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Monday final day to register for runoff

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Monday is the deadline for area residents to make any changes to their voter registration if they plan to participate in the April 8 runoff election between Republican candidates for the Precinct 3 seat on the Howard County Commissioners Court.

Jimmie Long and Winston Paschal Odom, both Republican



LONG



ODOM

candidates for the seat, will face each other in a runoff elec-

tion made necessary by the March 4 political party primaries. Neither candidate was able to garner the required 50 percent of the vote to avoid a runoff election.

Long finished ahead of the pack for the party's nomination with 310 ballots — 39.64 percent of the vote — while Odom finished the night with 197 ballots, accounting for 25.19 percent of the vote.

Also seeking the Republican

nomination for the seat were Fred Green, who drew 166 ballots — accounting for 21.23 percent of the vote — and Steve Gray, who came away with 109 ballots, a 13.94 percent share of the vote.

"The runoff election will be held April 8 at First Baptist Church," said Sandra Bloom, county elections administrator. "Early voting — which will be held between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the third floor of the Howard

County Courthouse — will begin March 31 and end April 4. We will hold late hour voting Thursday, April 3, from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m."

Bloom said there has been some confusion concerning who can and cannot vote in the runoff election.

"Voters in Precinct 3 will be the only voters that can cast a ballot in the runoff," said

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Ritchey selected interim principal

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Mike Ritchey is returning, if only temporarily, to his old job.

Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Michael Downes announced Friday that Ritchey, currently the district's athletic director, will also serve as interim principal at Big Spring High School, replacing Bruce Wilson, who has been placed on administrative leave until the end of the school year.

Wilson, who was in his first year as principal, submitted his resignation Feb. 13, the day before school trustees declined to extend his contract.

Downes would not comment on the reasons behind Wilson's resignation or his placement on administrative leave.

Ritchey is no stranger to the BSHS principal's chair, having occupied that office for several years before becoming athletic director and head football coach in May 2007.

He said he does not

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RITCHY

HAWK WOMEN ADVANCE



HERALD photo/Mitch Green

Howard College's Monica Jones fires a shot during the Hawks' 76-75 come-from-behind victory against McLennan Community College in the first round of the Region V Women's Basketball Tournament in Belton Friday. See story and photo, page 1B.

Grand jury

Former police clerk among those indicted

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A former records clerk with the Big Spring Police Department was indicted on a charge of theft Thursday by a Howard County grand jury.

Minnie Marie Wilson, 38, of 307 E. Fourth Street in Forsan, was indicted on a charge of theft by a public servant — more than \$20,000, less than \$100,000, following an extensive investigation spanning approximately eight years, according to BSPD officials.

"The money reported to have been stolen was from deposits made on animal control fees and various other city fees collected by this department and deposited with the city finance officer," said Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith shortly after Wilson's arrest. "The reported thefts date back to December of 2000. Mrs. Wilson was employed here since March 22, 1998."

Wilson was arrested Nov. 8 following extensive financial research that yielded a warrant for theft by a public servant over \$20,000, a second-degree felony, according to Smith.

If convicted, Wilson could face two to 20 years in prison, accompanied

by a fine not to exceed \$10,000. Smith said the case was investigated by Det. Jim Rider.

Also indicted Thursday were:

- Ruben Alvarez, 19, of 1401 Settles, theft - more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000 (state jail felony); unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (state jail felony); burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony); and forgery (three counts, state jail felonies).

- Danny Ray Bobbitt, 48, currently in county jail, forgery (two counts, third-degree felonies - enhanced); and evading arrest (third-degree felony - enhanced).

- Lester Claude Duffer, 28, currently in county jail, debit card abuse (third-degree felony - enhanced).

- Jesus Enrique Garcia, 35, of 101 S. Beaugard in Stanton, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

- Selestino Hernandez III, 22, of 307 San Jacinto, burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

- Monika Sue Kennemur, 40, of 6 Highland Heather, theft — more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000 (state jail felony).

- Ramiro Valencia Marquez, 18, of 501

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KITTEN SURVIVES TRIP IN CRATE

CLEVELAND (AP) — A scrawny, black and white female kitten has apparently survived a trip across the Pacific Ocean and North America inside a shipping crate.

Cleveland Animal Protective League Executive Director Sharon Harvey says a Cleveland company that received the crate of spooled steel coil Friday found the kitten inside one the spools.

Harvey says the mother

cat and other kittens found in the crate were dead. The crate came to Samsel Supply Co. from Singapore. It was sealed Feb. 4 and shipped three days later.

The approximately 12-week-old kitten has been checked by a veterinarian and has responded well to being fed.

It will be kept in quarantine for about three weeks to make sure it doesn't pass any infectious disease to other animals.

SPECIAL EDUCATION MEETING SLATED

Parents and instructors of special education students will have a chance to give state education officials input on how to best serve special-needs students this week.

Officials with the Texas Education Agency will hold a public input and information-gathering meeting from 9 a.m. until noon Tuesday in the MCM Elegante Hotel in Odessa.

The meetings will be hosted by Region 18 Education Service Center. The public is invited to attend and give feedback on spe-

cific questions relating to special education programs in Texas.

It also serves as an opportunity to hear other ideas and perspectives, ask questions, and obtain special education information and resource materials, officials said.

Registration will be held from 8:30 a.m. until the start of the meeting at 9 a.m.

Childcare will not be provided, officials noted.

For more information, contact Sue Watkins at (432) 561-4357 or Anne Whitley at (432) 567-3217.

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Sports

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar TUESDAY

Big Spring softball at Greenwood, TBA.

Big Spring baseball at Fort Stockton, 6 p.m.

Forsan baseball at McCamey, 5 p.m.

MARCH 13-15

Big Spring softball at San Marcos Tournament.

Big Spring baseball at Greenwood Tournament.

Forsan softball at Sonora, 6 p.m.

Coahoma baseball at Haskell, 4:30 p.m.

Coahoma softball at Haskell, 7 p.m.

MARCH 13-15

Big Spring softball at San Marcos Tournament.

Big Spring baseball at Greenwood Tournament.

Thorndale takes second 1A title

AUSTIN (AP) — Brandon Irwin and defense. It was the perfect combination for Thorndale to finish a near-perfect season with another state championship.

Irwin scored 19 points, nine in the fourth quarter, and Thorndale's defense clamped down on Dallardsville Big Sandy as the defending champion Bulldogs won another Class 1A Division I title with a 53-42 victory Saturday morning.

Cody Schneider added 18 points, hitting four 3-pointers, for Thorndale (36-1), which suffered its only loss against a Class 4A opponent.

Corey Tolar scored 14 points and Troy Langley had 11 points and nine rebounds to lead Big Sandy (27-11), which made its first state tournament in 20 years.

Big Sandy's last lead, 22-21, lasted about 20 seconds in the second quarter before Irwin made a 3-pointer.

Irwin and Schneider got rolling early, combining for 24 of Thorndale's 30 points in the first half. The duo ended the first quarter when Irwin tipped the ball away from Big Sandy's Melton Abbey to Schneider, who dished it right back for an easy fast-break layup.

The duo seemed to have answer for every challenge Big Sandy could muster.

When Big Sandy tied it at 18-18, Schneider made a 3-pointer. When the Wildcats briefly took the lead, Irwin's 3-pointer sparked a 9-3 run to halftime. Sederrick Brooks had two steals and four points in the run that put Thorndale up 30-25 going into the third.

Both teams struggled to score in the third, combining for nine total points as shot after shot clanged off the rim.



Howard College's Jotosha McDonald, left, holds the basketball while McLennan Community College's Kiara Farley defends during their Region V Tournament first-round game Friday in Belton.

Herald photo/Mitch Green

Never say die

Howard women stage furious rally to take Region V opener

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

BELTON — Howard College's women's basketball assistant coach Eric Rodewald had a simple theory for the Hawks to claim victory throughout the Region V Tournament.

