precious. Profits margins are thin. Store decision-makers can be skeptical of new products. And the sales window for outdoor accessories is open just a few months of the year.

"I have no retail experience," said Werner, an aeronautical engineer whose day job is running a company that makes machines that automate production. "With industrial applications, 500 units is a large run. In retail, though, I now understand you need to sell thousands or tens of thousands of copies, or you don't make any money."

No one knows how much propane flows through America's barbecues, but 10.1 million gas grills were shipped to retailers in North America last year, according to the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association, an industry trade group based in Arlington, Va.

Assuming the average grill lasts for seven years, Werner figures there are up to 50 million in use — and nearly that many gas grillers who could use his scale.

The trim 58-year-old has spent close to \$40,000 on the scale's research and development and three years of evenings and weekends refining it. He even traveled to China to meet with manufacturers there.

The scale debuted at a Nevada trade show late last month to rave reviews. Industry trade magazine *Hearth & Home* recognized it as the one of the year's best new products.

Werner has sold about 500 units so far, about one-fifth of his first shipment from China. Gagetek charges \$29.95

per scale on its Web site, but some stores sell it for less.

Werner would like to get the price below \$20, but shipping and distribution costs made that impossible with the first batch.

Patenting may be a bigger issue than price, said Dennis Tootelian, a marketing professor at California State University, Sacramento.

"I'm surprised that a major manufacturer hasn't tackled this. It's such an obvious problem," Tootelian said. "But what this guy needs to watch out for is a big company with deep pockets coming up with a few minor tweaks to his idea and then pulling him into an

expensive patent fight. They'll bleed him dry."

Werner declined to talk about patent infringement issues.

Tootelian also suggested that Werner establish a sales record that he can use to crack other retail outlets and create a distinct brand, starting with a different name that will stand out. Werner picked "Propane Tank Scale" to maximize the product's Google search exposure.

The big money, however, could come from licensing the scale's technology to barbecue and patio heater manufacturers who could incorporate it into their products.

"All it takes is just one," Werner said. "The rest would follow."

## SALES

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reported that inventories held by businesses on shelves and backlots rose by 0.5 percent in May. This was a better-than-expected increase that provided support to the view that inventory rebuilding will help lift economic growth in coming months, offsetting the adverse effects of a sharp fall in housing activity.

The 0.5 percent rise in inventories in May surpassed the 0.3 percent increase analysts had been expecting and was the strongest performance in nine months.

Economists said the weaker-than-expected retail sales report called into question Thursday's big stock market surge, suggesting that investors were overly enthusiastic about an earlier report on sales by the nation's largest retail chains.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc.,

the world's largest retailer, posted better-than-expected results, which sent the stock market surging with the Dow Jones industrial average climbing by 283.86 points Thursday, its biggest one-day increase in more than four years.

Ian Shepherdson, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, said that he believed the growth in consumer spending will keep slowing in the months to come, in part because higher gasoline prices are crimping consumers' ability to spend in other areas.

Economists still believe that the economy is rebounding after a lackluster start to the year. They are predicting that overall growth, as measured by the gross domestic product, will come in at a rate of 3 percent or better in the just completed April-to-June quarter, a rebound that will be heavily influenced by a rebuilding in inventories

after companies slashed inventory growth in the first three months of the year.

Economic growth, as measured by the gross domestic product, slowed to a dismal 0.7 percent rate in the first three months of the year, the weakest performance in more than four years.

But if the consumer falters, those optimistic forecasts of a rebound could be called into question. Analysts are worried that a relentless rise in gasoline prices and a slumping housing market could trigger a slowdown in spending.

In a new reading on consumer sentiment, the RBC Cash Index released Friday showed that confidence slid in early July to 76.1, the lowest reading since last August.

The 0.9 percent drop in June sales reflected a 2.9 percent fall in sales of autos and auto parts as Detroit continues to struggle with slumping demand for its sport utili-

ty vehicles in the face of rising gasoline prices.

In a sign of the weakness in the housing market, sales at furniture stores were down 3 percent last month, the biggest setback since February 2003, and sales at hardware stores fell by 2.3 percent.

