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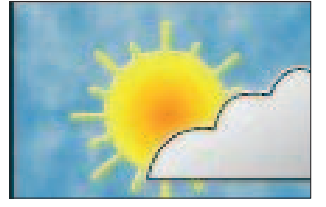
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Cash-strapped county looks to sell airport

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

In an effort to curb budgetary woes for the coming year, Howard County Commissioners are expected to discuss the possible sale of the old county airport during Monday morning's meeting.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, commissioners will look at putting the 600-plus acres up for sale in hopes of breathing some life into county coffers.

"The budget is very, very tight this year, so we're looking at anything that will help," said Barr. "We're going to talk about

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—County Judge Mark Barr

it with the commissioners and see how they feel about it, and then go from there. As it stands, we haven't had any offers or interest in the property at this time."

Barr said there are still buildings on the property, but to his knowledge the

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Council to work on new budget Monday, Tuesday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The month of July may mean barbecues and fireworks for most area residents, but for the Big Spring City Council it means one thing — budget work sessions.

That's exactly what is facing the city staff this week, as the administration prepares to present its 2008 proposed budget to the city council.

With budget work session slated for Monday and Tuesday — and possibly continuing into

Wednesday — at 5 p.m. in the council chambers, City Manager Gary Fuqua said he feels like the city staff is ready to present the council with a comprehensive budget based on suggestions offered during a budget workshop conducted in May.

"We've taken the items the council brought us during the recent work session and incorporated them into the presentation," said Fuqua. "We're going to try to finish the

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POTTERIZED



Above, Wal-Mart Supercenter Manager Mathew Ischar hands 14-year-old Kelsey Mann a copy of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," the final installment in the popular book series, early Saturday morning. At left, a large crowd was already in line when the books went on sale at 12:01 a.m. Saturday.

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Dustin Wilson

Bush reclaims powers

Colonoscopy said successful

CAMP DAVID, Md. (AP) — President Bush transferred the powers of his office to Vice President Dick Cheney for more than two hours Saturday while under sedation for a colon cancer screening.

Doctors removed five small polyps during the procedure at Camp David. "None appeared worrisome," White House spokesman Scott Stanzel said. Polyps are precancerous growths in the colon.

The colonoscopy lasted 31 minutes. The transfer of power from Bush to Cheney covered two hours and five minutes.

The president invoked Section 3 of the 25th Amendment to the Constitution "out of an abundance of caution," Stanzel said. The amendment, approved in 1967, four years after President Kennedy was assassinated, had been used only twice before.

At 7:16 a.m. EDT, Bush invoked the disability clause and transferred his authority to Cheney. The vice president was at his home on the Chesapeake Bay in St. Michaels, Md., about 30 miles east of Washington.

Bush reclaimed his presidential powers and duties at 9:21 a.m. EDT.



Bush

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Cheryl McCall watches her husband Walter as he creates balloon animals at the Odyssey Hospice booth during News West 9's Under West Texas Skies event here.

HC trustees to approve issuance of tax bonds

Step 1 in process of \$21 million in campus renovations

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees, having been given the voters' OK to conduct a \$21 million facelift of the Birdwell Lane campus, will begin a step-by-step process toward making that goal a reality Monday afternoon. Step one — get the

money.

Trustees will formally authorize the issuance and sale of tax bonds when they hold their monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building Tumbleweed Room.

District voters in May approved the bonds to finance a variety of con-

struction and renovation projects on the Big Spring campus, including:

- Infrastructure concerns such as water, sewer and gas lines, underground electrical service and heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring QB Club meeting Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the Athletic Training Center to continue work on the 100-year commemorative program for the 2007 Steer football season.

Regular meetings will start being held every Monday at 7 p.m. in the ATC July 30.

Call Frank Stiles at 270-3041 for more details.

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 Friday through Sunday 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 \$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.

Big Spring Youth Soccer meeting

Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will be holding an organizational meeting at 2 p.m. July 28 at College Baptist Fellowship Hall.

New officers will be elected for the 2007 season.

For more information, contact Jamie Scott at 264-0001 or Robert Smith at 263-3333.

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 meet-

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Gagne wants to remain with Rangers

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Eric Gagne is flattered to hear his name repeatedly mentioned in trade rumors. That confirms he is starting to pitch like his old self again.

Still, the closer doesn't want his comeback with the Texas Rangers to be short-lived.

"I want to stay here, but it's good to see that people really want me on their team," Gagne

said. "Especially after two years, it's very frustrating and I really got down on myself. You don't know if you're going to come back to be able to be successful."

Other teams are interested now because the 2003 NL Cy Young Award winner has made an impressive comeback from two elbow operations and back surgery that limited him to 15-13 innings the past two seasons for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Going into Friday night's game

against Cleveland, Gagne had converted 14 of 15 save chances with a 1.23 ERA in 30 appearances. The 31-year-old right-hander has pitched on consecutive days and gone more than one inning in a game, more proof that he is healthy.

"What it goes to show you is the truly, truly special players, even through injuries or down times, when they come back, they find ways to adjust," general manager Jon Daniels said.

When the Dodgers declined Gagne's \$12 million option for 2007 last winter, few teams seriously considered the hard-throwing closer who, from 2002-04, set a major league record by converting 84 consecutive saves.

But the Rangers offered a \$6 million deal that gave Gagne a chance to earn up to \$5 million in performance bonuses. Now they are getting offers from

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The Strawberry Shortstops won their second consecutive 6U city championship June 13 at Roy Anderson Complex. Bottom row (left to right): Ashlee Hull, Samantha Raney, Anastasia Rodriguez, Sam Howell and Belle Rameriz. Middle row: Aissa Cervantes, Katy Hillis, Cassidy Martinez, Madyson McNeese, Jenna Evans and Hope Howell. Top row: Coaches Chris Martinez, Jason Hull and Francisco Ramirez.

Strawberry Shortstops take city championship

Herald Staff Report

With the West Texas All-Star Tournament taking place all weekend for area softball players, one league has already completed its season. While the 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U all-star teams will wrap up their season Sunday with the conclusion of tournament play, the 6U league doesn't receive that opportunity.

The youngest league's season ends with the conclusion of the city championship that took place June 13 at Roy Anderson

Complex. For the second consecutive season, the Strawberry Shortstops laid claim to the city title, winning the championship game 15-6.

The Shortstops hammered out seven straight base hits in the first inning, earning five runs. Hope Howell, Katy Hillis, Jenna Evans, Ashlee Hull, Samantha Raney, Cassidy Martinez and Belle Rameriz each had hits in the first inning. Raney, Ramirez and Martinez each had RBIs to go along with their hits.

The champions continued their offensive onslaught in the second inning, scoring another five runs. Madyson McNeese led off the inning with a single and found her way across the plate courtesy of a home run by Sam Howell.

The Shortstops added another five runs off of seven hits in the third inning. Ramirez, McNeese, Aissa Cervantes, Sam Howell, Anastasia Rodriguez and Hope Howell each hit a single consecutively to start the inning. Hillis

followed them with a double, driving in the 15th and final run for the Shortstops.

Defensively, the Shortstops were led by Evans, who had one assisted and two unassisted outs.

All Big Spring Girls Softball Association All-Stars started tournament play Friday and continued through Sunday. Full results of the tournament will be in the Monday edition of the Herald.

Courtesy photo

Garcia holds lead at Open

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**

AP National Writer

CARNOSTIE, Scotland — Sergio Garcia bent over slightly, jammed the oversized putter into his stomach and calmly knocked his ball toward the cup.

Right in. Garcia started the third round of the British Open by making a 15-foot birdie putt Saturday, the sort of chance that bedeviled him in the past. Maybe this will be the week for the talented Spaniard to finally win his first major.

Tiger Woods isn't giving up, even though the two-time defending Open champion failed to make a major charge with a 2-under-par 69. He walked off with Garcia still on the course, having reclaimed a seven-shot edge over the world's No. 1 player with another birdie at the eighth.

Garcia shot a 2-under 34 on the front side to get to 8 under. His playing partner, South Korea's K.J. Choi, staggered through the front nine at 1 over to drop five strokes behind the leader.

"I've got to play a little better than I have been, that's for sure," Woods said, very aware this was a day for going lower. "But at least I give myself a chance going out there tomorrow."

He remembered what happened when the Open last came to Carnoustie in 1999. Paul Lawrie rallied from a double-digit deficit the final day to win in a playoff.

Of course, that never would have happened without Jean Van De Velde making an inexplicable mess of the 72nd hole.

Texans hope that improvement continues

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans were much better last year but still fell far short of the playoffs.

Now they're banking on a first-time starting quarterback and a 30-year-old running back to solve their longtime offensive woes. Matt Schaub and Ahman Green begin their first season in Houston when the Texans begin camp on July 27.

The pair join a team with a defense led by last year's top pick Mario Williams, whose development will be key in Houston's success after a disappointing rookie season.

They hope Schaub and Green can invigorate the Texans offense after David Carr managed just two touchdown passes in the last 10 games of 2006.

Schaub has already ingratiated himself to Texans' veterans, most notably Pro Bowl receiver Andre Johnson, by spending the spring and summer working out with and getting to know his teammates.

Players and coaches alike

believe the highly touted backup can be the leader the team needs but never had in Carr, who was dumped after the Texans posted their fifth straight losing record in 2006.

"I've been impressed with the way he handles himself," coach Gary Kubiak said. "That's a lot to handle. You go and make a trade like that for a kid and the pressure to come in here and take over this football team is great, but he's handled himself tremendously this offseason. He's been a great worker, very confident kid about his opportunity and what he's fixing to go take on."

Despite finishing 6-10 last season, the Texans have something to build on after winning their final two games for the first back-to-back victories since 2004. One of those was a morale-building Christmas Eve win over AFC South foe Indianapolis, the first in franchise history.

Schaub has been learning Kubiak's offense since he was traded to the Texans in March, and his transition to the team

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MCT photo/Gary W. Green/Orlando Sentinel

Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback David Garrard (9) scrambles away from the Houston Texans' Mario Williams (90) during first half action Nov. 12, 2006. Williams was the Texans' controversial first round pick last season. He and his teammates hope to improve on Houston's misfortunes in the 2007 season.

Free outdoor concert, Saturday, July 28

Spreading the Gospel



Mariachi Style



Mariachi San Pablo returning to Big Spring

The "music of the night" to be presented Saturday, July 28, under "the big top" on Gregg Street will be provided by Mariachi San Pablo from the Ysleta Lutheran Mission near El Paso.

The local congregation at St. Paul Lutheran Church enjoyed this unique and talented musical ensemble so much last year that they have made arrangements for them to return Saturday evening for an outdoor concert. The community is invited to "take a seat" and be prepared for entertaining and inspiring renditions of familiar songs as well as some new ones — all done in the unique style of the mariachi band.

Joining in the effort to make this a true community event, St. Thomas Catholic Church will have food for sale at the concert.

"We'd really like to have the entire town come over and listen to this wonderful group of musicians. We are delighted to offer this program to our Big Spring community," said Wayne Frost, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran.

On Sunday morning, July 29, Mariachi San Pablo will lead the congregation's worship hour which begins at 9 a.m. The church is located on Gregg Street between Eighth and Ninth

streets.

Mariachi San Pablo is a unique group of devoted Christians who serve God through music. The group is made up of children, youth and adults who serve, unite, and reach others through Christian and popular music in both English and Spanish.

The group of 20-plus members is very active, rehearsing three times a week and performing throughout El Paso and Juarez numerous times each month. Mariachi San Pablo has performed at churches, community events, conferences and conventions in 62 cities in 16 states since 2001.



Police blotter

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

- **PAMMY SUE PUGA**, 41, 1313 Lindbergh, was arrested on six local warrants.
- **CORY JAY GARDNER**, 24, Tahoka, was arrested on charges of driving while license invalid and evading arrest with a vehicle.
- **STEVEN URIBE**, 31, 909 Runnels, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest with a vehicle.
- **LUPE CHAVARRIA**, 53, 1210 Marijo, was arrested on four local warrants.
- **PHILIP ALCANTAR**, 18, 500 Runnels, was arrested on a local warrant.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 15-25-26-31-33.
Number matching five of five: None.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-9-9

Support Groups

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX. 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call Alex at 264-6921 or 1-800 392-8677.

TUESDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209

Weather

Sunday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

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

Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds around 10 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

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

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

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

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

Pet Patrol

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

Wright St.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

• Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033. Leave a message if you get voice mail.

THURSDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY
• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
• Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

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will be aided by the rapport he's established with Johnson. Houston's top offensive threat caught a career-high 103 passes for 1,147 yards last season.