"We can't give up more than 55 points," Rodewald said before the tournament. "If we give up more than 55, then we're probably going to lose. Well, unless we score more than our opponent does."

Rodewald's theory was put to the test Friday as McLennan Community College dissected the Hawks' defense for 75 points. However, Howard responded, overcoming a 14-point second-half deficit to claim a 76-75 victory in Friday's first round matchup in the tournament, held on the campus of Mary Hardin-Baylor University.

The Hawks trailed 73-70 with 31.2 seconds remaining in regulation when Kandace Griffin — Howard's all-time leader in 3-point field goals — lined up a trey and nailed the shot to tie the contest.

However, McClennan put the pressure on Howard after Vanessa Simmons drove into the lane and got a runner to fall through the hoop, putting the Hawks down by two.

Griffin went back to work, though with 14.5 seconds

remaining. She drove to the basket from the right wing, pump-faked and picked up a foul as her layup fell in to tie the score. Griffin nailed the free throw, giving Howard a 76-75 lead with only five seconds left to play.

"Three pointers are just my bread and butter," Griffin said about her game-tying shot. "I didn't think I was going to get to the bucket on that last shot. I was just trying to get fouled and get to the free throw line so I could shoot with my feet set. That's what I'm more comfortable doing."

McLennan's Nicole Gornal dribbled the ball all the way up the court, hung in the air just across the free throw line and saw her shot bounce off the backboard and clang off the front of the rim, securing the win for the Hawks.

"I'm really proud of the girls," Howard Head Coach Earl Diddle said. "They kept their composure and hit some big shots. I told them before the game that every team at this tournament has the ability to come back from a big deficit, including us. We're capable of just as much as any other team here. They gathered themselves on the bench and weren't content with going home early."

Howard led by six points

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Perfect Newton leads Coahoma to Friday sweep

Herald Staff Report

EULA — Perfection.

The word has been used a lot throughout the sporting world over the past year — perhaps overused.

However, perfection best describes the Coahoma Bulldogettes' game Friday in the Pirate Classic played in Clyde as Eula. Bulldogettes pitcher Heather Newton was one hit and one walk away from from throwing two perfect games in Coahoma's 10-0 and 1-0 victories over Ranger and Clyde, respectively.

Newton was spotless in Coahoma's tournament opener, allowing no runs and no walks over five innings while recording nine strikeouts in a 10-0 win.

Newton helped her own cause by going 3-for-4 at the plate with two RBIs.

The other half of the Bulldogettes' battery, catcher Janice Gonzales, used a triple to knock in two more runs for Coahoma.

The Bulldogettes showed some lightning on the basepaths, stealing seven bases, with Krista Kerby taking three. Kerby's aggressiveness running the bags allowed her to score three runs.

Newton came close to a completely perfect day, but surrendered one walk and gave up a hit in the Bulldogettes' 1-0 win over the hosting Clyde Lady Bulldogs.

Newton struck out another nine batters in the pitchers' duel.

Coahoma's only run of the game came in the bottom of the second inning when Gonzales scored courtesy of a hit by her

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Coahoma pitcher Heather Newton, shown in action earlier this year, threw a perfect game and a one-hitter to lead the Bulldogettes to a pair of victories in the Pirate Classic in Eula Friday.

HERALD file photo

BSHS track team second at Tall City Relays

Herald Staff Report

MIDLAND — After opening the track season with two first-place finishes, Big Spring's Steers found the level of competition raised in the Tall City Relays in Midland with most of the their challengers coming from Class 5A programs.

While it didn't claim the top spot in the standings, Big Spring's second-place team finish shows how strong the team is this season, coaches said. The Steers finished with 120 total points — a mere 14 behind winner Midland High.

Big Spring picked up five first-place finishes and four seconds. It was the usual suspects at the

top of the leaderboards for the Steers.

Laray Woodard scored the most points for BSHS, finishing first in the 110 hurdles and the long jump and second in the 300 hurdles.

As expected, Big Spring dominated the distance events with Jordan Valle and Zach Dawson finishing 1-2 in the 1600 and 3200 meters. Valle edged Dawson in both races, earning gold medals.

Tyrone Clemons added Big Spring's final first-place finish, winning the high jump for a second straight week. Clemons cleared a height of 6-2 for his gold-medal performance.

Clemons older brother Terrance led the Steers with

third place in the triple jump, while Tyron was fourth in the event and Sidney Parker placed fifth.

The Steers also had a second place finish in the 400 meter relay and was fourth in the 800 meter relay.

Big Spring's boys return to action Friday and Saturday when they participate in the West Texas Relays in Odessa.

Team Results — 1. Midland High 134, 2. Big Spring 120, 3. Lee 110, 4. Amarillo Tascosa 100, 5. Wolfforth Frenship 55, 6. Lubbock high 52, 7. Odessa High 49. 100 Meter Dash — 1. Tyler Middleton, Midland, 11.07. 2. Darius Miller, Midland, 11.25. 3. Tanner Dennis, Amarillo Tascosa, 11.35. 4. Zamir Linton, Big Spring, 11.40. 5. Robert Higgins,

Lubbock, 11.41. 6. Daniel Ibarra, Wolfforth Frensh, 11.44.

200 Meter Dash — 1. Robert Guyton, Lee, 22.66. 2. Kyle Logsdon, Lee, 23.76. 3. Brantley, Ty, Lubbock, 23.95. 4. Connor, Michael, Wolfforth Frensh, 24.06. 5. Higgins, Robert, Lubbock, 24.12. 6. Hicks, Ty, Amarillo Tascosa, 24.23.

400 Meter Dash — 1. J.R. Johnson, Amarillo Tascosa, 52.57. 2. Nick Johnson, Midland, 52.81. 3. James Johnson, Odessa, 53.43. 4. Kale Allison, Wolfforth Frensh, 53.53. 5. Jordan Garcia, Amarillo Tascosa, 53.92. 6. Sidney Parker, Big Spring, 54.08.

800 Meter Run — 1. Ray Paredes, Odessa, 2:07.72. 2. Skylar Lovett, Amarillo Tascosa, 2:08.21. 3. Jonathon Berry, Midland, 2:09.39. 4. Jeff Brown, Midland, 2:10.04. 5. Daniel Segundo, Big

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Refinery Miracle Thanksgiving Celebration

Last week, hundreds of local residents came together to give thanks for a disaster averted.

So many times, a community comes together only in the wake of tragedy and we forget that we also need to gather and give thanks for the good things.

And no one dying in the Feb. 18 explosion of the Alon refinery was a very good thing, indeed.

Despite a horrendous fire and an explosion that could be heard more than 50 miles away, no one was seriously hurt in the incident.

In response, community leaders organized the Refinery Miracle

Thanksgiving Celebration, which was held last Sunday in First Baptist Church.

The evening started with an appreciation dinner for Alon employees, as well as emergency personnel who responded to the fire.

There was plenty of good food, plus songs of praise and heartfelt testimonials.

A simple theme ran through it all: We were thankful — thankful that an event that could have very easily resulted in tragedy instead became a cause for celebration.

— by Steve Reagan



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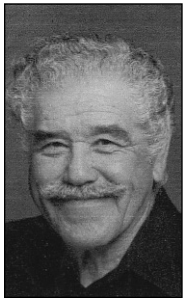


Loretta "Lori" Minding, 72, of Big Spring died on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, in a local hospital. A memorial gathering will be held Saturday, March 8, 2008, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She was born on Dec. 16, 1935, in Wolverine, Ky., and married Thomas Minding on Aug. 28, 1957, in Richmond, Ind.