Sales at specialty clothing stores fell by 1.4 percent while department stores saw sales fall by 1 percent. A broader category which includes such traditional department stores and big chains such as Wal-Mart posted an increase of 0.3 percent in June.

Sales at gasoline service stations dropped by 1.1 percent, a decline that was attributed to a temporary fall in gasoline prices during the month.

Excluding the big decline in auto sales, retail sales would still have been weak, falling by 0.4 percent, the poorest showing in this category since last September.

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**Contract Bridge**  
By Steve Becker  
*Playing According to the Odds*

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♣ 10 7 2

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♦ 10 4  
♣ A Q 6 5

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♠ 7  
♥ A K Q 6 2  
♦ K 8 7 6  
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He wins the spade lead in dummy and trumps a spade with the queen. He then leads a low heart to the nine and ruffs another spade with the king.  
Next he crosses to the ten of hearts and ruffs dummy's last spade with the ace. This exhausts the South hand of trumps, while dummy still has the jack. South has already won six tricks.  
The four additional tricks he needs are obtained by crossing to dummy with a diamond, drawing the last opposing trump and then cashing two more diamonds. As it turns out, the diamonds are divided 4-2, but South nevertheless has 10 tricks to show for his efforts.

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Legals

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

TO: Altie B. Hooser, Harvey C. Hooser, Jr., Hartman Hooser and Ethyle Schaad

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

N/35 of Lots 10-11, Blk 18, Cedar Crest Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Amt. owed- \$2,227.45 Assessed Value- \$1,800.00

S/60.6 of Lot 10, Blk 18, Cedar Crest Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Amt. owed- \$998.06 Assessed Value- \$900.00

W/50 of Lots 1-2, Blk 18, Cedar Crest Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Amt. owed- \$783.33 Assessed Value- \$750.00

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$4,008.84, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against H.C. HOOSER, SR., ESTATE, ALTIE B. HOOSER, SR., HARVEY C. HOOSER, JR., HARTMAN HOOSER AND ETHYLE SCHAAD and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 28th day of June, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. H.C. HOOSER, SR., ESTATE, ALTIE B. HOOSER, SR., HARVEY C. HOOSER, JR., HARTMAN HOOSER AND ETHYLE SCHAAD, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5013 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 20th day of Aug., 2007 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 5th day of July, A.D. 2007.

Colleen Barton Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5435 July 15 & 22, 2007

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The Glasscock County Commissioner's Court will accept bids on a Metal Building Addition to the Garden City Fire/EMS Building and the renovation of an existing Cinder Block Building located south of the Courthouse in Garden City. Specifications for the project are attached. Bids will be opened on August 13, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the County Courthouse. The court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

For further information, contact Alan J. Dierschke County Treasurer @ 432-354-2415. #5446 July 15, 2007

Legals

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

TO: E.G. Galaviz, aka Eusevio G. Galaviz E.G. Galavez, aka Eusevio G. Galavez Anita Galaviz aka Anita Galavez

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

A Tract of land out of Section 42, Block 32, T1N, Tract 33, William B. Currie Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "B": Amt. Owed- \$792.67 Assessed Value - \$100.00

A tract of land out of Section 42, Block 32, T1N, Tract 33, William B. Currie Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "C": Amt. Owed- \$1,528.20 Assessed Value- \$100.00

A tract of land out of Section 42, Block 32, T1N, Tract 33, William B. Currie Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "D": Amt Owed- \$1,368.34 Assessed Value- \$250.00

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,387.12, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against E.G. GALAVIZ, AKA EUSEVIO G. GALAVIZ, E.G. GALAVEZ, aka EUSEVIO G. GALAVEZ AND ANITA GALAVIZ AKA ANITA GALAVEZ and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 28th day of June 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. E.G. GALAVIZ, AKA EUSEVIO G. GALAVIZ, E.G. GALAVEZ, aka EUSEVIO G. GALAVEZ AND ANITA GALAVIZ AKA ANITA GALAVEZ, for collection of the taxes

on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5040 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 20th day of Aug., 2007 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 5th day of July, A.D. 2007.

Colleen Barton Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5444 July 15 & 22, 2007

Legals

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

TO: Sylvia Arguello

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

Being a tract of land 209.5' and 450' out of and part of Section No. 42, Blk 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$2,696.92, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against SYLVIA ARGUELLO and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 28th day of June, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. SYLVIA ARGUELLO, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4906 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 20th day of Aug., 2007 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 5th day of July, A.D. 2007.

