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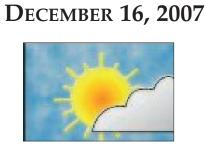
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BSISD eyes 40-year project

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By STEVE REAGAN

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Staff Writer

Balancing extensive needs and limited financial resources have forced Big Spring Independent School District officials to take the long view in addressing facility improvements.

BSISD is faced with aging facilities at almost every instruction level, but replacing

would cost much more money than the district would be able to raise, officials said.

Therefore, educators and trustees are now examining a three-step plan that stretches school facilities up to date.

School trustees have been examining facility improvement for the better part of two

those structures at one time years. The biggest problem facing those buildings is age take away the junior high school, which opened in 1998, and every BSISD campus is at least 40 years old.

The most immediate need is over four decades to bring at the elementary level, and a citizen's committee recently commissioned by the school board recommended the construction of one or two "mega"

"As we refine cost opinions in the coming months, we'll have a better grasp of what we can or cannot do."

-Michael Downes, BSISD superintendent

elementaries to replace the curtions into action, however, rent structures.

Turning those recommenda- See BSISD, Page 3A

Energy equals windfall for HC

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard College trustees will consider giving final approval to a tax abatement agreement with five wind

energy companies when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Union Building's

Hansen Tumbleweed Room.

College Vice President Terry Hansen said the agreements are the result of months of negotiation between Moore Development and the wind energy companies.

The agreements, as they stand, would differ from standard tax abatements in that the companies would agree to pay the taxing entities a flat fee over the life of the 10-year agreement instead of a percentage of their tax

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For the children



HERALD photos/Thomas Jenkins

At left, Mona Lou Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle Church, helps bag up some toys for the church's annual holiday toy giveaway Friday morning. At right, Sally Cleveland gets a slew of stuffed animals ready. More than a thousand gifts were given away.

Wind farms may blow funds FISD's way

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

FORSAN — School trustees here are nearing agreement with a pair of wind energy companies that could add \$6 million to district coffers over the next decade.

Trustees will consider a tax limitation agreement with



Johnson

Duke Energy during their regular monthly meeting, set for 7 p.m. Monday in the administration building board room.

Unlike other taxing entities in Howard County, school districts are prohibited

Padoma Energy and by law from granting tax abatements, but Forsan Independent School District Superintendent Randy Johnson said recent changes in the state tax code allow those districts to "cap" property valuations to certain new industries for an eight-year

> period. In return for those limitations, companies then agree to pay

school districts a certain percentage of their tax savings.

In Forsan ISD's case, Johnson estimates that payments from Padoma and Duke could total \$6 million over the life of the agreements.

A last-minute hitch in processing paperwork may delay final

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Cooking for kids' needs

Eagles chili cook-off to benefit MHMR

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

The rules are simple: hot peppers, freshly ground meat and a deep-seated desire to put fire into the lives of children in need.

The Sixth Annual Chili Cook-off is a competitive affair with a number of serious cooks or "chiliheads," but an even greater number of cooks with a true sense of altruism.

The event is sponsored by Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3188 with proceeds going toward the West Texas Centers for MHMR Children In Need Fund.

The cook-off will be Jan. 5, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Eagles building, 703 W. Third. Judging begins at noon.

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IN BRIEF

Howard's Watson named NJCAA Div. I Player of the Week

College Howard Hawks guard Sean Watson has been named NJCAA Divsion I C0-Player of the week.

The sophomore led Howard to two victories in Region 5 play last week.

On Dec. 3, he led his squad to a 103-76 victory over Odessa College by scoring 28 points and grabbing nine rebound with four assists and three steals.

Then, on Dec. 6, he scored 29 points with seven rebounds and three assists in 92-77 win over Frank Phillips College, which improved Howard's record to 11-3 and 2-1 in region play.

was Watson NJCAA Pre-Season Honorable-Mention All-American selection.

Lady Steers softball team holding fund raiser at Pizza Inn

The Big Spring Lady Steers Lady Steers Booster Club will be holding a fundraiser for the softball team Wednesday 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 subvarsity 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:

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

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

FRIDAY

Coahoma boys and girls basketball vs. Hawley, 6:30 p.m.

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

Call 263-7331, ext. 237, to submit a sports item or brief.

Forsan, Garden City split varsity games

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

GARDEN CITY — Forsan High School's basketball teams continued its tour of playing other Crossroads regional squads Friday night.

The Buffaloes and Lady Buffaloes traveled to play the Garden City Bearkats and Lady Bearkats Friday night after having swept the Grady Wildcats and Lady Cats out of Buffalo Gym in Forsan Tuesday night.

However, no sweep was found for Forsan in Garden City as the two schools split the two games contest and Garden City claiming the girls' matchup.

In boys' varsity action, the Buffs improved their record to 9-1 on the season defeating the 18th-ranked Bearkats (8-5), 52-35.

Forsan jumped out to a 7-0 run to begin the game and Adam Bailey scored 11 of his game high 17 points in the first frame as the Buffs looked to put this one away early.

"We have a lot of respect for Garden City," said Buffs Head Coach Terry McDonald. "They came in at 8-4 and ranked pretty high on the 1A Division II level.

with Forsan taking the boys' We got a good start tonight and now and playing teams like this did some things that showed me we are headed where we need to

> Garden City was short-handed in the game, suiting only seven players, and it showed for most of the game as they were down 26-11 at the half and outscored 18-7 in the third period.

"We had a great effort tonight against a better team," said Garden City Head Coach Koby Abner. "We had three players out with injuries and were forced to dress only seven players including one called up from JV. Forsan is playing very well right

is only going to help us in the long run.'

Garden City's Wade Jansa led the Bearkats with 12 points and played a huge part in a comeback bid in the fourth period as Garden City outscored the Buffs 17-8 in the final stanza.

However, in the end, a deeper bench on the side of Forsan was able to wear down Garden City and secure the victory.

Nick Sanchez added 10 points for the Bearkats, while Jeremy Robbins scored eight points and

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Lady Steers fall in battle with Clyde



Big Spring's Kenzie Hunt looks to pass in the Lady Steers' 59-30 loss to Clyde Friday night in Steer Gym.

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

Improvements already be seen on the court for the Big Spring Lady Steers, despite the results still appearing lopsided.

The Clyde Lady Bulldogs defeated Big Spring, 59-30, Friday night in Steer Gym. However, unlike in previous games, the Lady Steers showed the ability to keep up and run with Clyde at times.

"We're getting a lot better at breaking the press," said Lady Steers Head Coach Randal Petty. "We've still got a long way to go, but there are improvements being made. We had a game last week where we only had 15 turnovers. We looked a lot better tonight against the press and now we've just got to start doing better setting up our offense once we get in the half

The Lady Steers showed their ability to play up to Clyde in the third period, finishing the stanza even in scoring with the Lady Bulldogs, 9-9. Kenzie Hunt hit a three at the top of the key with a hand in her face and Abbi Lloyd penetrated frequently to the basket, scoring four points in the period.

Unfortunately, the effort was too little, too late as Clyde already held a 24point lead heading into the period. The Lady Steers struggled early against Clyde's full-court pressure, turning the ball over 18 times in the first

All the Lady Steers' mishap to a 37-13 Clyde advantage at intermission. However, the Lady Steers showed improvement breaking the press in the second half, turning the ball just 11 times. Spring actually Big caused more Clyde mistakes than it committed in the third and fourth periods, forcing 12 Lady Bulldogs' turnovers.

"We've been working hard on fixing those troubles and it's paid off in the last two games," Petty said. "We're doing a better job of reversing the ball and not getting ourselves into traps. It's really been a great improvement.

"I thought we played well in the second half," he continued. "We took better care of the ball and forced them into some turnovers instead. We need to work on getting some consecutive baskets now."

Clyde was powered by a 24-point performance by Emily Yates. Brooke Harris was the only other Lady Bulldog in double figures with 11 points.

Hunt led the Lady Steers with eight points and Lloyd chipped in seven points and also had three rebounds. Crystal Woodson had three points, three rebounds and two steals.

The Lady Steers wrap up the first half of the season before the Christmas break at 6 p.m. Monday against Snyder's Lady Tigers. The Big Spring boys will play Snyder's boys following the girls' game.

Petty is hopeful the Lady Steers will continue to improve in aspects they're spending a lot of practice time on.

"We've got to keep working on beating the

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Bulldogettes coast past Stamford, 48-28

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA Coahoma Bulldogettes (13-3, 2-0) Head Coach Chris Sumrall wanted two things accomplished Friday night against the Stamford Lady Bulldogs (2-14, 0-2)). He wanted the Bulldogettes to maintain the intensity and execution showed in their win earlier this week over the Colorado City Lady Wolves and frankly, he just wanted another district win.

He got half of what he wanted as the Bulldogettes vaulted out to a 12-0 lead before Stamford's Victoria Thane finally hit a three seven minutes into the game on their to the 46-28 victory.

"We got the win that's what matters," Sumrall said. "I am not real happy with the way that we executed tonight. Don't get me wrong. I am happy that we won, but it shouldn't have even been that close. We just didn't play the game the way we wanted."

The only constant there seemed to be for the Bulldogettes was 6-5 post Heather Sheppard. Sheppard

down low for easy looks against the severely outsized Stamford team, whose tallest player was easily six inches shorter than Sheppard.

"Heather played well tonight," Sumrall said. "She was able to work her way down to the low block and convert and if she didn't have a clean look she was able to get the ball back out so we could reset the offense."

With the score 24-9 at the start of the third quarter, the Lady Bulldogs mounted a charge, outscoring Coahoma 6-2 to pull within eleven at 26-15. However, Coahoma wasted little time responding tearing off a 10-2 run over the final six and a half minutes of the stanza pushing the advantage to 36-17 entering the fourth period.

"We just didn't look quite like we were ready to play tonight," Sumrall said. "This should have been a really lopsided game, but we let them stay in it. I am disappointed that we just didn't execute the way that we are capable. We have to come out ready to

continually worked her way play every night, otherwise we are going to get surprised. Tonight will help us down the road, though. If we play like this against Merkel, we are going to be in trouble. We are going to have to play the way we are capable against them if we expect to win.'

Sumrall doesn't have to wait long to see if his charges will respond to the challenge as the Bulldogettes travel to face the Merkel Lady Badgers Tuesday night.

"Merkel is a good group of girls. We are going to have to be ready if we want to come out of there 3-0 in district," he said

Sheppard lead all scorers with 16 while Christy Rich added 10. Thane paced Stamford in the loss with nine.

Coahoma's boys traveled to take on Pecos Friday night. A score was not available at press time.

Stamford 3 6 8 11-28 Coahoma 14 10 12 10-48

Stamford: Thane 9, C. Alvarado 4, C. Nawert 6, Ch. Nawert 4, Spitzer 5. Coahoma: Sheppard 16, Rich 10, Janice

Gonzales 7, Laci Sterling 3, Shelbi Page 3, Berkley Iden 3, Veronica Cortez 3.

Coahoma 68. Pecos 43

PECOS — Coahoma's Bulldogs dominated Pecos from the opening tip and used a 23-5 second period advantage to essentially put the Eagles out of the game

"It was a win. We sorta got disinterested there at the end, but all in all I was happy with their performance," said Bulldogs' Head Coach Kim Nichols. "We just let up there at the end when we knew we had the game in hand.'

Pecos made the game appear closer than it ever was in the fourth period by outscoring the Bulldogs 28-14 in the stanza. However, the Eagles needed to make up a 39-point deficit heading into the final eight minutes of play.

Cody Sheppard scored a gamehigh 16 points and Matthew Tatum chipped in 13.

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Area farmers enjoying best year anyone can remember etired cotton farmer Larry Shaw and longime former employee Venturo Martinez stood in a cotton field near the Shaw home in Knott and stared with amazement at chest-high plants bearing bolls of cotton unlike any

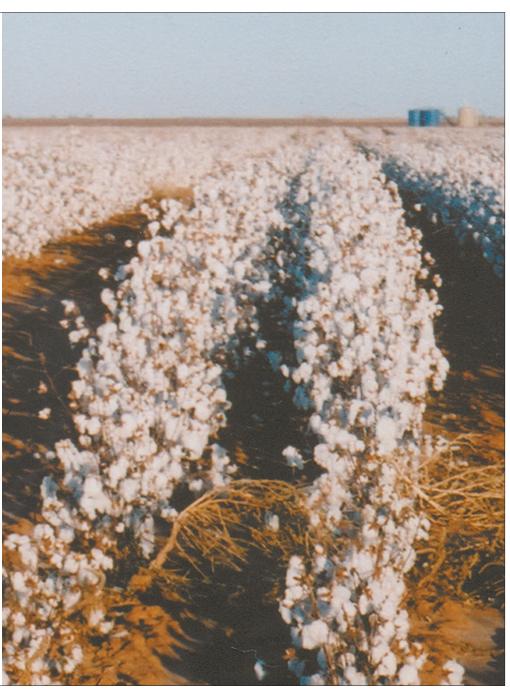
chest-high plants bearing bolls of cotton unlike any they'd ever seen.