She had lived in Big Spring since 1977. A beloved wife and mother, we will miss her dearly. Survivors include her husband, Thomas Minding of Big Spring; three sons, Christopher E. Minding of Henderson, Nicholas Minding of Monroe, La., and Michael Anthony Minding of Big Spring; one daughter, Josie Minding of Hobbs, N.M.; two sisters, Bernice Gant of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Janice Young of Lebanon, Ohio; one brother, Michael Young of Ohio; and four grandchildren. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Joe H. Gomez



Joe H. Gomez, 90, of Big Spring died Friday, March 7, 2008, at Hospice of Midland Inpatient Unit. A rosary was held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 8, 2008, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Bernard L. Gully officiating.

He was born March 19, 1917, in Colorado City to Maria and Guillermo Gomez. He was a retired painter and was a resident of Big Spring for more than 40 years. He was a Catholic. He is survived by his long time companion, Maria Dominguez of Big Spring; six sons, Jody Gomez and his wife, Joan, of Tuttle, Okla., Billy Dominguez, John Dominguez and his wife, Irene, and Ben Dominguez, all of Big Spring, Raymond Dominguez and his wife, Sandra, of Austin and Anthony Dominguez of Midland; two daughters, Victoria Rodriguez and her husband, Ernest, of Odessa and Angelique Gomez and her husband, William, of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Lottery

Results of the Mega Millions drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn:19-32-33-41-48 MB: 12 Megaplier: 4 Number matching five of five, plus Mega Ball: None Estimated jackpot for March 11: \$47 Million

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-16-34-36-37 Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$30,527. Winning tickets sold in: Crosby.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night, in order: 7-1-9-8. Sum It Up: 25.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night, in order: 7-6-1. Sum It Up: 14.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday afternoon, in order: 2-4-8-7. Sum It Up: 21.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday afternoon, in order: 5-8-8. Sum It Up: 21.

Weather

Today — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night — Mostly cloudy. A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 40. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday — Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 50s. Northeast winds around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Monday night — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the lower 40s.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Not as cool. Highs in the upper 60s.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOHN A. MIER**, 19, 1603 Runnels, was arrested on two citation warrants.
- **CURTIS MCCULLOUGH**, 62, 1319 Harding, was arrested on a local warrant and a parole violation warrant.
- **JAMES ROBERTS**, 39, 412 Alta, was arrested on a local warrant.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson.
- **DISORDERLY CONDUCT/LANGUAGE** was reported in the 300 block of Scurry.
- **FAILURE TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY** was reported in the 2200 block of Wasson.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 1000 block of 20th.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg.

Take Note

• A blood drive to benefit Sean Bailey will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Eastside Baptist Church in Big Spring. Bailey, 25, was injured in an oilfield accident Jan. 28. He is currently in Lubbock undergoing skin grafts while his wife, Tressa, is at home recovering from a torn ligament in her foot — an injury she suffered only recently, family members said. A fund has been established to help the family pay medical expenses. Monetary donations can be made at Citizens Federal Credit Union to account 930442 to help with expenses. Friends and family ask that everyone keep the couple in your prayers.

• Cross stitchers are needed to complete one or more blocks of this year's Howard County Fair quilt. All supplies are provided. Blocks may be picked up from Posey Cotton Office, 601 Scurry, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 263-1267 or 263-4980. This year's quilt theme is "Wildflowers of Texas." All proceeds from the sale of tickets for the quilt are used to defray the expenses of the Fair. The quilt will be awarded the last night of the fair.

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

• St. Mary's and friends of St. Mary's are holding a lap blanket drive to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

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

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• All creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

• The Pet Patrol helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

Bulletin Board

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

- MONDAY**
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 263-1758 213-3598.
 - Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
 - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
 - Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
 - The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop.
 - The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
 - Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
 - Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
 - Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
 - Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
 - The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Chinese Restaurant, 1300 Gregg. Call 213-1599 for more information.
- TUESDAY**
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - The American Cancer Society meets at noon at the Home Hospice Office for lunch and its monthly meeting. For more information, call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.
 - The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
 - Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
 - Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
 - Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
 - Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.
- FRIDAY**
- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- SATURDAY**
- Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
 - Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

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 263-6819 or 263-1758. Leave a message.

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3200 Meter Run — 1. Jordan Valle, Big Spring, 9:57.09. 2. Zach Dawson, Big Spring High School, 10:11.60. 3. Andrew Striley, Amarillo Tascosa, 10:33.69. 4. Alex Aguilar, Wolfforth Frensh, 10:39.72. 5. Oscar Saucedo, Amarillo Tascosa, 10:41.08. 6. Daimon Diemer, Midland, 10:48.83.
110 Meter Hurdles — 1.

LaRay Woodard, Big Spring, 15.52. 2. Kyle Logsdon, Lee, 15.77. 3. Richard Garrett, Midland, 15.82. 4. Jered Groner, Lee, 15.86. 5. Clint Shobert, Wolfforth Frensh, 15.97. 6. Grant Sykes, Midland, 16.11.
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Frenship, 44.43. 6. Amarillo Tascosa, 44.56.
4x200 Meter Relay — 1. Midland (Tyler Middleton, Darius Miller, Tanner Foster, Nick Johnson), 1:30.93. 2. Lee, 1:31.91. 3. Lubbock, 1:32.70. 4. Big Spring, 1:34.39. 5. Wolfforth Frenship, 1:35.12. 6. Odessa, 1:35.14.
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High Jump — 1. Tyrone Clemons, Big Spring, 6-02. 2. Montrey Anders, Midland, 6-00. 3. Chance Borger, Amarillo

Tascosa, J6-00. 4. Efen Hinojos, Lee, J6-00. 5. Nathan Slaughter, Lubbock, 5-08. 6. Kendahl Johnson, Midland, J5-08.
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Omar Barnes, Lee, J20-05.25.
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NEWTON

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little sister, Joanna. The sisters actually had all three of Coahoma's hits with Janice getting two and Joanna one.
Coahoma continued play in the Pirate Classic through Saturday. Full results will be available in Monday's edition of the Herald.
Ranger 000 00—0 0 4
Coahoma 107 02—10 12 0
W — Heather Newton (7-5). L — Lucky.
3B: CHS — Janice Gonzales. RBI: CHS — Newton 2, Janice Gonzales 2, Christie Rich, Alex Moore.
Clyde 000 0—0 1 0
Coahoma 010 0—1 3 1
W — Newton (8-5). L — Jackson.
3B: CHS — Gonzales. RBI: CHS — Joanna Gonzales.

HOWARD

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midway through the first half, but an inability to secure defensive rebounds started haunting the Hawks. McClennan held an obvious size advantage and used it to grab 15 offensive boards in the game and outrebounded Howard 37-24 overall.
"We never adjusted to their ability to grab offensive rebounds," Diddle said. "We contained it a

little better in the second half, but we never cured the problem. They got easier baskets than we did the entire game."
The Highlassies ended the first half on a 16-2 run and led 40-31 at intermission.
Howard opened the second half on a 6-0 run, pulling within three points.
However, McClennan's ferociousness on the boards took over again and the Highlassies went on a 16-3 tear, jumping out to a 60-46 advantage with 10:34 on the clock.

McLennan nailed four consecutive 3-pointers during the run. Diddle called a timeout to stop the onslaught and the adjustments made in the huddle on the sideline proved crucial.
"We had a tough time finding a rhythm offensively because they were playing a triangle and two defense," he said. "We started to get better movement late, though, and we crashed the boards harder with our guards on the defensive end."
Howard outscored the Highlassies 30-15 over the


final 10 minutes of the game. While Griffin had the biggest shots, teammate Candace Lambert was the Hawks' most consistent scoring threat throughout the half, scoring 16 of her game-high 20 points in the second half. Griffin finished with 18.
All nine of McClennan's players on the roster scored in the game while the Highlassies had four players reach double figures — Simmons (12), Natosha Rice (12), Eileen Pineda (11) and Gornal (10).
The Hawks faces South

Plains College Saturday as all four Western Junior College Athletic Conference teams duplicated the men's bracket by defeating their adversaries from the Northern Junior College Athletic Conference.
South Plains, 77-70 winners over Collin County Community College, has beaten the Hawks twice this season.
Midland College easily defeated Temple College, 70-53, and faces fourth-seeded Western Texas College. WTC overcame a 37-28 halftime deficit to

Weatherford College and Marah Guzman sent the game to overtime with a last-second jump shot. Guzman hit a three with 36 seconds left in overtime, leading the Lady Westerners to a 69-68 win.
If Howard wins Saturday, the Hawks will face the winner of WTC and Midland at 5 p.m. Sunday in the finals.
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Melissa Gail Wood and Gregory Alan Gibson

Wood and Gibson wed

Melissa Gail Wood and Gregory Alan Gibson were united in marriage January 26, 2008, at 2 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Odessa. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Pastor Ivy Shelton of Sherwood Baptist Church of Odessa, formerly of Andrews.