Colleen Barton Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5433 July 15 & 22, 2007

Legals

No. P-13,551 ESTATE OF CLYDE RYAN, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of CLYDE RYAN, Deceased were issued on the 19th day of June, 2007, under Docket No. P-13,551, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to MICHAEL D. WILLIAMS.

Claims may be presented in care of MICHAEL D. WILLIAMS to the estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Clyde Ryan c/o Michael D. Williams 1212 E. 18th Street Big Spring, TX 79720

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 2nd day of July, 2007.

MICHAEL D. WILLIAMS, Independent Executor of the Estate of Clyde Ryan, Deceased. #5429 July 15, 2007

Legals

ESTRAY NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

On the 7th day of July, 2007 Kind of Animal: Horse Breed: Quarter Horse Color: Sorrel Age: Approximately 5 years of age Brand, Earmark, Identifying Characteristics, under skin chip information, Sorrell Stud with 4 white socks and barefoot. And on the 6th day of July, 2007 I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Howard County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Howard County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, and contacted local owner of the estray but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray, is not determined, by the 31st day of July, 2007, said estray will be sold at public auction/ Sheriff's Sale at 500 N. Birdwell Lane.

Witness my hand this 11 day of July, 2007.

D. Restelli Deputy Sheriff of Howard County Texas #5432 July 15, 2007.

Legals

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

TO: Lori Juarez aka Lori A. Juarez

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

Lot 2, Blk 19, Bauer Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value- \$25,898.00 Amt. owed- \$1,079.94

Lot 1, Blk 19, Bauer Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value- \$121.00 Amt. owed- \$57.15

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,074.62, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against PONCIANO TORRES, JR., SARAH MARTINEZ AND LORI JUAREZ AKA LORI A. JUAREZ and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 28th day of June, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. PONCIANO TORRES, JR., SARAH MARTINEZ AND LORI JUAREZ AKA LORI A. JUAREZ, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5205 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 20th day of Aug., 2007 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 28th day of June, A.D. 2007.

Colleen Barton Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5434 July 15 & 22, 2007

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

TO: Simon Martin Sanchez

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

Lot 27, Blk 3, Wrights Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$603.38, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Simon Martin Sanchez, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 29th day of January, 2006, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. SIMON MARTIN SANCHEZ, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5307 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: During my battle with breast cancer last year, my employer went out of business. The company my fiance works for hired me for a part-time job. After working there for several months, the owners told me they needed a full-time person. They told my fiance they would love to hire me, because I did a great job and boosted company morale. However, they said my cancer history would make their company health insurance skyrocket. They interviewed a male worker instead. This male worker took



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

a drug screening test that came back positive. I thought they would surely decide to hire me instead, but guess what? They hired him anyway. These owners hired a drug abuser over a cancer survivor because of insurance costs. This makes no sense to me, especially since the doctors say I am now cancer free. Is this legal? My fiance is considering finding another job. Can I take this company to

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TO: Katherine Mckenzie 603 State St. Big Spring, TX 79720

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

Lots 2-4, Blk 5, Wrights Airport Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (.330000 und. int.): Assessed Value-\$743.00 Amt. Owed-\$725.59.

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Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$2,771.93, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against KATERINE MCKENZIE and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 26th day of June, 2006, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. KATHERINE MCKENZIE, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5179 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

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Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 5th day of July, A.D. 2007.

Colleen Barton Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District.

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My fiance is considering finding another job. Can I take this company to

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TO: John S. Flores

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

Lot 4, Blk 4, North McEwen, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,272.09, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against JOHN S. FLORES and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 30th day of Oct. 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOHN S. FLORES, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5260 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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court for discrimination? — Cancer Free in Kentucky

Dear Kentucky: Very possibly. It is against the law to discriminate against someone on the basis of his or her medical history, provided you are capable of doing the job. The Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits discrimination against people who have had cancer if the employers have at least 15 employees. Contact the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (eoc.gov) at 1-800-669-4000 for information.

Dear Annie: What do you do when people try to push their religion on you? I was approached by someone the other day, and she made me very uncomfortable since I don't agree with a lot of what she said. She also insisted upon leaving a pamphlet with me.