Unfortunately for Schaub, the Texans did nothing in the offseason to reinforce their receiving corps after Johnson. A key in camp will be for Kevin Walter to prove he can become the legitimate second receiving threat Houston's never had to take pressure off Johnson.

Kubiak is a big fan of his, despite the 25-year-old amassing just 456 yards receiving in four seasons.

"It's a concern of mine because we're so young after Andre," Kubiak said. "We're going to find out if we have a couple of young players that are going to step up and be big time pros. I'm going to give them the opportunity to do that."

Though probably past his prime, Green reinforces a running game that sputtered last season until December while relying on inexperienced

and injured backs. The Texans were forced to start rookie sixth-round pick Wali Lundy after Domanick Williams (formerly Davis) was placed on the injured reserve just days before the season.

Ron Dayne finally got healthy and became a factor in December, rushing for 429 yards and five touchdowns in that month alone.

The Texans are excited about the possibilities with Green on the roster and Mike Sherman, who coached him in Green Bay for several years, said he looks better than ever. He had 1,059 yards rushing last season after returning from a torn right quadriceps in 2005.

With the one-two punch of Green and Dayne, the Texans are in much better shape at the position than they were entering last season.

"I think we have big play potential with number 30 (Green) back there," Kubiak said. "If we are right in the run game and we catch him right, we have a chance for some big, big plays. If we can run the ball that way, we can get people off Andre."

Of course, as usual, questions abound when it comes to who will protect the new quarterback after Carr was sacked 249 times in five seasons. The Texans thought they'd found their left tackle of the future in second-year player Charles Spencer, but a broken leg just two games into last season has left doubt about if the 351-pound player will ever play again.

If Spencer can't go, the Texans will rely on 10-year veteran Ephraim Salaam or former Kansas City player Jordan Black to protect Schaub's blind side.

Williams, the shocking No. 1 pick last year, will need to show much more than he did in his rookie season when he finished with 47 tackles and 4 1/2 sacks.

There's several reasons to believe he will.

The defensive end has recovered from plantar fasciitis in his right foot that slowed him for most of last season. He also seems more relaxed a year removed from the constant Reggie Bush/Vince Young questions and, perhaps most importantly, he's got help on the line in this year's

first-round pick Amobi Okoye.

Along with taking pressure of Williams, the Texans hope Okoye, the 20-year-old defensive tackle, will beef up their paltry pass rush. Houston was 27th in the NFL in sacks last season.

"I look at him and I said: 'This kid would have gotten there many times last year,'" Kubiak said. "I think he's going to give us an added pass rush ability inside and make people pay attention to more than one guy when it comes to turning protections and stuff like that. Hopefully that will free up other players to make plays."

Another Texans defender, who unlike Williams,

GAGNE

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teams seeking bullpen help before the July 31 non-waiver trade deadline.

Daniels insists he's not shopping Gagne, but will listen to offers for the closer and other players.

"If something makes sense for us, we will make a deal," Daniels said.

The trade prospects for reliever Akinori Otsuka lessened when he was put on the disabled list Thursday with inflammation in his right forearm.

First baseman Mark Teixeira, eligible for salary arbitration after this season and free agency after 2008, could be dealt and veterans Kenny Lofton and Sammy Sosa are signed only through this season.

"It's difficult to think about any of the names," Daniels said. "They're valuable and there is a reason they are being asked about."

Daniels hasn't ruled out signing Gagne to a new

far exceeded expectations as a rookie, was line-backer DeMeco Ryans. The former Alabama standout and second-round draft pick earned defensive rookie of the year honors by leading the league in solo tackles with 126. His 156 total tackles were the most by a rookie in the last 20 years, and he had 3 1/2 sacks.

But he won't get to coast on his rookie accomplishments. Kubiak is expecting even more from Ryans this season.

"The year he had was tremendous," Kubiak said. "Hopefully there's many more years like that one to come. I think he improves just through the knowledge of the deal, but would not elaborate on that possibility."

Gagne has a limited no-trade clause, but there are 12 teams that he can be traded to without his consent.

"I can control a little bit of it, but not really everything," he said. "It's just good to hear your name because you know people want you."

The Rangers put Gagne on the disabled list to start the season even though he didn't have any medical setbacks this spring. They wanted him to have more time to get ready, even though he wanted to pitch right away.

"There's not one day that I felt like I was rushed. I felt like I was held back a lot more than I thought I wanted to," Gagne said. "But they're the reason why I'm on the mound right now healthy, because they gave me time to make sure."

His only setback wasn't related to his three operations since 2004. Gagne went on the DL with a sore right hip after his fourth appearance, but

game. He's a quiet guy who does his job and gets everybody in the right spot. Never a word out of his mouth and what a leader for such a young kid, but I think the kid's knowledge of the National Football League is what is going to get him to the next step."

Ryans is considered a steal considering his production last season.

He was a second round pick after seeing his draft stock drop considerably before the draft because his workout numbers weren't as impressive as some of the other linebackers in the draft.

Now Ryans is considered by many to be the best defensive player to come from the 2005 draft.

missed only the 15 days.

While not throwing 97-98 mph like when he was with the Dodgers, Gagne has been effective with a fastball in the low 90s, a good changeup and breaking pitches.

"His stuff is good. Not quite where it was two or three years ago, but I don't think there's any question that he has enough stuff to be an elite closer, and he's showing it," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said.

Gagne needed only six pitches to get three outs against the Angles on July 4. He blew his only save chance two days later against Baltimore, but won that game and has allowed only one hit in his other five July appearances.

"To be able to be on the mound, not thinking about my body, just thinking about getting people out, that's priceless," Gagne said. "That's really unbelievable because what I went through the last two years. I didn't even know if I was going to be able to play sports again."

BRIEFS

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ing. 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 Tuesday.

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 Thurs-day.

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

Magers-Powell camp scheduled

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

The camp is scheduled for July 30-Aug. 1 with sessions for middle school players from 9 a.m. to noon.

The high school players'

session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The fee will be \$125 per player.

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

Texas Tech schedules camp

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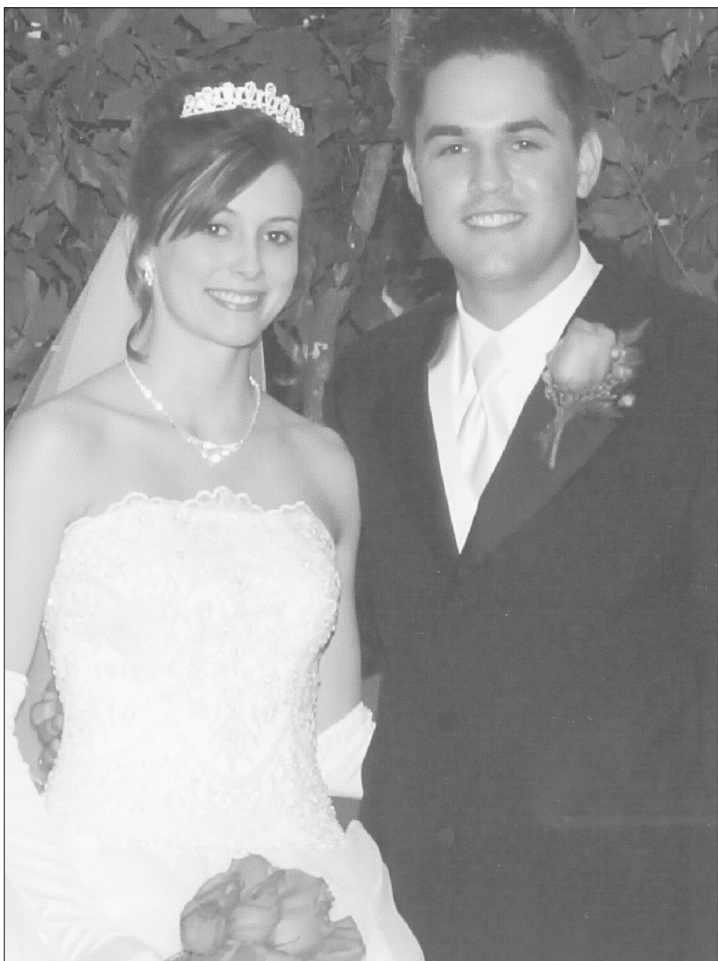
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Lilly McBride and Ryan Moses

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Lilly McBride and Ryan Moses were wed on June 2, 2007, at 6 p.m. at the Texas Avenue Baptist Church in College Station.

Lilly is the daughter of Paul McBride of Bryan and Rhonda Pelland of Phoenix, Ariz. She is the granddaughter of Fay McCarty of Bryan.

Ryan is the son of Steve and Paula Moses of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Ben and Chris Moses of Abilene and Paul and Betty Whaley of Morristown, Tenn.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Eric Doucet and the Rev. Harold Payne of Houston, the current and former

pastors of the Texas Avenue Baptist Church.

The wedding party walked down the aisle on a white carpet scattered with pink and white rose petals.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a white strapless gown with a beaded lace bodice with a scalloped edge. The voluminous organza skirt featured pick-up detail and a chapel train. She wore "glass" slippers, a tall silver crystal and rhinestone tiara with a white, two-tier, elbow-length veil accented with pearls and crystals and embellished elbow-length satin gloves. She carried two dozen "Hot Princess"

roses.

The matron of honor was Chrissy McBride of Bryan, sister-in-law of the bride. The maid of honor was Valerie Pilger. Bridesmaids were Melanie Spradling, Courtney Ratheal and Chelsea Brumbaugh, all of Bryan/College Station; and Amanda Herod of Springfield, Mo. Bridesmaids wore fuchsia strapless gowns with white trim. The gowns featured a flared back and sweep train. Each bridesmaid carried eight cream to fuchsia Laguna roses.

The best man was Ben Moses of Dallas, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Landon Adkins and Austin Adams of Dallas, Ragan Phillips and Justin Blackburn of College Station and Paul McBride of Bryan, brother of the bride. Groomsmen wore black tuxes with fuchsia vests.

Christopher McBride and Danielle McBride, nephew and niece of the bride, served as ringbearer and flower girl.

Ushers were Rhoss Rhoton and Jacob Doucet, both of College Station.

Piano music was provided by Ashley Branch. Vocalists Robert and Dana Hinds sang "Faithfully" during the unity candle ceremony. At the end of the ceremony, the couple left the sanctuary to the "Aggie War Hymn."

A reception honoring the couple was held in the church fellowship hall immediately following the ceremony, featuring a chocolate fountain and hor d'oevres on the bride's table, and a nacho cheese fountain and junk food on the groom's table. The bride's cake was a

five-tier white cake in the shape of a castle. The groom's cake was red velvet and was the "sawed off" horns of U.T. The couple left the ceremony in a shower of pink and white rose petals.

The bride is a 2004 grad-

uate of Bryan High School and attended Blinn College.

The groom is a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School. He graduated Howard College in 2003 and from Texas A&M in May of 2007 with a degree

in electronics engineering technology.

After a honeymoon to San Antonio, the couple has moved to Springfield, Mo., where the groom will attend graduate school at Baptist Bible College.

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county isn't utilizing the land at all. "We'll look at it, and if the commissioners want to move forward with it we'll have the property appraised," said Barr. "Then we can see what kind of interest comes of it."

The court is also expected to hold a budget work session during Monday's meeting, as the court continues to move forward with its 2008 financial projections.

"The budget is going to be tight this year. It's really tight," said Barr. "We're still looking at the different departments and line items to try to trim off any fat. We haven't had to discuss cutting any

kind of services at this point, and I don't think it will come to that. However, we have to make sure we get this thing within reason."

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

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is to present personnel considera-

tions and a payroll report.

County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will present pipeline crossings and a report on county road maintenance. Jameson is also expected to seek permission to go out on bids for a Low Boy Haul Trailer and to hire a new truck driver.

County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom is to discuss elec-

tion judges for the upcoming November election.

Brent McKibbin, director of the County Appraisal District, is to discuss the local "goods in transit" tax with commissioners, filling the court in on House Bill 621 and what it could mean for the area.

Commissioners are expected to discuss hiring Carl Griffith and Assoc. to advise on the design of

a new jail facility, as well as approve a contract with Southwest Architects, also part of the jail project.

Monday's meeting is to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom.

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CITY

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budget workshop in two nights — Monday and Tuesday — but we'll continue into Wednesday if we have to."

The city administration had plenty of suggestions to work with this year, as council members each brought numerous projects — deemed wish lists — to the table.

Councilwoman Gloria McDonald listed several items of interest, including the enlistment of a grant writer for the city, signage at the historic spring in Comanche Trail Park better identifying 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 for the coming year, 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 Street — 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 Horton were improved street signage for the city's north and west sides and a grant

writer for the city.