The bride is the daughter of Guy and Brenda Wood of Brownwood, formerly of Andrews. The groom's parents are Richard and Bernadine Gibson of Lenorah.

Serving as matron of honor was the bride's sister, Mandi Moore. Bridesmaids were Angela Kennedy, lifelong friend and college roommate of the bride, from Dallas; Krista Tiller, lifelong friend of the bride from Wichita Falls; Celeste Rutledge, college roommate from Denton; Lee Appel, college friend from Katy; Erin Poage, cousin of the bride from Sherwood, Ore.; Alia Brewer, college friend from Arlington; and Paula Wood, sister-in-law of the bride, of the Middle East.

The best men were Aaron Gibson, brother of the groom from Albuquerque, N.M., and Brad Gibson, brother of the groom from Midland. Groomsmen were Marcus Wood, brother of the

bride from the Middle East; Jim Bob Haggerton, lifelong friend of groom from Bedford; Ricky Jespersion, college friend of groom from Lorena; Brian Gibson, cousin of the groom from Kermit; Chris Heronema, cousin of the groom from San Angelo; and Jay Vaden, college friend of the groom from Addison.

Serving as flower girl was Cameron Mia Moore, niece of the bride from Brownwood. Nephew of the groom, Dominic Gibson of Midland, served as ring bearer.

Honored guests were Ruth Myrick, grandmother of the bride; Virginia Gibson, grandmother of the groom; and Iris Thompson, great aunt of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Andrew High School, Midland College and the University of North Texas. She is employed as a speech/language pathologist at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

The groom is a graduate of Grady High School in Lenora, Midland College and the University Of Texas Pharmacy School. He is employed as a pharmacist at Target in Eules.

The couple traveled to Costa Rica for their honeymoon. They now reside in Las Colinas-Irving.

Births

Brelyn Kayann Tubb

Brelyn Kayann Tubb, a girl, was born at 12:44 p.m. Feb. 12, 2008, weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Brian and Brenda Tubb of Big Spring. Her maternal grandparents are Donald Koerber Sr. and Aloma Koerber of Big Spring. Her paternal grandparents are Richie and Jill Tubb of Big Spring.



Brelyn Kayann Tubb

Desirae Nichole Ramirez

Desirae Nichole Ramirez, a girl, was born at 4:55 a.m. Feb. 23, 2008, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long.

She is the daughter of Peggy and Marcelino Ramirez Jr. of Lamesa. Her maternal grandparents are Alfred and Petra Hernandez of Ackerly. Her paternal grandparents are Laura Carson and Marcelino Ramirez Sr., both of Luther.

Desirae was welcomed home by siblings Dimitri, Xavier and Heloria Ramirez.

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Routine agenda awaits commissioners Monday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Routine business tops the agenda for Howard County commissioners Monday, as the court waits for contracts to be awarded for the construction of the new jail facility.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, funds from the \$11.57 million voter-approved bond were delivered to the county March 4.

"We have the money in the bank now, so the next step is



BARR

going to be putting together a bid package," said Barr. "We expect to have that done and be ready to move in the next two or three weeks." The 96-bed jail, which spent several years in development before being approved by voters, will be located in the 3600 and 3700 blocks of U.S. Highway 80, near the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark. While project architect Jeff

Heffelfinger is listed on Monday's meeting agenda, Barr said he doubts he will be able to attend the meeting.

"Jeff asked us to put him on each meeting agenda from here on out, just in case he can be here," said Barr during a previous meeting. "That way, if he has something he needs to get action on, we'll be able to discuss it."

Commissioners are also expected to consider calling for bids to re-open the snack bar on the first floor of the courthouse.

"Years ago, there used to be a snack bar on the first floor," said Barr. "We've had a couple approach us, and they are interested in opening it back up. However, before we can do that, we have to go out on bids for it. So that's what we're expecting to do, to call for bids."

Also on the meeting agenda, County Auditor Jackie Olson will present commissioners with invoices and purchase requests, as well as discuss the sale of county vehicles.

County Treasurer Teresa

Thomas will present personnel considerations and a payroll report, while Road and Bridge Director Eddy Jameson will present a request for back up fuel supply and a vehicle purchase.

The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioner's courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

Contact *Thomas Jenkins* at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

New SMMC-Angelo State program to take aim at drastic nursing shortage

Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Center, in partnership with the nursing department at Angelo State University, is launching a program aimed at increasing the number of registered nurses in the Crossroads area.

The goal of the program is to reduce the cost and time commitments for licensed vocational nurses to become registered nurses, allowing them to continue their educations while working full-time.

The new program will admit licensed vocational nurses (LVNs) from Scenic Mountain and the three other area hospital partners. It is designed to shorten their transition time to registered nurse (RN) status from a full academic year to one short and one long semester.

The lecture portion of the program will be completely online and the students will conduct the clinical practice component at their home hospitals under the supervision of in-house RN preceptors. Each student will be supplied with a laptop

"Realizing that the traditional structure of nursing education is not producing enough new RNs to meet the needs of the aging population in Texas, the THECB challenged us (nursing programs) to develop creative and innovative methods to help alleviate the nursing shortage."

Dr. Leslie Mayrand
ASU Nursing Department

computer and one paid study day per week to complete the online classes at their work site.

The partnership with ASU's nursing department is made possible by a \$1.27 million grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to fund a three-year pilot program aimed at increasing the number of registered nurses.

Angelo State was one of only two schools awarded a Hospital Partnership Grant this year from 16 statewide applicants.

"Realizing that the traditional structure of nursing education is not producing enough new RNs to meet the needs of the aging population in Texas, the THECB challenged us (nursing pro-

grams) to develop creative and innovative methods to help alleviate the nursing shortage," said Dr. Leslie Mayrand, head of the ASU nursing department. "We are fortunate to have hospital partners with such a strong commitment to innovation in nursing education."

The partner hospitals are Shannon Medical Center, San Angelo Community Medical Center, Brownwood Regional Medical Center and Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

With Texas continuing to face a drastic shortage of RNs, the new program is projected to graduate 140 additional RNs over the grant period. It also opens a new avenue for

LVNs to continue their educations while working full-time at their home hospitals.

The partner hospitals will pay tuition and fees for these nursing students at an estimated cost of about \$860,000 over the three-year pilot period. The ASU grant money will be used to purchase the laptop computers, pay program directors' salaries, upgrade the university's Blackboard Academic Suite online course management system and help defray the hospitals' costs for the students' paid study days.

"The response to this program has been overwhelming," said Judy Roever, chief nursing officer at SMMC. "Being able to continue their education, to make the transition from LVN to RN, while continuing to work full-time and at no cost to the student, is very appealing."

To find out more about this innovative new opportunity at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, call Roever or Human Resources Director Neysa Roper at 263-1211.

BSISD campuses slate series of special events

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring public school campuses will be in the spotlight during Texas Public Schools Week, which begins Monday.

Several local campuses will commemorate the week, which was instituted to give districts the chance to showcase positive things happening in Texas public schools.

"Lift Off to Learning" is this year's theme.

Big Spring High School is the only local campus which will not have any formal activities in observance of the week. Officials said, however, that parents and other citizens are welcome to visit the campus during that time.