I don't want to join this religion, and I certainly don't want to carry their material with me. How do I politely, yet firmly, make them leave me alone? I don't want to be rude, but I'm afraid that if I'm pushed too far, I might snap like a dog that's been poked too many times with a stick. What do I do? — Religious Enough

Dear Religious: Are these people you know or people who approach you on the street or ring your doorbell? If you don't know them, it's OK to be dismissive and ignore their efforts to proselytize. Say, "No, thank you," and close the door or keep walking. If these are "friends," you will need to be more assertive. Tell them directly, "I would

appreciate it if you would stop pushing your religious beliefs on me."

If necessary, end the conversation by leaving. Throw away any literature you don't want. And stop feeling guilty about it.

Dear Annie: You printed another sad letter from a wife who found out her husband was looking at porn on the Internet and created a personal profile on an online dating site that is designed to meet women in their area. I knew before I got to your response that you would recommend marriage counseling.

This man has completely defiled his wife and his marriage vows with his deplorable addiction. If he loved her, he wouldn't need to look at this. How will she feel cherished by a man who fulfills his needs elsewhere with filthy trash? What men don't seem to realize is that once your wife finds out you are doing this, you have completely destroyed her soul and very being. It is a crushing blow that no amount of counseling could ever correct. I know this because it happened to me.

I float through life because of my children. There isn't a counselor on the planet who can undo what has been done, not only to my marriage, but to my heart. — Devastated and Humiliated in Virginia

Dear Devastated: You are right that counselors cannot undo such betrayals, but if there is anything salvageable in your marriage, a good counselor will help you find it. We hope you

think it's worth a try. Life is too short to "float" through.

Dear Annie: My 30-year-old son is very good at stock car racing. We like to support all of our kids in everything they do. Racing, however, causes a problem in our family. That is because of the obscenities that seem to be a large part of the language of some of the crowd. We find it very offensive and embarrassing.

I would like to invite my mother to see her grandson race, but am reluctant to do so because of this. How can I handle the problem? Some of the people with offensive language are seated several rows away, but we are still able to hear them. — Eagle Mom

Dear Eagle Mom: You can't control what other people say in a public venue, no matter how rude or disgusting. Inform your mother of the vulgar language and give her the choice of attending or not. Offer to get her earplugs or headphones.

Dear Annie: Last June, my brother suffered from heatstroke, and he died later that same day. Now that the weather is warming up, I want to let your readers know that when they're at the beach, in the garden doing yard work or whatever they plan to do outside, they should take care out in the heat. If you could print some suggestions on how to keep cool, that would be greatly appreciated. — Anonymous

Dear Anonymous: Our deepest condolences. Heatstroke is deadly and can affect anyone, at any

age. If you are going to be outside in the heat, it is important to hydrate your body with water or a sports drink on a regular basis, whether or not you feel thirsty. Stay away from drinks containing caffeine or alcohol. Here is more information (source: MayoClinic.com):

The main sign of heatstroke is a markedly elevated body temperature — generally greater than 104 F — with changes in mental status ranging from personality changes to confusion and coma. Skin may be hot and dry, although in heatstroke caused by exertion, the skin is usually moist. Other signs and symptoms may include rapid heartbeat; rapid and shallow breathing; elevated or lowered blood pressure; cessation of sweating; irritability, confusion or unconsciousness; fainting, which may be the first sign in older adults. If you suspect heatstroke:

— Move the person out of the sun and into a shady or air-conditioned space.

— Dial 911 or call for emergency medical assistance.

— Cool the person by covering him or her with damp sheets or by spraying with cool water. Direct air onto the person with a fan or newspaper.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.

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# Town stunned by truck driver's confession; suspected in 6 slayings

By RYAN LENZ

Associated Press Writer

ALBION, Ill. — Investigators in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and Indiana and elsewhere pored over unsolved murder cases to see if they are linked to an Illinois truck driver suspected of killing at least six women near truck stops over the last year.

Bruce Mendenhall, a 56-year-old truck driver, is charged in only one slaying, but police said he gave them incriminating details of five other killings, and authorities were working to prove his involvement.

