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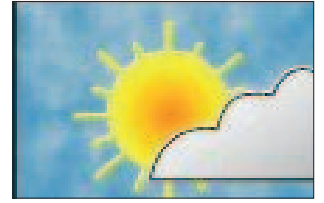
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Jingle stripes?

BSSH band to throw a few twists in holiday concert

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

If you ever wondered what would happen if you mixed "Jingle Bells" and "Stars and Stripes Forever," the Big Spring High School Band has the solution for you.



The band will hold its annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school auditorium. Admission will be a non-perishable food item to support the Salvation Army's canned food drive.

Director Rocky Harris said this will not be your typical Christmas concert. For sure, there will be lots and lots of Christmas tunes — but with a twist here and there.

The concert, titled "Fanfare For Christmas," will feature a musical interpretation of "The Night Before Christmas," complete with narration by BSSH alumni Nick Ross.

"It's a symphonic portrait of the children's story," Harris said. "It's really a quite clever interpretation."

The band then will pay tribute to one of its own when it dedicates its performance of "Slavonic Folk Suite" to Robert "R.J." Volker, a band alumni who died in combat in Iraq in December 2006.

"R.J. was dependable, he always played strong and he was well-liked by

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Big Spring firefighters responded to two house fire calls Saturday morning — on the 1200 block of Lamar (above photo) and the 1500 block of Scurry (at left). No damage estimates or injury reports were available at press time.

HERALD photos/Steve Reagan

Moore board looks to finalize Settles contract

Group to convene at 5:15 p.m. Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The board of directors for Moore Development for Big Spring could put its stamp of approval on a \$3 million agreement with the Settles Hotel Development Company Monday night, as it considers final approval of a performance agreement for the redevelopment of the historic downtown hotel.

Moore Development directors voted unanimously in April to provide up to \$3 million to help Brint Ryan — manager of the Dallas company and the founder and CEO of Ryan & Company — renovate the Settles Hotel, which he agreed to purchase for \$75,000 from the city of Big Spring.

While SHDC has yet to

"It's a situation where neither side is really thrilled with the contract, but that's what negotiations are all about."



—Terry Wegman, Moore Development executive director

take ownership of the Settles — the \$75,000 has remained in escrow, according to city officials — the company has moved forward with the purchase of several other properties near the down-

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Tax abatements on county agenda

Ban on aerial fireworks also in the works as holidays near

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Howard County Commissioner's Court will be considering a number of different tax abatements Monday morning, ranging from wind energy projects to the ongoing effort to redevelop the historic Settles Hotel.

Terry Wegman, executive director for Moore Development — the local agency that acts as liaison between the wind energy companies and the county's taxing entities for the purpose of tax abatements — will be pre-

"To place a ban on aerial fireworks — we're talking about things like bottle rockets — you have to do so before Dec. 15. And I'm really afraid of what this season could bring with so much fuel out there."

—County Judge Mark Barr



sending the court with tax abatement agreements with five different wind energy developers.

"What's listed on the meeting agenda is basically the necessary steps for the county to grant the tax abatements," said

Wegman. "We'll be considering five different companies, Airtricity (Panther Creek Wind Farm project), Padoma (Elbow Creek project), Duke (Ocotillo Windpower project), Invenergy (Gunsight Mountain Wind

Energy project) and Iberdola (Wildhorse Mountain Wind Energy project).

"Four of the companies are expecting to begin and complete their projects before the end of 2008, while Iberdola has moved its project back to be completed by the end of 2009. They all look very viable, and I feel like we're looking at some promising projects."

Wegman said the court will hold a public hearing on the proposed abatement agreements, and possibly give the contracts

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VETERAN OF THE MONTH Clem Jones has been selected as the Hangar 25 Air Museum Veteran of the Month for December. A reception in his honor will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the museum's Briefing Room. The public is invited and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the museum at 264-1999.

MAD DASH FOR GAS MINOCQUA, Wis. (AP) — Dozens of drivers made a mad rush for cheap gas after a station employee accidentally changed the price to 33 cents a gallon. An employee closing Trig's Minocqua Shell for the night mistakenly entered the price of a gallon of gasoline as 32.9 cents instead of \$3.299 Monday night. He left about 10 p.m., but drivers could still use their credit cards to buy gas. Word of the bargain spread fast, with 42 people buying 586 gallons of gas in an hour and 45 minutes. Local police saw the horde at the station and called store manager Andrea Reuland, who went to the station and pushed the emergency stop.

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## IN BRIEF

### Big Spring High School schedules fall sports banquet

The Big Spring High School booster clubs have scheduled a fall sports banquet for Saturday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. in the high school's cafeteria.

Male and female athletes that participated in football, volleyball, cross country and cheerleading will be recognized.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center.

Call Denise Carillo at 816-1685 with any questions.

### Lady Steers softball holding fund raiser at Pizza Inn Dec. 20

The Big Spring Lady Steers Lady Steers Booster Club will be holding a fundraiser for the softball team Dec. 20 at the Pizza Inn.

The Pizza Inn Doughnation Drive begins at 5 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. Pizza Inn will donate 10 percent of the night's profit to the softball team.

### Individuals needed to referee area basketball games

Individuals are needed to referee area sub-varsity basketball games for the 2007-08 season.

Anyone interested should call Adam Rodriguez at 517-0300.

### Crossroads region varsity sports weekly calendar

Here's a look at the upcoming Crossroads varsity sports schedule:

#### FRIDAY

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Wellington at Idalou, 6:30 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

Big Spring boys basketball at Midland Lee, 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring girls basketball at Pecos, 6:30 p.m.

Forsan boys and girls basketball vs. Grady, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball vs. Reagan County, 7 p.m.

#### DEC. 14

Big Spring girls basketball vs. Clyde, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan boys and girls basketball at Garden City, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Stamford, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball at Pecos, 7:30 p.m.

#### DEC. 17

Big Spring boys and girls basketball vs. Snyder, 6 p.m.

#### DEC. 18

Forsan boys and girls basketball at Rankin, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys and girls basketball at Merkel, 6:30 p.m.

## Buffs, Bulldogs fall short in Classic

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

STANTON — Hoop it up.

The Stanton Buffaloes have been hosting their annual Hooptown Classic since Thursday. However, the defense of their own tournament hasn't gone as planned.

The Greenwood Rangers, fresh off a 70-37 victory over the Grape Creek Eagles earlier in the day, defeated the Buffs Friday night in the semifinals, 65-53.

With the victory, the Rangers advance to the finals where they

met the Reagan County Owls, who won 63-57 over the Wall Hawks in the other semifinal match up, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The first quarter belonged to the Rangers as Greenwood clamped down on the Buffs, not allowing them a field goal until the 4:15 mark. Stanton's Adam Evans finally found the bottom of the net, igniting a 9-3 run by the Buffs to cut the deficit to 18-14. Greenwood answered with a 9-4 run of their own.

Stanton's David Erives ended the run, burying a trey followed seconds later by a Rangers'

turnover that Justin Hinojosa converted into an easy lay up cutting the lead again to four.

Greenwood however, once again had the answer in the form of back-to-back three pointers by Austin Ivie and Colby Gilbert putting the Rangers up 37-25 at the half.

Stanton was unable to cut into the lead any in the second half as Greenwood used a patient offensive to hold off the Buffaloes in the second half for the win.

Ivie led the way for the Rangers as the 6-3 senior scored a game-high 22 while teammates Nicke

Traylor and Gilbert also hit double figures scoring 14 and 13, respectively, for Greenwood.

Evans was the leading scorer for the Buffs with 18. Garrett Fulton scored 12 while Chase Pinkerton added 10.

Stanton found itself facing off against the Wall Hawks Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the third-place game with the Rangers taking to the court at 7:30 against Regan County in the tournament's final game.

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## Hawk women lose overtime thriller

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

The Howard Hawks women's basketball coaches knew going into their opening game of the Whitten Inn Classic against the Jacksonville College Lady Jaguars that one of their toughest challenges of the season was in store.

Their expectations were met as a feisty squad from Jacksonville defeated the Hawks, 66-64, in an overtime thriller.

"Jacksonville was the biggest challenge we've faced to this point," Hawks' Head Coach Earl Diddle said. "I knew that coming in after watching them. They make you play hard because they don't make a lot of mistakes. They have some veteran guards and they take really good care of the ball. They have strong post players that cause a lot of problems. They're a really good team and very well coached."

Howard held a 1-point, 26-25, lead at intermission, courtesy of a Kandace Griffin 3-pointer just before the horn sounded.

Unfortunately for Howard, Griffin's buzzer-beater wasn't the only one of the night.

With the Hawks leading 60-58 with 11.9 seconds to play, Jacksonville's Sophia Piggie grabbed an offensive rebound five feet from the basket and sank the game-tying shot just as the final horn blew.

Howard never led in the overtime with the Lady Jags scoring the first four points in the extra frame. With 22 seconds left, Howard turned the ball over, giving Jacksonville a chance to put the game out of reach.

The Hawks elected not to foul right away with the shot clock off, instead hoping for the early turnover. Unfortunately, the Hawks waited too long to foul



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Howard College's Aqueelah Watkins spins off of Jacksonville College's Lorraine Odihambo in the second half of the Hawk women's 66-64 overtime loss to the Lady Jaguars in the Whitten Inn Classic at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Friday night.

Piggie, who went to the charity stripe with 6 seconds remaining.

Piggie missed the front end of the one-and-one attempt and Howard's Jotosha McDonald sprinted the ball into the Howard front court. However,

McDonald's 7-foot jumper sailed over the basket as overtime ended, giving the Lady Jags the 2-point victory.

The Hawks did, however, hold the game's largest lead at eight midway through the second half.

However, that's when Piggie took over the game, leading Jacksonville back to eventually take the lead. She finished with a game-high 27 points.

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring Steers guard Lance Gross (in black) dribbles past a Lamesa defender in action from Nov. 27 in Lamesa. Gross and the Steers lost three games at the Midland Tall City Oilman's Tournament Friday and Saturday after having won seven consecutive games.

## Steers' win streak ends in Midland

Herald Staff Reports

MIDLAND — Every basketball team has to become battle tested at some point in its season.

That point occurred this week-end for the Big Spring Steers.

The Steers were swept out of the Midland Tall City Oilman's tournament, losing all three of their games Friday and Saturday, bringing an end to a 7-game win streak.

Big Spring opened its tournament run Friday against Midland Lee's Rebels, falling 82-46. Later in the day, the Steers fell to Rockwall's Yellow Jackets, 53-44, despite holding a 1-point lead at halftime.

Big Spring closed its tournament action Saturday morning, losing to Lubbock Trinity, 79-46.

"We faced some really good competition and hopefully we didn't lose too much of our confidence with these losses," Steers Head Coach Marcus Morris said. "We were playing up a bit and we kept up with these teams at points in each game. We just never pieced everything together. We played through some adversity, though, and that could make us better. I think the team

understands we were playing against some good teams and that this is something we can benefit from in the long run."

The Steers (7-4) will find out quickly how much they did gain from the tournament experience. Big Spring rematches Midland Lee at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Midland.

With several members of the team still playing football, the Steers opened the season with a loss to Abilene Wylie Nov. 13.

Big Spring won its next seven contests, including a championship run at the Gym Bice Classic in Andrews.

### Midland Lee 82, Big Spring 46

The Steers led by one point at the end of the first period, but Midland Lee rallied in the second, outscoring Big Spring 23-8 in the stanza to lead 43-29 at the half.

Big Spring was unable to fight back as Midland extended its lead with each period.

Jason Walker led the Steers with 20 points and Terrance

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# TOUR OF HOMES

*Five local families opening their doors to public today*

**A**nother of Big Spring's holiday traditions — the Holiday Tour of Homes — is scheduled for today, as five local families prepare to open their homes to the public in hopes of raising money for the Big Spring Symphony Guild.

According to Guild President Janice Bond, the tour is something she and the rest of the guild members always anticipate.

"The Guild members will be acting as tour guides," said Bond. "It's a lot of fun for us. Even though we have to work through the actual tour, we'll get a preview of the homes prior to the tours, so it's really exciting."

Bond said Guild members realized just a few years after the organization was formed in 1980 that many

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Some of the sights participants in the Big Spring Symphony Guild's Holiday Tour of Homes will see today. Clockwise from upper left: A dining table treatment in the Kennedy home; the Watkins' Christmas tree; the Kennedys' second floor tree; an angel decoration in the Pirkle home; and the entrance to the Pirkles' residence.



Photos by Lane Bond

### FOUR OF THE TOUR OF HOMES HOSTS OPENING THEIR HOMES THIS SEASON



Barbara Kennedy



Billye McLaughlin



Debi Pirkle



Loretta Farquhar



# Obituaries

## Ted O. Groebl III



Ted O. Groebl III, 42, of Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, in Lubbock. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Coahoma Church of Christ, with his uncle, Deacon Billy Sullivan, officiating. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 29, 1965, in Big Spring to Wanda and Ted Groebl Jr. He went to school in Big Spring, then attended high school in South Lake Tahoe, Calif. He graduated with honors in 1984. He also attended Howard College. He lived most of his life in Big Spring and Colorado City. He loved bass guitar, carpentry and woodwork. He was of the Christian faith.