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 member, 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 meetings are slated to get under way 5 p.m. Monday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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COLLEGE

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- "Building envelope" needs such as replacement of aging brick and mortar, windows, doors and gas and electrical services in laboratory facilities.

- Interior repairs and upgrades such as asbestos removal, and replacement of some floors, walls, furniture, fixtures and equipment.

Selling the bonds will be

the first step in a months-long process before actual work begins, College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

The next step will be selecting an architectural/engineering firm in August to devise plans and oversee the project. Sparks said four firms from across West Texas have already submitted proposals to the college.

"Hopefully ... we can start construction sometime in the fall, and complete it within two or three years," Sparks said.

In other business, trustees will consider:

- An update from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

- Bids for roof repair, laptop computers and related accessories and the district depository of funds.

- Catalog and handbook changes.

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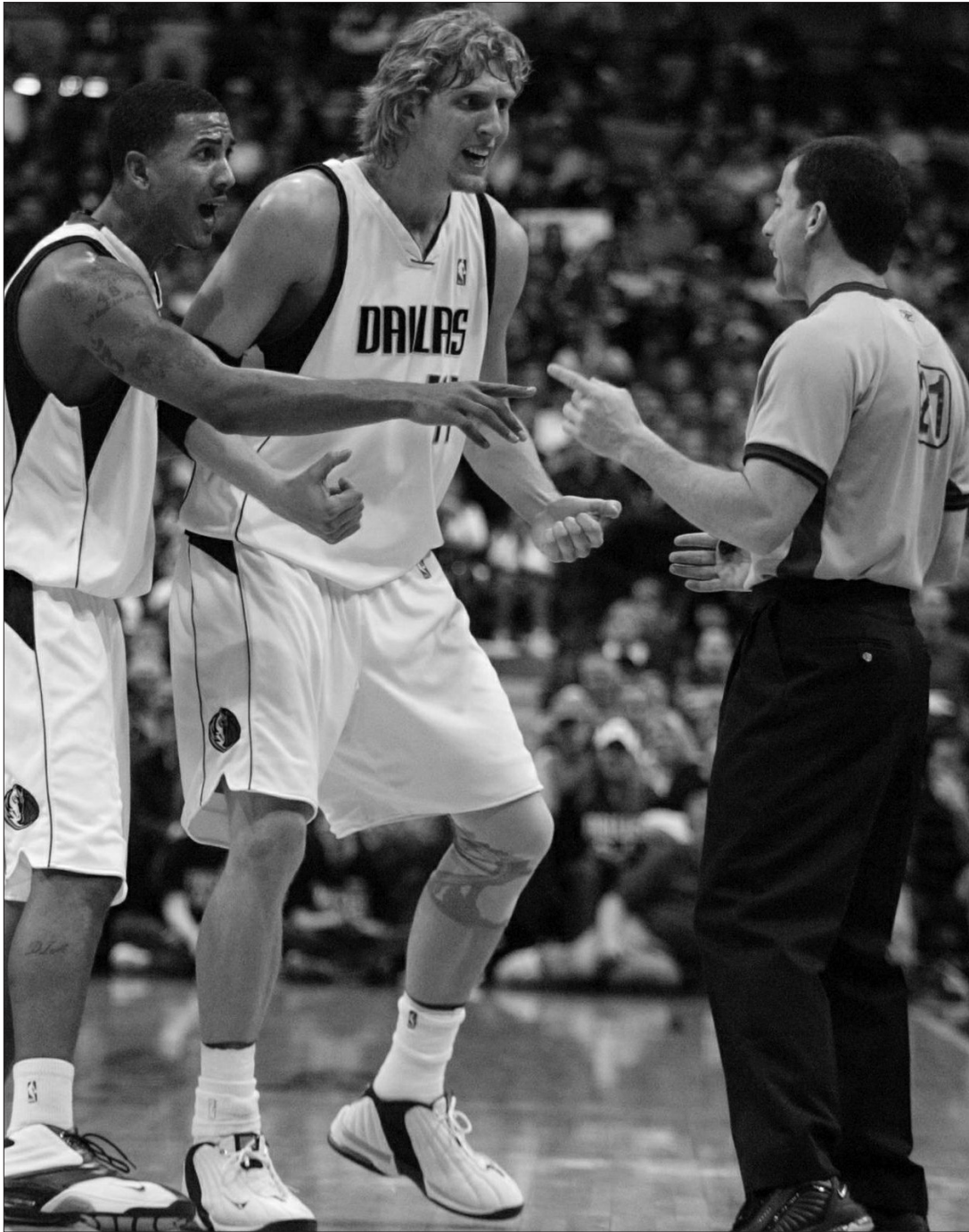
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FBI investigating possible NBA referee gambling scandal



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Dallas Mavericks Raja Bell, left, and Dirk Nowitzki question a call by official Tim Donaghy on Jan. 26, 2003. Donaghy is now the center of a FBI investigation regarding his gambling on NBA games that he refereed over the last two seasons.

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

A point-shaving scandal is an enormous problem in any sport. This one, which might involve an NBA referee, has the potential to permanently scar the league.

The NBA acknowledged Friday the FBI is investigating Tim Donaghy for betting on games, including ones in which he officiated.

"It's a shame," the Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant said. "It's just unfortunate. ... Like I said, it's a very serious issue."

According to a law enforcement official, authorities are examining whether the referee made calls to affect the point spread in games on which he or associates had wagered thousands of dollars over the past two seasons.

The referee had a gambling problem and was approached by low-level mob associates through an acquaintance, said the official, who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation.

Gambling long has been a problem in sports, and leagues have made a point of educating players of the potential pitfalls. The NBA, for example, discusses gambling at rookie orientation, even bringing in former mobster

Michael Franceze to speak.

And the NBA dealt with negative stories about its officials earlier this year when an academic study detailed a bias by referees against players of the opposite color. The league requires its officials to file reports and defend or discuss every questionable call they make in a game.

Donaghy, who reportedly has resigned, was an NBA official for 13 years. He officiated 68 games in the 2005-06 season and 63 games in 2006-07, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

He also worked 20 play-off games, including five last season — Pistons-Magic on April 23; Warriors-Mavericks on April 27; Suns-Lakers on April 29; Nets-Raptors on May 4; and Spurs-Suns on May 12.

Those studying Donaghy's games might have noticed some trends.

When the home team was favored by 0-4 1/2 points, it went 5-12 against the spread in games officiated by Donaghy this season, according to Covers.com, a Web site that tracks referee trends. Home underdogs were 1-7 against the spread when it was 5-9.5 points.

Donaghy was part of a crew working the Heat-Knicks game in New York in February when the Knicks shot 39 free throws to the Heat's eight,

technical fouls were called on Heat coach Pat Riley and assistant Ron Rothstein, and the Knicks won by six.

Defense attorney John Lauro confirmed Donaghy is under investigation, but refused to comment on the allegations or the case.

"They are serious allegations," the leader of the referees' union, Lamell McMorris told the Philadelphia Inquirer. "It's an ongoing federal investigation. And we don't really have much more to say about it, and neither do the referees."

In Bradenton, Fla., a woman came to the door of the home where Donaghy lives and shouted through the door: "We have no comment."

Donaghy is perhaps best-known previously as one of the referees in the 2004 game at Detroit that ended with Indiana Pacers players fighting with Pistons fans, among the biggest black marks in league history.

This could top it.

"We would like to assure our fans that no amount of effort, time or personnel is being spared to assist in this investigation, to bring to justice an individual who has betrayed the most sacred trust in professional sports, and to take the necessary steps to protect against this ever happening again," commissioner David Stern said in a statement.

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Weddings

Hipp and Collier

Carmen Lea Hipp and Jeremy Don Collier, both of Austin, were united in marriage at 6 p.m. July 7, 2007, at 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring with Rick Cunningham performing the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Barbara and Gary Hipp of Coahoma. Her grandparents are Annie Ward and the late Jim Ward of Coahoma and Bill and Darlene Hipp of Sand Springs.

The groom is the son of Annette and David Schofield of Sand Springs. His grandparents are Shirley Paige and the late Jerry Paige of Sand Springs.

Given away by her father and mother, the bride wore a Mon Cheri design, white, satin, strapless top, with layered chiffon A-line skirt. The dress was accented with a beaded design on the layers of the skirt. The veil was accented with a beaded design

matching the dress.

She carried a bouquet of assorted flowers in shades of coral, lime, green and white.

The bride's attendants were Tiffany Steele, Karolee Day, Paige Hipp and April Hipp.

The groom's attendants were Brock Gee, Jason Brock, Travis Hipp and Riley Hipp.

The bride is a 2000 Coahoma High School graduate. She graduated from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls with a bachelor's degree in 2004 and is currently employed in Austin as a dental hygienist.

The groom is a 1998 Big Spring High School graduate. He graduated from the School of Radiology at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in 2003.

He is employed in Austin as a radiology technologist.

The couple honeymooned in Playa del Carmen.



Carmen Lea Hipp and Jeremy Don Collier

Military news



Air Force Airman Andrew B. Moore has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, Moore studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Clint Moore of Big Spring and grandson of Charles Burdett of Loop.

Moore is a 2006 graduate of Loop High School.

Army Pvt. Mark Sanchez has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, Sanchez received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

He is the son of Cruz and Olga Sanchez, and brother of Marie Diaz, all of Big Spring.

Sanchez is a 2005 graduate of Big Spring High School.

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OUR VIEWS

Let us all hope commissioners, voters will learn

Last week's revelation that the rising cost of building construction has left Coahoma school trustees with no choice but trim their renovation plans needs to be a wake up call for the Howard County Commissioners Court.

Howard County voters need to take note as well. Work on a \$14 million renovation project approved by Coahoma Independent School District voters has yet to begin and already school officials announced Thursday night that "construction inflation" — the fast-rising cost of building materials — has forced them to revise the bid package.

As a result, the planned \$320,000 renovation of the CISD administration building has been scrapped to bring costs in line with the \$13.9 million authorized by district voters in November of last year.

It is almost certain that commissioners, currently planning to put another bond issue for construction of a new county jail before voters in November, couldn't have been happy to hear about the CISD board's experience.

Then again, maybe it was exactly what the commissioners court needed voters to see.

Given the costs faced by the Coahoma school district, there's little doubt that Howard County voters will be asked to approve a bond package to build a 96-bed jail that could well cost as much and possibly more than the 144-bed facility commissioners sought approval for just a year earlier.

That so-called "Taj Mahal" jail could well be something Howard County voters wish they'd have approved when they had the chance — the same time Coahoma voters displayed the progressive vision to make improvements to their schools.

What's more, there's still considerable doubt in our collective mind that commissioners should be considering a 96-bed facility. After all, it was the Texas Jail Standards Commission that recommended a 144-bed facility.

Why should we pay attention to the Jail Standards Commission's recommendation?

That can be answered with another question: Remember opponents of last year's "Taj Mahal" jail bond telling us the state couldn't close our current jail?

The bottom line, of course, is that the price of everything is increasing almost daily. What's more, barring some devastating economic depression, prices simply aren't going to decline.

Our commissioners made a recent visit to Young County where initial plans for a 96-bed jail had to be altered to a 144-bed facility before construction began. By the way, those new plans also allow for a possible expansion to more than 200 beds.

But of course that's a different community — Graham, population 9,000, the seat of Young County, which has a population of about 17,500.

That's virtually half of Howard County's 33,627 people, right?

Let us pray our commissioners really learned something that day.

We might also say a little prayer asking that voters be given a little more wisdom than was displayed last November.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we see Your joy after every storm, Lord.

Amen

There is no substitute for oil

The entertainers of the world banded together last week to end global warming by giving a series of concerts. All to the good. I'm big on good intentions. (After all, we ended the Vietnam War with folk songs, didn't we?)

But this time I'd put a hold on feelings of optimism if I were you. The world is doomed.

Doomed to ever-increasing global warming, cities wreathed in toxic fumes, endless traffic jams and all that those things signify. Extinction, basically.

That revelation came a few weeks ago while I was stuck in a traffic jam in Warsaw. Up until then I had been moderately hopeful about our ability to respond intelligently to an ever-warmer world.

I thought, when push came to shove, we'd accept a \$2-a-gallon gas tax, start using public transit, develop alternative fuels and abandon our love affair with over-weight SUVs and (ugh) Hummers.

I thought we'd return to the day of one-car families, car-pools and walking.

Warsaw disabused me of those illusions.

Poland is a poor country, so poor that many there are happy to let the United States locate a "missile shield" on its soil. The "shield," far from shielding Poland from nuclear attack, will make it a target, but Poland welcomes it as a jobs program. It's that poor.



DONALD KAUL

Yet not too poor to have rush hour traffic jams made up largely of people alone in their cars. And gasoline there costs about \$6 a gallon, twice what it is here.