However, other campuses all plan daily activities in connection with the observance. Those activities include:

- Bauer Magnet — Every grade will be spotlighted during the week, with kindergartners highlighted Monday, first graders on Tuesday and progressing upwards

from there. Parents are invited to share lunch with their children during the week.

In addition, Bauer will hold a Kindergarten Rodeo Friday.

- Kentwood — Reading, math, social studies, science and civics will be highlighted during the week's activities.

- Marcy and Washington elementaries will have similar programs to Bauer, with each class getting its spotlight day. Also, parents are invited to share lunch with their children.

- Moss Elementary and Goliad Intermediate students will have special dress days throughout the week.

- Big Spring Junior High School have history trivia contests, reading promotions and special dress-up days.

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RUNOFF

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Bloom. "The only voters in Precinct 3 that are ineligible to vote are those who voted in the Democratic Primary. So, even if you didn't vote in the primary, you are still eligible to vote in the runoff."

Bloom said recent claims by one of the can-

didates that someone who did not vote in the Republican primary are excluded from the runoff election are incorrect.

"We spent quite a bit of time discussing how to make this clear to the voters," said Bloom. "The easiest way to understand it is the only Precinct 3 voters excluded are those that voted in the Democratic primary. That's it. We're also

stressing this is a Republican Party runoff because we're expecting some statewide Democratic Party runoffs."

Either Long or Odom will have to face Democratic nominee Dick Dubose — who won his party's nomination unopposed — in the November election.

Anyone with questions regarding the runoff elec-

tion can contact Bloom at 264-2273.

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anticipate his double duty to be too taxing.

"I just have to manage my time and be aware of the needs in both areas," he said. "It's important that I prioritize ... We've got a great team at both the athletic department and the high school. This isn't something you can accomplish by yourself. It truly is a team effort."

Ritchey said he anticipates holding down both jobs through the conclusion of the school year. Downes noted that the job opening has been posted with different organiza-

tions and applications will be reviewed within the next few months.

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Howard takes two vs. WTC in softball action

By **Brandon Hallford**

Special to the Herald

Howard College's softball team overcame a determined Western Texas squad to claim a doubleheader sweep Friday afternoon to keep pace with conference co-leader Midland College.

The Hawks notched victories of 2-1 and 8-1 against WTC Friday, improving to 9-1 in conference play and 17-6 overall.

In the first game, neither team was able to score in regulation.

After Howard starter Kendra Corbin sat the side down in order to start the game it looked as if the Hawks threatened when Misti Lindamood was hit by a pitch and advanced to second on a pass ball.

WTC settled down from there,

though, and escaped the inning without further damage.

It was the Lady Westerners turn to threaten in the third, putting runners on first and second with none out thanks to an infield error and a walk issued to Tona Colleth.

Corbin, however, showed she was just as capable of working out of a jam, forcing Kelsey Schendt into a fielder's choice before striking out Sam Oleksak to end the threat.

The Hawks threatened again in the bottom of the sixth, loading the bases with only one out. Once again, WTC escaped by Kristy Leal to pop up to short and striking out Katie Powell.

Western Texas was able to finally hit the scorebook in the top of the eighth.

With a runner on second, due to the rules governing extra

inning ball games at the collegiate level, Corbin, after retiring the first batter on a grounder, uncorked a wild pitch allowing Kelsey Aslett to scoot in with the first run of the game.

It looked as if the Lady Westerners were going to threaten further after Corbin, who ended the night with 11 strikeouts and two walks, issued a free pass to Schendt.

Schendt stole second two pitches later, putting a runner in scoring position, Corbin responded by striking out Oleksak for the final out.

In their half of the inning the Hawks put the game away.

With Corbin standing on second, Lindamood fled to third for the first out. After an error off the bat of Moreno put runners on first and third, Ashley

Calles stepped to the plate.

And she did not disappoint. After woking the count full, the Chino Hills, Calif. product deposited a pitch into right center to score Corbin from third, leaving runners on first and second with one out. Leal then decided matters with a hit to right-center that scored the winning run.

"I think that our bats were kind of asleep in that first game." Head coach Kelly Raines said.

"Our pitching and defense was great but we just couldn't get anything going."

In the second game, the Hawks wasted little time getting their offense untracked, quickly jumping out to a 2-0 lead in the first on their way to the 8-1 win.

With the score 3-1 in the

fourth, the Hawks put some distance between them and their visitors, erupting for three runs on three hits with the big blow coming off the bat of Moreno, who drove in both Melissa Rodriguez and Corbin.

Howard scored two more insurance runs in the fifth to seal the victory.

"In the second game we did a lot better at the plate." Raines said.

"That girl they pitched in the first game was their best pitcher and it showed. Even in the second game when they brought her back in we had trouble hitting her."

The Hawks return to action Friday and Saturday when they host the Odessa College Wranglers in a pair of double-headers at Foundation Field. Both days' games start at 1 p.m.

Curry vows to revive struggling Texas Tech program

By **BETSY BLANEY**

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech coach Kristy Curry's gaze is forward.

Good thing because this season hasn't treated the Lady Raiders too kindly. Curry's second season at Texas Tech looked good early with a 12-1 record, but the slide started, appropriately enough, on the road.

That loss to Arkansas was followed by eight straight Big 12 road defeats that ended in a regular-season finale loss at Texas.

The Lady Raiders are guaranteed a winning season, their first since breaking a 24-year run that began under Marsha Sharp and ended in Curry's first year. But they're not close to .500 in conference play.

Curry knows Texas Tech (16-14, 4-12, Big 12) needs to get to that point and beyond.

"We have no excuses...none whatsoever," Curry said. "We are working relentlessly to get this back to where we all want it to be."

With only one senior on the roster the team lacked experience. Twice — in road losses to Missouri and Oklahoma State — the Lady Raiders built second-half leads only to watch them vanish.

Mental lapses have zapped players' intensity and not finishing games has been the result. Curry's juggled lineups to try to find a chemistry that could perform consistently.

After losing four seniors last year, Curry tapped into junior college talent. She brought in eight,

including Dominic Seals from nearby South Plains College, who heading into the Big 12 tournament leads the team in scoring (13.8 points) along with Jordan Murphree, a sophomore.

But none of those transfers had played in a conference of the stature of the Big 12.

"I understand that it looks like at times that we have eight new faces on the floor," Curry said. "And we've looked like it, moreso than what I thought we might look like. I felt like I could get them past that a little quicker and for whatever reason, I think, I haven't been able to."

Curry has the support of her boss, athletic director Gerald Myers, who hired Curry away from Purdue shortly after Sharp retired at the end of the

2005-06 season.

"I have not lost any confidence in her. She's going to be really good," Myers said.

"It's just going to take a couple of years to rebuild the program. It takes time."

Fans agree, though home-game attendance has dropped in recent years. The Lady Raiders use tickets sold, not game-day turnstile numbers. But announced figures at most homes games were well above the number of seats filled.

Several fans said the drop in attendance could be a parking issue, and that has caused some of the older fans — often the bulk of those who fill the seats — difficulty.

"I have heard a lot of people say that, but I don't know if it's that or not," Denise Tillman said.

Construction of the Marsha Sharp Freeway just north of United Spirit Arena has closed off a main access artery and some parking lots near the arena are reserved for Personal Seat License ticket holders. There is one smaller free lot across the street, and buses still drop Lady Raiders faithful off right at the arena's front door.

The average attendance for home games this year slipped to 9,309 fans, continuing a trend. In Sharp's final season home attendance averaged 11,935; last year's average was 10,668.

"I think they need to stick with us," Murphree said of fans. "We really are a very young team. Just give us another year and I think we'll be there."

Despite the worst con-

ference record in school history, Curry's seen progress and standout performances along the way. Seals, Murphree and LaVonda "Tiny" Henderson have given her cause to hope. Also, Curry believes a strong group of freshmen coming in the next two seasons can help revive the program.