He is survived by two daughters, Kassady Groebl and Wanda Groebl, and their mother, Tina Roux, all of Colorado City; mother, Jo Hamblin and her husband Bill of Gardenerville, Nev.; father, Ted O. Groebl Jr. and his wife Linda of Midland; two sisters, Natalie Permenter and her husband Earl of Big Spring and Deborah Costilla and her husband Christopher of Midland; one brother, Kevin Gordon and his wife Tracy of Midland; grandmother, Lola Sparks of Big Spring; 13 nieces and nephews; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers will be Scott Davis, Shane Gilbert, Kevin Gordon, Sam Lenderman, Earl Permenter and Justin Sullivan. Honorary pallbearers will be Jack Ed Irons, Milo Molina, Carey Sampson, Bobby Sullivan, Glenn Sullivan and Nathaniel Permenter.

The family suggests memorials to Ronald McDonald House or to give Teddy Bears for needy children. Teddy Bears can be brought to the service or Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Geneva Jo Franklin



On the evening of Dec. 6, 2007, Geneva Jo Franklin peacefully passed into the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 200 W. Broadway, in Stanton.

She was born Aug. 2, 1920, in Tussy, Okla., to W.E. and Lou Ella Mae Allgood. She married Delbert Franklin on March 5, 1939 in Duncan, Okla., and he preceeded her in death on April 16, 2006.

Geneva and Delbert came to Stanton in 1950. In 1961, they started Franklin & Son Inc. She also was a wonderful homemaker and loved cooking, sewing, crochet and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Geneva was a member of First Baptist Church and taught Sunday school for many years.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Joetta and Gary Harris of Midland; and one son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Bonnie Franklin of Stanton.

She was "MaMaw" to seven grandchildren, Reggie Franklin and wife, Kristi, Melissa Wheeler and husband Gib, Mark Thompson and wife LaShawnda, Mike Thompson, Julie Berry and husband Dean, Joely Fox and husband Marshall, Brandee Noll and husband Anthony, and Shawn Glenn and husband David; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great granddaughter; one sister, Jessie Leo Adkins; three brothers, Kenneth Allgood and wife Jean, Bill Allgood and wife Arlene, and Cherry Allgood and wife Delores; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceeded in death by her parents, two sisters and one brother.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church TV and Sound Ministry Box, P.O. Box 1168, Stanton 79782 or to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste A-5, Midland 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid obituary*

# 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.

## Jim Tom Hodnett

Jim Tom Hodnett, 64, of Bradenton, Fla., died on Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007, at TideWell Hospice House in Bradenton. Memorial services were held Nov. 24, 2007, on his favorite island at Long Boat Key, Fla., and his ashes were scattered in the Gulf of Mexico. Good Earth Crematory in Bradenton had charge of arrangements.

He was born Dec. 10, 1942, in Big Spring. He attended school in Coahoma and graduated from Texas Western College in El Paso.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Jane Hodnett of Vincent.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Hodnett of Conroe; a daughter, Melissa Hodnett of Bradenton, Fla.; four stepsons, Shane Lively, Rick Proffitt, Jay Proffitt and Seth Proffitt; and a sister, Jeninne Blackburn of Lubbock.

*Paid obituary*

## Nadine Burt-Holland



Mrs. Nadine Burt-Holland, 67, of Talihina, Okla., died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007 at Tulsa Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Holland was born in Big Spring on June 24, 1940, the daughter of Wilmon and Norma Lorene (Laws) Burks. She was a member of Church of Christ Talihina, Okla. She retired from the Talihina Veterans Center as a nurse aide.

She married Bobby Ray Burt on June 27, 1958 in Big Spring. He preceeded her in death in 1993. She later married Jay Holland on June 4, 1999 in Mena, Ark. he preceeded her in death in 2006.

She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Tammie and Darrell Nichols of Antlers, Okla., Judy and Tommy Thompson of Talihina, Okla., and Deanna and Steven Martin of Summerfield, Okla; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Charles Burks of Big Spring, Leonard and Jimmy Burks, also of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceeded in death by her parents, two husbands and one brother, Wilmon Dexter Burks.

Graveside services were held Friday, Dec. 7 at Cupco Cemetery, Yanush, Okla., with Phil Smith officiating. Interment followed under the direction of Talihina Funeral Home

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOSEPH LEE MUNOZ**, 33, 1710 Johnson, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MARIA IBARRA**, 36, and **MARCO FLORES**, 28, both of Mexico, were arrested on hold for I.C.E.
- **DEWEY R. SIRRAT**, 50, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **FRANKLIN CURTIS**, 41, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DUSTIN T. NELSON**, 38, 3307 E. 11th, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 700 block of Runnels.
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 3300 block of 11th Place.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was reported in the 700 block of Interstate 20 and the 1100 block of Gregg.
- **INJURY TO A CHILD/CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE** was reported in the 3300 block of 11th Place.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

# Take Note

• Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

• 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.

• 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).

# Bulletin Board

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

### TODAY

• Dance at the Senior Center to Monroe Casey and the Prowlers, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY

• Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.  
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.  
• Big Spring Squares. Call 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.  
• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.  
• 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.

# Weather

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Colder. Highs in the upper 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and light freezing rain. Lows in the upper 20s. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.

Monday...Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain or light freezing rain. Colder. Highs in the mid 30s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night...Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of light sleet or light freezing rain or rain. Lows in the lower 30s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Highs in the lower 40s.

Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain or snow. Lows around 30.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of showers or snow showers in the morning then a slight chance of showers in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 40s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 30.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

# Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-12-13-16-34

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: \$14,316.

Winning tickets sold in: Dallas and Pearland.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-4-6-3. Sum It Up: 13.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-3-7. Sum It Up: 10.

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# Cowboys focused on shutting up Kitna

By LARRY LAGE  
AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — The Dallas Cowboys can cross off a couple items on their to-do list in Detroit. They can clinch the NFC East and shut up Jon Kitna.

Dallas (11-1) might be equally motivated to do both.

Kitna said Cowboys linebackers were not effective, among other things, and ripped No. 56, Bradie James, in particular during a radio interview after leading the Lions to an improbable win at Dallas to end the 2006 regular season.

James said Sunday's game at Ford Field has been circled on his calendar all year and called Kitna's comments "classless" when the team returned from a long break after beating Green Bay.

"In a sense, we've all been called out," Dallas linebacker Kevin Burnett said.

It might not be the only comment Kitna ends up regretting.

Kitna insisted before the season he would be disappointed if the Lions didn't win 10 games, a bit of bravado for the leader of a team that lost an NFL-high 72 games the previous six seasons.

To avoid disappointment, the quarterback will have to help Detroit (6-6) pull off a stunning string of victories, starting with an upset over Dallas.

"That means they've got to beat us to get to 10," Cowboys receiver Terrell Owens said.

The Lions are double-digit underdogs at home against Dallas and will likely be so again on the road against San Diego next week and against Green Bay to close the regular season.

They seem to have only one winnable game remaining, against Kansas City at home, but that's not a given by any means.

Detroit has crumbled in all phases to revert to the same-old Lions after being one of the surprise teams in the league by winning six of its first eight games.

The Cowboys, meanwhile, have followed a strong start with a six-game winning streak to earn their best 12-game record in franchise history.

Detroit's only hope is that the Cowboys are rusty because of a 10-day break.

The Cowboys have been off since beating Green Bay 37-27 in a Thursday night game. That win clinched a playoff berth and moved them within a victory of claiming a division title for the first time since 1998, and closer to securing home-field advantage for the NFC playoffs.

"We know what we're playing for and we've got to continue to play well and do our thing," linebacker Marcus Spears said. "If we do that, all those questions that Kitna needs answered will be answered for him."

Kitna prefaced his remarks last January by saying he needed to be

careful because he knew the Lions were playing Dallas again this season. While preparing to play the Cowboys again, Kitna said the tone of his statements to the Seattle radio station had been lost.

"That was something that was unfortunately taken as serious that was said to my hometown radio station in fun," Kitna said Wednesday, the same day he didn't participate on a conference call with Dallas reporters as scheduled. "It was certainly not meant to be used in a way to degrade players. I talk to that station frequently, but unfortunately those quotes haven't been taken in the way they were meant."

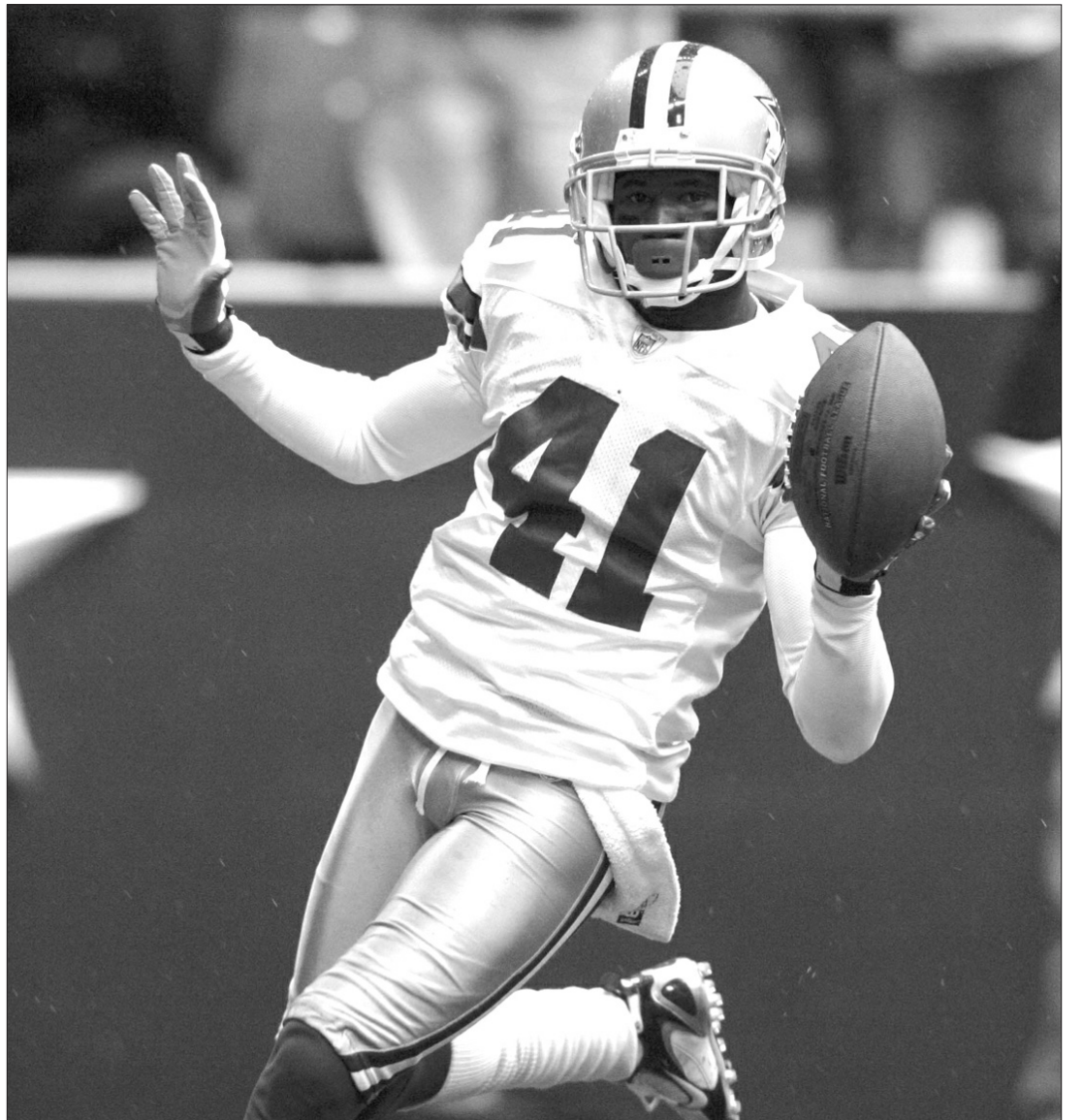
Regardless of the interpretation, Kitna's words created another stir this season.

It appeared at the midway point of the schedule that he was going to have the last laugh about his bold statements entering the season, but he has become the face and mouth of what might end up being the NFL's laughingstock by the end of the month.

"I'm not saying he threw us under the bus, but he put us out there nationally with the 10-win prediction," receiver Roy Williams said earlier this year.

Williams might be out for the rest of the season with a knee injury, adding to Detroit's long list of woes.