Mendenhall was denied bail in Nashville, Tenn., where he was arrested Thursday at the same interstate truck stop where 25-year-old Sara Hulbert was found fatally shot two weeks ago. A court-appointed attorney for Mendenhall, Jason Gichner, declined to comment on the case.

Police were hoping more clues would come from a full search of his truck. An affidavit filed Friday by the arresting

detective described finding spots of what appeared to be blood on the door, a garbage bag with a large amount of blood inside and blood on Mendenhall's left thumb.

"At this point in the investigation, we suspect that there was a homicide or homicides after the June 26 discovery of Miss Hulbert," Nashville police spokesman Don Aaron said. "We, naturally, are very interested in every inch of that truck's interior."

Police said Mendenhall confessed to killing Hulbert and Symantha Winters, 48, of Nashville, whose body was found June 6 stuffed in a trash can at a truck stop in Lebanon, 26 miles east of Nashville. She had been fatally shot.

Police said he also described details in four other cases:

— Police in Lake Station, Ind., were investigating whether Mendenhall was responsible for the shooting death of 43-year-old Sherry Drinkard, whose body was found at a truck stop on Feb. 22.

— Indianapolis police on Friday were searching truck stops and surrounding fields south of the city with helicopters and K-9s for a missing body, but have been unable to match Mendenhall's information with any unsolved murders.

— Police Capt. Clyde Byers in Suwanee, Ga., said Mendenhall was being investigated for the killing of Deborah Ann Glover, 43, of Atlanta, who was found dead Jan. 29 in a motel parking lot in that town.

— Birmingham, Ala., police Lt. Henry Irby said that department was looking into whether Mendenhall could be connected to the July 1 shooting death of 44-year-old Lucille Carter.

Nashville police said they had been contacted by several more law enforcement agencies nationwide seeking details to determine if Mendenhall could be connected to unsolved crimes in their areas, police spokesman Don Aaron said.

The backgrounds of the women he is suspected of killing were not immediately known, but the two Tennessee

victims both had criminal records in Nashville. Hulbert had faced a few minor charges, while Winters had faced at least one charge for prostitution.

Illinois State Police were searching Mendenhall's house Friday in Albion, in southeastern Illinois. The small white house surrounded by cornfields had been roped off with police tape since Thursday. "We're looking for any items of evidence of first-degree murder," state police Lt. Tom Oliverio said.

Mendenhall's wife, Linda, was at her sister's house and left the room when a reporter came to the door. "We just want the family to be left alone for now," her sister Judy Kohler said.

Residents in the town were shocked and recalled Mendenhall as a peculiar, but seemingly harmless neighbor.

"Everyone's in disbelief that we had an individual living here like this," Albion Mayor Ryan Hallam said Friday.

The mayor said Mendenhall — married with two grown

children — was "a little different" from other people in town. He had a loud voice, but generally kept to himself, aside from an unsuccessful campaign against a preacher for the mayor's seat about a decade ago. He had no criminal record there, police said.

"He didn't mix well with the others around him, but we never had any problems with him," Hallam said.

Neighbor Kiley Barnett, a 27-year-old stay-at-home mom, said she always thought the entire family was weird, "especially him." She said they would never wave hello when they drove past her mobile home.

"I've tried waving at him a hundred different times and nobody in the car ever waved back," she said.

"Out here you feel safe, you know all the neighbors," Barnett said. "Living here around everyone you know, to have something like this happen, blows my mind. This thing happens in a city."

# New York teens arrested for alleged plot against Long Island high school

By VERENA DOBNIK

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — One is a 15-year-old who was recently suspended from his suburban high school for making violent threats, according to police. The other is an awkward 17-year-old hungry for attention, acquaintances say.

Together, they envisioned a bloody assault on students and staffers at a Long Island high school, chillingly planning it for the ninth anniversary of the deadly Columbine High School rampage, Suffolk County police said.

"I will start a chain of terrorism in the world," the 15-year-old wrote in one of several alarming journal entries, according to police. "This will go down in history. Take out everyone there. Perfecto."

The two students were arrested Friday in the alleged plot at Connetquot High School in Bohemia, about 50 miles east of New York City. Both were charged with misdemeanor conspiracy, punishable by up to a year in jail.