"It's the best cotton crop we've ever had," Shaw said. "There's never been one like this."

Indeed. Shaw says the fields he turned over to relative Kenneth Schuelke a few years ago are

yielding about three bales per acre this season.

The crop is so bountiful, Shaw says, that some farmers have resorted to having their fields hand picked, because the plants are so tall and heavily laden that mechanical strippers aren't capable of harvesting the cotton effectively.









Photos courtesy of Larry Shaw





Weather

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Sunday...Sunny. Not as cool. Highs in the mid 50s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows around 30. Light and variable winds becoming south around 10 mph after midnight.

Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Tuesday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Thursday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

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

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

Lottery

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

Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-12-33-34 Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize: \$27,802.

Winning ticket sold in: El Paso.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-2-9-1. Sum It Up: 20.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-1-6. Sum It Up: 15.

Support Groups

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

- · Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX. 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call Alex at 264-6921 or 1-800 392-8677.

TUESDAY

- •The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.
- Dual Recovery Anonymous meetings have been canceled. They will no longer take place at the Howard County Library. If you have questions, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033.
- Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.
- •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.



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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- ISAAC RAY WILBORN, 24, 2525 Ent, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- KAYE LYNN WOOLRIDGE, 20, 2609 Wasson, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.
- SHAMAR THOMAS MYLES, 21, 1515 E. 15th, was arrested on seven capias warrants and two local war-

Take Note

- Serendipity (for women only) will meet at College Baptist Church at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17. As we spend a short time with Mary the Mother of Jesus, come and experience Christmas in a new, different and exciting way. Door prizes, gifts, food and desserts and included. Free child care is provided. RSVP the church at 432-267-7429.
- 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-
- A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.
- Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming an Odyssey Healthcare volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

Bulletin Board

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MONDAY

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

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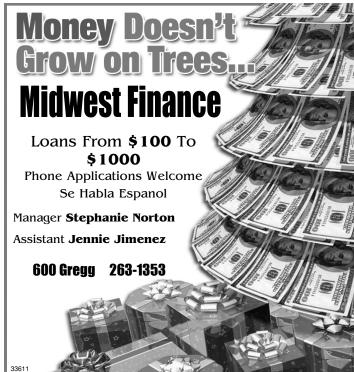
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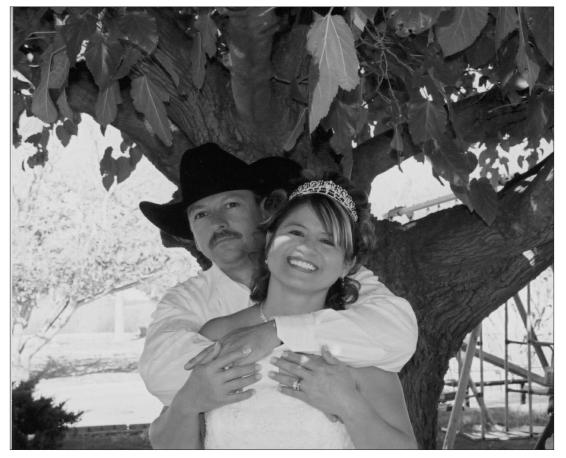
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Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Cadenhead

Garcia and Cadenhead

Lydia Garcia and Robbie Cadenhead were married Nov. 17, 2007, in Big Spring with Justice of the Peace Bennie Green officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Manuel and Petra Aguilar of Colorado City. The

groom is the son of Joe and Mary Cadenhead of Big Spring.

The bride is employed with Colorado Independent School District. The groom is employed with the VA Medical Center in Big Spring.

Gaston and Backes

On Thursday evening, Nov. 29, 2007, Vanessa Gaston and Henry Backes were married by Pastor Derrick Looney in a beautiful ceremony attended by family and friends at Forsan Baptist Church.

Vanessa was escorted to the alter and given in marriage by her mother, Susan Gaston of Forsan. The bride was preceded down the aisle by her attendants Kim Cogburn and Mary Rios, and Vanessa's daughter, Hannah Cates, who scattered rose petals before the entrance of her mothers.

Henry's groomsmen included Josh Rios and Vanessa's son, Joshua Cates. Henry's sons, Dakota and Ethan Backes, served as ring bearers.

Vows were exchanged under an archway filled with red roses, billowing white toile and twinkling lights. The couple lit a sculpted unity candle that stood beside a silver cross on a lace-covered table



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Backes

with tall, white tapers.

The bride wore a trailing gown of white satin decorated with sparkling jewels and a lace bodice. She carried a bouquet of red roses, berries and silver-trimmed ribbon.

The bridesmaids wore tea-length dresses of claret red. The flower girl wore a frilly dress of lace and white satin. The groom and his groomsmen were in black tuxedoes with red boutonnieres.

BIG SPRING HERALD

Sunday, December 16, 2007

A reception was held in the ballroom of the Dora Roberts Community Center by the lake.

The couple resides in Forsan.

Military

Pvt. Todd E. Wooldridge

Army Pvt. Todd E. Wooldridge has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

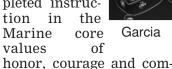
During the nine weeks of training, Wooldridge received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield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

He is the son of Joe and Debra Wooldridge of Big Spring and a 2007 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Pfc. Desmond Garcia

Private First Class (Pfc.) Desmond Garcia graduat-

ed Marine basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot on Nov. 21, 2007. Desmond completed instruction in the Marine core



mitment as well as intensive physical and mental training during 13 weeks of basic training.

Desmond graduated as squad leader and was ranked top physical fitness for his platoon. He is named as one of the Honor Men for Fox Company.

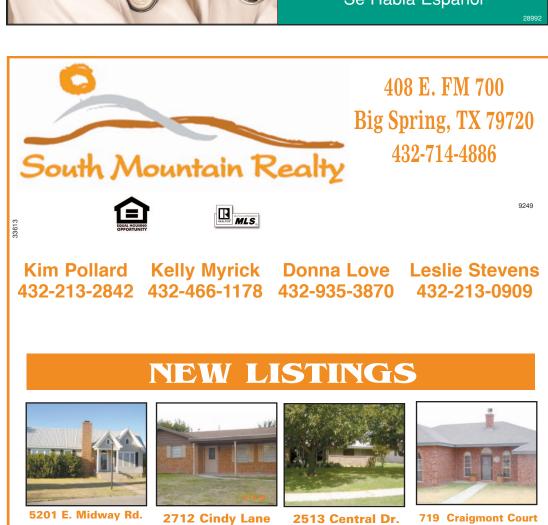
Marine basic training consists of drills, marches

up to 10 miles, Marine history, martial arts and close combat fighting, confidence/obstacle courses, combat field training and water survival, marksmanship with M162A rifle up to 500 yards, teamwork and fitness testing.

Desmond in a 2007 graduate of Big Spring High School. He is the son of

Felix and Lee Ann Garica of Big Spring. He is home on leave working as a recruiting assistant in Midland and will continue his training in Marine combat at Camp Pendleton, Calif., in January and will further his training in Florida in the intelligence field for his MOS.







LOCAL

BSISD

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poses some problems.

"The citizen's committee did not consider cost when they made their recommendations," BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes said. "Instead, they were charged with looking only at facility needs and functionality."

Because the cost of a total replacement at the elementary level beyond the district's current bond capacity, Downes and trustees have developed a long-range master plan to solve the infrastructure problem.

Downes outlined the three-phase plan

trustees during their Thursday board meeting. Phase 1 could begin as soon as late 2008 or 2009.

It calls for: • Closure of Washington and Bauer elementaries, which have been rated obsolete by a pair of outside studies.

 Conversion of Moss, Kentwood and Marcy elementaries into neighborhood campuses for students in kindergarten and first grade.

 Construction of a new elementary campus to handle all BSISD students in grades 2 through 4. This campus would eventually house students in grades K through 5, along with a sister campus to be built during Phase 2 of the plan.

 Replacement of the roof at Big Spring High School and either constructing a new science wing or bringing in portable science labs at that location.

A rough estimate for Phase One projects is \$34 million, Downes said.

"As we refine cost opinions in the coming months, we'll have a better grasp of what we can or cannot do," he noted.

Phase 2, which would kick in around 2028, would include:

· Construction of a second elementary campus similar to the one built in Phase 1 which would house students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

• Closure of Moss,

Kentwood and Marcy elementaries and Goliad Intermediate School.

 Expansion of the junior high school to include students in sixth grade.

The final phase, set for sometime around the midpoint of the century, calls for replacement of the high school, which would then be about 90 years old.

Downes admits the plan has one particular downside — for about 20 years, local students would have four "transition stages" transferring from one campus to the next higher level of instruction instead of the more preferential two.

"But we have to go through this to get the point we want to be," he said. "Our goal is for the students to have only two transition stages, but we can't get to that point in

only one step." And officials would have to maintain some campuses beyond their optimum lifespan, but Downes said those costs, unlike the upward spiral for new construction, should remain fairly sta-

ble in the future. School officials are pointing toward implementing the first phase of the plan as soon as possible. The earliest date for bond election is May 10, which means trustees have until March 10 to finalize plans and call for

the election. Downes said time is literally of the essence.

"A project of this magnitude could easily increase by \$1 million or more if another six months is allowed to pass by," he said.

Estimating how much a \$34 million bond would cost district property owners is an inexact science at this point, but Downes said it could increase the tax rate by as much as 33 cents per \$100 valuation, "which is still less than the 46-cent decrease in our tax rate over the last two years."

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HC

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valuation.

The plan is along the lines of similar agreements other counties in West Texas are reaching with new wind energy companies, Hansen said.

"If we want to be a player in this area, we've decided we basically have to abate along the levels adopted by these other counties," he noted.

The proposed agreement has some distinct advantages, he added.

"These agreements will take property valuations out of the mix," Hansen said. "An advantage of doing it this way is that we will know in advance how much money we will receive each year, instead of worrying about property depreciation."

The five companies will Howard College slightly more than \$3 million over the course of the 10-year abatement. HC would receive \$275,000 the first year, with that payment increasing by 2.5

percent annually. "When you look at the total impact to the county, we feel it will be a very positive thing," Hansen said. "It's going to help all of (the taxing entities), and it will help the economy, too."

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Tuesday: Breakfast, sausage-on-a-stick, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch, pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, chocolate cake, orange smiles, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, eggs, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken stir fry, rice, egg rolls, apples, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, donuts, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch, turkey & dressing, green beans, whipped potatoes, fruit salad, hot rolls, pumpkin pie milk.

Friday: Breakfast, muffins, juice, milk; Lunch, corn dogs, macaroni cheese, tossed salad, chilled pears, Christmas sugar cookies.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Lunch, barbecue on bun, oven fries, pickle slices, ranch-style beans, apricots, milk.

Tuesday: Lunch, turkey

& dressing, sweet potatoes, fruit salad, green beans, rolls, milk.

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Wednesday: Lunch, nacho grande, border beans, apple cobbler, milk.

Thursday: Lunch, spaghetti w/meat sauce. garden salad, Christmas treat, garlic rolls, milk.

Friday: Sack Lunch Day, ham & cheese, chips, carrots, fruit, milk.

Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast, pancakes; Lunch, hamburger or cheese burger, fires, hamburger salad, apples, mustard, mayo ketchup.

Tuesday: Breakfast, oat-Lunch, baked chicken or Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, hot rolls, gravy.

Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuits, sausage & gravy; Lunch, pizza or corn dogs, mixed vegetables, salad, fruit cocktail, ranch dressing.

Breakfast, Thursday:

French toast; Lunch, ravioli or chicken nuggets, corn, salad, pears, French bread.

Friday: Breakfast, burritos; Lunch, sandwiches, Cheetos, vegetarian beans, vegetable sticks, peaches.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center

Monday: Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, baked beans, buttermilk biscuits, blushing pears.

Tuesday: Chicken spaghetti, Capri blend vegetables, tossed salad, garlic bread, pear halves.

Wednesday: Pork chops/brown gravy, corn casserole, baby carrots, biscuits, white cake/chocolate icing.

Thursday: Turkey and dressing candied yams, green beans/cranberry sauce, whole-wheat rolls, pumpkin crisp.

Friday: Ham and cheese sandwiches, lettuce/tomato, potato soup, crackers, fruited gelatin.

The value of family and home

Since life begins with God, so does the family begin with God. Something divine is at stake in man's existence. Life is a partnership between God and man. This is why all human life is holy and we do not

practice deceit toward others. The Bible makes it clear that man is destined for higher things. The family, which God

thinks so

highly of, man has put on sale at bargain basement prices.

JERRIE

STOCKS

Since the family belongs to God, and was created by God, He determined its inner structure. On a small scale, the family unit resembles a miniature corporation, a small business with the husband as the president, the wife as vice president, and the children as board members.

If this method was in practice today, the family would be a strong and thriving unit. However, as it is, no other institution has been abused, misused and has come under the attack as the family unit. The family"s blueprint was designed by God and His Word is forever settled in heaven. Therefore, the family cannot and will not ever be destroyed. Tattered and fragile, perhaps, but never destroyed.