Even if the Lions were healthy, the Cowboys seem set up to beat them



AP photo  
Dallas Cowboys cornerback Terrence Newman celebrates after returning an interception for a touchdown against the New York Jets on Thanksgiving Day. Newman is among several Cowboys that Detroit Lions' quarterback Jon Kitna has made disparaging remarks about this week, leading up the Cowboys matchup with Detroit Sunday.

and officially prevent them from reaching Kitna's magic number.

Tony Romo, Owens and Co. have helped Dallas average 32 points during its six-game winning streak.

Overall, the Cowboys are averaging 391 yards of offense a game to trail only the Patriots' produc-

tion. Detroit has allowed at least 31 points in three of the last four games, all of them losses, while scoring an average of just 17.

But no one thought the Lions would win at Dallas last year when they were playing only for a pride against a team with something at stake.

"This year, we have something to play for. Last year, we didn't," said Kitna, clinging onto fading hopes of making the playoffs. "We're backed into a corner, and we're going to have to earn our way out of it. That isn't going to be easy, and we can't make up for four losses in one day."

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# Good manners strengthens friendships

The knowledge of having and being a friend is one of the greatest blessings life affords. Maybe no one can tell you how to make friends, since friends are born, not made; therefore, it's important to put forth your best effort to make yourself worthy of having good friends.

The power to gain friends may to some degree depend on your friendliness and happy disposition, but the power to keep them depends on loyalty, genuine caring, acceptance of differences, as well as your good manners and daily courtesies. If these things become a ritual with us, our friendships should continue for a lifetime.

Good manners provides the framework for interaction between people. They are the glue that bonds the friendships. These interactions don't occur only while we are at home, at work and restaurants, but also while we are in transit to and from these places. It is just as important to demonstrate kindness and respect to others while driving in the city or on the freeway as when you are at home or in more social situations.

King Solomon wrote in Proverbs 17:17, "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." This simply means a friend loves in good times and in times of adversity.

Dear Jerrie,  
My mother is going through some big problems in her life right now. She has started nagging me for every thing that happens. I am 15 years old and I don't think she should load me down with such big problems by nagging me. I am trying to be patient, love and respect her, but it has not helped. I read



JERRIE STOCKS

## Manners Matter

your column every week, and I want to honor her as my mother. How do I practice good manners and listen to her nagging too?

Beth

Hi Beth,

Thank you for your letter of consideration for your mother. I know this must be a difficult time for you, but try to put yourself in your mother's place. How would you want her to treat you? Use this time to help her get through the problems she is facing. Become her source of strength, and try to ignore the nagging. It's probably her way of releasing the pressure she is under. Small acts of kindness and consideration on your part will show your good intentions. Take the focus off yourself and focus on helping your mother. In time, your mother's heart will heal and the sun will shine again. But for now, she needs to know you are there for her.

Dear Jerrie,  
I'm 10 years old and I have to baby sit my 3-year-old brother every day after school. My mom does not get home from work until 6 p.m. I cut out your column on etiquette every week and tack it to my bedroom wall so I can remember

to do all the good things you talk about. Since I have to babysit my brother, how do I use good manners in something I don't like to do?

Hello D.J.,

How do you use good manners in something you don't like to do? D.J., my dear, good manners don't just apply when everything is going your way. You extend good manners in the good times and the bad times. In your present situation, you honor and show respect to your mother by obeying her without complaining and by being a good baby sitter for your brother. You see, showing respect, kindness and politeness to others are characteristic of a well-mannered person. However, these courtesies extend to our families as well as to others. In the meantime, honor your mom by being a well-mannered 10-year-old daughter.

Jerrie Stocks has for a number of years conducted classes on etiquette in public and private schools, colleges, churches and ladies' groups, as well as providing private tutoring and conducting workshops. E-mail your questions concerning etiquette to yourmanner-scourt@suddenlink.net.

## Menus

### Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, tacos, lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, muffins, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch, chicken patty sandwiches, baked chips, baked beans, orange smiles, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, spaghetti w/meat sauce, seasoned corn, tossed salad, Texas toast, fancy gelatin, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, sliced carrots,

hot rolls, apples, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, biscuits, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, saltine crackers, pears, milk.

### Big Spring ISD

Monday: Lunch, corn dogs, potato rounds, oranges, fruit freeze bars, milk.

Tuesday: Lunch, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, black-eye peas, Jello w/mixed fruit, wheat rolls, milk.

Wednesday: Lunch, Mexican jambayla, corn, kiwi, milk.

Thursday: Lunch, spicy chicken sandwiches, fresh veggie medley, pick-

le spears, sliced peaches, milk.

Friday: Lunch, stuffed crust cheese pizza, fresh broccoli, pear halves, milk.

### Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast, waffles; Lunch, hot dogs or burritos, corn, vegetable sticks, applesauce, ranch dressing, cheese, mustard.

Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal; Lunch, chicken nuggets or goulash, mashed potatoes, spinach, peaches, hot rolls, gravy.

Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuits and gravy; Lunch, pizza or manag

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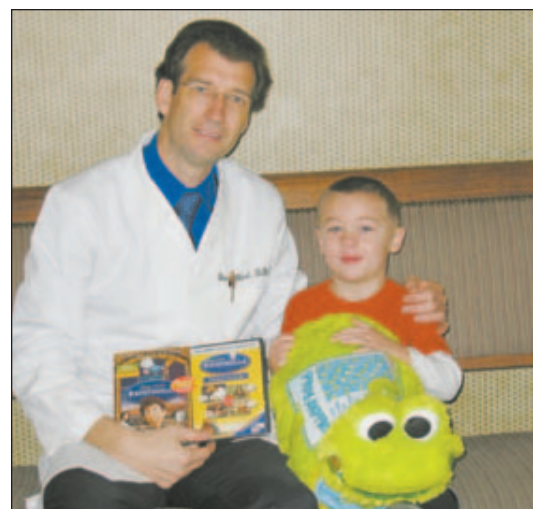
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**MOORE**

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town landmark.

According to Terry Wegman, executive director of Moore Development, the board is expected to consider a performance agreement, escrow agreement and a guaranty agreement between the econom-

ic development corporation and Ryan's company.

"Brint (Ryan) is up against some deadlines right now," said Wegman. "He needs this agreement with Moore Development and some things from the city to move forward, and that's what we're trying to do, is move forward with this project."

Wegman said the board will meet in an executive session to

hammer out the last of the details prior to taking a vote.

"It's a situation where neither side is really thrilled with the contract, but that's what negotiations are all about," said Wegman. "You have to be willing to compromise on some things, and I feel like we're making progress at this point."

Since announcing the project, Ryan and SHDC have also acquired several other proper-

ties, including 313 and 315 Runnels, adjacent to the Settles Hotel, which served as a Greyhound station during the hotel's heyday.

SHDC got a helpful nod from the Texas Historical Commission, which confirmed eligibility of the downtown landmark to be nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in May, making the project an

"excellent candidate" for federal tax credits, according to Ryan.

The meeting will begin at 5:15 p.m. Monday in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board room, located at 215 W. Third Street.

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**COUNTY**

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their approval.

In addition to the various wind projects, Wegman said he and City Attorney Linda Sjogren will also be presenting the court with a tax abatement agreement for the Settles Hotel Development Company. The company has announced a \$12 million renovation project which includes plans for commercial and residen-

tial use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors.

"We're hoping to pull everything together on this project Monday," said Wegman. "The Moore Board will be considering approval of Moore Development's contract with SHDC that evening. (Sjogren) is more familiar with this abatement agreement than I am, but I believe the talk at this point has been for a 10-year abatement of 100 percent of the taxes for

the project."

Also on Monday's agenda, commissioners are to hear a report from Sandra Bloom, county elections administrator, regarding the March political party primaries, as well as discuss possibly changing polling places.

County Judge Mark Barr said the court will also be considering a ban on aerial fireworks during the meeting.

"To place a ban on aerial fireworks — we're talking about things like bot-

tle rockets — you have to do so before Dec. 15," said Barr. "And I'm really afraid of what this season could bring with so much fuel out there."

The court recently approved a burn ban in Howard County, which is good for 90 days, according to Barr.

"At the end of that 90 day period, we can either let the ban lapse or we can renew it," said Barr. "I'm really not sure what we'll be doing at this point. If we've received plenty of rain and things

look better, we might let it lapse. If it's still windy and dry — which it will most likely be — then I'm sure we'll renew it. It all depends on what the situation is. We just want to make sure people understand how incredibly dangerous it is right now."

The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. Monday in the commissioner's courtroom, locat-

ed on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

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**CONCERT**

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everybody," Harris said.

The band will then turn to a lighter note, when it combines Christmas and July 4 with "Jingle Bells Forever."

"And, of course, a Christmas concert wouldn't be complete without a

sing-along, so we'll ask the audience to participate in helping us sing some traditional holiday songs," Harris said.

The concert finale will be a performance of the songs used in Big Spring's 2007 UIL marching contest program, he said.

Other BSISD bands will perform Christmas programs, also. The junior

high band will present its concert at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the junior high gymnasium, while the Goliad Intermediate beginner band will hold a Christmas concert at 6 p.m. Dec. 18 in the Goliad gym.

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**HAWKS**

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"I thought our best chance to win the game was when we went eight up in the second half," Diddle said. "We collapsed defensively and that allowed them to get right back in it. They found some easy baskets and we lost our intensity. You have to give Jacksonville a lot of credit, though. They're well coached

and well drilled. They posed a lot of matchup problems for us defensively with their ability to dribble and drive the ball."

Monica Jones led the Hawks with 17 points and nine rebounds. Candace Lambert chipped in 15 points along with six rebounds. Lambert hit a 3-pointer late in the second half that temporarily gave Howard a 1-point lead.

Aqueelah Watkins and Kandace Griffin each had eight points apiece. McDonald led

with five assists.

Howard wrapped up the Whitten Inn Classic Saturday night against Cisco College. Full results of that game will be available in the Monday edition of the *Herald*.

**New Mexico JC 75, Cisco JC 56**

New Mexico's Malorie Marshall and Brittany Foster each scored in double figures and Dominique Haywood posted a double-double to lead their

team to a rout of Cisco Junior College in the Classic's first game Friday.

Marshall scored a game-high 20 points and Foster added 15. Haywood finished with 16 points and a game-high 15 rebounds.

Jennifer Lopez led the scoring for Cisco with 14 points while Glaucia Lehn and Ana Miguera each scored 12.

New Mexico played Jacksonville at 2 p.m. Saturday.

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**AREA**

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Clemons added 11.

Lee's Malcolm Miller scored a game-high 23 as 11 Rebels scored in the game.

**Big Spring 21 7 6 11-46**

**Midland Lee 20 23 17 22-82**

**Big Spring:** Terrance Clemons 11, Lance Gross 4, Jerrell Williams 2, Tyrone Clemons 1, Jason Walker 20, Tyler Tannehill 4, Darius McCalister 4.

**Lee:** Josh Gilbert 2, Josh Templeton 9, Wayne Betts 9, Dave Morris 10, Malcolm Miller 23, Riley Coffman 2, Kendrick Fuller 4, Tevin Morris 5, Isaac Sokolowski 2, Josh Fields 6, Stephen McPherson 4, Colby Porter 6.

**Rockwall 53, Big Spring 44**

This matchup played similar to the Steers' contest with Midland Lee except that Big Spring kept pace with the Yellow Jackets for two periods.

The Steers led 26-25 at intermission, but Rockwall came into the second half firing on all cylinders. The Yellow Jackets built a 7-point lead by the end of the third period that the Steers couldn't cut into in the final stanza.

Rockwall's Kyle Sandlin

and Jordan Hammontree each scored a game-high 15 points.

Walker was the only Steer to hit double figures with 13 points.

**Rockwall 16 9 17 11-53**

**Big Spring 16 10 9 9-44**

**Rockwall:** Kyle Sandlin 15, Jordan Hammontree 15, Braden Smith 6, Chase Adair 6, Kyle Timmerman 2, Hunter Jorgenson 2, Tim Yeager 2, John Noble 5.

**Big Spring:** Terrance Clemons 9, Lance Gross 4, Jerrell Williams 2, Tyrone Clemons 7, Jason Walker 13, Darius McCalister 3, Hayden Phillips 6.

**Water Valley Tournament**

**Grady 47, Rock Springs 29**

**WATER VALLEY** — The Grady Wildcats have swept through bracket play thus far in the Water Valley Tournament, coasting to victories in the first two rounds. This is the first roundball action of the year for the Wildcats, whose football season ended last weekend.

The Wildcats faced rival Garden City in the semifinals at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Grady began tournament play with an impressive victory over the Rock Springs Angores. Justin Tubb scored a game-high 21

points and Leighton Fields added 12.

Grady led 24-12 at intermission and the Angores weren't able to trim that deficit in the second half.