Local students and parents shuddered at the description of the plot, which police said was fleshed out in a videotape that identified several potential victims by name.

"They're not really afraid to do anything," said Joseph Welischar, a Connetquot student who said he knew the suspects. "So, yeah, it's kind of scary."

It was more than scary to Dawn Wiegard, a mother of two Connetquot students.

"Its devastating," she said.

The 15-year-old, a Connetquot student whom authorities identified as the driving force behind the plan, did not enter a plea when he appeared in juvenile court Friday. A judge ordered two weeks of medical evaluation. The teen's mother and stepfather were in the courtroom but would not com-

ment. The other suspect, 17-year-old Michael McDonough, pleaded not guilty at his arraignment Friday. Bail was set at \$25,000 cash or \$50,000 bond.

A woman who answered the telephone Friday at the county's Legal Aid Society, which is representing McDonough, declined comment and hung up. McDonough's father told the court that his son, who attended Sachem North High School, was receiving mental health counseling.

A shy teen who wanted to be noticed, McDonough needled fellow students, teens who know him said.

"He's always doing stuff in class to get people to look at him," Welischar said. "He makes fun of everyone just to get people (annoyed). He doesn't really like being around people."

The two suspects were co-workers at a McDonald's. Police said they targeted scores of students in an attack they planned for April 20, 2008 — the anniversary of the 1999 Columbine massacre in Littleton, Colo., in which 12 students and a teacher were killed.

On July 6, school authorities obtained the 15-year-old's handwritten journal, which contained "numerous terrorist threats and plans to attack the school," police said. The journal was turned over to the school after the teen apparently dropped it in the McDonald's parking lot, Suffolk County Police Commissioner Richard Dormer said.

"He felt that everyone was against him," Dormer said of the 15-year-old, whose name was withheld due to his age. "He was upset at life in general and the world in general."

Authorities also recovered videotapes made by the 15-year-old — videos Dormer described as "akin to the tapes that we all saw from Columbine."

A search warrant was issued for the 15-year-old's computer.



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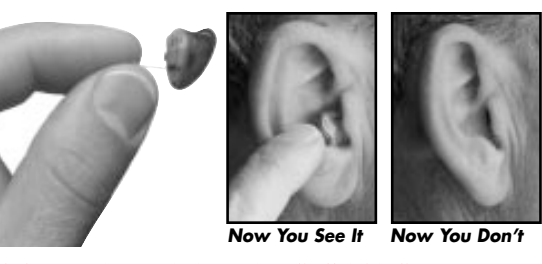
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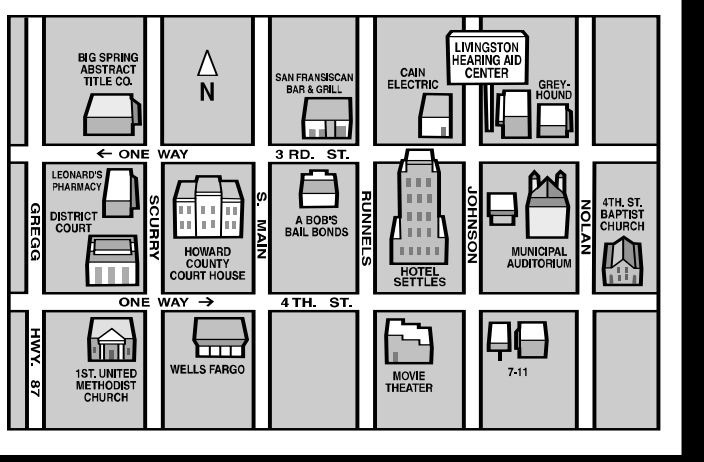
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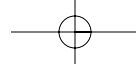




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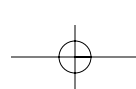
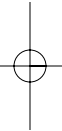
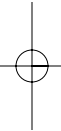
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# A disappearing act amongst friends

Dear Margo: What do you do when you suspect your 14-year-old daughter's friend is a little thief? On her last visit to our home, small jewelry (not worth much) was missing, and prior to that, a \$20 bill.



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Her parents are wonderful people, and I do not have the heart to tell them about this; but then again, maybe I should inform them. My daughter is frustrated and feels pretty bad about it. She does not know what to do, just as I am unclear on what steps to take.