So I figured if six-buck gas doesn't make Poles forsake their cars, why should a \$2 gas tax force relatively rich Americans to do so?

Now, to be fair, cars in Poland tend to be smaller, much smaller, than American cars. But as I said, it's a poor country. When I got to Austria, which is not, (and gas is still \$6) the cars got bigger — Mercedes, BMWs, Audis; it looked like Beverly Hills. There were rush hour traffic jams there too, by the way.

I know what you're going to say, you optimists out there. What about President George W. Bush's favorite answer to the energy problem — high-tech alternatives?

Don't hold your breath.

The *New York Times* recently published a supplement on the future of the auto, written by Rich Taylor, a former editor of *Car and Driver* who now freelances. Here is what I took away from his analysis of the most popular potential solutions to our gasoline problem.

• Ethanol — A hoax, basically. Corn ethanol takes about as much energy to produce as it saves when you put it in your car.

In addition, a rising price for corn means a rising price for food at the supermarket. It's worthless. The twin reasons it's so heavily subsidized by government is: 1) The presidential nominating season begins in Iowa and politicians are afraid of antagonizing Iowa farmers, who favor ethanol

because it keeps the price of corn high, and 2) Archer Daniels Midland, which finances the political campaigns of politicians who then lick its hand, is heavily into producing ethanol.

• Hydrogen — Wonderful fuel, except...it's harder to produce than you might imagine and, in addition, contains only about 4 percent of the energy possessed by an equivalent amount of gas.

Which means that to be useful it has to be compressed to about 10,000 pounds per square inch. If you have an accident with a full tank of hydrogen, you could easily become a Bruce Willis movie.

• Hybrids — OK for what they are but you're building two power plants where only one was needed before. Moreover, it means you've brought another battery into the world and it will eventually have to be disposed of. Not the best environmental idea.

And all of these technologies are expensive. Someone would have to pay for them. And if the American people are about anything, it's an unwillingness to pay anything for anything.

So then...The fuel of the future is...gasoline; and with it more cars, pollution and global warming. The upside is we get more feel-good concerts.

Rock on.

Donald Kaul is a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington correspondent who, by his own account, is right more than he's wrong. Email him at dkaul1@verizon.net.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm writing this letter in response to a column written about the aquatics director at the YMCA. It was written by Thomas Jenkins, an employee of the Big Spring Herald, concerning his daughter and one of our safety policies at the city pool.

He had a problem with our swim test policies. In the column he wrote about how rudely I treated him and that he had no control over how our conversation proceeded. In reality, it was Mr. Jenkins who decided how our conversation went.

Right away he demanded to speak with a manager. I tried explaining our swim test policies: Everyone under 18 must take a swim test given by a lifeguard to be able to swim in the deep end of the pool.

The swim test is given at the top of each hour.

In our records, we had his daughter as a non-swimmer. I then informed Mr. Jenkins that his daughter would have to wait until the top of the hour to retake the swim test, because the staff was busy watching the pool. But he was not happy with this. He insisted that she was a swimmer and had already passed the swim test.

I tried to apologize and explain that mistakes do happen, that we're not perfect. This did not appease him at all. Mr. Jenkins continued yelling in an irate manner, slamming his hand on the counter, slamming the swim test sheets on the counter, insulting me and telling me how incompetent I was.

He then threatened to talk to my

supervisor and threatened to put an article in the Herald about my incompetence. All of this inappropriate behavior was because he didn't want to follow our swim test policies.

I knew the situation was going to continue to escalate, so at that time I said there will be no further discussion and walked away from him.

Now, keep in mind that Mr. Jenkins was not at the pool on official business. Mr. Jenkins threatened me and tried to intimidate me using the Big Spring Herald's name, to try and change our policies. I feel it is in appropriate and unprofessional for him to abuse his position as an employee of the

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'SICKO' indicts health care industry

I am not in the habit of doing movie reviews but I recommend everyone see Michael Moore's documentary "SICKO" about our health care system, which leaves 45 million Americans uninsured, including 9 million children. The film shows how corporate interests guided by profits rather than by an interest in preventing and curing health problems victimize sick people and taxpayers.

"SICKO" puts human faces on our national health care crisis. A grieving mother whose 2-year-old daughter had a high fever, was gripped by a seizure and rushed to the nearest hospital, but was turned away because the hospital wasn't in her HMO's network.



MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

The mother was told the child had to be moved and that any care provided by the receiving hospital would not be covered. Leaving that hospital denied the child vital emergency care. She slipped into a coma and died on the way to the HMO facility.

There's the middle-aged couple, both professionals with health insurance, who were bankrupted when their insurance company stopped providing health coverage after her bout with cancer and his heart attacks. They were forced to sell their home and move into their daughter's storage room. We see a 22-year-old single mother and cancer survivor from Michigan who drives to Canada and poses as the common law wife of a friend to get free clinical care in that country. And we experience disoriented, indigent patients pushed

out of hospitals, put in taxis and dumped, still in their clinical gowns, on the streets of Los Angeles' Skid Row.

Moore exposes how far some insurance companies go to avoid paying for medical costs and the voluminous list of ailments insurance companies call "pre-existing conditions" to deny treatment, cancel policies or demand repayment for already received medical services. He presents doctors and other employees of insurance companies and HMOs promoted and given bonuses based on the number of medical procedures denied sick people. In one case, a young woman with cancer was denied medical treatment because she once had a yeast infection, which the company claimed was a pre-existing condition.

Moore takes us to Britain and France, which have had universal health care since the 1940s. No child or adult would be denied care in those countries because they had a pre-existing condition or because necessary care was "too expensive." When he asks patients how much they are being charged for the care they receive, they laugh and say there is no charge because everybody is included in the National Health Service.

France, in addition to universal health care, maintains a 24-hour medical care service staffed by doctors who make house calls. When is the last time any of us had a doctor come to our home? "SICKO" explores some of the myths about health care in other industrialized democracies, including supposed long waits for care and underpaid doctors.

One of the most dramatic segments of the film involves three first responders to the 9/11 attacks

on the World Trade Center who are suffering from severe respiratory diseases and a host of other ailments from exposure to dust and debris at Ground Zero. Moore took them to the U.S. military base at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, to get the same free, top-notch health care that the U.S. military claims it is providing to "enemy combatants." After he failed to enter the base, he took them to a Havana hospital where they received extensive free diagnostic tests, treatment and medication for which they paid nominal sums. In none of the countries Moore visited are children denied care or provided a lesser standard of care for lack of health insurance or money, as is too often the case in the United States.

I hope "SICKO" pricks our consciences and catalyzes a robust national debate about our broken health care system. The film asks timely questions our political leaders need to answer. If other countries can guarantee health care to all of their citizens, why can't ours? If Canada, European nations and Cuba can take the profit motive out of caring for people, why can't we? Why are there 9 million uninsured children in America?

We need to find common ground with all Americans of good will to address the nation's health care crisis regardless of one's political affiliation.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund and its Action Council whose Leave No Child Behind mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start.

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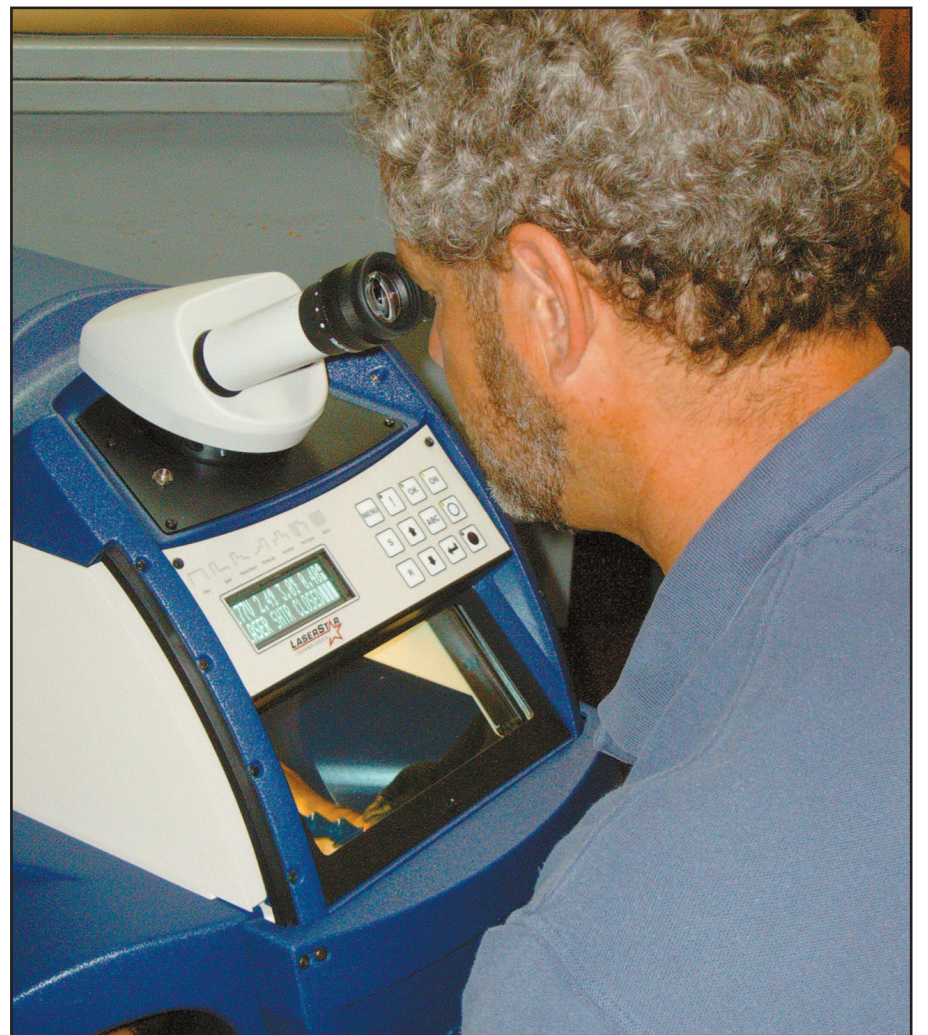
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Mark and Bridget Milliken of Bastrop are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Latisha Ann Milliken to Christopher Scott Perry. Chris is the son of Jack and Vickie Perry of Big Spring.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Bill and Lee Milliken of Coahoma, Lois Wright and Paul Stuteville of Colorado City and the late Luther Wright. The groom is the grandson of Ed and Karen Burnett of Roswell, N.M. and the late Sam and Nita Perry. He is also the great-grandson of Nettie Hughlett of Roswell, N.M. and the late Ollie Miller.

Latisha is a 1999 graduate of Coahoma High School, a 2001 graduate of Howard College and a

2003 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor of business administration in business management and general business. She is currently employed by Mims and Smith Insurance Associates in Midland.

Chris is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2000 graduate of Howard College. Chris is currently a pilot enrolled in the professional pilot program at Midland College and will graduate December 2007.

The couple will be united in marriage Aug. 18, 2007, at Lone Star Aviation located at Big Spring's McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The ceremony will take place at 11 a.m.



Latisha Ann Milliken and Christopher Scott Perry



Jack Parrott

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Who's Who

Chaplain Joel Miller of the Emergency Services Chaplains Corps was one of 4,004 chaplains from 10 nations who attended the International Conference of Police Chaplains' 34th Annual Training Seminar held June 25-29 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Courses covering topics such as post trauma syndrome, officer death and injury, responding to a crisis and working with autism were offered during the seminar, as was an advanced course in disaster response.

One of the more memorable moments of the seminar, Miller said, was the memorial service honoring all law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty since June 15, 2006.

Recognition was also given to police chaplains who had died during the past year.

Frederic Blake Lansperly of Big Spring received a bachelor of science degree in ag services and development during Tarleton State University's Spring Commencement, May 4-5.

Several area students received scholarships from the Permian Basin Area Foundation, officials recently announced.

Area students receiving scholarships include:
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Births

Caleb Allen Klug, a baby boy, was born at 10:07 a.m. July 13, 2007, weighing seven pounds, six ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

He is the son of Bobby and Kim Klug of Big Spring. His maternal grandparents are Tommy and Dolly Smith of Big Spring. His paternal grandparents are Phyllis and Tommy (stepfather) Carroll.

Caleb was welcomed home by siblings Sarinity and Christian.

Big Spring, Tony Wingo of Cumberland, Md., and Craig Parrott of Norman, Okla. The family celebrated with barbecue, cake and homemade ice cream.