**Rock Springs 5 7 5 12-29**

**Grady 13 11 13 10-47**

**Rock Springs:** T. Ruiz 5, Franco 1, J. Ruiz 6, Zane Hernandez 4, Zack Hernandez 12.

**Grady:** Tommylee Rivas 4, Dylan Cox 4, Justin Tubb 21, Jacob Rodriguez 4, Leighton Fields 12, Lane Shands 2.

**Grady 51, Irion Co. 36**

Based on first period action, it appeared that Irion County would give Grady more of a challenge as the two teams ended the opening stanza tied at 14.

However, Tubb and company took over in the second period, holding the Hornets to two points while scoring another 14.

Tubb scored 22 points and Fields had nine. Dylan Cox and Lane Shands added seven apiece.

**Irion Co. 14 2 8 12-36**

**Grady 14 14 12 11-51**

**Irion Co.:** Barnett 2, Price 22, Miller 3, Cates 1, Thames 5, Terral 3.

**Grady:** Tommylee Rivas 2, Dylan Cox 7, Justin Tubb 22, Jacob Rodriguez 4, Leighton Fields 9, Lane Shands 7.

**HOOPTOWN**

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**Reagan County 51, Coahoma 48**

Earlier in the day, the Owls of Reagan County put an end to the Coahoma Bulldogs' championship run with a 51-48 win.

The Bulldogs held an 18-17 lead going into the second period only to see the Owls outscore them 13-8 in the stanza. Coahoma trailed 30-26 at the half.

Reagan County stretched the lead to 10 after three periods, outscoring the Bulldogs 17-12 in the third before the Bulldogs mounted a late charge, holding the Owls to only four points in the final frame. Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, they were only able to score 10 in the fourth, falling three points short at the end.

Colter Morgan paced the Bulldogs with a game-high 19 while Cody Sheppard scored 16.

Britt Campbell led the way for the Owls with 17 points, thanks in large part to the seniors four first-half treys. Joel Hernandez and Troy Goodloe scored 10 apiece.

**Stanton 48, Kermit 33**

The host Stanton Lady Buffs found the

going rough, losing 48-33 in the consolation semifinals to the Kermit Lady Yellow Jackets.

Stanton was scheduled to meet up with the Midland Christian Lady Mustangs at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. The Lady Mustangs find themselves in the game thanks to a 53-39 loss to Grape Creeks' Lady Eagles.

**Sweetwater 54, Alpine 37**

In the girls bracket, it was the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs advancing to the finals thanks to a hard-fought 54-37 win over the Alpine Lady Bucks.

In the finals, the Lady 'Stangs find themselves facing off against the Greenwood Rangerettes.

**Greenwood 49, Sterling City 39**

The Greenwood Rangerettes are looking to make it a clean sweep for Greenwood in the finals as they held off the Lady Eagles of Sterling City, 49-39.

Greenwood and Sweetwater played for the girls' championship at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Full results of the final day of the Hoopstown Classic will be featured in Monday's edition of the *Herald*.

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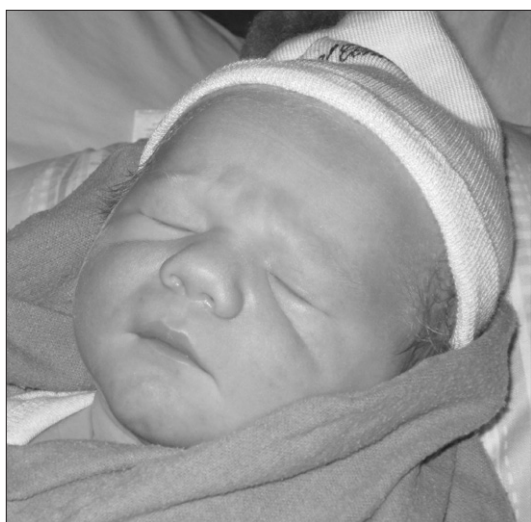
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# Births



**Braxton Toland Smith**

Braxton Toland Smith, a boy, was born at 7:41 p.m. Nov. 27, 2007, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

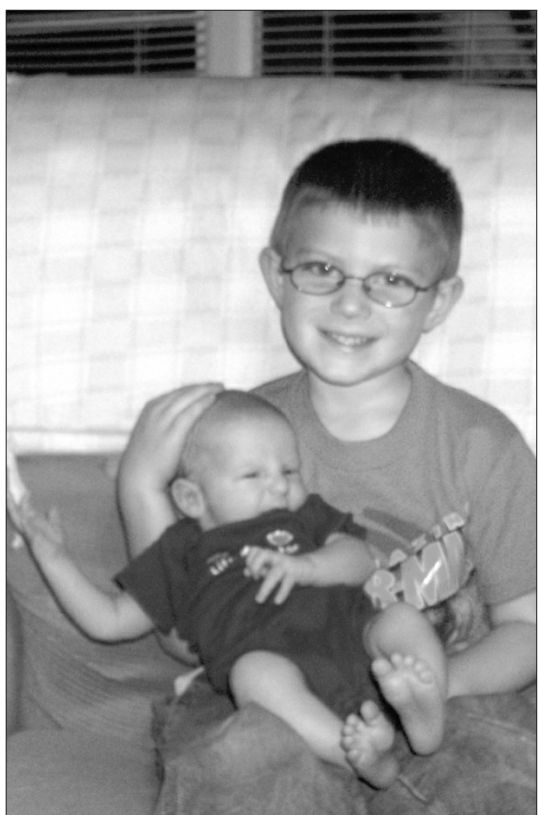
He is the son of Kirstin and Toland Smith of Sweetwater. His maternal grandparents are Nancy and Terry Marshall of Big Spring. Paternal grandparents are Jan and Steve Smith of Sweetwater.

Maternal great-grandparents are JoAnna and Buddy Marshall of Big Spring and the Nellie and Perry Mathis of Big Spring. Paternal great-grandparents are Frankie and Barney Toland of Sweetwater and Frankie and the late Jim Smith of Little Rock, Ark.

Lucinda Brisels Nieto, a girl, was born, at 10:28 a.m. Nov. 16, 2007, weighing 5 pounds, 7 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Judy Garza and John Nieto of Big Spring. Her maternal grandparents are Martha and Thomas Hannum. Her paternal grandparents

Sirilo Nieto Sr. and Rosa Heredia. Lucinda was welcomed home by siblings Nathaniel, Marcus and Austin.

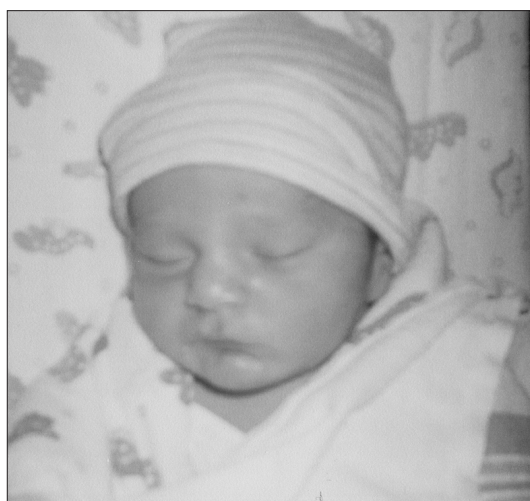


**Kaleb Zayne Olivas**

Kaleb Zayne Olivas, a boy, was born at 3:54 p.m. Nov. 26, 2007, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

He is the son of Richard and Jennifer Olivas of Coahoma. His maternal grandparents are Mike and Leeta Collier of Coahoma. His paternal grandparents are Daniel and Dorothy Olivas of Big Spring.

Kaleb was welcomed home by sibling Eric Olivas.



**Xander Michael Garza**

Xander Michael Garza, a boy, was born at 8:09 a.m. Nov. 23, 2007, weighing 6 pounds, 9.8 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

He is the son of Christina and Brian Garza of Big Spring. His maternal grandparents are Terrie and Ric Hobbs, Wayne and Bobbie Paul and Billy and Marie Wilson. His paternal grandparents are Susi and Eddie Garza.

Xander was welcomed home by his 11-month-old sibling Kage Douglas.



**Kami Lynn Dyer**

Kami Lynn Dyer, a girl, was born at 9:57 p.m. Nov. 14, 2007, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Richard and Carol Dyer of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Armando Reyes and Carol Scott and the late Ricky Dyer and Debbie and Billy Lackey.

Kami was welcomed home by siblings Kendra and Kaylee.

## MENUS

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er's choice, green beans, salad, fruit cocktail, ranch dressing.

Thursday: Breakfast, Pop Tarts; Lunch, beef tacos, flour or corn tortillas, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple, cornbread, salsa and cheese.

Friday: Breakfast, burritos; Lunch, Sloppy Joes or

grilled ham & cheese sandwiches, fries, vegetable sticks, pears, ranch dressing, ketchup.

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Tuesday: Lunch, grilled chicken breast, buttered potatoes, green peas with

mushrooms, biscuits, cherry crisp.

Wednesday: Lunch, roast beef, brown gravy, roasted potatoes, spinach, vegetable salad, apple raisin crisp.

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Sam



# EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEWS

# Help us make sure children receive a toy

Christmas Days seems to be nearing at almost warp speed this year. Here we are with approximately two weeks of time to shop and some of us haven't even begun our shopping. Sadly, though, some haven't begun their shopping simply because they can't afford to shop at all. And that's a sobering thought — not only how difficult it must feel not being able to give gifts to loved ones, but imagining what it must be like for children in such families.

After all, for children, Christmas just isn't Christmas without a new toy.

And yes, we all know that because all of us were children.

But what about those homes where simply coming up with adequate food and clothing is a constant struggle? Obviously new toys for children simply isn't in the cards.

Most of us can only imagine what Christmas with no toys is like to a child, but we're certain it's not a joyous experience.

That's something one of our advertising representatives recognized a few years ago and came to work the next morning asking his boss and co-workers if they'd be interested in helping make sure that no child in our community had to experience that feeling.

Thus was born the *Big Spring Herald*/Salvation Army Holiday Toy Drive. The *Herald* put out the call to local citizens asking for toy donations for needy children and the result was nothing short of staggering.

The community responded in almost unbelievable proportions.

We need that kind of response again this year, because we're again concerned that not all the children in our community will receive a gift this Christmas.

Salvation Army Capts. Russ and Linda Keeney have noted that they've had more families registering for help this holiday season. What's more, many of those families are larger and that means one thing — there are more children needing gifts.

So, if you can, please heed the call. We'll have the doors open here at the *Herald* every Monday through Friday morning at 8 a.m. and will be here until 5 p.m. on those days for those wishing to donate to the drive.

The toys will be taken to the Salvation Army and distributed on Dec. 21. Help us make sure they can give every child in need at least one new toy this Christmas.

The last day to bring toys to the Herald office will be Dec. 17. The toys will then be taken to the Salvation Army corps building so that staff members and volunteers can get them distributed to youngsters who more than likely have desperate need of something to smile about during the holidays.

Help us make sure the Salvation Army can give every child in need at least one new toy this Christmas.

And don't forget, the Salvation Army's Angel Trees have the Christmas wishes of many needy children and elderly citizens on them as well this season.

The Angel Trees are within easy reach, located at the Big Spring Mall, Bealls Department Store and Wal-Mart. Still another is at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. In addition, the tree for seniors located here at the *Herald*.

Let's all be able to say we did our best to make it a joyous holiday season throughout Big Spring and Howard County.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we see ourselves, Lord, as Your earthly helpers.  
Amen

# Try thinking outside the bottle

Thousands of people across the United States and Canada are pledging to choose public tap water over bottled water. And it's no wonder they are doing so.

Consumers are increasingly outraged when they learn more about the reality behind the image of bottled water. Though the product inside the glossy labels and packaging often comes from the same source as the tap, it is being sold back to us at hundreds of times the cost.

The labels and marketing also promise bottled water to be something that is somehow more pure and reliable. This promise undermines public confidence in tap water, when public water is often more highly regulated than what is sold in the supermarket.

The Think Outside the Bottle Pledge is part of an effort by national and local organizations, religious communities, students, and concerned individuals to pull back the veil on the marketing of bottled water and to support public water systems.

With this pledge consumers are making a leap — they are beginning to ask not only, "Why should I be paying so much for this product?" but, "How is it that even water, which is essential for life,

can become a commodity?" They are asking, "Like the air we breathe, and the public parks we all share, is water not a resource that should be held in public trust?"

These questions and the groundswell of support for public water systems have a long history. Now, the Think Outside the Bottle Pledge is lending much-needed stimulus to efforts of public officials to address bottled water issues on the city level.

In San Francisco, Ann Arbor, Salt Lake City and cities across the United States, contracts with bottled water corporations are being cancelled or actions are being taken to reduce bottled water use at large.

What's at stake in these cities and elsewhere is not just the placement of vending machines where once there were water fountains.

What's at stake is not just the long waste stream left from plastic bottle manufacture to landfill. What's at stake is the shifting of control of water from public utilities to private corporations.