And so it is in the confines of family that good manners and character are molded. It is here that a child learns how to cope with life in the outside world. Without this knowledge and training, the child does not grow easily into a social human being. For this reason, an enormous responsibility is placed on the shoulders of the parents to model a lifestyle of discipline, integrity and good character before their children.

Dear Jerrie, I'm 20 years old, and have always wanted to learn good manners. I did not grow up in a home where this was taught. Since I have been in the working world, I see how important it Is to have a knowledge of good manners. My question is: What do I do when my co-workers and I are in the coffee bar and some of them start talking against other coworkers? I have no offense against the ones they talk about. How can I handle this in a well

Thanks, Dora

mannered way?

Hello Dora, Thank you for your nice letter. You are demonstrating the wellmannered person you are by not joining in on the conversation. Also, you can politely excuse yourself if the conversation gets lengthy, and you need not explain or apologize for your leaving. Just say, excuse me please, I need to get back

to work, and politely

leave. Your co-workers will get the message in a polite way.

Dear Jerrie, I am 23 and single. When I get married and have children, how old should a child be before you start training the child in good manners? I want to live my life in the manner you speak of in your column. I am trying to educate myself so when I marry, I will know how to raise good children.

Thank you, Donnell

Hello Donnell, What a great question! I believe young parents can start training their child when they are old enough to sit in a high chair. A mother can sit with the child, feed it and talk to the child during the meal, and this is so important. She shows the little one how to hold the spoon, the cup and how to wipe it's mouth with a napkin. I watched my daughter do this when her son was 8 months old. It will take a little while, but you will be amazed how quickly they learn. What the baby sees you do, he or

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 yourmannerscount@suddenlink.net.

she will learn to do.

Newcomers

Robert Miller, wife, Monica, daughter, Keylee, 16, of Baird. He is a contractor specialist at the VA Medical Center.

Anna DeEon, daughter, Daniela, 2, sons, Jay, 9, Andrews, 7, Darian, 5, of Luling. She is employed as a sales person at Payless Shoe Store.

Ryan Miracole, wife, Fay, daughter, Emma, 2 1/2, of Austin. He is employed by Robinson Drilling.

Juan Calderon, wife, Kendra, daughter, Azariah, 3, son, Avian, 1,

of Holyoke, Colo. He is employed WTG

Kevin Haulotte, wife, Brenda, of Odessa. He is the general manager of Denny's Restaurant.

Eric McIntosh, wife, children Amber, Kadence, 3, Kaleb, 1 1/2, of Odessa. He is a cook at Denny's Restaurant.

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Michael Wheeler of Wyoming. He is employed Knight Hawk by Trucking Company.

Kevin Walker, wife, Janet, daughters, Maegan, 13, Haley, 11, of Bryan.

James McManus, wife, Morgan, of San Angelo. He is in the oil field

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December 10 * Monday Games - 1:00 - 3:00 PM

December 11 * Tuesday

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OUR VIEWS

Please help us make sure kids are getting toys

t always comes down to this... For the last time this year, we're calling on our community to remember children this holiday season. The last time, because Monday is the final day to run in your donations to the Big Spring Herald/Salvation Army Toy Drive.

And for one last time, we're going to remind you that for children, Christmas just isn't Christmas without a new toy.

Why are we always so heavy-handed at such a joyous time of year?

Well, to be brutally honest, the response to this year's call has fallen far short of previous years. What's more, the need in our community hasn't declined.

So, we all need to remember what it was like to be a child. To remember those Christmas Eve nights when it was so hard to go to sleep, because there was just so much anticipation of what Santa would bring that night.

We all know that those feelings, of course, because all of us were children.

Sadly, there are families right here in Howard County where there simply is no money for buying new toys — homes where simply coming up with adequate food and clothing is a constant struggle.

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

We dare say it's something we've thanked the Lord for on many occasions.

Several years ago, one of our advertising representatives recognized the need, came to work the next morning and asked 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 BigSpring 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 staggering proportions in only a week's time.

So, we know that despite a slow start, Big Spring and Howard County has the capacity and the heart to come through.

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

The toys will be taken to the Salvation Army on Tuesday and distributed later next week. Help us make sure every child in need at least one new toy this Christmas.

Please, 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 listen to what You are saying, Lord, through Your word.

Amen

Still getting even with scammers

already heard, the mighty Jeep has been That's right. After more than a

decade of traipsing through the Howard County area in my silver Jeep Wrangler -

sometimes with the top on, sometimes with it off — headed to wildfires, automobile accidents and every other photoworthy happening, the title has changed hands.

And, while the sadness over giving up one of my most

prized possessions over the past several years is considerable, I have to admit I'm not going to miss the lousy gas mileage, leaky door seals or inoperable heater.

With the Jeep sold, I trekked out onto the Internet to take down the advertisements I had placed, including the \$50 ad with cars.com — which, although I considered it expensive, certainly did work – and several free sites.

I immediately learned two things. First, not every site out there has a retrieval process for usernames and passwords, and second, if you call the phone numbers they provide, you're more likely to get to talk to Jimmy Hoffa than a living, breathing person who can take down your ad.

Now, for many of you that have followed this story, you know of the great check scam I was nearly taken in by in selling my vehicle online, and the endless hours —

OK, hours may be stretching it of fun I've had messing with my would-be fleecers.

For the uninitiated, the scam is simple. You place an ad online to sell something — it can be anything, from a car to a lawnmower — and you're contacted by a possible buyer. They ask for pictures of the item and how much you're asking for it.

That doesn't sound strange, do

Once they've said they wish to purchase the item, that's when the scam kicks in. They express mail you a cashier's check for the item, and the check is usually two to three times more than you're asking. They explain that once you've cashed the check and taken your cut, the remainder is to be wired to their shipping company so they can have the item in question picked up.

In reality, what's happening is simple. The check vou've been given is a fraud — a very good one, I'm told by bank officials and within a week or two of cashing the check, the bank calls up to let you know it's a fake, and you now owe them every penny they forked over. If you haven't already spent the money, it's easy enough to refund it to the bank, but the portion you wired to the buyer is long, long gone.

In all respects, it's a pretty good scam, and much more believable than those stupid Nigerian diamond scams of international lotteries. It is, however, a scam nonetheless.

Having a rather warped sense of humor, I figured it would be fun to mess with these scammers, who were all-too-ready to Fed-Ex me their fake checks for thousands of dollars. Hey, can we really argue they don't deserve it? I didn't think so.

So, even with the Jeep gone, I've decided to keep accepting these fake checks — and in the process praying a real buyer doesn't get in the mix, or I really will be refunding someone's money — based on one simple idea: If they're sending these fake checks to me, they're not sending them to some poor Joe that's going to get sucked into the

My latest mark — isn't it nice to turn the tables on the bad guys from time to time — is going by the fake name Linda Renfro, and she can't seem to make up her mind whether she lives in Japan or the Netherlands.

Either way, she informed me this week I should be receiving an \$8,000 cashier's check for my Jeep — which I was asking just more then \$3,000 for — and I informed her I would do my best to get the myriad of blood stains out of the back seats.

Just in case your wondering, my Jeep didn't have any blood stains in it when I sold it. However, asking the supposed Ms. Renfro whether she'd like them removed or not was rather entertaining, as I'm sure you can imagine.

I wonder if I can collect enough of these fake checks to fill a poster frame? Wouldn't that make an excellent fashion statement.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

The family of Robert E. McClure would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the staff at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and the medical staff at the VA Hospital's ECTU. Robert was on this extended care unit for one year until his death Dec. 3 at the age of 93.

nurses and everyone involved treated him with the care and respect he deserved, being a veteran and prisoner of war during World War II.

Big Spring is very fortunate to have the VA Medical Center and its to do is care. caring staff.

> AUBREY MAE McClure **BIG SPRING**

TO THE EDITOR:

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help but smile at Bob Rumpf's comment that "While food and clothing are important, to a child, Christmas just isn't Christmas without a new toy." Bob's starting this project — and

the *Herald's* keeping it going — is so important to those kiddos who would otherwise do without. Like Bob, I simply can't imagine

a child not having a toy come Christmas morning.

It's a time the community can help make a difference and it's not time-consuming or so expensive that you can't do it ... all you need

> JOHN H. WALKER BOGALUSA, LA.

American Legion Post 506, the In reading the story in regard to Cossacks Motorcycle Club and the the Herald Toy Drive, I couldn't Eagles Lodge want to thank Rick

Alvarez and his crew at Fuller Foods in Colorado City for their assistance in making our food basket drive for underprivileged families a great success. Several families in the area will

have a nice holiday meal thanks to their efforts. We could not have achieved this without their help.

> BEN DOUGLAS **BIG SPRING**

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently I took a personal treasure of mine to a Christmas party. We were to bring a memento to describe, and mine was a beautiful gold pin of my stepmother's, dated 1928, the year she graduated from a Catholic girls' academy.

A couple of days after the party, I realized I hadn't put the pin away.

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Corporate Curmudgeon's wish for you

he future is called 'perhaps,' which is the only possible thing to call the

future. And the important thing is not to allow that to scare you.' Tennessee Williams

Here's the question I'm hoping one of three kids will ask me someday: "What makes for a great career?" Not a likely question, but I'm working on my answer, just in case. Here's what I wish for them, and for

DALE you, too...

DAUTEN I wish for you that you go to work at a place where they're glad to have you, one where they're busy enough to need the help, a place happy-busy with success, not grim-busy with suspicions and worries. A place where they wonder how to keep up with business, not where to stalk it.

And I wish for you that before too long you get chosen for a big assignment. Someone singles you out and says, "This may not work, a long-shot, but I think it has the best chance if you're involved." Most of your coworkers tell you not to take on the project, calling it doomed, but others urge you on, and you realize that it's the people you respect most who are saying to go for it and so you do. But it doesn't go well, looking like a failure, and you're about to quit when you say, "There's one more thing I want to try" and that's the one that works.

I wish for you that you have the privilege of being scared. That

someone gives you a promotion or new job and you say to your spouse — the terrifically supportive one that I wish for you — "I don't think I'm ready" and your spouse says, "Well, they picked you, so they think you're ready. And me too, because you're the best."

somewhere along the way you get fired. You push an idea too hard, and a VP from L.A. who's jealous of your experimentation and your popularity decides to put you in your place and gets you axed. Then someone you used to work with calls you and offers you an even better job and a year later you run into that VP at a conference and sincerely say, "Thank you."

I wish for you that you get to hire extraordinary people, some of whom are ones that don't look or act the part and your coworkers wonder if you know what you're doing. And those oddball employees understand that you gave them a break and they wonder how they can ever pay you back even as they are doing so.

And you hire friends' kids for summer jobs and they when they're asked how you were to work with, they smile and say, "Cool."

I wish for you that when business goes down and the slope slips, you don't. An employee comes to you and says, "These numbers look awful, but we could fudge a little right here on this line and forget to report this account and then they'd look okay." And you give them the tight smile and the hard eye and say, "No, we'll either figure it out or tough it out," and your employee looks at you with relief and admiration and says, "I was hop-

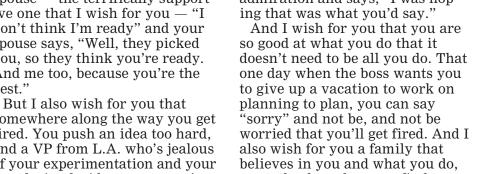
so good at what you do that it doesn't need to be all you do. That one day when the boss wants you to give up a vacation to work on planning to plan, you can say "sorry" and not be, and not be worried that you'll get fired. And I also wish for you a family that believes in you and what you do, so on the day when you find out that the supplier in China has made your new line of baby shoes out of broken bottles and used syringes, you skip a family visit to Chuck E. Cheese without feeling guilty about it.

I wish that when you start to think about retiring that your coworkers are horrified and talk you out of it by coming up with a plan for you to ease out, working fewer days, becoming the revered one, the person everyone looks to for wisdom.

And I wish for you that when you're old you have a mild heart attack, where everyone prays for you and comes to visit and they all realize how much they love you. And when, after a long healthy life, you die, I wish that everyone says, "THAT was a life well lived" and then, every so often, when things are tough, they think of you and smile, and try one more thing, and that's the one that works.

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Sunday, December 16, 2007 Owens' season eerily similar to 2004

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — This all seems so familiar to Terrell Owens. Going into mid-December with only one loss; having a great relationship with his quarterback and his coaches; racking up numbers unprecedented in franchise history.

Then again, it IS so familiar. It happened three years ago when he was on the Philadelphia Eagles. Now he's on the Dallas Cowboys and it's almost eerie how similar things are playing out.

With the Eagles headed to Texas Stadium on Sunday, consider how history seems to be repeating:

In the 14th game of 2004, T.O. and the Eagles beat the Cowboys at home to improve to 13-1, sealing home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs and wrapping up a perfect record in NFC East play. The 13th win also set a franchise record. Owens didn't score that day, but already had a franchise-record 14 touchdown catches.