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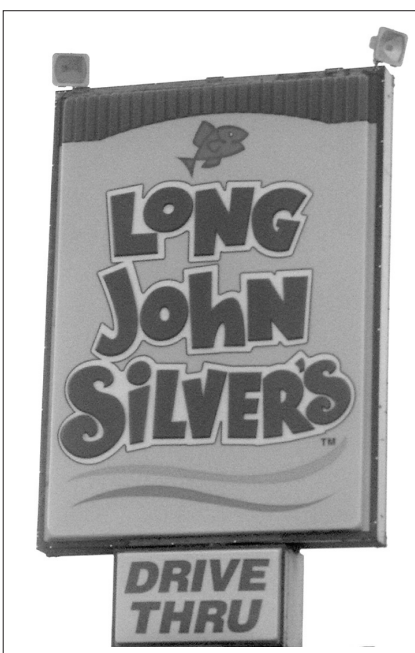
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HERALD photo/Dustin Wilson
Bubba Bean and Aaron Howell of LoneStar Signs give Long John Silver's a facelift by adding a new sign.

Energy Watch



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



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

Quick news...

- **Crude Oil:** As the peak gasoline demand season winds down, we anticipate the positive correlation existing between crude prices and inventories may diminish some, and prices may exhibit more stability, potentially trading between \$60 and \$70 per barrel despite falling inventories.
- **Natural Gas:** We anticipate high crude prices and hot summer temperatures to offer some support to the natural gas market through the summer, but an inventory overhang will likely limit a major reversal in recently weak prices. We tend to think natural gas prices will be supported above \$6.50/mmBtu during the summer.
- **Colonial Pipeline Company** is now accepting orders to ship Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) to the New York area. Previously the operator only allowed shipments up the Eastern seaboard as far as Virginia because they feared the supplies would be contaminated.

We believe the opening of the pipeline reflects strong demand for the product in the Northeast and decreased amounts of heating oil moving through the same pipelines. Heating oil can contaminate ULSD supplies with more sulfur.

Heating oil use in the United States is now limited to home heating since a June 1 regulation demanded low-sulfur diesel be used in non-highway use vehicles which previously ran on heating oil.

• The Popular Revolution Army of Mexico has claimed responsibility for last week's attack on a natural gas pipeline connecting Mexico City to Guadalajara. The group is demanding two of its members be released after being "unfairly" imprisoned during the teacher protests in Oaxaca last year. Pemex has increased security at all its major oil and gas installations.

• The Canadian federal government has said it will commission six to eight Arctic-class patrol boats and use them to defend the nation's territorial oil

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Business briefs

U.S. oil and gas rig count down 1

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States fell by 1 this week to 1,790.

Of the rigs running nationwide, 1,497 were exploring for natural gas and 287 for oil, Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday. Six were listed as miscellaneous.

A year ago, the rig count stood at 1,683.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Oklahoma gained three, Wyoming gained two and Alaska and Texas each gained one. Colorado lost six, New Mexico lost five and Louisiana lost one.

Baker Hughes has tracked rig counts since 1944. The tally peaked at 4,530 in 1981, during the height of the oil boom. The industry posted several record lows in 1999, bottoming out at 488.

Whole Foods extends tender offer

AUSTIN (AP) — Whole Foods Market Inc., hoping to salvage the purchase of rival Wild Oats Markets Inc., said Friday it had extended its tender offer for all Wild Oats shares again, to Aug. 10.

Whole Foods, the nation's largest natural and organic grocer, said 57.1 percent of Wild Oats shares had been tendered by the close of business Thursday. The figure was 58 percent in mid-June, Whole Foods said then.

Austin-based Whole Foods announced in February it would pay \$18.50 per share, or \$565 mil-

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Back in Motion

Doctors of Chiropractics open new office

By DUSTIN WILSON

Staff Writer

Doctors of Chiropractics Jody Reid and Howard Hornsby want to let the community know that their new office is going to be "a positive place for people to come for all the physical medicinal needs."

The new clinic, Back In Motion, not only has two licensed chiropractors on staff, it also offers two fully licensed massage therapists to assist patients.

"I've been practicing in this area for 14 years, where Dr. Hornsby has been practicing for over 18 years," said Reid. "We've been part of the medical community in town for a long time. We're very excited about opening this clinic. It's a breath of fresh air for all of us. We're going to be bringing some very neat things to this town."

Although the plaster still shows and the walls are bare, Reid and Hornsby have been seeing patients for two weeks now. They provide massage therapy and spinal adjustments, as well as electric stimulation and soon, a new spinal decompression table.

"It's really the next wave of chiropractic care. We ordered the table not long ago, and we should have it set up this week," Reid added.

In conjunction with Paradigm Physical Therapy next door, Back In Motion is able to treat patients who require physical therapy and provide on-site X-ray for a rapid diagnosis.

"We treat people who come as far as Welch and the Brownfield area," said Reid of the wide service area the office treats. "We have patients come in from as far as Snyder and Sterling City.

"We accept all forms of insurance, and we are designated doctors for workman's compensation and have been part of the BlueCross BlueShield list of chiropractors. We're on the Veterans Administration vendors' list. I believe we are the only chiroprac-



HERALD Photo/Dustin Wilson
Dr. Jody Reid assists with patient Traci Carr in one the new treatment rooms at the Back In Motion chiropractic clinic.

tors in the area on that list," said Reid.

Back In Motion will be celebrating their grand opening the first week of August. The clinic is located at 602 Main Street, Suite B. For

more information or to make an appointment, call 267-2225

Contact Staff Writer Dustin Wilson at 263-7331, ext. 236 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com.

Water, water everywhere raises risk of livestock disease

Rushing water, stagnant ponds, or even the dry stages after wet periods can lead to outbreaks of livestock disease. Mosquitoes and biting flies, capable of carrying and transmitting diseases, thrive in the damp weather, and naturally-occurring anthrax can take a toll on livestock and wildlife when pastures dry after prolonged wet periods.

Horse owners should take precautions against mosquito-transmitted diseases by having their animals vaccinated against West Nile Virus (WNV)

and the reportable diseases Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis (EEE and WEE). "If you wait until cases of 'sleeping sickness' occur in your area, you may have waited too long to vaccinate," said Dr.

Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the



TOMMY YEATER

state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"You need time for the vaccine to do its job, which is to build the animal's immunity to a particular disease," he said. "Vaccine can provide the best disease protection possible, but it's also crucial to keep up with booster shots, as recommended by the vaccine manufacturer or your private veterinary practitioner. In 2006, 111 horses were confirmed to have West Nile Virus in Texas. So far this year, the disease has been confirmed in one horse, located in Willacy County."

Three cases of Potomac Horse Fever, which is not a regulatory disease, have been confirmed in Kerr County by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. Potomac Horse Fever, first detected in Maryland in 1979, is not typically found in Texas. Clinical cases usually are found near rivers, streams, ponds or canals. The infection involves tiny flukes that are parasites of water snails. The flukes hatch their offspring into the water, and these are then picked up by aquatic insects that molt into flying

insects, including caddis flies and mayflies. Horses can become exposed to Potomac Horse Fever when they eat or drink anything contaminated with the insects.

Kerr County equine veterinarians are urging all owners to call their practitioner if equine animals exhibit signs of Potomac Horse Fever, which can include a reluctance to eat, fever, diarrhea, colic or inflammation around the hoof. Treatment includes antibiotics and supportive care.

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LETTERS

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Herald to get what he wants. I think it is really Mr. Jenkins who needs the classes in courtesy and manners.

ANGELA DETLAFF
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

If you haven't had any loved ones in the VA Hospital, you do not know what a qualified, dedicated group of people that work there.

I have come to know many of them personally and I know what loving care they give to each patient. I hope they know how very much each of them means to me.

Big Spring is indeed very fortunate that we were able to keep this facility.

NORMA PERKINS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Many people, even family members of hard of hearing people, have "strange" notions about people who have trouble hearing.

1) "Oh, Uncle Joe just hears what he wants to hear." Now, isn't that ridiculous? How would he decide what he wants to hear?

2) If a person is hard of hearing, you have to shout at him/her. Many people, I included, have little problem with volume. In fact, if the sound is turned too high, I have much trouble with that. The main problem I have is with pitch and quality of tone.

3) One of the rudest things you can do to a hard of hearing person is to just dismiss them. If they say something to the hard of hearing person and he or she says, "I did-

n't understand," they will say something like, "Never mind!" with an aggravated look on their face.

There are many other things to talk about but to sum up, respect should be shown no matter the age of the hard of hearing. Help them to hear. Don't shout nor scold. Help them.

WILLIAM O. ADAMS
PLANO

TO THE EDITOR:

OK, OK, I know I write a lot, but I feel the need to jump on the bandwagon again. We have an intersection that needs attention, not by the city, but by those of us who live here.

The highway department put white poles as you go around from 700 toward Wal-Mart. I just want to remind people that that is a yield, not a stop. There are three entrances to Wal-Mart, and when you stop while going around and do not merge the proper way, you are leaving yourself open for an accident.

Please pay attention to what you're doing and if need be, take the second or third entrance to Wal-Mart.

Let's not cause any fatalities by stopping at the wrong place.

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TAMMY ADAMS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The Pops in the Park Committee would like to thank the *Big Spring Herald* for being a presenter for this year's Independence Day celebration.

The *Herald* is uniquely positioned to promote this event to the local community in a way that no one

else can. The outstanding job that you and your staff did in reporting and promoting the event helped insure its overall success.

While the final figures are not in, the event was an obvious success and was well attended. We are now looking forward to Pops 2008.

Thank you four your continued support.

JAN HARNSEN
CHAIRPERSON
POPS IN THE PARK

TO THE EDITOR:

The Howard County A&M Club blew the top off again for an eighth time! The Aggie Auction raised \$52,000 Saturday, July 14. It was a record-setter in attendance, funds raised, enjoyment and excitement. It was a total blast!

Those who were honored with the naming of the endowed scholarships were Stan and Sue Partee, Hayes and Dorothy Stripling and Don and Cindy Knight. Those who purchased the \$5,000 naming rights for the endowments were the Partees, the Knights and Michael R. and Jeanne Niklasch for the Stripling Endowment and Kelly Williams of Houston for the Knight scholarship.

Stripling expressed his appreciation for the honor by saying, "It is one thing to be honored by your family, but to be honored by your peers is the ultimate."

For the first time in history, the A&M Club endowed two scholarships in one year, giving our club a total of nine endowments that will live in perpetuity. This year we awarded a total of 15 scholarships — a scholarship for every student who applied.

It is not just about the money. the Howard County Aggie Club has a

rewarding tradition of returning home to give a portion of our blessings. "To whom much is given, much is required." That's sums it up! The investments of encouragement and support will also live forever and hopefully be passed on to future generations. We support all of our students, whether they need financial assistance or not. We encourage them to persevere through disappointments and failures.

These scholarships are one way that we can show each student that we believe in them and are sincerely interested in their continued success. Scholarships are small tokens of our great pride for these outstanding young people. We are their "12th Man," their foundation. Hopefully this encouragement will inspire confidence and enthusiasm.

We sincerely appreciate the individuals and businesses who generously supported us through their tireless efforts, donations and attendance, some traveling many hours and long distances to be a part of this event.

The Howard County A&M Club is well on its way to its goal of 12 endowments. Whoop!

DIANA NEWTON
BIG SPRING

Take Note

• **A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT COSDEN CREDIT UNION** to help pay medical expenses for Raul Robles. Any assistance would be appreciated. The account is No. 761882.

• **ST. MARY'S AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S ARE HOLDING A LAP BLANKET DRIVE** to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

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

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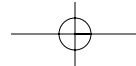
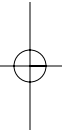
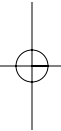
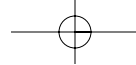
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Colleen Barton
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5433 July 15 & 22, 2007

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship for the Estate of James Banister Allgood, An Incapacitated Person, were issued on July 12, 2007, in Cause No. G-130, pending in the County Court Howard County, Texas, to: **SHIRLEY JO FRANKLIN**. The residence of the Guardian is Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; the post office address is:

Shirley Jo Franklin
4009 Dixon Street
Big Spring, Texas 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** the 18th day of July, 2007. **GWENDOLYN K. DUNSON, P.C.** 610 Main Street, Suite B P.O. Box 670 Big Spring, Texas, 79721-0670 By: Gwendolyn K. Dunson Attorney for the Guardian State Bar No.: 00795331 #5450 July 22, 2007.

Answer to previous puzzle

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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: **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

CITY OF BIG SPRING
PUBLIC NOTICE

July 16, 2007
The BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2007 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

A Zone Change from Agriculture (A) to Planned Development (PD), described as Block 1, Units 1-5, Lots 1-18, within 4.80 acres of and part of the Southwest part of section 7, Blk 32, T-1-S, T&P RY Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas. #5453 July 22 & 29, 2007.