I do not want to cut off their friendship because I feel this girl is very insecure and she deserves to have a friend. -- Stumped

Dear Stump: It is kind of you not to want your daughter to end the friendship. And it sounds hopeful that you say the girl's parents are wonderful people, because this suggests they will not be defensive when you raise the subject. (I could be wrong.)

Adolescents who steal things are often acting out, as opposed to being kleptomaniacs or little thieves in the making. Teenage kids (or younger) who filch things are demonstrating their need for attention . . . or that they are angry about something entirely unrelated to what it is they are taking.

The parents of your daughter's friend should be advised of what is going on so they can begin to deal with it. You would not be out of line to suggest they consider therapeutic assistance.

I feel certain that when you open the discussion with the child's mother you will do it with concern, and as one parent to another. -- Margo, helpfully

### When Playing Favorites Is Destructive

Dear Margo: My mother-in-law has always adored my oldest daughter. She has nothing but praise for her all the time. However, this is not the case with my younger daughter, who is a lot like me -- which may be the problem.

In a four-day visit, my mother-in-law criticized or said something belittling to my younger daughter every day. My husband has discussed her behavior with her, and I try and steer the topic away from my daughter whenever she starts up. Mind you, most of what she says she thinks is subtle enough to fly under the radar, but my daughter is getting old enough to notice.

We seem able to handle it when Grandma is just here for a short visit, but we are moving closer to her next month, and we will see her much more often. I want my girls to have a relationship with their grandmother, but not at the cost of the self-esteem of my 7-year-old.

I just thought grandparents would automatically love and treat all of their grandchildren equally, and it is heartbreaking to find out otherwise. How do I handle this? -- Protective Mother in Utah

Dear Pro: I suspect many grandmothers have a favorite, but the kind and mature thing to do is not to let it show. It is good that your husband is supportive of your viewpoint, and because it is his mother I think it should be he who has a heart-to-heart with her, explaining that the new proximity will not necessarily mean more contact unless she can knock off the subtle digs she thinks the younger child doesn't understand.

Let us hope that when she is confronted with the fact that her slights are obvious she will be able to get a grip and treat both her grandchildren with affection and warmth. I think in this kind of a situation it should be "behave, or else." -- Margo, probationally

### Turning a Life Around

Dear Margo: I recently turned to the Christian religion out of a need to find solace, comfort and recovery from my past. It has helped me in more ways than I can count, more than any therapy or counseling, and I have come to take it quite seriously. The problem is my husband.

I was once a stripper and call girl, plus I drank heavily, and ironically those were the very things he loved about me. Of course he loved me as a person, but because of my newfound convictions, I informed him that I would no longer engage in pornography, heavy drinking and partying with our friends.

I know this was a shock and a hurt to him, and he doesn't know where to go with it. (My conversion has not affected my desire for true intimacy or enjoying it with him.) Lately he has become hostile and makes fun of me, and encourages our friends to do so. He claims that I have been brainwashed and am no fun anymore. I guess I can see why.

We have been married 10 years and have no children, and I had hoped to have them soon, but if it looks like a divorce is in the cards, obviously, we shouldn't. I have also had to find another job, as my associates have not been able to handle "what has come over me." Though I am not ashamed, I want to leave it behind. My main concern is that I may have to leave my husband behind, also. -- Don't Know What to Do in Florida

Dear Don't: Actually, I think you do know what to do. The problem is that your husband married a stripper and call girl, and that person is no longer around. I think your new choices are commendable and will bring you a satisfying future (with someone who is not looking for a stripper and call girl).

It's a good thing Florida is a no-fault state when it comes to divorce, because naming Jesus as a co-respondent might have been a first. -- Margo, admirably

### Hitting on an Old Friend

Dear Margo: I have had a male friend for years, and when we were teenagers we kissed a few times, but that was all. It was through this young man that I met my husband of five years. We are happily married with two small sons.

This male friend has been in a serious relationship and has two small children. Just recently he told me that he wished he had not introduced me to my husband and that letting me get away was the thing in life that he regrets the most. I calmly told him that whatever was between us was a long time ago and there was no point in talking about it.