—In the 14th game of 2007, T.O. and the Cowboys play the Eagles at home, hoping to improve to 13-1. A win might home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs and would put them one win from wrapping up a perfect

record in NFC East play. The team past the NFC champi-13th win also would tie a franchise record. Even if Owens doesn't score, he already has tied the franchise record with 14 touchdown catches.

Owens leads the NFL in yards receiving (1,270) and is second in TDs. With three games left, he's in position to top his career-best totals in both categories: 1,451 yards; 16 TDs. He's also averaging 17.2 yards per catch, nearly a full yard better than his previous high.

A week after turning 34, and three years after his terrific season in Philadelphia, how is he still among the best in the NFL?

"Just being patient and trying every year and every week to get better," Owens said. "That's what I'm striving to do, to be the best receiver I can be. I feel like I'm on track of doing that. It doesn't hurt at all when you have a staff like we have here and obviously a position coach who can relate to me as a person and a player."

Once again, that brings up the comparison with '04, when he was coached by Andy Reid and catching passes from Donovan McNabb.

"That was a year where I felt like I was being used like I had at no other time," he said. "That was one of the reasons they brought me there, to be a playmaker and to help get that certainly has been this year

onship game that they couldn't get past. I just wanted to be a big piece of the puzzle and we accomplished that."

The irrefutable connections between Sunday's game and the Dec. 19, 2004, game between these teams are interesting. However, the lasting impact of that afternoon in Philadelphia is that it marked the beginning of the end for Owens and the

Owens tore two ankle ligaments and broke his leg on a tackle from behind by Dallas safety Roy Williams. (The play pointed to creation of the rule against "horse-collar" tackles.) With their star receiver seriously wounded, McNabb said someone else would have to fill in, rather than calling No. 81 was irreplaceable. And the Eagles indeed made it to the Super Bowl without Owens.

T.O. stunned doctors and everyone else by recovering in time to play in the Super Bowl, he played Philadelphia lost, though, and Owens later questioned how McNabb handled the pressure of the big game.

Without rehashing the entire saga, Owens wound up being dumped by the Eagles and signed with the division-rival Cowboys. He wasn't the focus of their offense last year, but he

quarterback Tony Romo.

Now Owens delights in noting the differences between both teams, Dallas and Philadelphia, which is 5-8 and last in the division; and the differences between both players, himself and McNabb, who is 14-16 as a starter since the Super Bowl, with multiple injury absences.

"All I can say is I was successful when I was there," said Owens, who also was successful in a lopsided win over the Eagles earlier this season with 10 catches for 174 yards, both season highs. "It's unfortunate with what is going on. That's their problem. I am just happy to be where I am. ... My stats, my playmaking ability, hasn't changed. I was injured, too. So I've been through injuries, severe ones and not-so-severe ones, and I'm still the same player."

The Eagles have lost three straight, the first two with McNabb sidelined by injury. While fans are losing patience with him, team president Joe Banner recently said, "I can't envision a situation in which Donovan is not our quarterback next year."

As for the rest of this year, the best Philadelphia can do is finish at .500 and hope that's enough to snag a wild card.

"I don't even like to say 'playoffs' right now because our

under coach Wade Phillips and playoffs really has to be these next three games," McNabb said. "We have to win each game."

Dallas has won seven straight and is coming off a narrow escape in Detroit.

Because the Eagles are struggling and the Cowbovs beat them 38-17 at their place six weeks ago, Phillips is doing his best to build them up to his players.

Among his speaking points: The Eagles' last three losses were by a total of 10 points. They're in the top 10 in offense and defense. McNabb is moving around better than he was six weeks ago.

"We expect them to be a real challenge," Phillips said.

The Cowboys also will be doing some scoreboard-watching during warmups.

If Carolina beats Seattle in an early game, Dallas would clinch a first-round bye before halftime, or maybe even kickoff.

If St. Louis beats Green Bay, the Cowboys could lock up home-field advantage with a win.

Regardless, Dallas goes into the regular-season home finale knowing there will be a playoff game at Texas Stadium for the first time since 1998.

"It's a great thing that we have going on," defensive end Marcus Spears said, "and we're going to try to continue that."

BSHS

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press and not turning the ball over," Petty said. "We're getting more con-

sistent in both areas, but ting up our offense. We've then we've got to stop shooting ourselves in the foot once we get down the court. Sometimes we break the press and then we'll turn the ball over with a bad pass while set-

got to eliminate these mistakes and stop making passes that aren't there."

Clyde 23 14 9 8—59 Big Spring 9 4 9 13—30 Clyde: Emily Yates 24, Amy Withrow 6, Jenna Loper 9, Jessica Davis 1, Brooke Harris 11, Sheyenne Dennent 1, Santana Astleford 3, Ashley Martinez 4.

Big Spring: Kalina Fletcher 6, Abbi Lloyd 7, Kenzie Hunt 8, Porsha White 4, Dominique Green, Crystal Woodson 3.

Notes: The Big Spring period to come away with

Lady Steers freshmen defeated Clyde 33-21 in earlier action Friday night. Teryn Kennedy

scored a game-high 15

points as the Lady Steers used a 14-point fourth

the victory. The JV squad didn't

fare as well, falling to Clyde, 57-15. Whitney Worthan hit a 3-pointer as she led the Lady Steers with seven points.

AREA

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Coahoma opens district play Tuesday at Merkel. Nichols knows his players need to be well prepared for the contest.

"Merkel should give us a tough game," Nichols said.

Coahoma 10 23 21 14-68 4 5 6 28-43

Coahoma: Matthew Tatum 13, Cody 9, Mike Mendoza 8.

Notes: The Coahoma Bulldogettes JV team continued their dominating ways Friday night dispatching the Stamford Lady Bulldogs 63-15 to improve their record to 9-1 on the sea-

Kylie Gee paced the junior

Bulldogettes, scoring a game high 13 while Kaylea Neff and K'leigh Neff each scored 11 in the win.

Coahoma has relied on the strength of its defense all year and again it answered the call, shutting out the Lady Bulldogs in the first half on their way to the 30-0 lead after one half of

"I am just so proud of the way that the girls have responded to me this year," Coach Josh Jourden stated. "They have played hard for me all season. I can't complain about anything. I tell them what to do and they do it. I wish everything was as simple as that."

Grady 40, Ropes 34

ed by a Ropes team that has just one win this season.

Ropes proved to be feisty, overcoming a 5-point halftime deficit and tying the game at 30 at the end of regulation.

However, Grady scored the first six points of the extra period, courtesy of consecutive 3pointers by Kenzie Madison and Kandace Schuelke. Madison led all scorers with 14 points and also had seven rebounds and five assists. Nine of Madison's points came from behind the arc.

Schuelke finished with eight points, including two 3-point field goals. Linsey Chavez had

Ropes struggled from the free throw line, missing seven of LENORAH — The No. 13 their nine attempts, ultimately

Grady Lady Wildcats were test- costing the Lady Eagles the game.

> 3 8 8 11 4—34 9 7 4 10 10—40 Ropes (1-15): Langhennig 3, Willis 9, Miller 5, Henson 6, Hill 9, Rhoades 2.

Grady (12-4): Eva Dyck 7, Linsey Chavez 10, Kandace Schuelke 8, Samantha Rodriguez 1, Kenzie Madison.

Grady 59, Ropes 47

The No. 15 Grady boys made it a clean sweep of Ropes High School Friday night, soaring past the Eagles by outscoring them 32-21 in the second half after holding just a 1-point advantage at intermission.

Most encouraging for Grady was the return of leading scorer Justin Tubb, who was lost for a game earlier this week due to an ankle injury.

It was unknown how long the

injury would keep Tubb sidelined, but he made it back onto the floor Friday night to score 14 points.

Sophomore Dylan Cox had a game-high 19 points and junior Leighton Fields put in 16 for the Wildcats.

Both Grady squads are done playing until after Christmas, when Grady will host the Cotton Classic along with Klondike High School beginning Dec. 28. The tournament will continue through Dec. 29.

8 18 12 9-47 Ropes Grady 16 11 14 18—59

Ropes (6-3): Turnipseed 8, Bryant 11, Jackson 5, Jordan 4, Ochoa 5, Chambers 8, Morales 6.

Grady (5-1): Tommylee Rivas 3, Dylan Cox 19, Justin Tubb 14, Jacob Rodriguez 7, Leighton Fields 16, Lane Shands 2.

SPLIT

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pulled down eight boards for the Buffs.

Blake Grantham netted seven points and grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds and Cameron Parker added seven points for Forsan.

Forsan 14 12 18 8—52 Garden City 5 6 7 17-35 Forsan: Adam Bailey 17, Jeremy Robbins 9, Blake Grantham 7, Parker 7, Nathan Cameron Atkerson 4, Alex Huckabee 4, Jace Sandridge 4

Garden City: Wade Jansa 12, Nick Sanchez 10, Cole Schwartz 5, Jake Schwartz 5, Jesse Montes 3, Eric Hirt 2.

Garden City 47, Forsan 40

The 12-3 Garden City Bearkats Lady were pushed to the wire against the Forsan Lady Buffs, edging out a 47-40 win.

The seventh-ranked Lady Bearkats scored the first four points of the game, but had to withstand an 11-0 run by the Lady Buffs, who were not intimidated by the much

taller Garden City squad. Garden City's Morgan Schwartz led all scorers with 14 points and helped the Lady Bearkats to a 2point halftime lead, 27-25.

The determined Lady Buffs were led by Amanda Longorio and Miranda Park who both had 10 points, but Garden City was able to extend their lead to five at the end of the third and began to wear down a smaller Forsan team.

"We executed well. I thought, but we had too many turnovers," said Forsan Head Coach Robert Hillger. "We kept ourselves in it with some gritty play, getting loose balls and staying active. They just finished better than we did tonight."

Garden City took a 12-10 4th period to secure their 12th win.

"We came out well, but got away from what was working early," Lady Bearkats Head Coach Brent Kirkland said. "We really had to fight to win this one as Forsan played very well. We need to work on getting better position offensively and not gamble as much on defense."

Lyza Lopez and Whitney Kellermeier chipped in 10 and 8 points, respectively, for the Lady Bearkats who will next play in the Big Lake Tournament along with the boys' team, Dec. 27-29.

Tori Gauer and Faith Belew each netted eight points for the Forsan ladies and they will travel to Rankin next Tuesday. The boys' squad will also play at Rankin who currently is ranked fifth in the state.

Forsan 15 10 5 10-40 Garden City 17 10 8 12-47

Forsan: Tori Gauer 8, Miranda Park 10, Faith Belew 8, Sandi Golleher 4, Amanda Longorio 10.

City: Garden Whitney Kellermeier 8, Amy Multer 6, Britney Chudej 5, Lyza Lopez 10, Morgan Schwartz 14, Paige Niehues 4.

Notes: The Forsan boys and girls JV teams both remain undefeated, outscoring both Garden City JV squads prior to varsity play.

The JV Buffs (5-0) led 29-13 after three periods of play, held off a fourthquarter comeback as Garden City scored 15 points in the final period and edged the Bearkats, 36-28.

Evan Burton was high point for the Buffs with 13 points and Hayden Halfmann led Garden

City with 14 points on the night. Riley Wood added eight

points for Forsan while Marcus Cook chipped in points for five the Bearkats.

The Lady Buffs JV team defeated Garden City JV, 34-29, in double overtime, remaining undefeated at

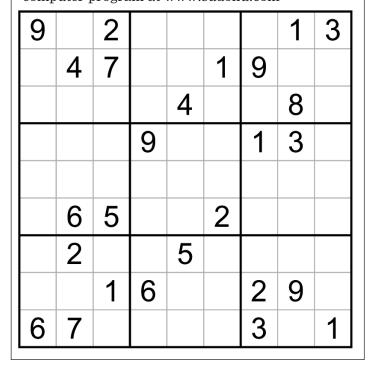
Brittney Roemer led all scorers with 17 points as the Lady Buffs hit some big free throws down the stretch to hold off the Lady Bearkats.

Kay'C Stanley had eight points and Kelsey Jones added seven for Forsan while K. Halfmann led the Lady Bearkats with 11 points.

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Births

Who's Who

Lauren Chesworth, a 2004 graduate of Big Spring High School, graduated from Howard Payne University, Brownwood, on Dec. 15, 2007.

Ms. Chesworth graduated with a bachelor of science degree in exercise and sports science with a minor in Spanish.

While attending college Lauren was involved in tennis and the Chi Alpha Omega Soreity. Lauren will begin graduate school in January.

She is the daughter of Pat and Candy Chesworth and the sister of Jordan Chesworth, all of Big Spring.

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NEWCOMERS

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industry. She is employed by Sonic Drive Inn.

Kevine Maumau, wife, Michelle, sons, Tau, 4, Toa, 10, Rainbow, 8, Fine, 5, daughter, Moana, 3, of Hawaii. They own and operate Big Spring Gymnasium.

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Ramonda Marshall, daughter, Savanna, 9, of Louisville, Ky. She works for Dunn Painting Interior & Exterior.

Guadalupe Cruz, wife, Lydia of Plainview. He is retired.

David Whyburn of Lubbock. He is the director of StarTek USA.