"Whether it's the paths that we're making in recruiting or the paths that we're making with (current players) each and every day, it's like walking down a brand new street that's shiny and bright. There's so much good to look forward to."

Tech would need to capture this week's conference tournament to earn a NCAA bid, an unlikely prospect given the team's road woes.

American wins giant slalom event

American Ted Ligety wins World Cup giant slalom; Bode Miller 11th, retains overall lead

KRANJSKA GORA, Slovenia (AP) — Ted Ligety of the United States won a World Cup giant slalom event Saturday.

Ligety was third after the first run and second in the next for a combined time of 2 minutes, 24.31 seconds, edging Manfred Moelgg of Italy by 0.15. Massimiliano Blardone of Italy was 0.80

behind in third.

It's Ligety's first win since a giant slalom victory in South Korea two years ago.

"It's been a long time, a long journey for me," said Ligety.

In his best season so far on the World Cup circuit, Ligety also took over the giant slalom standings and is fifth overall with 831 points.

World Cup overall leader Bode Miller jumped to 11th from 19th after the first run when

he posted the fourth-best second run time. Miller almost fell in the upper part of the first run.

"That's probably a two-second mistake," Miller said. "When you make a mistake like that, you have to push hard afterward to make up time, and I just kept making mistakes after that also."

Miller's rivals for the overall World Cup title — Benjamin Raich of Austria and Didier Cuche of France — gained ground.

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Dawnia Kay Burney and Nathaniel Dean Nalley

Burney and Nalley

Dawnia Kay Burney and Nathaniel Dean Nalley, both of Big Spring, are pleased to announce their engagement.

Dawnia is the daughter of Robert and Jen White of Oklahoma and Eddie and Marta Burney of San Angelo. She is the granddaughter of Eric and Margaret (deceased) Johnson of Temple and the great-granddaughter of Dorothy Turner of Big Spring.

Nathan is the son of Bruce and Belle Schooler of Big Spring and John and Linda Nalley of Napa,

Calif. He is the grandson of Herbert and Mary Sue McPherson of Big Spring and the great-grandson of Mary Fowler of Big Spring.

Dawnia Kay graduated from Forsan High School in 2006 and attended Howard College. She is employed at the Big Spring Country Club and plans to continue her college education this fall.

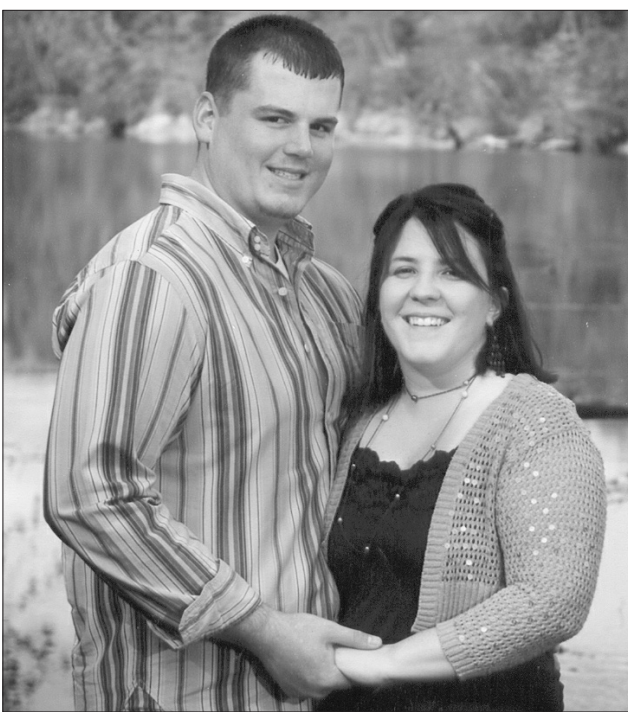
Nathan graduated from New Hope Christian School in 2005 and attended Midland College. He is employed by Wal-Mart.

They are planning a March wedding.

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Wesley Blake Boyce and Sara Jane Bryant

Bryant and Boyce

Sara Jane Bryant of Arkadelphia, Ark., and Wesley Blake Boyce of Curtis, Ark., are pleased to announce their engagement.

Sara is the daughter of Paul and Martha Bryant of Arkadelphia, Ark. She is the granddaughter of Hilton and Lanelle Witt of Big Spring and Wanda Allen and the late Glenn Allen of Arkadelphia, Ark.

Wesley is the son of James and Dianna Boyce of Curtis, Ark., and the grandson of Larry and Venette Burnett of Friendship, Ark., and Moose and Lois Boyce, both deceased, of Arkadelphia, Ark.

Sara graduated high school from Arkadelphia High School and Henderson State University. She teaches third grade at Emmet School. She is also attending graduate school at Henderson State University where she will get her master's in counseling.

Wes graduated from Gurdon High School and has attend National Park Community College. He will graduate in May 2008 with a nursing degree.

They plan to be married at 2 p.m. July 26, 2008, at the First Presbyterian Church in Arkadelphia, Ark.

Newcomers

• Genny Meyer, daughter Faithlynn, 5, of Garden City. She is the manager for Maurices Woman Apparel Store.

• Jay Baker of Mesquite. He is employed by the VAMC.

• Victoria Ceballor of Dallas. She is a court reporter in Midland.

• Danny Crosby, wife, Neasi, of Midland. He is employed by National Oil Co. of Odessa.

• John Jackson of San Bernardino, Calif. He works in the oil field.

• Mike Ramsey, wife,

Kay, of Oklahoma City, Okla. He works for T.V.I.G.

• Chris Jordan, wife, Stacy, daughter, Caroyd, 8, son, Traver, 6, of Boyd. He is employed by Lowes Co. in Midland.

• Julian Bursisga, wife, Rosa Cuellar, daughter, Anita, 13, son, Mark, 10, of Del Rio. He is employed

by Robinson Drilling Co.

• Clayburn Jackson, wife, Velma, son, Gregory, of Phoenix, Ariz. He is the minister for the N.S. Church of

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OUR VIEWS

Just weeks left before deadline to be registered

With the Republican and Democratic primaries just passed and one run-off election on tap, it might seem this is a strange time to remind citizens they need to be sure they're registered to vote. However, the clock is ticking for Crossroads area citizens who are not yet registered to vote, and plan to cast ballots in the May 10 municipal and school board elections.

If you are not registered to vote and want to cast a ballot in a city council or school board election, the deadline to register is April 11.

That's right, the deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, April 11, to get that small, but very important task accomplished. Registration is held at the County Annex building, east of Howard County Courthouse.

The right to vote gives us the opportunity to choose who we want to serve as our voice in all levels of government.

And just because nobody will be voting on seats in the legislature or Congress, or selecting a president doesn't mean the May 10 election isn't important.

In fact, they're extremely important, because the people we elect will be overseeing our cities and school boards.

Voter registration is simple and free. It takes only a couple of minutes. To be eligible to vote, residents must be 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen. You do not need to have resided in Howard County for a specific length of time before registering here.

It should also be noted that anyone who has moved since they last obtained a voter registration card should also register.

So, please, please, please, take the time to register to vote.

From our point of view, voting is an important process in which all U.S. citizens should participate.

As we have noted before in this space, voting is perhaps the most patriotic thing most of us can ever do.

Remember, voting is the best means to have your voice heard.

To do so, you must be registered. So make sure you check to be sure you're registered.

If not, the *Herald* encourages you to register as quickly as possible. Then take the time to study the issues, the candidates seeking your vote and their platforms. Then have your voice heard at the polls.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we be willing to bottom out and look at the issues through Your eyes, Lord.

Amen

A tale of two old enemies

It was Dec. 7, 1941. The time was 7:49 on an early Sunday morning. Commander Mitsuo Fuchida was leading a squadron of 360 Japanese fighters that would prophetically turn the whole war full circle that day.