I told my husband, and he felt I handled it well . . . but it has happened twice since then. The last time I asked him not to bring it up, he continued to flirt. I want to

stay friends, but I feel like he is giving me no choice. -- Had Enough

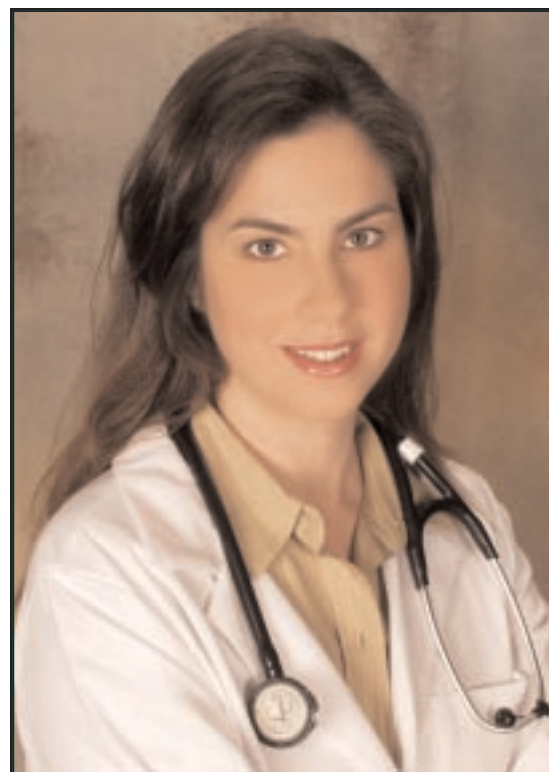
Dear Had: I think your old friend has lost the plot on this one. Because he's still flirting and making a drama around a few kisses, and because his declaration is a

new wrinkle in an old friendship, it sounds as though he has lost interest in his "serious relationship" and is looking around.

If he stays on this track, you and your husband will, indeed, have no choice but to exclude him from your

social life. -- Margo, resolutely

Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via e-mail to [dearmargo@creators.com](mailto:dearmargo@creators.com).



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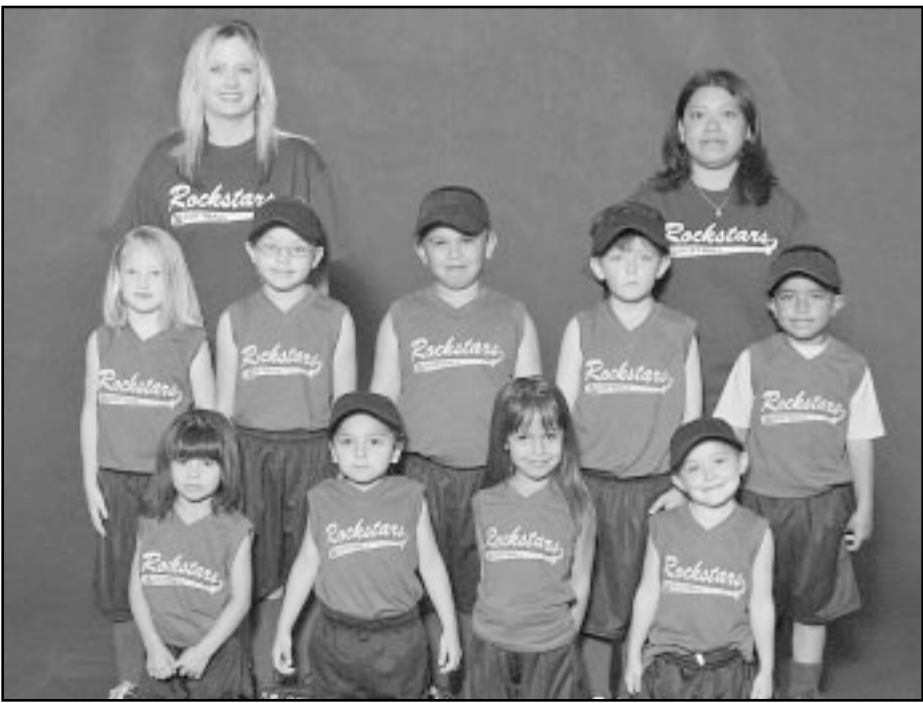
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