What traditionally has been viewed as a shared and common resource is becoming the property of corporations whose decisions about who gets water and who doesn't are based on corporate profits, rather than people's right to the resource.

On the international level, the number of people around the world served by private water cor-

porations grew from 51 million in 1990 to 300 million in 2002 — a six-fold increase. Though failed corporate endeavors in Latin America, Asia, and the United States put a temporary damper on the trend, analysts are making rosy forecasts about the next 10 years. In North America, budget shortfalls are causing cities to turn increasingly to private corporations to manage public water resources — sometimes at great expense to ratepayers and to the overall quality of service.

So to stop further encroachment of large water corporations on our most valued public service and resource, thousands are taking the pledge now.

They are pledging first to make a change in their own consumption of water. They are pledging second to support the efforts of public servants to tackle the issue on a city level. With leadership from local officials to cancel bottled water contracts and prevent corporate control of public water, this modest pledge can be a strong instrument for protecting one of our most valued resources.

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TO THE EDITOR:

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You are all greatly appreciated.

CAROL SMITH  
BIG SPRING

appointments and delays for travelers. There were a lot of unhappy motorists and truckers that night.

A lot of folks just could not get there from here!

Merry Christmas to all.

B.J. HOLLIMAN  
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TO THE EDITOR:

I believe there to be a much needed change in the routing of the Christmas parade or any other function that may require blockading of U.S. Highway (87).

Through interstate traffic was blocked, as was local and through traffic on U.S. 80. The crossroads were in gridlock, causing missed

TO THE EDITOR:

Ever wonder about our commissioners and our city council? Why doesn't Big Spring experience the growth of other cities our size? The following will shed light into the Howard County political process. It's known as: "Lesser Primate Committee Thinking."

Start with a cage containing five apes. In the cage, hang a banana on

a string and put stairs under it. Before long; an ape goes to the stairs towards the banana, but as soon as he touches the stairs, spray all of the apes with cold water.

After awhile, another ape makes an attempt with the same result — all the apes are sprayed with cold water. Turn off the cold water. If, later, another ape tries to climb the stairs, the other apes will prevent it even though no water sprays them.

Now, remove one ape from the cage, replace that ape with a new one. The new ape sees the banana and wants to climb the stairs. To his horror, all of the other apes attack him. After another attempt and attack, he knows that if he

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# Life lessons prove difficult to share

My son, wonderful as he is, has every single one of my flaws. In addition to his inheritance of my awkward physique, he has all of my mental quirks and disagreeable tendencies. Like me, he doesn't see the glass as half full or half empty, he wants something else to drink in a completely different glass.

He talks too much, can't admit when he doesn't know something and lacks patience of any sort. He, of course, has many of my strengths as well given that he's intelligent, clever and has a knack for language that makes you forget he's not quite 4 years old.

This combination of traits does not bode well for his immediate future, since in a couple of years he will enter the public school system, an institution that rewards following directions, shutting up and not challenging authority. Public schools tend to value kids who do as they're told more than precocious, smart children who question everything and always think they know better than the adults.

As a child, I was an awful student and a general pain in the ass who was often disagreeable when it would have been easier to just go with the flow. I had little interest in doing things that weren't easy and I lacked the gene that makes someone want to please authority figures. Most of school did come easy to me, but learning something to my own satisfaction and proving I knew it to the teacher's satisfaction often put me

at odds with teachers, administrators and my parents.

The idea of doing my homework simply because I was supposed to never really kicked in and if I didn't learn something by quickly absorbing it, I assumed it was not worth knowing. This, of course, largely proved true, as the areas I had trouble quickly grasping, like advanced math and science have not had any bearing on my life.

That does not mean, however that I was correct to not put any effort into learning those things. While the actual information being taught may not have appealed to me then, or now, there's a value in learning how to do things you don't like, aren't good at or simply see no value in.

Being a responsible employee, adult and parent generally involves doing things you don't want to do and parenting especially seems to require learning how to do a lot of things I'm not particularly good at. Any parent who has suffered through a DVD for the ten thousandth time and every employee who has been stuck with a thankless or pointless task, knows that simply ignoring the work in front of you is an indulgence of youth we all have to learn to give up.

I want my son to challenge authority and truly believe in the idea that somebody is not smarter than you simply because they're older or in charge. I'd also like him to learn, much sooner than I did, though, that being smarter or knowing better doesn't mean you get to always ignore the person in charge.

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DANIEL KLINE



# Texas Schoolboy Playoff Pairings

**CLASS 5A**

**DIVISION I (quarterfinals)**

**Region I**

Eules Trinity (12-1) vs. Arlington Bowie (12-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

**Region II**

Dallas Skyline (12-1) vs. Plano (12-1), 2 p.m., Saturday, Mesquite's Memorial Stadium

**Region III**

Fort Bend Hightower (10-3) vs. Galena Park North Shore (13-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Rice Stadium

**Region IV**

Converse Judson (9-4) vs. SA Reagan (11-2), 4 p.m., Saturday, Alamodome

**DIVISION II (quarterfinals)**

**Region I**

Abilene (12-1) vs. Lewisville Hebron (11-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

**Region II**

Pflugerville (10-3) vs. Longview (12-1), 1 p.m., Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium

**Region III**

Fort Bend Clements (13-0) vs. Katy (13-0), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Rice Stadium

**Region IV**

Smithson Valley (12-1) vs. SA Madison (12-1), 2 p.m., Saturday, Alamodomoe

**CLASS 4A**

**DIVISION I (semifinals)**

**Region I and II**

Aledo (11-2) vs. Copperas Cove (11-2), 7 p.m. Saturday, Baylor's Floyd Casey Stadium

**Region III and IV**

Rosenberg Lamar (11-2) vs. New Braunfels (13-0), 7 p.m., Saturday, Texas State's Bobcat Stadium

**DIVISION II (quarterfinals)**

**Region I**

WF Rider (12-1) vs. Everman (13-0), 8 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

**Region II**

Dallas Highland Park 49, West Mesquite 6

**Region III**

Dayton 28, Waller 21

**Region IV**

Lake Travis 57, Beeville 43

**CLASS 3A**

**DIVISION I (semifinals)**

**Region I and II**

Abilene Wylie (11-2) vs. Gilmer (13-0), 6 p.m., Saturday, Birdville Athletic Complex

**Region III and IV**

Liberty Hill (12-0) vs. Pleasanton (11-2), 8 p.m., Saturday, Alamodome

**DIVISION II (quarterfinals)**

**Region I**

Snyder 36, Vernon 21

**Region II**

Celina (13-0) vs. Glen Rose (9-3), 4 p.m. Saturday, Justin Northwest

**Region III**

Waco LaVega (13-0) vs. China Spring (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Waco's Floyd Casey Stadium

**Region IV**

Cuero 42, Palacios 14

**CLASS 2A**

**DIVISION I (semifinals)**

**Region I and II**

Early (10-3) vs. Farmersville (11-2), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium

**Region III and IV**

Tatum (12-1) vs. Salado

(13-0), 6 p.m., Saturday, Corsicana's Tiger Stadium

**DIVISION II (quarterfinals)**

**Region I**

Canadian (13-1) vs. Idalou (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Kimbrough Memorial Stadium, Canyon

**Region II**

Boyd (9-4) vs. Cisco (13-0), 2 p.m., Saturday, Graham

**Region III**

Elysian Fields 19, Arp 13

**Region IV**

Altair Rice 7, Refugio 6

**CLASS 1A**

**DIVISION I (semifinals)**

**Region I and II**

Sunray (10-2) vs. Seymour (9-3), 6 p.m., Saturday, Lubbock's Lowery Field

**Region III and IV**

Alto 35, Granger 9

**DIVISION II (quarterfinals)**

**Region I**

Sundown (13-0) vs. Nazareth (12-1), 2 p.m.

Saturday, Littlefield HS

**Region II**

Munday (12-0) vs. Windthorst (6-6), 2 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls Memorial Stadium

**Region III**

Maud 36, Tenaha 7

**Region IV**

Bremond 21, Harper 18

**SIX MAN**

**DIVISION I (semifinals)**

**Region I and II**

Rankin (11-1) vs. Rule (12-0), 5 p.m. Saturday, San Angelo Stadium, San Angelo

**Region III and IV**

Richland Springs 70, Trinidad 22

**DIVISION II (semifinals)**

**Region I and II**

Matador Motley County 64, Jayton 16

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### Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**No Way Out**

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A J 9  
♥ J 3 2  
♦ 9 5 4 3  
♣ K J 2

**EAST**  
♠ 7 2  
♥ A Q 9 8 7 6 5  
♦ 2  
♣ A 4 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 10 8 6  
♥ K  
♦ A K 10 6  
♣ Q 10 9

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♠ Pass 2♠ 4♥

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

Assume you get to four spades as shown, and West leads the heart ten to East's ace, collecting your king. East then shifts to the deuce of diamonds, which you take with the ace.

Your chief concern now is that West may have started with four diamonds to the Q-J. And so, instead of drawing trumps at once, you play the ten of clubs at trick three, which wins the trick. You then lead another club to the king, losing to East's ace, and East exits with a third club to your queen.

This tends to confirm that East's diamond deuce was a singleton, so you now know that you'll have to work mightily to bring the contract home. Accordingly, you play a trump to the jack, ruff a heart, then lead a trump to the ace to produce this five-card position:

North  
♠ 9  
♥ J  
♦ 9 5 4

West  
♠ 5  
♥ Q J 8  
♦ 8

East  
♥ Q 9 8 7 6

You next go out of your way to ruff the jack of hearts, and the effect of this unusual play is that you have West over a barrel, whatever he does.

- If he underruffs, you next play the six of diamonds. West wins with the jack, but whatever he returns, you score the rest of the tricks.
- If he discards the eight of diamonds, you play the king and another diamond to make the contract.
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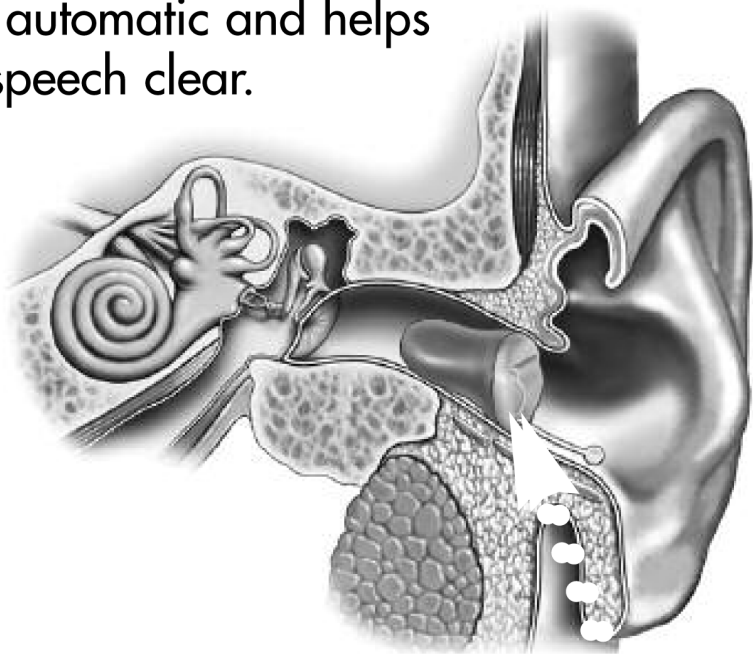
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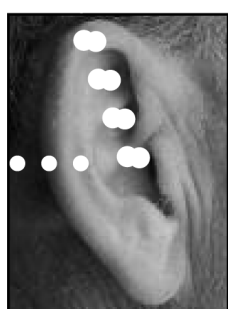
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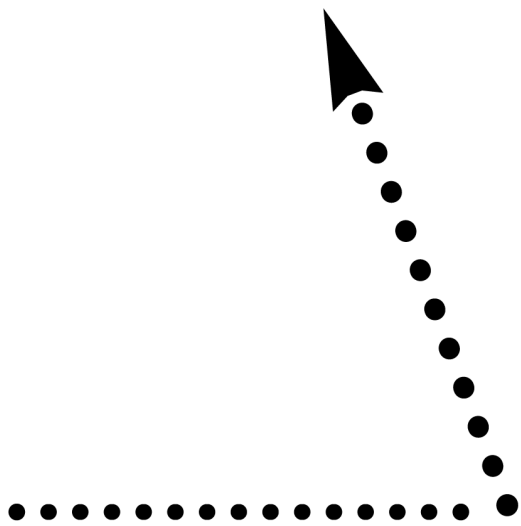
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**UK judge upholds will leaving fortune to restaurant owners**

LONDON (AP) — Think of it as a giant tip. A wealthy widow repaid the kindness shown to her by a family that runs a Chinese restaurant she frequented by leaving them \$21 million, and a High Court judge ruled Friday that her will was

legal. Golda Bechal's 1994's will said she wanted Kim Sing Man and his wife, Bee Lian, the owners of a Chinese restaurant northeast of London, to inherit her money. She died at age 88 in January 2004.