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Ramonda Marshall,

Marcus Xavier Rios, a boy, was born at 8:25 a.m. Nov. 16, 2007, weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was

20 inches in length.

He is the son of Robert Rios Jr. and Rosi Rios. His grandparents are the late James Don Slate, Rosario Slate of Spain, Robert Rios Sr., Elizabeth Rios, Cathy G. Vasquez

Marcus Xavier Rios Marcus Xavier Rios, a and Eugene Vasquez Sr., oy, was born at 8:25 a.m. all of Big Spring.

Marcus was welcomed home by siblings Anthony, Seth and Diego.

Orlando Isaac Montanez Jr., a boy, was born at 8:15 a.m. Dec. 7, 2007, weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20-1/4 inches in length.



Orlando Isaac Montanez Jr.

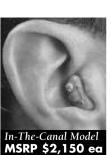
He is the son of Orlando Montanez and Stefanie Carrasco of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Manuel and Maria

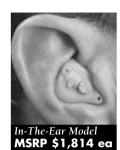
Carrasco of Big Spring,

Carlos Montanez of Big Spring and Mary Rodriguez of Lubbock He was welcomed home by big brother Luis.

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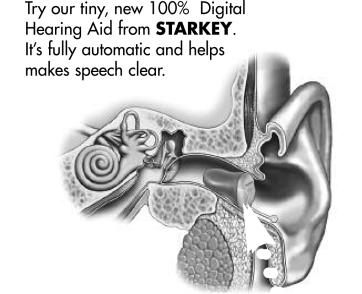






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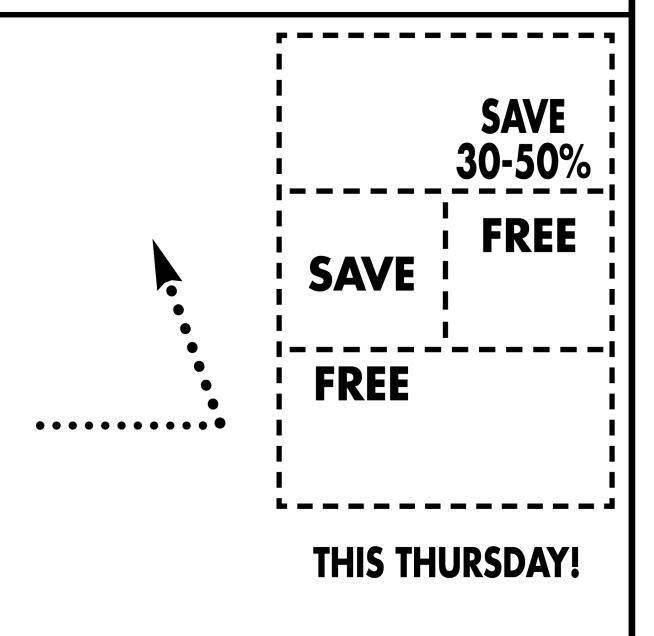
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Cost is \$10 per chili team, and \$5 for people entering the area to sample the chili.

Proceeds from the tasting and entry fees benefits the Children in Need fund, which helps purchase school supplies, clothing, tuition for summer camps and helps meet other financial needs of special children who are receiving services from West Texas Centers for MHMR.

The Children in Need fund is used to assist children served by West Texas Center's 23 counties who need material items that don't fit into a "one-fit that often is catchall" required by government organizations.

"New tennis shoes may be necessary for one child to participate in a walking program at school, or another may need books for a partic-West Texas ular class,"

Centers CEO Shelley Smith said. "Or, we may have another child who finally experienced success by being accepted onto the cheerleading squad but is being held back because she can't afford the uniform.

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"Those are the things that are so important in a child's life, but we aren't able to fund because of the enormous day-to-day expenses of running our agency," Smith

A few years ago, the Eagles noticed a need at West Texas Centers and began the chili cook-off. Since then they have donated close to \$20,000 to the organization.

"They are lifesavers," Smith said. "I don't know what we would do without the Eagles.

"They are so generous with their time and facilities and making this a successful venture to help our many, many children."

Teams are limited to two people, said Landon Sturdivant, Fraternal Order of Eagles member.

"We are following the old adage that 'too many cooks spoil the stew," he said with a laugh.

"We do like to compete with each other," Landon said. "But it's not one of those dogfight chili cook-offs where people guard their secret ingredients. I won't tell you what I use because I want to win, but I am mostly doing this because what's at stake — a need to help our kids."

Trophies are awarded to the Top Chef. Cooks only need an endless pot of chili and an even larger supply of enthu-

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West Texas Centers for MHMR is the state-designated Mental Health Authority for 23 counties in rural West Texas. Mental Health and Mental Retardation services are provided to more than 2,000 consumers and their families each month.

Odds and Ends

NYC nightclubs argue ladies' nights are not unfair to men; lawyer claims discrimination

discriminated against by "ladies' nights" at Manhattan nightclubs, just as people in their 20s do not suffer because some restaurants let children eat for free or have "early bird" specials for older customers, according to nightclub lawyers fighting a federal lawsuit.

Roy Den Hollander has sued clubs including Lotus and the China Club, saying he was discriminated against by ladies' nights, which offer women free or discounted admission and drinks.

Deborah Swindells Donovan, a lawyer for Lotus, called the lawsuit frivolous in papers filed Friday in U.S. District Court.

She wrote that if his "ill-conceived theory is applied to restaurants, then 'early bird' specials for the elderly or promotions allowing children to eat free would be discriminatory on the basis of age."

Vanessa R. Elliott, a lawyer rep-

NEW YORK (AP) — Men are not resenting the club AER Lounge, said in court papers Friday that nightclubs recognize that men might not want to visit the clubs if they fail to attract enough women.

> "Under this theory, male customers may actually benefit from ladies' nights in other ways and be encouraged to attend the club on those nights," she wrote.

> The price charged to men is not so burdensome that it amounts to denying them entry, Elliott argued.

> In his lawsuit, Hollander said he sought to represent all men over age 21 who had entered one of the nightclubs since June 21, 2004, and been subjected to policies that provide discounts to women of the same age.

> He asked a judge to conclude that the policies violated the Constitution and to assess minor damages against the clubs.

FISD

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approval of an agreement with Padoma until a later date, but Johnson is hope-

LETTERS

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Sure enough, it was lost. After looking and going through trash, including the dumpster, I gave up.

Last night there was a notice in the Herald of a pin found at Wal-Mart, and of course, it was mine! The wonderful man who found it is Darryl Pollack and I want to publicly thank him and his wife for realizing this was a person's treasure. He wouldn't accept a reward, but is going to donate it to the Angel Tree Project. I am so thankful for the many honest people we have in Big Spring.

I'm also thankful for the people who do things personally without expecting any notice. Sarah Bavin for years has picked up trash on Thorpe Street on Saturdays. Until recently, Ray Stukel did the same Tuesdays. thing on Sharon Westerhof can be seen frequently near Wal-Mart cleaning areas and also on Fourth Street.

ful a final agreement with Duke can be reached during Monday's meeting.

Over the first two years of the agreement, the companies would agree to make full payment on their property valuations.

Huckabee has mowed vacant lots near his business for years. Numerous individuals mow their neighbors' yards or clean up alleys when they take out their trash. The Herald also runs Lost and Found ads

free, as I learned today. How blessed we are to have so many unselfish "doers" in our city.

At this special time of year we observe the birth of our Savior and give

We can also be thankful for good deeds done by so many. Merry Christmas!

> JEAN SLATE **BIG SPRING**

TO THE EDITOR:

Just hoping this letter will get to Mary Threats and Kamijah Lewis. We love you and hope to see you all soon, even though times are hard right now.

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For the eight years after that, however, the valuations would be capped at

\$10 million, Johnson said. Under the funding formula of the agreements, Duke Energy would pay FISD \$2 million during the eight-year period, while Padoma would pay \$4 million during the

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An advantage to this form of agreement is that the payments to FISD would not be subject to state recapture under the "Robin Hood" funding formula, Johnson said.

He said officials are hopeful to have final approval by the end of the

vear.

"Everybody's in a rush to get things in effect as possible," soon as Johnson said. "We want these agreements to take effect in 2008."

business, other In trustees will consider:

Bids for athletic lock-

· Amending the junior high/high school student handbook.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins It took a group effort for Western Container employees to adopt 13 angels from the Salvation Army Angel Tree program, as the core group behind the effort gathers in a board room with the toys that have been purchased. Front, from left to right, are Karen Meyer, Denise Freeman, Loretta Stercks, Vera Roman and Ramon Magallanes; in the back is T.J. Sandridge and John Nalley.

Western Container employess have their gifts

Bottled up

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

While many area civic groups and businesses struggle to reach the Christmas deadline for giftgathering charities, the men and women at Western Container can lean back in their chairs and cruise in for a well-deserved victory.

According to Pat Chesworth, general manager of the local bottle-making company, the employees' efforts began earlier in the year.

"Every year the shifts would pick out angels from the Angel Trees, collect money and buy gifts for them," said Chesworth. "And at this time of the year, everyone is always asking for something, and you feel bad because you want to do more but you have to be reasonable about it.

"So this group of folks came up with idea that through the year they would have fund-raisers — people would donate different items and we'd give everyone in the plant

"I have a special place in my heart for the kids, like many people do, but it's always good to help some of the elderly folks too."



a chance to win it — and that's how they collected all the money to do this."

Chesworth said the effort worked out much better than asking employees who were already strapped for cash due to the holiday season to kick in.

"By doing it that way, we had about \$1,800 or \$1,900," said Chesworth. "Which was a lot better than having to go to everyone at Christmas time again and saying, 'Hey, can you pony up some money?' We already had that part taken care of. And because it

worked out so well this year and participation was so good, I feel like we'll continue to do the same thing."

In the end, Western Container was able to adopt 13 angels from the Salvation Army trees, something Chesworth said the employees can certainly be proud of.

"We were able to buy for seven children and six adults," said Chesworth. "They were all taken from the Salvation Army Angel Trees, including the seniors tree. I was very proud of them and everyone at the plant for doing this. I have a special place in my heart for the kids, like many people do, but it's always good to help some of the elderly folks too. They need our support as well. It's certainly a good cause."

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Senate passes bill aimed at helping homeowners caught in mortgage crisis

By JESSE J. HOLLAND

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Senate moved Friday against the worsening mortgage crisis, voting to make it easier for thousands of homeowners with ballooning interest rates to refinance into federally insured loans.

The legislation, approved 93-1, would allow the Federal Housing Administration to back refinanced loans for borrowers who are delinquent on payments because their mortgages are resetting to sharply higher rates from low initial "teaser" levels.

The bill also tries to make FHA loans more attractive than risky subprime loans by accepting lower down payments and expanding the eligibility for counseling for homeowners having difficult with their mortgage payments.

An estimated 2 million

to 2.5 million adjustable-

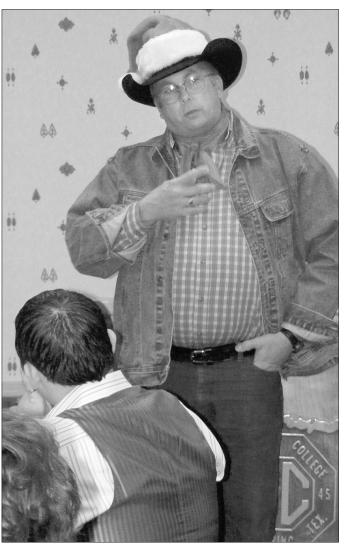
rate mortgages are scheduled to reset in the next year, jumping to much steeper rates that could cost borrowers their homes. The wave could crest during the presidential and congressional election campaigns next year, and politicians have been wrestling with what the government's response should be.

The Senate's proposed changes are especially important now, given the credit crisis that has made it much more difficult and more expensive for people to refinance or get financing to buy a home. Private lenders have been reluctant to make new loans.

Allowing the federal government to insure more and bigger loans should help provide some relief and ease the credit crunch.

The Senate's plan would give homeowners "the option of refinancing to

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Cowboy poet Carl Condray, Big Spring fire marshal, entertains employees during the *Big Spring Herald* Christmas party held at the Cactus Room on the Howard College campus. "We really enjoyed Carl's wit and

humor and want him to know we appreciate having him

at our party," said Ron Midkiff, Herald publisher.

Energy Watch



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

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



OPEC, producer of 40 percent of the world's oil, kept its output targets unchanged, dismissing calls to add more oil to the market with prices hovering around \$90 a barrel. This came as no surprise as we assumed the cartel would not boost production for several practical reasons.

First, the rise in prices to current levels is not indicative of a fundamental move in the current supply and demand situation. Though a counterseasonal, third-quarter drawdown in oil inventories has occurred, the fundamentals are not substantially different than they were earlier in the year.

However, the recent 11 percent price decline suggests prices are moving lower as investors have shifted their concentration away from inflation fears towards the state of a weakening economy.

Second, OPEC is concerned about future demand. Fearing a repeat of their Jakarta decision in 1997, the cartel has little interest in boosting supplies just ahead of a potential decline in global economic growth. The U.S. demand figures have been down, and the IEA recently made downward revisions to Q4 and 2008 consumption estimates.