Seeing the fleet peacefully at anchor 9,000 feet below his plane, Fuchida dove out of a white cloud then radioed back to the Japanese fleet saying, "Tora, tora, tora!" The attack on Pearl Harbor had begun.

The smoking carnage of the surprise attack left an aftermath of five destroyed battleships and fourteen others sunk or damaged. It was a great day for Fuchida and the last day for more than 2,300 Americans. A day, one might say, of infamy.

On the other side of the Pacific, a sergeant by the name of Jacob DeShazer was peeling potatoes at his base in Oregon. Not long after, DeShazer would have the opportunity to volunteer for a special squadron lead by Col. Jimmy Doolittle. This top-secret mission would dare to directly bomb Tokyo and the heart of the hated Japanese. Jacob couldn't sign up fast enough.

By all accounts, Doolittle's raid was a stunning success, but DeShazer's B-24 bomber ran out of fuel before it reached a safe place in China. Forced to bail out over Japanese-held territory, DeShazer was captured and spent the next 40 months of his life as a prisoner of war. He spent 34 of those months in solitary confinement and was routinely tortured by his captors. As he watched fellow American prisoners horribly tortured and executed or starved to death, DeShazer remained alive — and so did his hatred for the Japanese.

Fuchida, on the other hand, was celebrated as the undisputed

Japanese "Hero of Pearl Harbor." In 1942, he came down with a case of appendicitis and was unable to fly. That attack probably saved his life because he missed the Battle of Midway where the Japanese Navy was soundly defeated.

A few years later, Fuchida narrowly missed death again when he was ordered to leave Hiroshima the very day before the nuclear bomb was dropped. The hated Americans were killing everyone he knew it seemed. Just as Fuchida barely escaped death throughout the war, so did Deshazer in the Japanese prison camp.

Solitary confinement gave DeShazer time to chew on the subject of hatred. Clinging to life, he yearned to know God and begged his guards for a Bible. Two years later, he finally received one and poured through the pages. When thumbing through the text, his eyes fell on the passage where Jesus cried out from the cross, "Father, forgive them. They know not what they do." The black ink on the white page became words in his heart that would change him forever.

He later wrote, "I discovered that when I looked at the enemy officers and guards who had starved and beaten my companions and me so cruelly, I found my bitter hatred for them changed to loving pity ... I prayed for God to forgive my torturers, and I determined by the aid of Christ, to do my best to acquaint these people with the message of salvation."

On Aug. 20, 1945, a smiling Japanese guard swung open DeShazer's cell door and said, "War over. You go home now." A few days later Americans parachuted into the camp and sent the prisoners to hospitals where they would slowly recover.

Jacob finally got to go to his beloved home, but he didn't stay there long. His Christian transformation was so dramatic he went back to Japan, but this time as a missionary. No longer hating the

Japanese, he wanted to make a difference there.

Fast forward now to one day in October 1948. While getting off the train in Tokyo, Fuchida, the Japanese war hero, now a farmer, saw an American handing out leaflets in Japanese. The title caught his eye: "I Was a Prisoner of Japan." It grabbed his attention, especially the part about Pearl Harbor. Even though they had been enemies, Fuchida had admired the courage of the Doolittle Raiders. He continued reading.

The whole Christianity thing was a big surprise to Fuchida. A friend told him to get a Bible, but Fuchida could not find one in Japanese. Just a few days later, on the same train platform, a Japanese man stood with boxes of books. "Get your Bible. It is food for your soul," the man cried in Japanese. Struck by the coincidence, and despite his Shinto heritage, he bought one.

The opened Bible fell to Luke 23:34, and he read those words for the very first time, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Fuchida later wrote, "I was impressed that I was certainly one of those for whom Jesus had prayed. The many men I had killed had been slaughtered in the name of patriotism, for I did not understand the love of Christ."

He changed from a bitter ex-war hero to a man on a new mission. Fuchida went on to become an evangelist throughout Japan and Asia. He and DeShazer eventually became very close friends.

The Brewer salutes them both as we think about the cross at this Easter time.

Good Friday was only good because of the one being executed and the goodness of God still leads men to repentance today.

The Rev. Troy Brewer welcomes your comments by e-mail at FFTB@OpenDoorMinistries.org or by phone at 817-297-6911.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

This last Wednesday, my son (Chase Thomas Ward) had the misfortune of having someone else use his identity when they were stopped by the police for having a license tag expired. This individual was arrested for failure to identify, but later gave my son's name, address, birth date, Social Security number and actual license number.

When my son's name, address and age ran under the police and sheriff's report as being arrested, he was of course extremely upset.

There is no way to retract the damage that he feels was done to his pride and to his reputation.

As his mother, the scariest thing is the part that you can't read in the paper. My son is 6-foot-2 and weighs 240 pounds. This individual is 5-foot-6, weighs 140 pounds and looks nothing like my son.

When the police officer asked the perpetrator about the height and weight discrepancies, the officer took his word that it was a typo and then changed my son's data to match the perpetrator's physical

stats.

In this world where we are continually being told that our identities can be stolen so easily, why would our own police take such major physical discrepancies for granted? If any good can come out of this, please let it be that our local police take a really hard look at their present physical identification techniques. With this kind of verification technique, this could have happened to any Caucasian

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Better than a Michigan winter

I went to Ushuaia last month. I know what you're thinking: "Who's she?" Wrong question. Ushuaia is a town on Tierra del Fuego at the southern tip of South America. Not the end of the earth, perhaps, but you can see it from there.

So what was I doing there?

I moved to Michigan recently to be near my ancestral home (a vacant lot in Detroit). And it turned out I'd forgotten something.

Winters are really lousy in Detroit. You wake up to single-digit temperatures and spend the day getting snow in your shoe. The skies are not cloudy all day because there is no sky. There is instead a gray canopy that hangs over you and makes life look like an early Ingmar Bergman movie.

Being more of a Fellini kind of guy, I decided to go south. I was thinking Florida or Arizona — maybe take in a little spring training — when Argentine friends called and invited my wife and me on a trip to Patagonia. To, as a matter of fact, Ushuaia, where it's summer, they said.

The next thing I know I'm in the woods in Tierra del Fuego, lashed by a cold rain driven by 30-mile-an-hour winds. While this is a step up from a Michigan winter, it is a small step and not my idea of summer.

But we were there so we persevered and eventually saw all the

wonders of Patagonia — penguins, cormorants, sea lions, condors, guanacos (a kind of llama-like creature) and, most incredibly of all, remnants of the Yamana civilization.

The Yamanas were a primitive people who'd lived in the area for an estimated 10,000 years before the arrival of 19th century missionaries, who brought them God, civilization and extinction.

Actually, "primitive" doesn't begin to do justice to them. They didn't wear clothes.

This is not the South Sea Islands we're talking about. This is a harsh and punishing climate that seldom gets above 50 degrees and more often rests in the 30s. It snows in the winter, rains almost daily in the summer and the wind blows. A lot.

Naked. They lived in little huts made of sticks and animal pelts and ate seals and shellfish almost exclusively. After they finished the shellfish they'd throw the shells out the door until they piled up in a wall around the hut. Then they'd move.

When they hunted seal, the man would stand in the front of the canoe with his spear raised, waiting for his chance, while the woman sat in back and rowed. (Sounds like a plank in the Republican Party platform, doesn't it?)

To get shellfish the women would dive into the water — it's 30 degrees remember — while the men watched. I mean they just watched. Always. Yamana men never learned how to swim!




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Tuesday — Breakfast, oatmeal; Lunch, popcorn chicken or country steak, mashed potatoes, spinach, fruit cocktail, hot rolls, cream gravy.

Wednesday — Breakfast, biscuits, sausage & gravy; Lunch, pizza or corn dogs, mixed vegetables, garden salad, peaches, ranch dressing.

Thursday — Breakfast, Pop Tarts; Lunch, chicken or beef fajitas, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapples, salsa, cheese.

Friday — Breakfast, burritos; Lunch, choice of sandwiches, vegetarian beans, apples, Teddy Grahams, pudding cups.