Bechal's five nephews and nieces asked the court to declare the will invalid, claiming their aunt was suffering from

dementia. They asked the judge to give the inheritance to them.

But Judge Donald Rattee accepted the restaurateurs' evidence that Bechal, sad and lonely after the deaths of her husband and son, became like a family member to the couple.

They went on foreign holidays together and regularly got together at

their restaurant and at her apartment in Mayfair, central London.

"It was not irrational to leave the bulk of her estate to Mrs. Man, the daughter she would dearly wished to have had, and her husband," Rattee said.

Kim Sing Man remembered Bechal as a classy woman who "always enjoyed her Chinese pick-

led leeks and bean sprouts."

**Pennsylvania man in Guinness Book of World Records for getting hit by car**

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — Matthew McKnight hopes nobody manages to top his feat in the Guinness Book of World

Records.

That's because McKnight holds the record for "Greatest Distance Thrown in a Car Accident" in the book's 2008 edition.

The 29-year-old record-holder lived to tell about being thrown 118 feet by a car that hit him while traveling about 70 mph. He was struck Oct. 26, 2001, while trying to help accident victims along Interstate 376 in Monroeville, about 15 miles east of Pittsburgh.

He suffered two dislocated shoulders plus a broken shoulder, pelvis, leg and tailbone. He spent two weeks in the hospital and 80 days in rehab before returning to work in April 2002.

McKnight is a volunteer firefighter and paramedic, though he wasn't on duty when he stopped to help the accident victims. He works full-time as a communications specialist at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh.

McKnight's emergency room physician, Dr. Eric Brader, submitted paperwork for the record, which Guinness recognized in 2003. It was not listed in the book until the 2008 edition, however.

"I thought it was a big joke. Dr. Brader is known for joking around a lot," McKnight told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

**SINGING FOR THE SEASON**

**Bauer Elementary students perform "A Nice, Nice Christmas" during "A Winter Fantasy," a concert featuring students from Big Spring elementary and intermediate schools, Thursday night in the Municipal Auditorium.**

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan



**LETTERS**

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tries to climb the stairs, he'll be assaulted.

Next, remove another of the original five apes and replace it with a new one. The newcomer goes to the stairs and is attacked. The previous newcomer takes part in the punishment with enthusiasm.

Again, replace a third original ape with a new one. The new one makes it to the stairs and is attacked. Two of the four apes that beat him have no idea why they weren't permitted to climb the stairs, or why they're participating in the beating of the newest ape.

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## Energy Watch



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

According to the Energy Information Administration, as reported by the *Wall Street Journal*, voluntary blending of ethanol into the fuel supply by gasoline marketers reached new highs in November.

This new high in blending reflects the current high cost of gasoline combined with the comparatively low cost of ethanol. Now, as energy legislation continues to be debated, there is a glut of ethanol supply. However, there is stiff resistance to boosting the nation's current blending requirements.

A recent Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development report suggests biofuels "offer a cure (for oil dependence) that is worse than the disease." While the National Academy of Sciences and National Research Council points out the strain an ethanol plant can place on local water supplies.

The American Lung Association has also voiced concern about the air pollution associated with burning ethanol in the fuel supply. Also piling on are the livestock and food companies who oppose more ethanol use because of the impact the fuel's production has on their corn costs and their bottom line.

And finally, even though oil companies would likely welcome more ethanol blending from a cost standpoint, they remain resistant to the subsidy levels ethanol enjoys.

Meanwhile in Washington, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid are crafting an energy bill that is meant to combine the House and Senate's previous work.

According to Bloomberg, the new plan calls for 20.5 billion gallons (bg) of ethanol blending by 2015. Of that, 5.5 bg are supposed to be advanced ethanol. The existing ethanol fuel mandate requires 7.5 bg of renewable fuel blending by 2012.

In their Oil Supply Security report which was published last week, the IEA states that more than ever there is a need for strategic oil supplies. The watchdog of consuming nations suggests the tightness of supply versus demand necessitates the need for emergency response mechanisms.

In recent years the Pakistani nuclear program's security has been compromised. A series of scientists reportedly sold secrets to al Qaeda. *The Wall Street Journal* reports that because of those lapses, a new screening and surveillance program similar to what is used in the U.S. is now in place.

According to data released by the Center for Immigration Studies, over the past seven years, immigration was the highest of any seven-year period in U.S. history. 10.3 million new immigrants (over half reportedly living here without legal status) have moved in over that timeframe.

In the North Sea where crude production is declining, a wind farm in deep water is being developed. Project Beatrice is projected to hold 200 turbines that when complete could use the sea's gales to generate enough electricity for one million people. That's approximately 20 percent of Scotland's population. The project is the deepest offshore wind farm in the world.

According to a Tokyo newspaper, *Sankei*, Pyongyang has resumed its assistance to Syria for the assembly of non-conventional warheads. The report asserts that after a four month break, a North Korean delegation has briefed the Syrian military on arming Scud C warheads with chemical agents.

The U.N. Development Program recommends developing nations such as China and India should cut their emissions 20 percent by 2050. However, the burden on more industrialized nations is much greater. The report suggests those relevant countries should reduce emissions 80 percent from levels seen in 1990. The report comes days before an intergovernmental conference designed to agree upon a successor to the Kyoto protocol. The White House has already said it will not sign any agreement that did not include developing nations going through rapid industrialization.

According to the EPA, the typical wood stove emits about 350 times more pollution than an oil furnace. However, according to the Hearth, Patio, and Barbeque Association, as reported by Bloomberg, sales of wood-pellet stoves have tripled since 1999. Those stoves are the most environmentally friendly wood-heating device on the market.

Anecdotal data suggests firewood sales are rising. According to Bloomberg, firewood costs half as much as heating oil when considering how much energy each product produces. With heating oil prices up 83 percent year-on-year, it appears many people are reverting back to years gone by to stay warm during the winter months.

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From left, Josh Mitchell, Marcus Campbell, Morgan Yarbrough and Selena Hernandez are members of the Sands Junior FFA Quiz team that placed fifth in Area II competition.

## Sands FFA students shine

### Special to the Herald

Sands FFA had six leadership teams participate at Area II Leadership Contest Saturday, Nov. 17 at Howard College in Big Spring.

Results follow:

- Fifth Place, Junior Chapter Conducting — Landon Parker, Morgan Yarbrough, Megan Yarbrough, Lani Robles, Levi Duncan, Josh Mitchell, Selena Hernandez, Marcus Campbell and Brian Moore.

- Fifth Place, Junior Quiz — Josh Mitchell, Marcus Campbell, Morgan Yarbrough and Selena Hernandez

- Sixth Place, Job Interview — Logan Gaskins

- Sixth Place, Senior Creed — Richard Lucio
- Eighth Place, Public Relations — Logan Gaskins, Richard Lucio, Junior Lucio

- Twelfth Place, Junior Creed — Landon Parker

Several Sands FFA Members participated at the District Leadership Contest at Odessa on Monday, Nov. 5. The members did extremely well, bringing home five first places, two second places and one third.

The results are as follows:

- First Place, Junior Creed Speaking —



Courtesy photo

Sands High School Junior FFA Member Jacy Parker placed first in her class at the Texas Tech Christmas Jackpot in Lubbock this weekend. Jacy raised the Hampshire pig from a gift her dad purchased.

Landon Parker.

- First Place, Junior Chapter Conducting — Landon Parker, Morgan Yarbrough, Meagan Yarbrough, Levi Duncan, Lani Robles, Josh Mitchell, Selena Hernandez, Marcus Campbell, and Brian Moore.

- First Place, Junior Quiz — Morgan Yarbrough, Marcus Campbell, Josh Mitchell,

and Selena Hernandez.

- Third Place, Junior Creed — Meagan Yarbrough.

- First Place, Job Interview — Logan Gaskins.

- First Place, Agricultural Issues — C. D. Karns, Ashli Stockton and Kim Wiggington.

- Second Place, Public Relations — Junior Lucio, Richard Lucio, Logan Gaskins and

Mason Parker.

- Second Place, Senior Creed Speaking — Richard Lucio.

- Fourth Place, Senior Quiz — William Carson, Reuben McMorris, Ashli Stockton and Kim Wiggington.

- Fifth Place, Senior Creed — Tyler Ware.

- Eighth Place, FFA Radio — Melissa Deleon, Kayla Franco and Valinda Saldivar.

## Be prepared to wait for chance to benefit from interest rate freeze

By JEANNINE AVERSA

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Be ready to wait if you want to get information from a toll-free hot line about freezing the interest rate on your subprime mortgage.

Minutes after President Bush outlined a plan to help strapped homeowners, callers were told to have patience until a counselor could answer their questions and "devote as much time to you as necessary."

But, once they do get through, homeowners may not find the answers they sought.

One caller to the hot line (1-888-995-HOPE) was told there would be "lots of hoops to jump through" to

obtain the five-year freeze. The rate hold goes to the heart of the relief effort for people with subprime mortgages, which are loans offered to borrowers with tarnished credit or low incomes.

Even President Bush acknowledged the plan is "no perfect solution." Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said it was not a "silver bullet."

Only a fraction of the homeowners who face huge jumps in their mortgage payments appear likely to be helped by the plan, negotiated by the Bush administration, to freeze the low introductory rates on their subprime loans for five years. After that, they could be in the same position again.

Homeowners dialing up their mortgage company to get their current rate frozen could be disappointed. The White House plan does not force mortgage companies to give eligible homeowners a break. It is voluntary.

The White House on Friday defended the system and its eligibility requirements.

"I wouldn't call them 'hoops,'" White House deputy press secretary Tony Fratto said. "I think we are trying to make sure, as we outlined yesterday, that we're getting at the right population that can best be served by this program."

Bush promoted the initiative

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**Bankruptcy judge approves sale of remote West Texas resort**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A federal judge has approved the sale of a bankrupt resort in West Texas to a Dallas businessman for \$13.5 million.

The bid approved Friday by a judge in San Antonio came from Kelcy Warren, co-founder of Energy Transfer Partners LP, a natural gas and propane distributor.

Warren agreed to keep Lajitas, The Ultimate Hideout open for now but he would not say what his long-term plans were for the 25,000-acre resort, which features a golf course, luxury hotel and restaurants.

Located near Big Bend National Park, the resort owes between \$18 million and \$20 million to creditors.

The Lajitas resort was purchased by Stephen R. Smith, an Austin communications mogul, for \$4.2 million in 2000; he then pumped another \$100 million into the property in a failed effort to create a secluded desert destination for the rich.

**New affidavit offers details of officer assault allegation**

GEORGETOWN (AP) — A police officer has been charged with sexual

assault for allegedly raping a woman, authorities said.

Sgt. Jimmy Lewis Fennell Jr., 34, remained in the Williamson County Jail on Saturday with bail set at \$250,000. His attorney declined to comment on the case.

According to a search warrant affidavit, Fennell and other officers with the Georgetown Police Department responded to a domestic disturbance call at an apartment complex. The woman's boyfriend was arrested at the scene, and Fennell handcuffed the woman and put her in the front seat of his squad car.

The woman told police she thought Fennell was taking her to a hotel where she could spend the night. Instead, according to the affidavit released Friday, she told police he drove her to a park, removed her handcuffs and asked her to dance for him. He then ordered her to put her hands on the car's trunk and assaulted her, according to the affidavit.

Authorities found her prints on the trunk of Fennell's squad car, and police logs cannot account for Fennell's whereabouts for a two-hour period during which the woman said the assault occurred, according to the affidavit.

A Williamson County grand jury

indicted Fennell on Tuesday on felony charges of aggravated sexual assault, aggravated kidnapping and improper sexual activity with a person in custody. He was also charged with official oppression.

Fennell is a nine-year veteran of the department. He has been on paid administrative leave pending an internal affairs investigation of the alleged Oct. 26 crimes.

The charges against Fennell have brought renewed attention to the 1996 death of Fennell's fiancée, 19-year-old Stacey Stites. She was found strangled on the side of a road near Bastrop. Investigators at the time ruled out Fennell, who was working as a Giddings police officer.

Rodney Reed was sentenced to death in 1998 for Stites' killing, but last year appealed on the grounds that the testimony of two witnesses who didn't take the stand in his trial might have exonerated him.

**Williamson Co. man first Texan to be charged under Jessica's Law**

LEANDER (AP) — A Williamson County grand jury has indicted a man on a capital charge of continuous sexual

abuse of a child, making him the first person in Texas charged under a new state law that carries harsher penalties for sex offenders.

If convicted, Alfredo Soto Enriquez, 35, would face a minimum punishment of 25 years in prison, part of tougher sentencing rules known as Jessica's Law. Under old laws, Enriquez could have been eligible for parole after serving part of his sentence. Now, parole is no longer an option.