Thirdly, OPEC has already increased production by 500 thousand barrels per day from Nov. 1. Assuming a month long lag in transportation, this crude just recently made its way to the domestic market

And finally, concerns about demand rising with the Northern Hemisphere's winter are not unfounded; however, recent forecasts suggest the U.S. and Europe are both expecting seasonally warm winter months.

• The Energy Information Administration's latest long-term forecast estimates crude oil prices will average around \$65 a barrel in today's dollars through 2030. The long-term forecast is up roughly \$10 since last year. We note the report assumes continuation of current government policies.

• Also according to the EIA, last week retail diesel prices hit \$3.44 per gallon, up 18 percent since September. The rise has increased the cost of moving goods during the holiday season. This could hurt manufacturers and retailers who are already concerned about consumer spending.

• For the first time in a test, a U.S. F-16 was able to use an air-to-air missile to destroy a rocket in its boost phase. The Net-Centric Airborne Defense Element theoretically would allow aircraft to intercept ballistic missiles prior to their lift into space. However, the aircraft would need to be within 100 miles of the missile within two to three minutes of the initial launch.

• Bloomberg reports the U.S. and Russia have inked a deal wherein Russia will provide uranium supplies to the United States 15 years beyond the nonproliferation agreement that ensures uranium through 2013. Currently U.S. utilities receive material from dismantled Soviet warheads. The U.S. is the world's largest nuclear power generator, and Russia has the world's largest uranium enrichment facilities. Russia has the third largest reserve of uranium

• Last month the IEA estimated energy-related emissions of CO2 could increase from 27 billion metric tones in 2005 to 42 billion tons by 2030 if government policies remain unchanged. The key drivers of the rise would be China and India. This year China is expected to overtake the U.S. as the world's largest emitter.

• Many nations are struggling to subsidize the cost of fuels. This has particularly been the case during the late-summer and autumn months of 2007 when crude prices skyrocketed to \$99. The Chinese recently increased their retail prices 10 percent in response to domestic shortages caused because refineries were being paid more to export their products

•The Chinese are interesting in that they subsidize prices by taxing upstream producers between 20 and 40 percent. That windfall tax decision was instituted in May of last year. Since the government fears higher prices will hurt key sectors of the Chinese economy, they've been reluctant to remove price controls.

Last year subsidies totaled upwards of \$5 billion. However, revenue from the windfall tax accounted of \$60 billion in revenue. Therefore, it's unlikely the Chinese will be very aggressive in cutting subsidies since they can foot the bill with the tax-generated

• According to Energy Intelligence, the top 10 energy firms in the world include Saudi Aramco, National Iranian Oil Company, Exxon Mobil, BP, Petroleos de Venezuela, Shell, China National Petroleum Company, ConocoPhillips, Chevron and Total. Some 130 companies were judged across six operational categories.

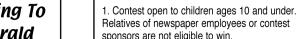
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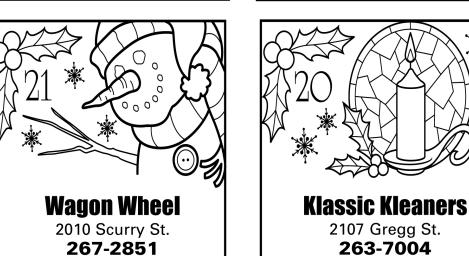
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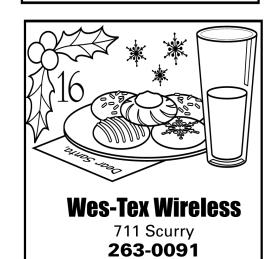
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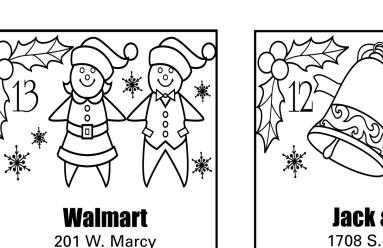


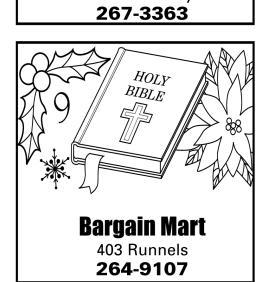


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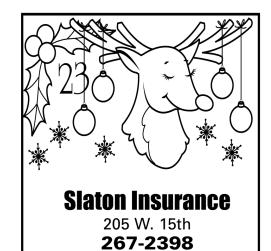














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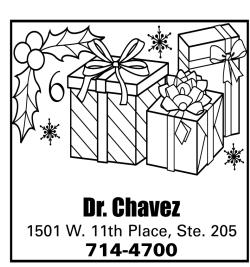
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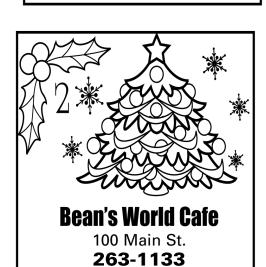
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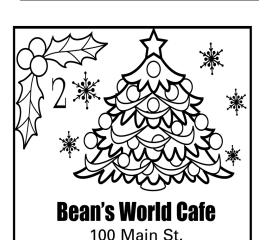


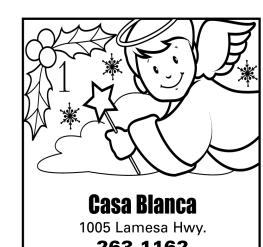
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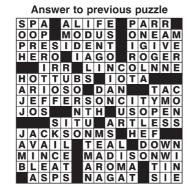
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that origi-

nal Letters Testamentary for the BARNEY HARVEY MANSFIELD, Deceased, were issued on December 5, 2007, in Cause No. P-13593, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Reba B. Mansfield.

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: Reba Beatrice Mansfield

1512 Stallings Road Big Spring, Texas 79720 DATED the 5th day of December,

Glynna Mouton Attorney for Reba B. Mansfield State Bar No.: 14606500 200 West Third Street Big Spring, TX 79720 Telephone: (432) 263-7676 Facsimile: (432) 263-8686 #5633 December 16, 2007

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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 County, Value-\$1,500.00 owed-\$483.13 Lot 10 (Less Hwy), Blk 10, Brown

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Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard Texas: Value-\$1,500.00 owed-\$483.13 Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow-

ing 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 HOW-ARD 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 judg ment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 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.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
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TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Jolene Miller if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, 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,

Lot 2, Blk 3, May Thixton Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

to-wit

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 cer-HOWARD tain 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 Intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinguent 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 judament, 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

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.

2007.
Colleen Barton
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5618 December 9 & 16, 2007

PUBLIC NOTICE APPLICATION

FOR WATER DISPOSAL
Saber Resources, LLC, 400 W. Illinois, Suite 950, Midland, Texas
79701 has applied to the Railroad
Commission of Texas for a permit
to dispose of produced salt water
or other oil and gas waste by well
injection into a formation that is not
productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose salt water into the M.C. Hyden lease, well #2-D. The proposed disposal well is located 16 miles N/E of Big Spring in Howard County, Texas. The legal description of the subject well is: 990' FWL & 760' FNL of Section 47, Block 32, T3N, T&P RR Co. Survey. The waste water will be injected into the San Andres formation at depth intervals from 3300' to 4380'. LEGAL AUTHORITY

Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, and the State wide rules of the oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967. Capital Station, Austin. Texas 78711-4337 #5632 December 16, 2007

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
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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 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 HOW-ARD 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 Intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set 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

Notice To CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship for the Es-

Letters of Guardianship for the Estate of Ray F. White, An Incapacitated Person, were issued on December 4, 2007, in Cause No. 45576, pending in the 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, to: MARILYN

The residence of the Guardian is Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o: Marilyn White P.O. Box 3783 Big Spring, Texas 79721-3783 Il persons having claims again

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

DATED the 8th day of December,

2007.

GWENDOLYN K. DUNSON, P.C. 610 Main Street, Suite B P.O. Box 670 Big Spring, Texas, 79721-0670 Telephone: (432)263-2100 Facsimile: (432)263-4200 By: Gwendolyn K. Dunson Attorney for Marily White State Bar No.: 00795331 #5631 December 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: 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,

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 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 iudament 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

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.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

FOR FLUID INJECTION

WELL PERMIT

SOJOURNER DRILLING CORPO-

ABILENE, TX 79604 is applying to

the Railroad Commission of Texas

for a permit to inject fluid into a for-

mation that is productive of oil or

The applicant proposes to inject

fluid into the Seven Rivers. Douthit

A, Well Number 4. The proposed

injection well is located 12 miles

SSE from Coahoma, in the Howard

Glasscock, in Howard County.

Fluid will be injected into strata in

the subsurface depth interval from

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27

amended, Title 3 of the Texas

amended, and the Statewide Rules

of the Oil and Gas Division of the

Requests for a public hearing from

persons who can show they are

adversely affected or requests for

further information concerning any

aspect of the application should be

submitted in writing, within fifteen

days of publication, to the Under-

ground Injection Control Section,

Oil and Gas Division, Railroad

Commission of Texas. P.O. Drawer

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#5635 December 16, 2007

Capitol Station, Austin,

(Telephone

Railroad Commission of Texas.

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P.O. BOX 3234

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

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TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

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 HOW-ARD 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.

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 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 iudament 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

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.
#5621 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: Marcela Mendoza and Reynaldo Mendoza

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 6, Lakeview Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County,

Texas
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 HOW-ARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MAR-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.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinguent 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 judament, 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 nst 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

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Colleen Barton Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5622 December 9 & 16, 2007

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

TO: 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 property hereinabove dethe scribed, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

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Colleen Barton
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5623 December 9 & 16, 2007

You say you didn't notice

until it was too late to do anything about it?

Probably, if you aren't checking the Public Notices columns of this newspaper regularly.

Public Notices are required by state law to protect your rights and to help you function more effectively as a citizen. Access to information about what government agencies are doing is what makes the American the most powerful citizen in the world.

The Public Notices give you access to information you need...about plans for major land use changes...about where roads will go...whose land will be condemned...how your tax dollars will be spent...about court actions that could be important to you, or just plain interesting.

Whether you know them as Public Notices or as "the legals", it pays you to check the Public Notice columns in this newspaper each issue. What you don't know might cost you!

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS Hey, Sleeping Beauties: The Pisces moon awakens from its deep slumber our need to believe in a magical world. In childlike wonder, we ask: Do fairies really exist? Can I change a thing by thinking it, by wanting This dreaming is serious business. By believing, virtue of wishes actually do come true.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MARY ALICE HUGHES, Deceased, were issued on December 14, 2007, in Cause No. P-13587. pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Steven Lee Hughes

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: Steven Lee Hughes 5309 Upper Valley Road El Paso, Texas 79932 DATED the 14th day of December,

Steven Lee Hughes Attorney for Steven Lee Hughes State Bar No.: 10239520 100 N. Stanton, Ste 1700 P.O. Box 1977 El Paso, Tx 79950 Telephone: (915)532-2000 Facsimile: (915)541-1526 #5367 December 16, 2007

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're living passionately, tapping into all of the emotion that is raging in your warrior heart. Whether you have a success or a failure. you want it to be a monumental one.

TAURUS (April 20-May Worrying is "so yesterday." Today, you're busy making decisions, conquering doubt, moving ahead -- and no fickle antics for you. This is a solid path. March onward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's challenging to keep your expectations in the realm of reality. Maybe you just shouldn't! Allowing yourself to in impossible think terms will set your imagination on fire.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). For all the frustration that love can bring, you're inspired to stop and notice a million small things you cherish about your close relationships. Build on what is already working beautifully.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You know what you want, and you don't require more options. Being offered an array of choices may only serve to annoy you. Your No. 1 choice is all you need.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). More respect would be nice. Step up in a new way so others attention. pay Think powerful thoughts. By the afternoon, you should see a turnaround in

yourself -- and in others. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're a highly functioning member of your social group and will have new responsibilities in that realm. Keep a clear sense of your boundaries, or you're certain to take on much more than you should.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. Friends together for a common cause, like a ride to the airport or splitting the cost of a meal. It's not really about the money -the bonding is priceless.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You know what makes you feel fulfilled and as a result will find many satisfying ways to spend vour day. You generate especially good vibes with Aries and

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're not a victim. You are in control of what happens to you. Affirm the former and repeat the latter hundreds of times. You'll start to realize HOLIDAY exactly what you're

doing to create the Mathis way things are. AQUARIUS (Jan.

20-Feb. 18). Expensive enterprises entice you. Travel or pricey events might be involved. Instead of declining, poke around to figure out how you might make this happen. When you're looking for it, you'll find a deal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are great benefits from letting a loved one fight his or her own battle. You'll be surprised at how a situation will turn around once dear ones realize that nobody else is going to step in.