CITY OF BIG SPRING
PUBLIC NOTICE

July 16, 2007
The PLANNING & ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2007 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

A Zone Change from Retail (R) to Heavy Commercial (HC), described as a 0.13 acre less S/40 S/Corner of Block 14-1504, Howard County, Texas. #5451 July 22 & 29, 2007.

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ESTATE AUCTION

Sale Time 9:30 A.M. SAT. July 28, 2007

The Estate of Mrs. Freddie Day

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AUCTIONEER: GRADY W. MORRIS TXs-6785

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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: **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, 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, 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 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

Marital dysfunction and denial

Dear Margo: I have no one else to share this with, so here I am. I have been

married for nearly five years. I am so sexually unsatisfied with my husband I could scream, and I have made it known to him.

He, let us say, can't last too long — sometimes even before he begins, if you know what I mean. I was able to prod him to seek a doctor's advice four years ago, but his doctor apparently told him it is normal and that he just needed more practice.

Since then, he refuses to seek additional help; he just keeps referring back to that doctor's advice. So far this year

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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: **Jimmy O. Johnson and Ann Marie Murphy**
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:

W/77 S/50 of Lot 3, Blk 80, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: **\$542.47**, 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 **JIMMY O. JOHNSON AND ANN MARIE MURPHY** and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the **29th day of November, 2006**, in a certain suit styled **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JIMMY O. JOHNSON AND ANN MARIE MURPHY**, 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 **5269** 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 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.
#5441 July 15 & 22, 2007

we have only slept together four times. He is not all that sexual anyway.

Now I am wondering: What is the point? In fairness to him, he is a great dad and a good husband in other ways — great provider, a handyman, etc. Through insemination, we were able to conceive a child. Now, I am thinking of having another child through insemination again, but I am having second thoughts.

I do not feel in love, am unhappy and often think about leaving him. We are Catholics, however, and already have a child. Do I just continue to live in this fake-ideal Catholic marriage and sacrifice my own happiness for the no-divorce mantra just to have a complete family raising our son? — Dissatisfied Wife

Dear Dis: By your reckoning, there is a

quarterly get-together, and he's been "practicing" for years without making any progress. From what you say, sex (well, the lack of it) is the primary issue. You must decide what weight that has for you in the overall picture; I cannot tell you.

Because your husband is hiding behind the lame advice of the last doctor he saw, you, yourself, should see a urologist or a specialist in male sexual problems about what a possible solution might be. There could be drugs that would be helpful.

If this is important to you, and I believe it is, tell your husband it is a solvable problem, and if he wishes to stay married, he will make it his business to solve it. If he is indifferent to the subject, then you may have to consider the other options. — Margo, exploratorially

Too Much Information

Dear Margo: My husband's extended family includes some (marvelous) adopted children and some (poorly brought up) stepchildren — now grown, with kids of their own. Frankly, Hubby's family is generally awful, but it's their behavior regarding these children that bothers me most.

As a strange way of bragging or seeking praise for "rescuing" the children, this family broadcasts every negative detail of the adopted kids' birth families. I do not want to know such things, nor do I have a right to. In the same way, I have learned far too much about just how screwed up the acquired stepchildren are. (This is blamed entirely on the evil ex-wife, even though the parents shared custody.) A professional contact

of mine recently filled me in on every sordid detail of his new stepchildren's "crazy" father's family. And then he told me how he was going to be those children's salvation. Such ego, such an invasion of privacy for those children. Why would anyone so damage a child's image in order to flatter themselves? — Love the Kids and, Please, Shut Up Already

Dear Love: These people sound like they have messiah complexes and big mouths. It is not very smart to retail this kind of information. As for your own extended family, the next time the litany starts, say that the old stuff is not helpful to anyone, and better to concentrate on the here and now.

Do not imagine that you can "retrain" these self-aggrandizers, but you can let them know you are an unwilling audience. — Margo, instructively

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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 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 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.
#5436 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: **Leroy Hitchcock**
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 1, Blk 46, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; to include mobile home 14x76 LBL #DLS0017223

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: **\$643.74**, 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 **LEROY HITCHCOCK** and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the **30th day of October, 2007**, in a certain suit styled **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. LEROY HITCHCOCK**, 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 **5250** 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 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.
#5438 July 15 & 22, 2007

Legals

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

To: **Glenda E. Jones**
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 10, Blk 1, Earles Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: **\$7,506.98**, 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 **GLEND A. JONES** and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the **30th day of August, 2006**, in a certain suit styled **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. GLENA E. JONES**, 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 **5201** 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 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.

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Colleen Barton
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5439 July 15 & 22, 2007

Legals

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

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.

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 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.

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Colleen Barton
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The sun enters the sign of the fierce and majestic Lion today, so let your love light shine! The hearty sign of Leo warms everyone's creativity and individuality so they shine brighter and bolder. Ferociously insist

on your unlimited creative potential. When you express the unique talents and gifts you've been given, you radiate strength.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Comfortable doing what you've done before? That's the precise reason you won't do it today. Bucking the tried and true, you take a leap into the unknown, untried and unbelievably exciting!
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your mission is to be

supportive and fair. You're willing to listen to both sides of a story, but in doing so you'll only discover that there are definitely more than two sides.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People will rise to your expectation, provided it's higher than their own. Treat those on your team like they're thoroughbreds, and they won't turn into nags.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Part of the way you show your love is to offer advice. Those who are on the listening end of your wisdom might not realize that this is a sign of your abundant affection. Let them know.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

You're looking for ways to quench your thirst for thrills. You could fall for the dangerous types: the proud scoundrel or the committed seducer. Or you could just go shopping.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Those in charge aren't necessarily competent and working in everyone's best interests. Think before you follow. Power isn't greatness, but greatness will always find its power.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's been said that a gentleman is a man who can play the accordion, but doesn't. You're respected because you exercise restraint, keeping the level of decorum high.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You refuse to acknowledge a situation's difficulty. So a scene that could have been awkward is good humored instead. Unpleasantness melts

away in the light of your sunny spirit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Friends may not come through for you with what they say they'll do, but they come through with something else. Keep an open mind. The new item is just as helpful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What is effortless to you will take a huge amount of effort for someone else to pull off. The best way to acknowledge and appreciate your skills is to take a rest. Relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Instead of fixing the flat tire, you get a new car. Or instead of returning a phone call, you send a bouquet. Your overreaction will kick off a lucky chain of events.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your heart sends you subliminal love notes to help you stay on the path to happiness. Note any interesting dreams, gut reactions or unusual experiences — clues to light your purpose.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The entry of the sun into Leo this week plays on our passion for life and elan vital — the vital life force of our spirit and our belief in the power of love. The story of Beauty and the Beast captures Leo's yearning to live our true potential, that magnanimous ability to love beyond all circumstances by falling in love with the incredible talents and gifts sometimes hidden beneath beastly appearances. In the story, despite being poor, Beauty doesn't want riches, but only a single red rose symbolizing love, a wealth stronger than money. When she meets Beast, she shares her beauty and acceptance, and the beast is soothed. When lustrous Lion receives loving acceptance from one who honors the true beauty within, his curse is lifted and he's free to truly dance. Don't be fooled by appearances. The Leo sun is an original beauty because it's learned to love its own beastly qualities. The trick with Leo is peeling back the illusive clouds of smallness that darken talent. When we live our gifts, Leo empowers our radiant, beautiful vitality. And we're free to have the time of our lives.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Don Imus continues to shock with his royal roar. With the powerful masculine planets — sun, Mars and Pluto — in Leo, there's nothing shy about this audacious guy. The word "audacity," like "audience," originates from the Latin root *audere* meaning "to hear." By listening to his public and sponsors, and taking their message to his Leo heart, Imus may just be able to recover from recent setbacks.

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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: **E.G. Galaviz, aka Eusevio G. Galaviz**
E.G. Galaviz, 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 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: **Katerine 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.

Lots 2-4, Blk 5, Wrights Airport Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. (330000 und. int.): Assessed Value- \$743.00 Amt. Owed- \$1,023.17.

Lots 2-4, Blk 5, Wrights Airport Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard county, Texas (330000 und. int.): Assessed Value- \$743.00 Amt. Owed- \$1,023.17.

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.

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.
#5437 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: **William J. Dean**
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 1.0 acre tract of land out of the West Part of Section 25, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "B": Assessed Value- \$2,600.00 Amt. owed- \$620.60

A 1.0 acre tract of land out of the West Part of Section 25, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "C": Assessed Value- \$13,631.00 Amt. owed- \$2,604.74

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: **\$3,443.75**, 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 **WILLIAM J. DEAN** 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. WILLIAM J. DEAN**, 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 **4983** 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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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.
#5443 July 15 & 22, 2007

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TO: **Apolinar Garcia**
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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,
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Legals

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News in brief

Government denies Taliban claim of killing 2 German hostages; but says 1 has died

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — A purported Taliban spokesman said the hard-line militia killed two German hostages on Saturday because Germany didn't announce a troop withdrawal from Afghanistan.

The Afghan government, however, said one of the Germans died of a heart attack and that the second was still alive.

South Korea's government, meanwhile, attempted to win the release of at least 18 Korean Christians, including 15 women, kidnapped in the same region on Thursday.

Qari Yousuf Ahmadi, who claims to be a Taliban spokesman, said fighters had fatally shot the Germans, who were kidnapped on Wednesday along with five Afghan colleagues in the southern province of Wardak while working on a dam project.

"The German and Afghan governments didn't meet our conditions, they didn't pull out their troops," Ahmadi told The Associated Press by telephone from an undisclosed location.

Ahmadi offered no proof of the killings and said the Taliban would give further information about the two bodies later.

The Afghan Foreign Ministry said he was lying. "The information that we and our security forces have is that one of these two who were kidnapped died of a heart attack," Foreign Ministry spokesman Sultan Ahmad Baheen said. "The second hostage is alive and we hope that he will be released soon and we are trying our best to get him released."

German Foreign Ministry spokesman Martin Jeager said a crisis team was pursuing "every clue" and was in close contact with the Afghan government.

Ahmadi said that 18 kidnapped Koreans would also be killed Saturday if South Korea didn't withdraw its 200 troops in Afghanistan.

Patil, the 72-year-old candidate of the governing Congress party and its political allies, defeated incumbent Vice President Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, the candidate of the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party.

"I am grateful to the people of India, to all the men and women of India," Patil said in a brief statement to reporters. "This is a victory of the principles of which our Indian people uphold," she said flashing the victory sign to her supporters.

Her candidacy was dogged by unprecedented mudslinging from the moment it was agreed upon by coalition members, marring the usually genteel process of presidential elections.

Hundreds of delighted Congress supporters danced in the streets as the results were announced, banging drums and setting off firecrackers outside her home in New Delhi and in her hometown in the state of Maharashtra.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Sonia Gandhi — the head of the Congress party — were among the first to visit her home to congratulate her. She will be sworn in for a five-year term as India's 13th president on July 25.

The election of a woman to the largely ceremonial post continues an Indian tradition using the presidency to bolster disadvantaged communities.

Brazil's president promises thorough investigation of plane crash

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — Brazil's president announced measures to make air travel safer in the country and said a new airport will be constructed in Sao Paulo, where a plane crash this week killed 191 people.

President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva also promised on Friday that there will be a thorough investigation into the crash at a congested airport located in the midst of South America's biggest city.

A disconnected thrust reverser emerged as a possible factor in the TAM Airlines jetliner overshooting the runway on Tuesday in Brazil's worst air disaster. But the political heat intensified after an official expressed relief that blame for the deadly crash might shift away from the government.

Silva said in a nationally televised speech that his government would take "all measures within our reach to diminish the risk of new tragedies."

It was the first time Silva has spoken publicly on the crash, with the exception of a short statement read by

a spokesman hours after the crash.

"I want everyone to know that the government is doing the possible and the impossible to investigate the causes of the accident," Silva said. "One cannot condemn or absolve anyone on the basis of rushed opinions."

Critics accuse officials of failing to address long-standing air travel safety problems including deficient radars, underfunded air traffic control systems and the short, slick runway at Congonhas, Brazil's busiest airport, where the crash occurred.

Election in Turkey could determine questions around divisive Islamic head scarf issue

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — A general election on Sunday in this mostly Muslim nation might help answer a divisive question: whether women should be allowed to wear head scarves in official settings and state institutions.

It was a tempest over a head scarf that helped trigger the elections in the first place. Secularists reacted with outrage when the Islamic-oriented ruling party proposed a presidential candidate whose wife covered her head.

The opposition boycotted the presidential vote in Parliament and secularists held massive rallies in several cities to protest the nomination of Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul.

A key element of the opposition's position was that it would be a disgrace for a headscarf-clad first lady to live in the mansion once occupied by Turkey's founder, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk — who established the modern secular state from the ashes of the Ottoman Empire. The government was eventually forced to withdraw Gul's candidacy and called the July elections.