Enriquez is accused of molesting a 10-year-old girl at least twice from September to October, authorities said. He also faces seven counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and two counts of indecency with a child.

Enriquez's attorney, Bristol Myers of Austin, said the allegations are untrue and that his client is "looking forward to his day in court." Enriquez remained in the Williamson County Jail on Friday with bail set at \$500,000.

Enriquez is the first Texas resident indicted under the new law, according to Williamson County District Attorney John Bradley and the Texas District and County Attorneys Association.

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Andrea Clardy, 2401 Ave. L. Snyder  
Jared Coby, 901 S. High St., Longview  
Patrick C. Criss, 8030 Catalpa, Texas City  
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Johnnie Lou Dry, RR 11 Box 156 FM 2011, Longview  
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Ronald Jeffery, 1101 Fitch, Odessa  
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Michael Todd McClinton, 1003 S. Midkiff, Midland  
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Melissa Pena, 208 N. Nolan, Big Spring  
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**District Court Filings:**  
Felix Rodriguez vs. Wendie Wallace, divorce.  
Erika D. Cate vs. Guadalupe Rugen Garcia, protective order.  
Cynthia Diann Alvey vs. Corey Lynn Alvey, divorce.  
The Henry Earl Thompson Estate Trust, civil suit.  
The state of Texas vs. Spencer Coker, seizure (\$1,580).  
Justin Flentge vs. Tina Flentge, divorce.  
Todd Eugene Wombwell vs. Tonya Michelle Wombwell, divorce.  
Brandy Garcia vs. Andrew Juarez Jr., protective order.  
Compass Bank vs. Aubrey Darden, accounts, notes and contracts.  
Jack Cathey Construction Inc. vs. SMI Companies Inc., accounts, notes and contracts.  
Malinda Sue Armstrong vs. Danny Lee Armstrong, divorce.  
Howard County vs. Alon USA, tax suit.  
Howard County vs. Cactus Paint Mfg., tax suit.  
Howard County vs. J.B. Bronstein, tax suit.  
Howard County vs. Randell E. Hollis, tax suit.  
Howard County vs. Maria Irene Howell, tax suit.  
Howard County vs. Arthur Juarez Jr., tax suit.  
Howard County vs. Ismael Juarez, tax suit.  
Howard County vs. Chuck P. Landers, tax suit.  
Howard County vs. Oracio Lopez and Sylvia Lopez, tax suit.  
Howard County vs. Frances K. Nophlet Madry, tax suit.  
Howard County vs. Viola C. Maldonado and Roman Maldonado, tax suit.  
Howard County vs. Randy McCutchan and Shawn McCutchan, tax suit.  
Howard County vs. Billy D. Wilson Jr. and Marie Wilson, tax suit.

**Marriage Licenses:**  
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Farris W. Schlipf, 20, and Irma E. Vincent, 45, both of Big Spring.  
Edgar Allen Moreno, 23, and Gina M. Ulibarri, 20, both of Big Spring.  
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Grantee: Robert E. Haney Jr. for Wild Horse Farm Trust  
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Grantor: Tamera Christine Barber  
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Property: Lot 1, Block 8, Cole & Strayhorn Addition  
Date: Nov. 29, 2007  
Grantor: Ben C. Mazzara  
Grantee: Jordan Partee

Property: Lot 11, Block 3, Highland Caprock Subdivision  
Date: Nov. 29, 2007  
Grantor: Joshua Hamby and Michelle Hamby  
Grantee: Keith Crane and Rebecca Crane  
Property: Lots 2-5, Block 2, Wiley Terrace  
Date: Nov. 29, 2007  
Grantor: Stephanie Ramirez  
Grantee: Henry R. Vierra and Martha Vierra  
Property: Lot 24, Block 22, Monticello Addition  
Date: Nov. 30, 2007  
Grantor: Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama Inc.  
Grantee: Ramabowl Properties LLC  
Property: A 1.997 acre tract out of Section 45, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Nov. 30, 2007  
Grantor: John Wayne Metcalf and Ginger Metcalf  
Grantee: David L. Spence and Beth McCarthy  
Property: A 5-acre tract out of Section 2, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Nov. 30, 2007  
Grantor: Katherine Kitten  
Grantee: George Ebersole  
Property: A tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Dec. 3, 2007  
Grantor: Chad Freeman and Kara Freeman  
Grantee: Ashley P. Larson  
Property: The W/20 feet of Lot 3 and the E/40 feet of Lot 4, Block 12, Edwards Heights  
Date: Dec. 5, 2007

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Friday for the second day in a row, using his weekly radio address to call it "an example of the government bringing together members of the private sector to voluntarily address a national challenge — without taxpayer subsidies or government mandates." The president taped his address for Saturday airing, and the White House released the transcript on Friday. In first announcing the initiative Thursday, Bush said 1.2 million people could be eligible for relief. Aid includes the rate freeze and helping people refinance into more

affordable mortgages. The Center for Responsible Lending, a group that promotes homeownership and works to curb predatory lending, estimates that just 145,000 families will qualify for the rate freeze. The criteria are too strict, it says. The White House plan is aimed at stemming foreclosures, which have shot up to record highs as the housing market has gone from boom to bust. Subprime borrowers have been hardest hit by the meltdown. Initially low interest rates that reset to much higher rates have clobbered those borrowers. Nearly 2 million adjustable-rate subprime mortgages will reset from introductory

rates of around 7 percent to 8 percent to much higher rates this year and next. That raises the specter of even more people being forced out of their homes because they cannot keep up with their monthly payments. Rising home foreclosures are a headache for politicians and a danger for the economy. Bush tried to shift blame for the crisis to the Democratic-led Congress. "The Congress has not sent me a single bill to help homeowners," Bush said. One measure would give the Federal Housing Administration more flexibility; a second would change the tax laws temporarily to help people

who have a portion of their mortgage forgiven by banks. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., complained the criteria for Bush's mortgage freeze are too narrow to help most distressed homeowners and worried that legal challenges by investors might stall the effort. "While we certainly all hope this will be a shot in the arm for the housing slump, it is hardly a panacea," Schumer said. "There are too many families who may be left out, too much left up to the voluntary willingness of the private sector and too little disclosure and transparency to ensure families who do qualify are being helped."



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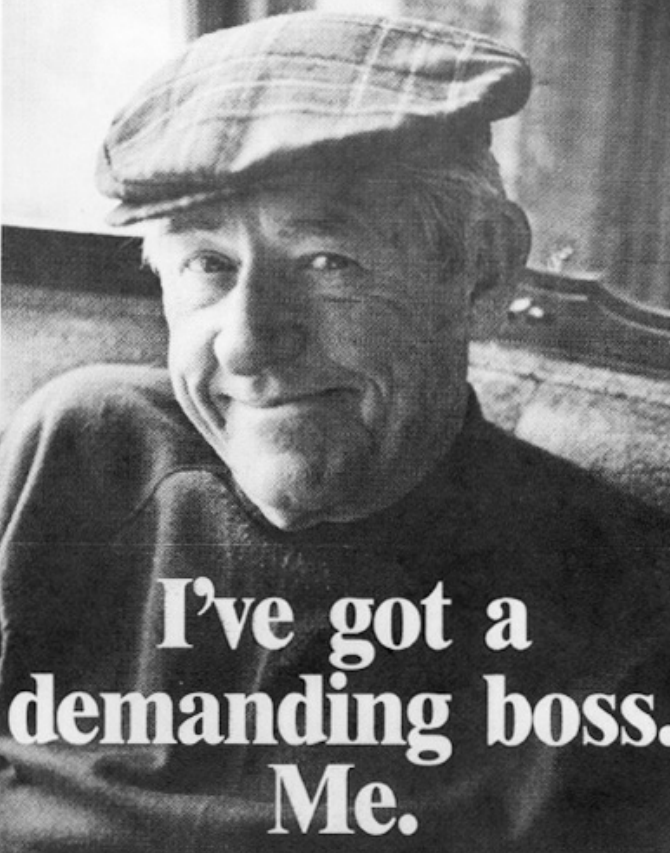
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<b>ACROSS</b> 1 Got into 9 Not as bright 15 Less smooth 16 Full sway 17 Corn product 18 Small fowl 19 Fish-house choice 20 Shrewdness 22 " _ Beso" (Anka tune) 23 Stay-at-home surfers 25 Conducted 26 Move like a popinjay 28 City on the Indian Ocean 29 Cyrus' realm, today 31 One-in-a-million 32 Candy-strippers 34 Works with a written address 36 Willow-bark extract 39 Most promptly 40 Body-shop offering 41 Drawback 42 Troubadour accompanier 43 Sharp 45 Tall flowers 49 States peremptorily 51 Self-survival centers 52 Professional duds 53 Urge 54 On the spot	<b>DOWN</b> 1 Is bratty 2 Stop straddling 3 One who plays on ice 4 Acrobat, e.g. 5 Certain runner 6 Part of a certain "response"  <b>ACROSS</b> 56 Sloth spot 57 Emcee's job 59 Make too thin 63 Part of the family 64 Naive progressive 65 Facilitate 66 Supermarket devices  <b>DOWN</b> 7 Sushi staple 8 Kids with crayons 9 Obligation 10 Cosby alma mater 11 ICU worker 12 Knowledgeable 13 Blank spaces, perhaps 14 Opposite of proximate 21 Snake River loc. 24 Pacino's sister in <i>The Godfather</i> 25 Encumbrance 27 Interpretive work 30 One preceder 33 Vileness	<b>ACROSS</b> 35 Trying 36 Putting to rest 37 Mug, maybe 38 Land, over 500 times 39 Remains inactive 41 Capra hero 44 Aura 46 Wear off 47 Mike Myers <i>SNL</i> character 48 Directs 50 Track _ 55 Latin I verb 58 American Marconi acquirer 60 Soft shoe 61 Ottoman official 62 Take for a ride
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**PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Howard College Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing on Monday, December 17, 2007, at 12:30 p.m. in the Howard College Board Room in the Student Union Building, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas to receive public input concerning action on the Applications and consideration of the Tax Abatement Agreements for the purpose of granting tax abatement to the following companies:

- Airtricity,
  - Panther Creek Wind Farm, LLC
  - Duke Energy,
  - Ocotillo Wind Power, LLC
  - Iberdrola Renewable Energies USA,
  - Wildhorse Mountain Wind, LLC
  - Invenergy,
  - Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC
  - Padoma,
  - Elbow Creek Wind Project, LLC
- All interested parties are encouraged to attend and present their views.  
**DR. CHERYL SPARKS**  
President  
Date: December 5, 2007  
#5625 December 9, 2007

**Legals**

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

TO: Brigida Canales  
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 15, Blk 5, Settles Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$437.37, 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 BRIGIDA CANALES AND ADAM CANALES and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 28th day of November, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. BRIGIDA CANALES AND ADAM CANALES, 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 5417 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of WYNELL F. HALE, Deceased, were issued on November 30, 2007, in Cause No. P-13590, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: DONNA HALE ATKINS  
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
**c/o: DONNA HALE ATKINS 2501 ALABAMA BIG SPRING, TX 79720 DATED** the 5th day of December, 2007.  
Joshua Hamby  
State Bar No.: 24034471  
306 Scurry Street  
P.O. Box 2199  
Big Spring, Texas 79721-2199  
Telephone: (432)263-8395  
Facsimile: (432)263-4798  
#5626 December 9, 2007

**Legals**

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

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

TO: J.B. BRONSTEIN  
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 10, Brown Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value-\$1,500.00 Amt. owed-\$483.13

Lot 2, Blk 10, Brown Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value-\$1,500.00 Amt. owed-\$483.13

Lot 3, Blk 10, Brown Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value-\$1,500.00 Amt. owed-\$483.13

Lot 4, Blk 10, Brown Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value-\$1,500.00 Amt. owed-\$483.13

Lot 7 (Less Hwy), Blk 10, Brown Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value-\$1,500.00 Amt. owed-\$483.13

Lot 10 (Less Hwy), Blk 10, Brown Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value-\$1,500.00 Amt. owed-\$483.13

Lot 11 (Less Hwy), Blk 10, Brown Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value-\$1,500.00 Amt. owed-\$483.13

Lot 12 (Less Hwy), Blk 10, Brown Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value-\$1,500.00 Amt. owed-\$483.13

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,865.04, 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 J.B. BRONSTEIN and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 28th day of November, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. J.B. BRONSTEIN, 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 5473 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 21st day of Jan., 2008 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 3rd day of December, A.D. 2007.

Colleen Barton  
Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#5620 December 9 & 16, 2007

**Legals**

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

TO: Gary L. Moore

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:

1/3 interest in Lot 4, Block 2, Hayden Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Value-\$4,470.00 Amt. Due-\$844.87

1/3 interest in Lot 4, Block 2, Hayden Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Value-\$4,470.00 Amt. Due-\$1,556.75

1/3 interest in Lot 4, Block 2, Hayden Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Value-\$4,470.00 Amt. Due-\$1,556.75

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,963.09, 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 GARY L. MOORE and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 28th day of November, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. GARY L. MOORE, 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 5066 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 21st day of Jan., 2008 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 3rd day of December, A.D. 2007.