GET READY TO "ROCK YOUR STARS": Here's the best way I know to get ready for the upcoming winter solstice: Resolve to take your destiny into your own hands and play it like an electric-guitar solo wailing out an

Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

anthem! I'm talking about rocking your stars -- and that's exactly what I just wrote a book about. faithful readers, Yes, "Rock Your Stars: Your Astrological Guide to Getting it All" (Seal Press 2007) is my cosmically powered instruction manual for living your life not just out loud but amplified over stadium sound system. "Rock Your Stars" is a handy, practical guide for making every life decision, whether it's what to wear, who to love, which career ladder to climb, what color to paint the bedroom, what to order at the cafe, or how to find the right exercise plan. It explains how to use astrology as a tool for self-analysis and daily contentment, focusing on day-to-day, real-life issues -- dating, money, family, friendship, health, style and home (with some celebrity profiles thrown in for fun). Why use astrology for all that? Well, I figure it's like this: Some people write down their dreams, some do yoga, some talk to

conversation with the stars. So check out "Rock Your Stars," dear readers. Because there's no time like now to carpe destiny! **CELEBRITY**

PROFILES: Sagittarians can feel like they're strangers in a strange land, as did Milla Jovovich, who emigrated from Russia to the United States during the Cold Becoming War. foreigner forced Milla to remain open to new ways of looking at and perceiving the world -- as encountering any different culture, belief faith would. All Sagittarius's stimulate deeper spiritual work mind-opening and awareness.

Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars." To write to her, please goto www.creators.com and click on "Write theAuthor" on the Holiday Mathis page, or send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page www.creators.com.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON **ENVIRONMENTAL** QUALITY NOTICE TO RECEIPT OF **APPLICATION AND INTENT** TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 80290L004

APPLICATION Mr. Bobby Thompson, has applied to the Texas Commission Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 80290L004, which would authorize a change of location of a Concrete Batch Plant. The applicant has provided the following driving directions to the site: from Big Springs travel approximately 15 miles south on U.S. 87 to Overton Road, then go 3 miles west to Phillips Road, and travel 3 miles south, the plant is on the right in Section 48, Block 33, Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas. The facility will emit the following contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 15, 2007. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Glasscock County Courthouse, 117 East Currie Avenue, Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application may be held if the executive director determines that 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.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this applica-

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public com-If comments are rements. ceived, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

<u>OPPORTÜNITY FOR</u> A CON-TESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 30-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based 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 those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number. if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this

proceeding MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the ad-

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede Ilamar al 1-800-687-4040. General informatio regarding the TCEQ can be found at <u>www.tceq.state.tx.us.</u> Further information may also be obtained from Gruver Redi-Mix, P.O. Box 825, Gruver,

79040 or by calling Mr. Bobby Owner Thompson, (806)733-2907. Issuance Date: December 11, 2007 #5636 December 16, 2007

Texas

Dear Annie: I am the mother of a very wellbehaved 16-year-old son. "Jeff" gets mostly A's in school and is on the swim team, tennis team,

math team and robotics team. I know his friends and their families. He doesn't do drugs and he's getting anybody pregnant. We have good communication. Here's the dilemma: I

have suggested lately that Jeff get a job because soon he will need gas money. Plus, he wants to go to Japan as an exchange student next summer. He has some

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CITATION THE STATE OF TEXAS NOTICE TO: Unknown Heirs of Willry M. Scott, Deceased

The application of Robert Cox, applicant, was filed in the Probate Court of Howard County, Texas on the 30th day of October, 2007, for the probate cause numbered P-13492, and entitled "Application To Determine Heirship.' The application requests the court to determine the heirs of the decedent, Willry M. Scott.

The Court will hear such application at 10:00 AM on the first Monday after the expiration of 10 days, exclusive of the day of publication, from the date this citation is published, which will be Monday, the 24th day of December, 2007, in the County Courtroom in the County Courthouse of Howard County in Big Spring, Texas.

All of the persons named or identified above and all persons interested in the aforesaid estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for said hearing by filing a written contest or answer to said application should they desire to contest it.

Said written contest or answer shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas in Big Spring, Texas.

The officer serving this citation shall, in compliance with the law, serve it by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in this, the county in which such proceeding pending, for not less than 10 days before the return day hereof, exclusive of the day of the publication, and the date of publication said newspaper bears shall be the date of pub-

lication. If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 10th day of December, 2007, at office in Big Spring, Texas. Donna Wright,

County Clerk Howard County, Texas By: Nancy Porter Deputy #5634 December 16, 23 & 30, 2007 and January 6, 2008



MARCY SUGAR

money saved in the bank and he's planning to ask his grandfather for help with the Japan trip.

When I hear of job possibilities, I repeat them to Jeff with the hope that he will apply. I know his schedule is busy, but he has evenings and weekends. He says he is working hard to build up his high school resume so colleges will see him as a desirable student. I told him they look at jobs in the same light.

Jeff has never been the kind of kid who asks for stuff. He doesn't have a cell phone, MP3 player or designer clothes. How hard should I push the job issue? -- Mom of a Mellow Teen

Dear Mom: Your son sounds like a great kid. It's true that some colleges are encouraged by seeing part-time work on an application, and we agree that Jeff should partly earn what he needs for gas money and trips to Japan, although "earning" can take many forms. The important thing is to maintain a balance. Jeff's schedule probably includes regular practices for the swim and tennis teams, and after-school meetings for the math and robotics teams. Add homework to the mix and we're not sure how much of a job you expect him to get. He shouldn't be overscheduled that he has no time to wind down. Discuss his timetable and your expectations with your "mellow teen" and work

out a compromise. Dear Annie: grandmother recently died and left everything to my uncle and me. I was very close to my grandmother, who lived in "the old country," and called and wrote her often.

The problem? My father

says I should do the "right thing" and share the money I will receive with my brother and sister. Neither sibling close to was my grandmother, nor did they send cards and letters or phone her. They had disliked her since they were young children.

therapists. My way is to

look up and start a

Should I honor my grandmother's will, or should I divide it equally with my brother and sister? -- Doesn't Seem

Dear Doesn't Seem Fair: It is wrong of your father to pressure you. You are under no obligation to share Grandma's estate with your siblings, since Grandma obviously wanted you to have the money. However, it is often a good idea to act in a way that will preserve family harmony. You do not have to split the estate into three equal parts, but you might give a portion of the inheritance to your brother and sister as a gesture of your love and good will. How much good will is

up to you. Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Insecure in Oregon," whose husband doesn't want to make out legal wills. She's concerned because her stepchildren already treat her things as theirs. If her stepchildren vultures now, imagine how they'll behave if she dies before her husband. They're going to treat her house like a Saturday yard sale.

My advice to her: Give possessions you the treasure to your children NOW. Then you can visit them (and the kids) while you're alive, and you'll sleep well knowing your heirlooms are where they belong -- with YOUR family. Let those monsters pick over what's left. I've seen the behavior firsthand, and it's not pretty. -- Witness to Ghouls

Dear Witness: A good idea. Many readers have told us they gave heirlooms their to children and delighted in seeing the love and joy on their faces.

Dear Annie: Years ago, I asked my cousin and her husband to be my son's godparents. I was a single mother wanted two people who would be there to help guide him. Needless to say, I made a poor decision. Neither of them has any type relationship with my son. They see him once a year during the holidays.

I have made attempts to take my son to see my cousin, but it is always on her terms. I work all year and have very little vacation time, yet my cousin is home all summer and most of December. How hard would it be for her to take her godchild for a few days?

I think my son deserves better than to have me throw him at people who don't seem to care. I would like to something diplomatically, of course. However, my mother thinks this would cause family problems. It's hard to bite my tongue, and I am beginning to be very resentful. They took a and are not vow honoring it. What should I do? -- Frustrated in New York

Dear New York: Godparents are intended to be religious guides, not baby sitters. They should maintain regular contact with your son, but the frequency can vary substantially. If your cousin and her husband are particularly religious, they may not understand their obligation godparents. Have friendly talk with your cousin and explain that you'd like them to be more involved in your son's life and exactly what you believe that entails. If they balk, ask if they would mind if you found someone else to take over the duties of godparents. (Your church can help you with that process.)

Mailbox is Annie's written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions anniesmailbox@comcast. net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read other features by **Syndicate** Creators writers and cartoonists, the Creators visit Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Forsan Junior High students win area meet

On Dec. 5-6, Forsan Junior High students placed first overall at the University Interscholastic League Academic Meet in Rotan.

Roscoe came in second, Rotan third and Hamlin fourth. Below are the individual results:

Sixth grade — Ali Knight, second; Chandler Freeman, third; Elizabeth Rhodes, fourth; Falon Newton, sixth; Team: first (Knight, Freeman, Rhodes, Newton).

Seventh grade — Elena Flores, third; Jansen McDonald, third; Team: second (Flores, McDonald, Brady Gartman, Shelby Roemer).

Eighth grade — Mara Sheets, fourth; Hope Cimino, fifth; Alex Park, sixth; Team: first (Sheets, Cimino, Park, Ashley Buzbee).

Calculators

Sixth grade — Covan Davidson, fifth. Seventh grade — Brady Gartman, sixth.

Dictionary Skills

Sixth grade — Ali Knight, first; Chandler Freeman, third; Team: first (Knight, Freeman, Colton Wheeler).

Seventh grade — Elena Flores, second; Cole Long, fourth; Team: first (Flores, Long, Shelby Roemer, Kayla Tilley).

Eighth grade — Sydney Holdampf, first; Sassy Farmer, fifth; Hope Cimino, sixth; Team: first (Holdampf, Farmer, Cimino, Ashley Buzbee).

Editorial Writing

Seventh grade — Elena Flores, first; Madison Churchwell. third

Eighth grade — Shelbie Hudgins, second; April Cevallos, fourth; Sydney Holdampf, fifth.

Impromptu Speaking

Seventh grade — Elena Flores, first.

Eighth grade — Hope Cimino, first; Ty Johnson, second.

Listening Skills

Sixth grade — Aaron Patterson, first; Kade Fannin, fifth: Team: first (Patterson, Fannin, Taybor Flores, Clayton Galloway). Seventh grade — Cole Long, first; Team: first (Long, Ryan Pitcox, Dillon Bagnall).

Eighth grade — Victoria Dunnam, first; Team: second (Dunnam, Patrick Robles, Foster Burchett, Megan Crane).

Maps, Graphs, and **Charts**

Sixth grade — Chandler Freeman, first; Ali Knight, second; Covan Davidson, third; Team: first (Freeman, Knight, Davidson, Kade Fannin).

Seventh grade — Kie Jones, second; Brady Gartman, fourth; Jansen McDonald, fourth; Team: first (Jones, Gartman, McDonald, Elena Flores).

Eighth grade — Alex Park, third; Sydney Holdampf, fifth; Team: second (Park, Holdampf, Hope Cimino, Stevie Wilson).

Mathematics

Sixth grade — Matthew Mims, second; Team: second (Mims, Kade Fannin, Tyler Evans).

Seventh grade — Brady

Gartman, first; Aric Hernandez, sixth; Team: second (Gartman, Hernandez, Trevor Burchett).

Eighth grade — Sydney Holdampf, first; Kyle Stevenson, third; Team: first (Holdampf, Stevenson, Hope Cimino, Alex Park).

Modern Oratory

Seventh grade — Brady Gartman, first; Jansen McDonald, third: Kelcee Hillis, fourth.

Eighth grade — Courtney Blair, second; Hope Cimino, third; Ty Johnson - fourth.

Music Memory

Sixth grade — Ali Knight, first; Elizabeth Rhodes, second; Kiowa Spears, fourth; Chandler Freeman, fifth; Team: first (McKnight, Rhodes, Spears, Freeman).

Number Sense

Sixth grade — Tyler Evans, fourth; Team: second (Evans, Kade Fannin, Matthew Mims).

Seventh grade — Brayden Miles, fourth; Aric Hernandez, fifth: Team: second (Miles, Hernandez,

Brady Gartman).

Eighth grade — Sydney Holdampf, third; Kyle Stevenson, sixth; Team: second (Holdampf, Stevenson, Patrick Robles, Foster Burchett).

Oral Reading Sixth grade — Tyler

Evans, first. Seventh grade — Jansen

McDonald, second; Brady Gartman, fifth.

Eighth grade — Autumn Alton, second; Lindsey Heckler, third; Alex Park, fifth.

Ready Writing

Sixth grade — Chandler Freeman, first. Seventh grade — Elena Flores, sixth.

Science

Seventh grade — Brady Gartman, first; Nick Emerson, second; Brayden Miles, fourth; Team, first (Gartman, Emerson, Miles, Kie Jones).

Eighth grade — Courtney Blair, third; Hope Cimino, sixth; Team: third (Blair, Cimino, Sydney Holdampf).

Social Studies

Sixth grade — Taybor Flores, third; Maria Ortiz, fifth; Team: second (Flores, Ortiz, Corbin Foster, Kiowa Spears).

Seventh grade — Brady Gartman, first; Nick Emerson, fourth; Brayden Miles, sixth; Team: second (Gartman, Emerson, Miles, Case Ingram).

Eighth grade — C.J. Ballard, third; Team: third (Ballard, Sydney Holdampf, Hope Cimino).