The ban imposed on Islamic-style headscarf is a long running problem that has increasingly dominated the agenda here, in parallel to the rise of the country's political Islamic movement.

In 1999, Huda Kaya and her two daughters were accused in court of "attempting to forcefully dissolve the Turkish Republic," a charge carrying a possible death sentence at the time.

Their alleged crime? Like thousands of others, they had participated in a rally against a government ban on wearing Islamic headscarves in universities.

Turkish society has changed dramatically in the time since Kaya's trial.

N. Korea says reactors should be a reward

BEIJING (AP) — North Korea's nuclear envoy demanded Saturday that his country be given power-generating reactors as a reward for eventually dismantling its atomic programs.

The demand presents a future hurdle for talks aimed at ridding Pyongyang of its ability to make nuclear bombs.

"In order to ultimately dismantle (the nuclear programs), light-water reactors should be given" to the North, Kim Kye Gwan told reporters before leaving Beijing, referring to a type of nuclear reactor that cannot be easily used to make radioactive materials for weapons.

Six-nation talks on the North's nuclear weapons programs ended Friday without setting any target date to disable Pyongyang's nuclear facilities — before their eventual dismantlement — following the shutdown of its sole operating reactor a week ago.

The North had been promised two light-water reactors for power under a 1994 disarmament deal with the U.S. But that agreement fell apart in 2002 when Washington accused Pyongyang of embarking on a secret uranium enrichment program, sparking the latest standoff.

The U.S. and the other countries in the arms talks — China, Japan, Russia and South Korea — have agreed to discuss providing the North with light-water reactors at an appropriate time. Washington has insisted discussions on the reactors would only take place after Pyongyang has rejoined the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty that it quit in early 2003.

The North's Kim still praised the outcome of latest arms talks, but said time had not been sufficient to set a new deadline for the next step in Pyongyang's disarmament.

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Dickens latest to be honored as Hanger 25 Vet of the Month

by **DUSTIN WILSON**
Staff Writer

According to famed American essayist and philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Each man is a hero and an oracle to somebody; and to that person whatever he says has an enhanced value."

Elmer Dickens was the latest area veteran honored the Hanger 25 Museum's Veteran of the Month Thursday night. He was surrounded by fellow veterans and his family as he was invited to retell his story to be chronicled in the museum's library.

"Well, I'm honored very much to be a veteran and I was honored to serve my county in World War II," said Dickens. "I'm not a hero — the heroes didn't come back."

Hailing originally from Lenora, Okla., Dickens grew up traveling between Oklahoma and Texas, living with different relatives. It was his senior year in high school when he received what he considered "a congratulation from the United States" — his draft notice.

He was able to finish high school, but was soon inducted into the Army at Fort Sam Houston, near San Antonio, and then continued his training at Camp Berkeley in Abilene.

There he received training at the clerical and radio schools as well as medical training, "but they decided they needed me as a rifleman more than they needed me as a medic," Dickens said jokingly.

He left the United States by ship and was stationed in Le Havre, France as a member of the 341st Regiment of the 86th "Blackhawk" Infantry Division. Soon, it was on to Germany.

"From there we had to cross the Rhine river at night, they couldn't see us, but they knew we were coming. They didn't

have to see us, but wherever they shot they could hit us."

He faced combat while in Germany and was soon placed at the company headquarters.

He received a 10 percent disability from the ringing in his ears due to the mortars the Germans fired at them. "You know you're safe when you can hear them," he said, commenting on the mortars. "It's when it's quiet that you better hit the dirt."

During his time in Europe his company marched across Germany, Belgium and Austria. "We walked, but I knew I could've probably run the entire way if I had to," He said jokingly.

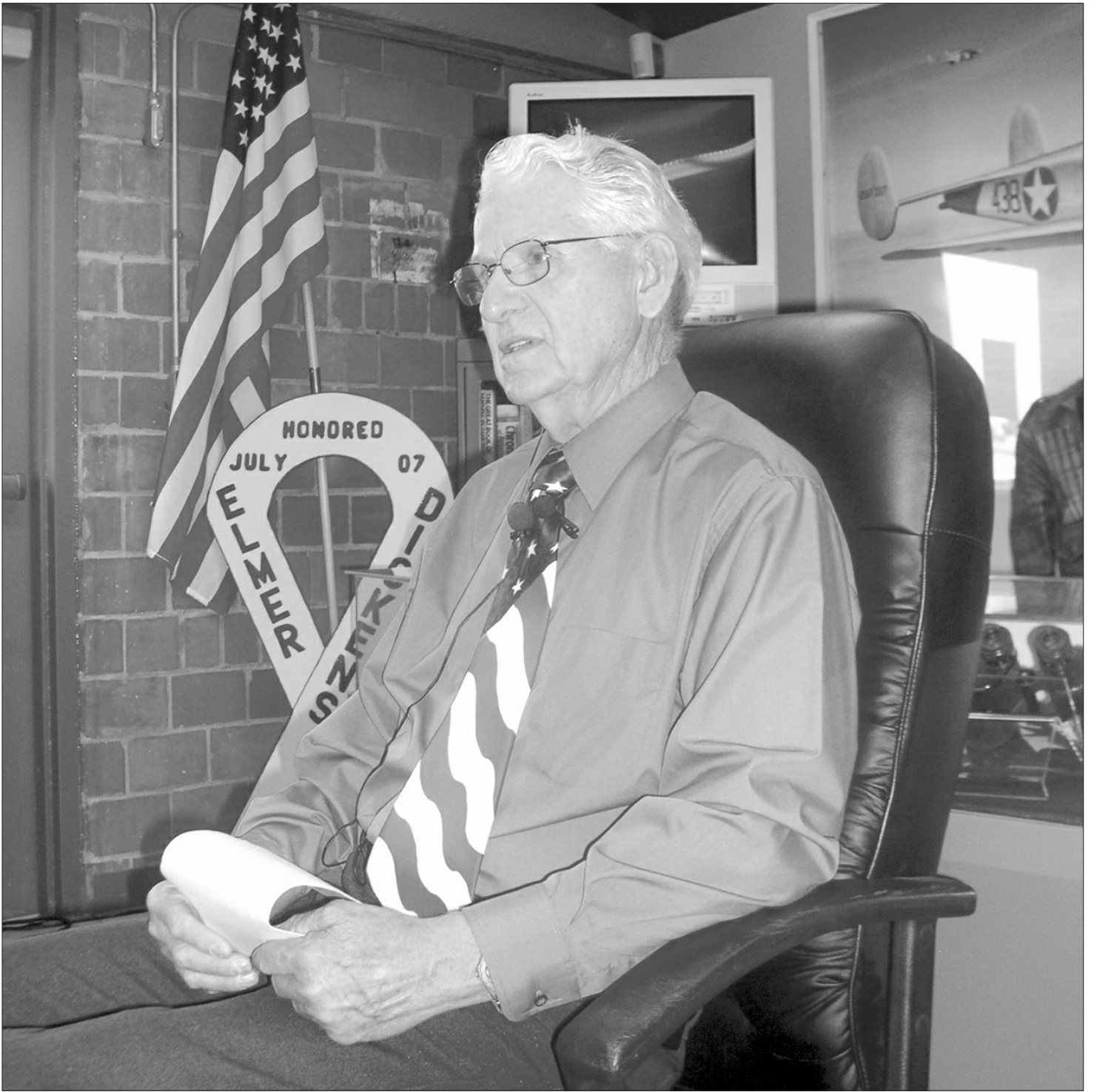
"I believe we were in Austria on May 5," Dickens said. "We heard rumors that peace was on the way. Sure enough we were right. On the eighth of May we were right. I happened to be on the switchboard around 1 a.m. and we didn't sleep the rest of the night. We knew we were going home."

His division didn't spend much time in the United States. They were soon shipped to the Pacific Theater, where he spent time stationed in the Philippines and soon earned enough points to leave the Army and return to the United States.

During the ceremony he was presented with an American flag that had flown over the capital, donated by U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer as well as a wooden plaque emblazoned with his name to be hung in the museum of Hanger 25.

"I feel very humbled ... It's wonderful. I feel it's a great honor." Dickens said as he finished his presentation.

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Elmer Dickens talks to the crowd after being named the 23rd veteran to be honored as Hanger 25 Museum's Veteran of the Month during ceremonies at the museum Thursday night. HERALD Photo/Dustin Wilson

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The way we do the things we do

I enjoy getting up early each morning. I like the quiet early morning time to think about philosophical things and come up with creative solutions. This morning I was thinking about why people enjoy reading.



DARRELL RYAN

I realize that some like to read for the gathering of information. Others enjoy reading for motivation and encouragement. Some folks read just to pass the time away and some read for pure entertainment.

I was thinking about the entertainment part when I came across a story that certainly fits that category. It's a dialog between God and St. Francis. I think you will see the humor that intended:

GOD: Francis, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there in the U.S.? What

in the world happened to the dandelions, violets, thistles and the stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of color by now. All I see are patches of green.

ST. FRANCIS: It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. They are called Suburbanites and they went to great lengths to kill the flowers and replace them with grass.

GOD: Grass? Why grass? It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, bees, or birds, only grubs and sod worms and it's temperamental with temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want grass growing there?

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing it and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

Parent's Corner

GOD: The spring rains and the warm weather probably make the grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites very happy.

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it has grown a little, they cut it, sometimes two times a week.

GOD: They cut it? Do they bale it like hay?

ST. FRANCIS: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

ST. FRANCIS: No sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD: Now let me get this straight: They fertilize it to make it grow and when it does grow,

they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

ST. FRANCIS: Yes, sir.

GOD: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

ST. FRANCIS: You aren't going to believe this Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD: What nonsense! At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in summer. In the autumn they fall to

the ground and form a natural blanket to keep the moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. Plus, as they rot, the leaves become compost to enhance the soil. It's a natural circle of life.

ST. FRANCIS: I hate to say this, Lord. As soon as the leaves fall, the Suburbanites rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD: No way! What do they do to protect the shrubs and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

ST. FRANCIS: After throwing the leaves away they go out and buy something called mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD: And where do

they get this mulch?

ST. FRANCIS: They cut down the trees and grind them up to make mulch.

GOD: Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. Saint Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

ST. CATHERINE: Dumb and Dumber, Lord. It's a real stupid movie about ...

GOD: Never mind — I think I just heard the whole story from Saint Francis.

In summary, isn't it amazing what we do to occupy ourselves? We are funny creatures.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

It's All So Sensible

West dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q 6
♥ A K 10 9
♦ K 10 5 2
♣ A 6 3

WEST

♠ A 10 8
♥ Q 4 2
♦ Q 9 4
♣ K Q 10 8

EAST

♠ K
♥ J 8 7 5
♦ J 7 6 3
♣ 9 7 5 4

SOUTH

♠ J 9 7 5 4 3 2
♥ 6 3
♦ A 8
♣ J 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♣	Dble	2♣	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠

Opening lead — king of clubs.

You naturally can't see the defenders' cards when you're declarer, but in the majority of cases you're expected to win as many tricks as if you did see them. Some players call the ability to do this a sixth sense, but it's really nothing more than drawing logical conclusions from the clues at hand.

Take this deal where West leads the king of clubs, which you win with dummy's ace. Whether or not

you make the contract resolves itself into one simple issue: If you lose two trump tricks, you make the contract; if you lose three trump tricks, you go down one. Aside from a club, you have no other losers.

It is obvious that East cannot have the A-K of spades, because West would not have an opening bid without at least one of them. It is therefore sensible to assume that West has either one or both of them.

For this reason, it is best to tackle trumps by leading them first from the South hand. Declarer therefore crosses to the ace of diamonds at trick two and leads a low trump.

West produces the eight, and if declarer plays the queen from dummy, he loses three trump tricks and goes down one.

However, there are good reasons for ducking West's eight. Declarer knows that if the spades are 2-2, his play does not matter because he cannot lose more than two trump tricks. He therefore assumes a 3-1 division.

It is highly unlikely, in view of West's play of the eight, that he has the A-K of spades. Accordingly, South plays dummy's six on the basis that East has either the singleton or doubleton ace or king, and winds up making the contract.

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Murder trial postponed until Aug. 20

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The murder trial of a Lamesa man accused of the shooting death of a former Big Spring High School track star that was expected to begin in 118th District Court this week has been postponed, as court officials make corrections to the indictment.



Harbert

Michael Harbert, 23, of Lamesa, was indicted on a charge of murder in March for the Dec. 23 shooting death of former Big Spring High School track star Tory Mitchell.

According to Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, the trial is now set to begin Aug. 20.