Colleen Barton  
Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#5619 December 9 & 16, 2007

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Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,865.04, 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 J.B. BRONSTEIN and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 28th day of November, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. J.B. BRONSTEIN, 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 5473 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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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 21st day of Jan., 2008 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 3rd day of December, A.D. 2007.

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

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Today's new moon in Sagittarius spins epic stories. We're each storytellers of our own lives. Bend someone's ear and tell yours. To Sagittarius, the entire world is made up of mythical journeys. The good news: If you don't like the one you're in, you can make up a new one! Scheme on and dream on toward a new vision.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It seems as if everyone around you has been given the gift of gab. Remain thoughtful and contemplative. You won't be the one regretting embarrassing confessions.

TAURUS (April 20-May

20). Follow the golden rule and everyone will get along. Your connection with a Scorpio is particularly strong. On a financial note, you'll get access to the money once you prove you can handle it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Nature connects you to your spirituality. You don't have to go camping to get the full effect. Watch a tree bend in the wind, note drops of water run down a flower stem, or appreciate the graceful complexity of an insect.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Loved ones are generous. Perhaps not in a big way but in some small, barely detectable way that touches you deeply. Tonight presents the perfect way to say thank you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have a better idea about what you can realistically accomplish. So it's with great confidence that you are able to swoop up an

opportunity that just last year would have eluded you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Intuition is hot, so don't ignore yours. One who asks too many questions is not to be trusted. And that goes double for the one who seems right in every way — but still something tells you he or she is wrong.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What comes so naturally to you is a gift that others would love to possess. So when your talent is valued, take notice. Look for opportunities to put it to greater use.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your home is the ultimate expression of your subconscious. When it's a mess, it means that your mind is equally chaotic. Cleaning up leads to mental clarity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Though you're very intuitive, you still cannot always predict what other people will

say and do. This is a good day to stop trying — simply accept what is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Money is attached to projects that are progressive and pioneering. Luck focuses around new friends, foreign correspondence and Internet journeys.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Calm your body, mind and spirit through physical exertion. When your body and brain chemistry are balanced, your schedule follows suit. Stuff you didn't want to deal with will sort itself out when you're in a more relaxed state.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's no time for being exclusive, separate or alone. You see only the potential to connect with people because you're so busy asking, "How can I help?" Go communal.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This week's glorious new moon in Sagittarius

expands our vision, and faith prophesizes that our grand plans will manifest bigger and better than ever — and splendidly. Simultaneously, we also close a chapter on the past. Having widened political and global perspectives over the past year on just about everything, Jupiter triumphantly winds down his last week in Sagittarius. Opinions have flown. Experiences were exchanged. In Jupiter's world, the only thing we can trust is our experience and the continual pull to place our faith in possibility, which the great gas giant continually stretches and grows. As Jupiter meets Pluto, the future's a gamble. The stakes are high. The world is monumentally changing. It kind of makes you want to read the tea leaves, search for signs and tap timeless universal secrets for universal riches. And why not? To truly grow with Sagittarius, we need

to change our beliefs about what's possible and to eliminate the self-limiting messages generating our belief systems so we can become more powerful players in the world. This week: Risk holding a larger vision. And bigger yet, make a spiritually proportional leap of faith. Widen your understanding. Leap into life.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Sagittarian Tyra Banks creates windfall opportunities in the lives of others en masse, and she's also a teacher, broadening minds and changing attitudes. We could say Tyra is blessed with Sagittarian good luck and wisdom. But what is luck but a synchronous connection to the universal mind? To envision, reach for and grasp our highest potential takes big-picture thinking.

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Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$697.06, 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 MARCELA MENDOZA AND REYNALDO MENDOZA and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 28th day of November, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MARCELA MENDOZA AND REYNALDO MENDOZA, 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 5285 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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TO: Jessica Ramirez 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 7, Blk 47, Bauer Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$520.31, 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 JESSICA RAMIREZ and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 19th day of July, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JESSICA RAMIREZ, 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 5427 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.

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TO: Jolene Miller 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 3, May Thixton Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$768.92, 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 Jolene Miller, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 28th day of November, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOLENE MILLER, 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 5284 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

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TO: Jan M. Guzman 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 3, Blk I, Moore Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$802.90, 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 JAN M. GUZMAN and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 28th day of November, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JAN M. GUZMAN, 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 5299 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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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NOS. WDW329, WDW330, AND WDW331 APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Alon USA, L.P., a refinery which produces petroleum products, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for permit renewals for the construction of underground injection wells for disposal of industrial hazardous waste from remediation efforts. The facility is located IH-20 and Refinery Road in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 20, 2006.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Howard County Library, 500 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name; address, phone; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the re-

quest must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 45 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.TCEQ.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from ALON USA LP at IH-20 & Refinery Road, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1311 or by calling Mr. Joseph A. Concienne at (432)263-9375. Issuance Date November 1, 2007 #5624 December 9, 2007



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AP Photo/Omaha Police Department

This image taken from a video surveillance camera and released by the Omaha Police Department Friday shows gunman Robert A. Hawkins inside the Westroads Mall in Omaha, Neb. Dec. 5, moments before killing eight people and himself.

**Police release first images of Omaha mall gunman**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — In the first surveillance images released of a teenage gunman's shopping mall rampage, the shaggy-haired assailant can be seen raising an assault rifle to fire in front of a department store mannequin.

Police released three still images Friday, two days after 19-year-old Robert A. Hawkins killed eight people and himself at Westroads Mall's Von Maur store.

The images at first show Hawkins walking into the mall unarmed, wearing glasses, a black zippered sweat shirt over a black T-shirt with a white logo. Six minutes later, he returns and strides through an entrance decked with holiday decorations, an apparent bulge under his clothing. In the last image, he is shown with his sleeves rolled up, aiming the AK-47 to fire.

The images appear to contradict earlier reports that the gunman had a military-style haircut and entered the mall wearing a camouflage vest.

Moments after Hawkins entered the mall, authorities would be flooded with 911 calls about the gunfire. One was from Jodi Longmeyer, a human resources manager at Von Maur, who agonized with the operator while barricaded in an employee locker room at the store.

**Some heart, cancer tests put off because of shortage of radioactive ingredient for scans**

NEW YORK (AP) — Thousands of patients are facing delays in crucial medical tests because of a shortage of a radioactive substance used in those examinations — all because of the shutdown of one nuclear reactor in Canada.

The substance is used in at least 15 million medical scans a year in the United States, by one estimate. Those scans are used to diagnose and assess a wide variety of conditions including cancer, heart disease and bone or kidney illnesses.

They are often crucial for guiding therapy, telling a doctor whether a woman's breast cancer has invaded her bones, for example.

But over the past few days, many hospitals began facing a shortage of a radioactive substance called technetium-99 that is injected into patients to do these body scans. And that has forced them to cut back on the procedures.

"Many, many hospitals are working at about 20 to 30 percent of capacity" in doing the scans in the United States and Canada, estimated Dr. Sandy McEwan, president of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, based in Reston, Va. He said he didn't know how many scans had been postponed.

**Democrats voice outrage, seek probe into CIA destruction of interrogation tapes**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Democrats Friday demanded a full Justice Department investigation into whether the CIA obstructed justice by destroying videotapes that documented the harsh 2002 interrogations of two alleged terrorists.

A day after CIA Director Gen. Michael Hayden told agency employees the tapes were destroyed in 2005, members of Congress, human rights groups and lawyers for accused terrorists said the tapes may have been key evidence that the U.S. government had illegally authorized torture.

White House press secretary Dana Perino said Friday that President Bush did not have any recollection about the tapes or about their destruction. But she could not rule out White House involvement in the tapes' destruction, saying that she asked only the president about it, not others.

Perino refused to comment on whether the destruction could represent obstruction of justice or a threat to cases against terrorism suspects. She said that if the attorney general decides to investigate, "of course the White House would support that."

In a letter to Attorney General Michael Mukasey, the Senate's No. 2 Democrat, Senate Democratic Whip Dick Durbin of Illinois, asked for a probe of "whether CIA officials who destroyed these videotapes and withheld information about their existence from official proceedings violated the law."

**Prosecutors give immunity to some guards; focus on charging others in Iraq shooting**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors investigating the shooting deaths of 17 Iraqi civilians have narrowed their focus on as few as three Blackwater Worldwide bodyguards and have given others immunity for cooperating in the case, The Associated Press has learned.

New information about the deadly Sept. 16 incident, which has strained relations between the United States and Iraq, reflects progress by the government to prosecute Blackwater guards for the shooting in Baghdad's Nisoor Square.

A final decision on whether to prosecute the guards — and how many — may still be months away. But two weeks into a federal grand jury investigation, people close to the case told AP that authorities have focused the number who could face charges to about three of the dozen or more guards on the security detail.

Despite the progress, the people who discussed the case noted concerns about testimony given by the four Blackwater guards who have so far appeared in front of the secret panel. Details were discussed on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the information.

The concerns stem, in part at least, from the fact that Blackwater is paying one law firm to represent as many as 10 guards, raising concerns that their stories could be coordinated. The Justice Department tried to get the firm removed from the case but, in a closed-door hearing last week, a federal judge refused the request.

**Gates: Persian Gulf countries must coordinate to counter Iranian threat**

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates planned to tell Gulf countries Saturday they must work together to help the U.S. counter Iranian threats, including Tehran's ballistic missiles and meddling in Iraq.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the United States still wants new sanctions.

Gates, ending a weeklong trip to the region, intended in his keynote speech at an international security conference in Manama to urge Gulf allies to cooperate more as part of a broader strategy for containing Iranian influence, according to U.S. officials traveling with Gates on Friday.

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From left, Howard County Commissioner Gary Simer, County Judge Mark Barr, and Commissioners Jerry Kilgore, Emma Brown and Bill Crooker attended County Judges' and Commissioners' training sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and Angelo State University on Dec. 3 Fort Stockton.

## Commissioners attend seminar in Fort Stockton

### Special to the Herald

FORT STOCKTON — Thirty West Texas county officials attended the District 6 County Judges' and Commissioners' Training this month at the Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Center in Fort Stockton, said Brenda Rue, District Extension Administrator for District 6.

The group included Howard County Commissioners Jerry Kilgore, Gary Simer, Emma Brown and Bill Crooker and County Judge Mark Barr.

Texas Cooperative Extension District 6 includes Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Ector, El Paso, Glasscock, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward and Winkler counties.

Topics covered in the training this year included information on water desalination, rabies management, the jurisdiction, authority and responsibility of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), as well as county government and legislative updates from Jim Allison, Austin-based General Counsel for the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas, and Rep. Buddy West of Odessa.

"The conference this year was the largest such training held for county judges and commissioners in Fort Stockton in recent years," Rue said. "Not only did it provide participants with a great deal of information, but it also allowed participants an excellent opportunity to talk with and share ideas with their peers, other county commissioners' court members in counties with similar populations and needs."

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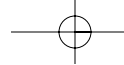
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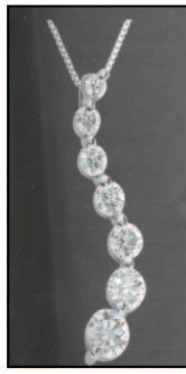
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A bedroom in the Farquhar home decorated for the holidays

**TOUR**

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people in the community have always wanted to see what the insides of other peoples' homes were like, especially how they had them decorated for the holiday season.

Bond said the tour, which has been a part of the local holiday season scene almost every year since 1984, will feature five local homes, including those of Loretta and Ron Farquhar, 716 Hillside Drive; Barbara and Ray Kennedy, 2901 Stonehaven; Billye and Ralph Mc Laughlin, 3 Kiowa Circle; Debi and A.J. Pirkle, 2807 Stonehaven; and Susan and Rick Watkins, 908 Mountain Park Drive.

The tours will begin at 1:30 p.m. and continue through 3:30 p.m., with a reception to immediately follow at the First Presbyterian Church's parlor — located at Runnels and Eighth Street.

"These home owners have been so gra-

rious in opening up their homes for the tour," said Bond. "It takes a lot of time and money to decorate the homes, and they do this out of the kindness of their hearts and their support for the symphony. We feel like this year's tour is going to be very special.

"Some of our hosts have decorated more than they might normally do to help us put on the tour," she added. "They're also giving up a Sunday afternoon for the event. Of course, the husbands usually go somewhere else to watch football that day."

Bond said tickets for the event are \$10, and a map to each of the homes will be printed on the back of the tickets.

"This is a fundraiser for the Guild, and more than 80 percent of the money we manage to raise will go directly to the Big Spring Symphony Association," she said.

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