Spelling

Sixth grade — Ali Knight, third; Colton Wheeler, fifth. Seventh grade — Tommy Dawson, first; Kelcee Hillis, fourth; Madison Churchwell, sixth; Team: first (Dawson, Hillis, Churchwell).

Eighth grade — Victoria Dunnam, second; Team: third (Dunnam, April Cevallos, Kadie Saverance).

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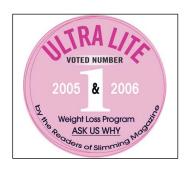
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Citing need for independence, Mukasey rejects demands for info about tapes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Michael Mukasey refused Friday to give Congress details of the government's investigation into interrogations of terror suspects that were videotaped and destroyed by the CIA. He said doing so could raise questions about whether the inquiry is vulnerable to political pressure

In letters Friday to leaders of the House and Senate Judiciary committees that oversee the Justice Department, Mukasey said there is no need right now to appoint a special prosecutor to lead the investigation. The preliminary inquiry currently is being handled by the Justice Department and the CIA's inspector general.

"I am aware of no facts at present to suggest that department attorneys cannot conduct this inquiry in an impartial manner," Mukasey wrote to Sens. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, the top Democrat and Republican, respectively, on the Senate Judiciary Committee. "If I become aware of information that leads me to a different conclusion, I will act on it."

Addressing congressional demands for facts in the CIA tapes inquiry, Mukasey noted that the Justice Department generally does not give out information about pending cases.

"This policy is based in part on our interest in avoiding any perception that our law enforcement decisions are subject to political influence," Mukasey wrote. "Accordingly, I will not at this time provide further information in response to your letter, but appreciate the committee's interests in this matter."

2 Ph.D students killed on LSU campus; police say they were shot during home invasion

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Two students were found shot to death in a home invasion at a Louisiana State University apartment, and officials decided to keep the campus open Friday while police searched for three suspects.

The victims, Chandrasekhar Reddy Komma and Kiran Kumar Allam, both Ph.D. students from India, were found inside an apartment at the Edward Gay complex late Thursday night after authorities received an emergency call.

Police patrols were increased on the 30,000-student campus Friday and students were told to be cautious, but the university was not locked down. Students were taking the last of their final exams, and many had already left for the semester.

The decision not to lock down the campus was made by police after they determined it was an isolated incident and would not spread to other areas of the campus, LSU Chancellor Sean O'Keefe said at a Friday morning news conference.

"There was no evidence, nothing to suggest that there was a pattern here that would rapidly escalate, and as a consequence of that, a determination was made that we would not lock down the campus," O'Keefe said.

Allam's pregnant wife called 911 at 10:37 p.m. Thursday after finding the men dead, according to Srinivasa Pothakamuri, a friend of Komma, and campus officials. Komma, a biochemistry student, had been visiting Allam, who was in the chemistry program.

Clinton rejects former campaign official's comments on Obama drug use

JOHNSTON, Iowa (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton on Friday denounced the comments of an official in her campaign who resigned after raising questions about drug use by Barack Obama.

Clinton was asked about the official's comments about Obama as she campaigned in Iowa, where the controversy has become an issue less than three weeks before the state's leadoff caucuses.

"As soon as I found out that one of my supporters and co-chairs in New Hampshire made a statement, asked a series of questions, I made it clear it was not authorized, it was in no way condoned, I didn't know about it and he stepped down," Clinton said.

A day earlier, Bill Shaheen, a national co-chairman for Clinton and a prominent New Hampshire political figure, had resigned. He and the Clinton campaign had been criticized after he suggested Obama's admitted use of drugs as a teenager could be used against the Illinois senator if he became the Democratic presidential nominee.

Clinton, speaking during a taping of Iowa Public Television's "Iowa Press" program and during a meeting with reporters afterward, sought distance from that comment.

"I made it very clear as soon as I heard about it that I not only disapproved, it did not reflect the campaign I am running," said Clinton. "I did personally apologize, the gentleman in question has stepped down from the leadership role in my campaign."

Phoenix Baseline Killer suspect sentenced to 438 years in prison for 2005 rape of 2 sisters

PHOENIX (AP) — A man accused of being the Phoenix Baseline Killer was sentenced to 438 years in prison Friday for the sexual assaults of two sisters.

Mark Goudeau still faces trial for the slayings of eight women and a man in 2005-2006, and faces a possible death sentence if he is convicted. He has pleaded not guilty.

The 43-year-old former construction worker was sentenced for his September conviction on charges of raping one woman and sexually attacking another as they walked home from a park.

During the two-month trial, both sisters identified Goudeau as their attacker. DNA evidence also linked him to the rape.

Goudeau has maintained his innocence, and told Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Andrew Klein that what happened to the two young women was hor-

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rible, "but I had nothing to do with it."

Klein said before handing down the sentence that Goudeau must have two "diametrically opposed" personalities, one calm and respectful in court and the other sociopathic and brutal.

Male relatives face risk from breast cancer genes; doctors urge more men to get tested

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Doctors are encouraging a new group of people to consider getting tested for genes that raise the risk of breast cancer: men. Male relatives of women with such genes often do not realize that they, too, may carry them, and face greater odds of developing male breast cancer, as well as prostate, pancreatic and skin cancer, new research suggests.

"Everyone thinks of breast and ovarian cancer and just assumes it's all women. They don't realize these genes can be inherited from the father's side of the family," said Dr. Mary Daly of Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia.

After seeing breast cancer in several male patients who did not know they were at risk, Daly conducted a small study, which was presented Friday at a conference in Texas. She now is trying to convince more fathers, sons and brothers of women with the genes to get tested. "Very few of them want to," she said.

Ex-convicts plead guilty in plot against Southern California military, Jewish targets

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Two men accused of plotting behind prison walls to launch attacks on military sites, synagogues and other targets in 2005 pleaded guilty Friday to conspiring to levy war against the United States.

Kevin James, 31, and Levar Haley Washington, 28, both pleaded guilty to seditious conspiracy charges. Washington also pleaded guilty to using a firearm to further that conspiracy.

Authorities say James, Washington and two others were part of a California prison gang cell of radical Muslims planning attacks in the Los Angeles area.

"Homegrown terrorism remains a grave concern to the security of our country, and this cell was closer to going operational at the time than anyone since 9/11," Los Angeles Deputy Police Chief Michael Downing told reporters at a news conference after the two men entered their pleas.



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State launches memorial roadway sign program

Special to the Herald

To help inform the public of the dangers of drinking and driving, a new program is being implemented by the Texas Department of Transportation that will allow friends and family members of DWI victims to purchase memorial signs to be placed near the location of fatal crash-

The program is the result of legislation aimed at reducing the more than 1,670 traffic fatalities in 2006 that involved drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The 80th Texas Julie Blasingame. A driver

involved in the death of nities.' Blasingame's daughter, Rachel.

"I would love to see these memorial signs all over Texas as constant reminders for our drivers to not drink and drive," said Blasingame. "So many grieving families will want to honor their loved one's memory in this way because they know that good will come from it."

"I am pleased that TxDOT has taken this important step to help raise public awareness on the dangers of DWI," said State Rep. Betty Brown. "Drunk driving continues to be one of our state's most serious traffic safety Legislature created the issues and represents a program at the request of real and serious danger to law-abiding innocent members of our commu-

The cost to obtain a memorial sign is \$300. The sign will identify the victim (or family name), date of the crash, the phrase "Please Don't Drink and Drive" and the phrase "In Memory of..."

The program requires that fatal crashes must have occurred on a state highway and bans memorializing impaired drivers killed in a traffic crash.

An erected memorial sign will remain in place for one year, after which it will be offered to the person(s) who made the original application for participation in the program.

The Web location is www.txdot.gov/services/t raffic operations/memorial sign.htm



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Members of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club recently made a donation to the Salvation Army to assist the agency in its Angel Tree program. Shown are, from left, Salvation Army officer Stephen Corraira, Rotarian Troy Tompkins, SA Capt. Russ Keeney, and Rotarians Gwen Dunson, Debbie Wegman, Debbye ValVerde and Keith Graumann.

Isaac Castro files to run for state representative in District 85

Special to the Herald

HAMLIN — Isaac Castro has announced he is a Republican candidate for state representative in District 85.

Castro is an attorney in Jones County who currently serves on the board of directors of the County Appraisal District and as a trustee of the Hamlin Independent School

"We deserve better representation in Austin," said Castro. "West Texans deserve a conservative.

"The time has come for real leadership. We must act now to protect property rights, reduce our tax burden, provide quality education for our children and begin enforcing our immigration laws," continued Castro. "I

will stand up against special interests and for West Texas."

Castro graduated with honors from Angelo State University with a degree in government and then earned his law degree at the University of Texas. He served as an assistant district attorney for Jones and Shackelford counties and counattorney in Stonewall

He is active in his church and has been active in volunteer community service organizations such as Rotary and Jaycees. In addition, Castro is the current Republican Party chair of Jones County.

If Castro survives Republican primaries, he could face incumbent District 85 Rep. Joe Heflin in the November election.



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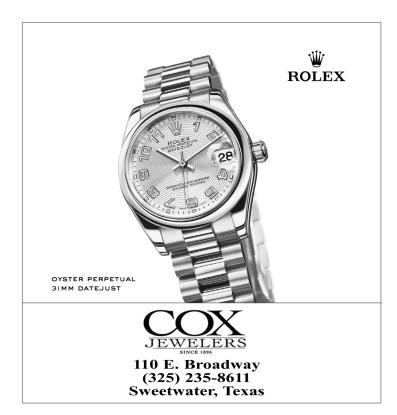
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Moss Elementary PTA Reflections competition was held in visual arts, photography, music and literature recently. Pictured are winners advancing to Midland-Odessa area competition. From left are Intermediate age group winners Faith Parum, Mikaela Garza, Bailee

Chase, Hannah Jensen and Mikaela Biddison.



Primary winners in the Moss Elementary PTA reflections competition were, from left, front row, Anissa Ramsey, Steven Lopez and Alex Robles, and back row, Brayden Sizenbach, Noah Barraza, Denise Medina and Lindsey Brooks.





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an FHA-backed loan with the peace of mind that comes with it," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "And for future homebuyers, a fully backed FHA loan with honest, upfront terms, will help prevent crises like we now face."

Modernizing the FHA is Congress' first attempt at stand-alone legislation to ease the subprime mortgage mess. The House passed a bill similar to the Senate's back in September, but a final measure probably won't be ready for President Bush's signature until next year.

Meanwhile, the White House last week announced it had negotiated an agreement with mortgage companies to freeze interest rates for certain subprime mortgages for five years.

Dana Perino said the Senate bill "would give FHA some of the additional flexibility it needs to provide more families with a safe, affordable mortgage financing option." She said, however, that the president still has some concerns about the bill.

The Senate bill raises the maximum mortgage the FHA can insure in high-cost areas like California and the Northeast from \$362,790 to \$417,000 — the same level as loans backed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

The House would raise the maximum mortgage to \$729,750 in high-cost areas, with the higher limit a point of contention between the House, Senate and the White House.

The Senate bill would also lower the FHA down payment requirement from 3 percent to 1.5 percent, depending on an assortment of factors, and make it easier for FHA loans to be used to buy condos.

"It is good before the White House press secretary Christmas season we have

made a down payment on the solution to this problem," said Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla.

The legislation will help the FHA "be a source of salvation for those families who were tricked into unaffordable loans," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

The only senator to vote against the bill was Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz.

Many homeowners have been looking for help from the government this year. Of the nearly 3 million subprime adjustable-rate loans surveyed by the Mortgage Bankers Association in the third quarter, a record 18.81 percent of them were past due. A record 4.72 percent of the loans entered into the foreclosure process during that period.

Modernizing the FHA "will have an immediate impact helping some distressed borrowers who are having trouble paving their current mortgages avoid foreclosure," said David G. Kittle, the association's chairman-elect.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimated that the Senate's changes would result in an 8 percent increase in FHA loans — \$4 billion annually in additional loan guarantees — over the next five years.

The agency, which has provided mortgage insurance since 1934, currently insures 3.7 million mortgages.

The FHA has been pushing Congress for years for the ability to guarantee more loans, saying the size of mortgages the government agency can back is often too small to attract borrowers in expensive areas. As a result, FHA's share of the single-family mortgage market has dropped to about 4 percent, down from 19 percent more than 10 years ago.

But most of the increase would not come from people in high-cost areas, the CBO said, but in the less expensive housing markets, where maximum mortgages would be going up from \$200,160 to \$271,050.

Surge in gasoline prices pushes consumer inflation higher

WASHINGTON (AP) — Led by higher gasoline prices, consumer inflation shot up in November by the largest amount in more than two years. The rise in inflation is coming at a time when economic growth is slowing sharply.

'We are in store for a period of very weak if not recessionary growth and uncomfortably high inflation," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com. "People are going to get hit with both a weaker job market and having to pay more to fill their gas tanks and buy groceries.'

The Labor Department report Friday showed that its closely watched Consumer Price Index rose by 0.8 percent last month, the biggest gain since September 2005, as energy prices surged by 5.7 percent, reflecting a big gain in gasoline. Core inflation, which excludes energy and food, was also up last month.











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