"There was a problem with the indictment," said Wilkerson. "We attempted to amend it, but the defense objected. The law says they are entitled to a waiting period in a situation such as this, and we have to abide by the law."

Wilkerson said the delay doesn't necessarily amount to more time for the prosecution to prepare for the trial, making it a situation where he and his staff will simply have to wait.

"We were ready to go this week, there's no question about that," said Wilkerson. "Now we just

have to try to keep the powder dry and be ready to go Aug. 20."

Harbert, who also goes by the name of Michael Gibson, allegedly had a series of altercations with Mitchell that led to the fatal shooting, according to Wilkerson.

"It appears that the defendant and Mr. Mitchell had their differences, and those differences appeared to have escalated, ultimately culminating in the state's allegation that Mr. Harbert shot Mr. Mitchell

in the back with a .357 Magnum (pistol)," Wilkerson said.

Mitchell earned fame as a multiple gold medal winning track athlete at Big Spring High School in the 1990s.

He won back-to-back double gold medals at the state track meet in the 100 meters and 200 meters during that time and eventually signed a football scholarship with the University of Miami in 1999.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public informa-

tion officer for the Big Spring Police Department, Mitchell was shot multiple times.

"Patrol officers were dispatched to a residence in the 2600 block of Fairchild in reference to a shooting," said Everett. "Officers were advised that one subject had been shot and the suspect had left the scene in a small, red Ford. While en route to the call, a police officer saw a vehicle matching the description. He stopped and detained the two occupants of the vehi-

cle." Harbert, along with Felicia Aldridge, 20, of Big Spring, were arrested soon thereafter. Harbert was found to be in possession of a handgun that is believed to be the murder weapon.

Harbert was charged with murder, possession of marijuana and interfering with a police officer's duties. Aldridge has been charged with three counts of possession of a controlled substance.

Murder is a first degree

felony that normally carries a possible punishment of between five and 99 years or life in prison. Because Harbert has previous felony convictions, however, his possible punishment has been enhanced to between 15 and 99 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: "Joyce" is 65, and I am 67. We have been in a relationship for 13 years. Last week, Joyce asked me to dinner, for what I assumed was a belated birthday celebration, and told me she is getting married and moving 1,000 miles away.

Apparently, during the six years I thought she was visiting her son, she has been having a clandestine affair with the man who was her first love. He has now gotten a divorce and given Joyce an engagement ring.

I trusted her completely and was easily deceived. Joyce shows no sign of guilt, shame or remorse over this illicit relationship and what it has done to me. She said she didn't want to hurt me and that's why I was kept in the dark. She said our relationship had fizzled into a friendship some time ago.

I feel as if I have been taken advantage of and played for a fool. She wants to be "friends," but I wonder if she is worth it. — Bill in Memphis

Dear Bill: She's moving 1,000 miles away? Good. You need to get her out of your system. Even if Joyce considered your relationship "just friends," she knew her admission would hurt you, which means she recognized that you believed there was a commitment. She deliberately lied because she knew she was in the wrong. You need her like a fish needs a bicycle. Wish her well and say goodbye.

Dear Annie: I am constantly flabbergasted at my mother-in-law's conversation at mealtime. On one occasion, in mixed company, she turned to her daughter and asked if she'd recently gotten a mammogram. Today, as I was about to serve myself at a restaurant buffet, she and my sister-in-law began discussing colonoscopies. I politely suggested this was not a good topic for the occasion, and they agreed, but went right on talking anyway.

How can I cope with people who have no sense of what is and is not acceptable conversation while dining? I'm really beginning to dread "family" meals. — Polite Conversation Only, Please

Dear Polite: If your in-laws do not care how unappetizing their conversation is even after you tell them, they are not going to change. Ignore what you can, and absent yourself when you must, saying, "Excuse me, but this conversation puts a damper on my appetite."

Dear Annie: I would like to share with your readers something that happened to my baby last year. I was shopping with my 3-year-old daughter and 4-month-old son. Like so many other parents, I placed my son, who was buckled into his car seat, on top of the grocery cart. My daughter walked at my side.

The store was hot and crowded, and I was tired. As I was leaving, my daughter started to walk into the busy parking lot. I turned my attention toward her as I pushed the cart over the metal threshold by the sliding glass doors. I felt a jolt, and to my horror, I saw my son's car seat flip right off the top of the cart.

The car seat landed upside down on the pavement. Amazingly, my son was OK, aside from a reddened forehead. I took him to his pediatrician just to be sure. I am grateful that we got off with



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nothing worse than a scare, but I shudder to think what could have happened.

Over 20,000 children are involved in shopping cart accidents every year. Some of them lead to permanent brain damage, and others are fatal. Please print this so other parents will think twice before putting their baby's car seat on top of the shopping cart. — A More Cautious Mommy

Dear Cautious: Thank you for the red alert. Many stores now provide carts that come with child seats already bolted in, but for those that don't, please put your child's car seat in the larger, main area of the cart. It takes only a second for a tragedy to happen.

Dear Annie: I am 45 and dating "Ben," 53. Ben is a great guy, kind and generous, but I have a problem with his sentimentality. Don't get me wrong. It's not a bad thing to be sentimental, but Ben is a little over the top.

Ben still keeps in touch with most of his old girlfriends. If they call or come into town, he will go out of his way to have coffee with them. He says it's because they are old friends and he doesn't want anyone to be upset with him. This bothers me, but there is more. He saves old e-mails and letters from each of them. Plus, he also has a closet devoted to his late fiancée, who has been gone close to 15 years. The closet holds her clothes, letters, knick-knacks, etc.

We are eventually going to marry, and I really do think it is time he moved on. What should I do? — Frustrated in Phoenix

Dear Frustrated: Ben's "sentimentality" about his late fiancée borders on obsession, and his attachment to old girlfriends is romantic excess. Is he this way with his male friends? If so, that's just his personality. If not, he should dial it down a little. Coffee is OK if you are welcome to come along. Old letters are fine if they are put in a box and kept somewhere out of the way. The fiancée's closet needs to be packed up. These shrines tend to become fixations over time. Ask Ben if you can help him lovingly put these things in a box so they can be stored more appropriately. If he refuses, it's up to you to decide how much you can tolerate.

Dear Annie: As a physician who heads a federal government agency, I am often asked how patients can get more involved with their health care. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality has created a website called "Questions Are the Answer." Our goal is to make medical appointments more efficient for everyone — patients and clinicians alike.

The website (www.ahrq.gov/question-saretheanswer) features tips on becoming more involved in your health care by bringing a list of

questions to each medical appointment, taking notes in the exam room or bringing along someone who can, making sure to understand the directions for taking any drugs prescribed and instructions for follow-up care, and being sure to receive the results of medical tests.

The website also includes a Question Builder that allows you to easily create a customized list of questions to bring to your next medical appointment. Free printed copies, in English and Spanish, are available by calling 1-800-931-AHRQ (1-800-931-2477).

When you are more involved in your health care, you can make better decisions, receive a higher level of care, help reduce medical mistakes and feel better about the health care you receive. — Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D., Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Dear Dr. Clancy: Thank you for this excellent information. We hope our readers will check your helpful website today.

Dear Annie: I read the letter about the caring girl whose grandfather has macular degeneration. My great-grandma, a very active senior, also had this disease. It was hard at first, since she was an avid quilter and did appliqueing. This wonderful woman walked every day, and even though she couldn't see worth a darn, she continued to bowl until her death. The seniors in her bowling league would just tell her where the pins were, and she would throw the ball. She was awesome. When she couldn't read anymore, she got books on tape.

Tell that writer even though Grandpa can't see, he is still the same grand-

father. And yes, she should keep a closer eye on him, but follow your advice to take an interest in what he does. It will help him feel like he is still competent. There are a lot of things out there to help the blind. — Proud Great-Granddaughter

Dear Great-Granddaughter: Your great-grandmother is an inspiration. Thanks for sharing.

Dear Annie: I am an 18-year-old boy who just graduated high school and will be attending a great university in the fall. I expected the freedom of finding a summer job on my own, but I thought wrong. My father told me he still expects me to work at his store this summer.

For the past five years, I've spent every summer at my father's building supply store doing menial labor 10 hours a day. The work is hard, especially since I'm outside the entire time, and around here, the heat index exceeds 100 degrees. To say the least, I do not enjoy it, and I'd like never to work there again.

My father says he'll pay me more than I could get anywhere else and that the strenuous exercise will do me good. The job also gives me the freedom to take entire weeks off at a time for my church youth camp, family vacation and a concert I am planning to attend with friends.

I still can't help but feel my father is controlling me. I don't see why I can't challenge myself to find a job in a different business. Am I being unreasonable, or should my father give me some freedom? I detest this job more than anything. — Frustrated in Mississippi

Dear Frustrated: We understand that this job

is unfulfilling, but you do realize it will be nearly impossible to find another paid position that will allow you time off for family vacations, youth camp and concerts. Decide if you want to earn money or not, and if you are willing to give up all that free time — because that's the trade-off. This also is probably the last summer you will feel forced to work for Dad. Once you are in college, you can make arrangements for a summer job on your own.

Dear Annie: My husband and I have two small boys, ages 2 and 4. We live in a small town close to my parents. Dad is a retired mechanic and has turned his garage into a workshop. He repairs neighbors' cars and small engines. He loves to have my boys "help" him in the garage, but he forgets it's a dangerous place for kids.

As Dad gets older, he seems more reckless with the boys. Last summer, he took our oldest son for a ride in his golf cart. He went up a steep hill in their backyard and the cart flipped over. My son suffered a broken arm and numerous bumps and bruises. I thought that would wake Dad up and he would be more careful, but it hasn't changed a thing.

When I ask Dad not to do something with the children because it's too dangerous, his feelings get hurt and he sulks. I love my father dearly and want him to be part of my boys' lives. How can I make him understand he needs to think more about their safety? — Baby-Sitting for Grandpa

Dear Baby-Sitting: Your children's welfare is more important than Dad's feelings, period. He cannot be trusted in this area, and

he may not be able to change. If your mother is not an effective guardian, your father should not be permitted to play with the boys without your supervision. Please don't wait for a tragedy to happen.

Dear Annie: I have a suggestion for "Depressed and Disappointed," who discovered her husband had a personal profile on an online dating agency so that he could get free porn.

She should tell him she is going to have her own personal profile to see if there are any good-looking guys in their neighborhood. He'd probably call her every name under the sun, none of which you could print. Then, and only then, he might realize how unreasonable his own behavior is. Ladies — don't get mad, just get even. — D.

Dear D.: We certainly hope he wouldn't find it a turn-on. Or worse, that she finds someone else online. But thanks for the suggestion.

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and natural gas claims in the Arctic. The U.S. Geological Survey estimates the Arctic may hold upwards of 25 percent of the world's undiscovered gas and oil.

In the extreme north, territorial claims are very contentious. Canada, Russia, Denmark, and the U.S. are all involved, and with some expectations for the Northwest Passage to be ice free year-round by 2050, moves to protect territorial borders in this area will probably increase.

• Experts from the Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research in Britain are diligently working to change the diet of farm animals as a means to help the nation cut its greenhouse gas emissions. When cows, sheep, and other animals flagellate or burp they release methane gas. Some estimates have suggested one-fourth the world's "man-made" emissions come from farm animals. Changing the grasses animals graze on can theoretically cut the amount of methane they emit.

• Currently Canadian oil sands produce roughly 1.2 million barrels per day, but they are expected to have a capacity of 3.7 mbpd in 2020. As a result, pipeline operators and refineries are proposing new lines, reversing and expanding others, and retrofitting processing units. Through 2015, annual investment in building an infrastructure for the Canadian oil sands is expected to be at least \$15 billion.

• Across the globe a shortage of turbines is crimping the growth of wind-generated energy capacity. Anticipating there would be a shortfall in wind-tur-

bine production; some foreign companies locked in orders and now are using their components to leverage buyouts of domestic firms and outfit otherwise stillborn projects.

• Beef tallow is a very important ingredient used in making soaps and detergents. Over the last year the price of tallow has doubled to about 33 cents per pound. Tallow can also be used to make diesel additive. Because current legislation offers a tax credit to those turning animal fat into fuel, tallow is being diverted to the fuel supply. For soap makers this translates to higher production costs.

• According to Russian Energy Minister Khristenko, the nation plans to export 68 billion cubic meters of natural gas to China within the next 15 years. Current 3 percent of Chinese energy production comes from natural gas. Over the next three years they plan for 5.3 percent of total energy demand to be met with natural gas. Khristenko was in China where he talked with officials about completing two pipelines connecting the nations.

• Lockheed Martin suggests that with a price tag of "several billion dollars" the United States could install a cruise missile defense system capable of protecting the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast coastlines within 14 months.

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