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Monday — Breakfast, donuts, sausage, applesauce cups, milk; Lunch, homemade burritos, pinto beans, apple turnovers, milk, corn dogs.

Tuesday — Breakfast, pancakes, syrup, sausage, grape juice, milk; hamburgers, salad trays, chips, pears, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast, biscuits, jelly, gravy, sausage, grape juice, milk; Lunch, baked ham, potato salad, baked beans, bread, burritos.

Thursday — Breakfast, pancake sausage-on-a-stick, syrup, apple juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, corn, oranges, milk.

Friday — Bad Weather Day.

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Monday — Breakfast, cereal, Nutri-grain bar, juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots w/ranch, chocolate pudding cups and milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast, sausage-on-a-stick, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken quesadillas, pinto beans, tossed salad, orange smiles, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast, oatmeal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken and noodles, green beans, crackers, fruited gelatin, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast, donuts, juice, milk; Lunch, turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, hot rolls, pineapple orange salad, milk.

Friday — Breakfast, muffins, bananas, juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue on bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn cobette, pears, milk.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center

Monday — chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, seasoned green beans, buttermilk biscuits and volunteer cake from Angels Care

Tuesday — barbecue chicken, potato salad, pinto beans, cornbread, sliced peaches

Wednesday — roast beef with brown gravy, roasted potatoes, spinach, vegetable salad, apple crisp.

Thursday — chicken and dumplings, Harvard beets, crackers, cottage cheese with pears and banana pudding.

Friday — meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, wheat bread, tossed salad, chocolate pudding with wafers.

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Monday — Breakfast, cheese quesadillas, orange slices, milk; Lunch, sloppy Joe on a bun, vegetable sticks, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast, pancakes, juice cups, milk; Lunch, chicken legs, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, grapes, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast, biscuits w/gravy, apple slices, milk; Lunch, steak fingers, French fries, green beans, bread slices, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast, cereal bars, bananas, milk; Lunch, macaroni w/cheese, ranch-style beans, peaches, milk.

Friday — Breakfast, cinnamon toast, juice cups, milk; Lunch, ham and cheese sandwiches, tatar tots, fruit mix, milk.

Thank You!

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LETTERS

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male between 20 and 30 that lives in Big Spring.

We appreciate the *Big Spring Herald's* staff for being so quick to retract the mistake and provide what explanation they could.

STORMY WARD
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to express my thanks to the local businesses that donated items for the family meal served following Conrad Alvarez's memorial service.

When I volunteered to show my gratitude to this family I knew we would need help from the public. One graciously donated gift cards which were used to purchase all paper and plastic goods. I spoke with management at another and they donated 13 pies. Still another donated ice for the event, and a fourth prepared a large pan of cole slaw.

I know many other businesses, churches and individuals brought food and donated items to show their gratitude for the sacrifice this young soldier made. I personally wanted to thank the four businesses that I had contact with. These local businesses gave without hesitation.

It's heartwarming to know that people like you

back our troops and give so openly. Big Spring, keep our troops and their families in your prayers. These young men and women are fighting for your families' freedom. All politics aside, these are individuals who stepped forward and are sacrificing their lives for us.

WENDIE WALLACE
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you to Mike, Tim, Tom A. and everyone at KBST radio for their exceptional coverage of the ALON explosion.

I listened most of the morning and some in the afternoon and the coverage was great and very informative.

Thank you KBST, you are truly another reason that I am proud to live in Big Spring.

DALE PITTMAN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

My husband recently went to work in your area to help restore the plant that exploded. We know very little about Big Spring.

My husband and I are from Southeast Texas, about nine hours away. He got a phone call on a Tuesday that he needed to leave the next day to work in Big Spring. So, on the spur of the

moment, we went and bought him a cell phone and got him a rental car to drive there.

We knew the day would come that he would have to leave for work but that doesn't make it any easier when the time comes. He is missed greatly here at home.

He is trying his best to help Big Spring pick up the pieces and help his family all at the same time. I hope all goes well for Big Spring and my wonderful husband.

I just want him to know that I'm missing him a lot and love him.

TIFFANY HOLMES
VIDOR

TO THE EDITOR:

Almost every day in the paper I see ads for lost dogs. The solution is so simple, put a collar on the animal and get a tag with your name, address and phone number.

Most pet stores have tags for as little as \$6.50. This is not a huge expense.

The public also needs to know that it is a felony to abandon domestic animals, which also includes dumping them. It is time for people to report abuse and abandonment to law enforcement.

One more thing, if people would have their pets spayed and neutered, the Humane Society would not have more than 400 cats and dogs and Animal Control would not have to

destroy so many animals.

People, please be responsible and take care of your pets. They don't ask for much in return.

LETA COVERT
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Big Spring has experienced a rude awaking and at the same time a coming together of spirit and community because of the Alon Refinery accident.

Gathering together Sunday for a Thanksgiving service to praise God for His blessings was the right thing to do. We must never lose sight of the miracle that happened in Big Spring that morning. But, I would like to thank God for more than just the volunteer firefighters that showed up that day.

Thank you, God, for the Red Hat Team of Alon firefighters who were on site as the refinery blew. They are specially trained in this exact type of emergency and they knew exactly what to do and without hesitation did it. They did not ask for praise or thanks but we owe them one. They are my heroes.

Thank you, Lord, for Big Spring firefighters from Station No. 4 who had just driven past Alon, heard a noise and could see Alon going up in their rear view mirrors. They did not wait for a call out but flipped a U-turn and raced back to the refin-

ery. The paramedics and firefighters immediately got to work doing what they were trained to do. The rest of the BSFD quickly followed. They did not ask for praise or thanks but we owe them one. They are my heroes.

Thank you, Lord, for the Big Spring Police Department, Howard County Sheriff's Department and Texas Department of Public Safety for their quick response at keeping traffic off of I-20 and the surrounding roads. They quickly and efficiently set up road blocks and detours around Alon in order to keep the traveling public safe. They did not ask for praise or thanks but we owe them one. They are my heroes.

Thank you, God, for the Howard County Emergency Services Chaplains who responded to the disaster as soon as they could. They spent time and ministered to Alon personnel, fighters and police alike, praying with them and encouraging them. They did not ask for praise or thanks but we owe them one. They are my heroes.

Thank God for the high-

way workers who were working on the interstate and were able to set up barrels and help with detouring traffic around Alon. They did not ask for praise or thanks but we owe them one. They are my heroes.

Thank you, Lord, for the Midland Fire Department who came with their hazmat team to help in any way that they could. And, thanks for the first responders from Snyder, Colorado City, Lamesa and surrounding communities. They did not ask for praise or thanks but we owe them one. They are my heroes.

Thank you, Lord, for all the prayers, love and concern that has been lifted-up for the people of Big Spring, Alon and those injured in the accident. Thank you that Paul is back home with his wife and two beautiful children. And, thank you, Lord, for protecting Brianna Conner who was injured while driving past Alon at the time of the blast.

Thank you, Lord, for the miracle in Big Spring. You are my hero.

GLENDIA HENDRICKSON
BIG SPRING

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Abrams, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver (second-degree felony).

• Michael Dale Moseley, 43, currently in Caldwell

County Jail, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

• Dianna Ann Perez, 31, of 2510 Ent Drive, tampering with governmental records (third-degree felony).

• Miguel Angel Reyes Jr., 29, of 4106 Dixon

Street, driving while intoxicated with a passenger under 15 years of age (state jail felony).

• Curtis P. Thurman, 43, of 3415 W. Michigan in Midland, theft - more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000 (state jail felony).

• Jennifer Sims

Thurman, 36, of 9411 Kay Road, theft - more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000 (state jail felony).

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THANK YOU ...

I can't think of the right words to express my thanks to all of the people who participated in bringing food and those who came to help serve food to the Alon workers and their families last Sunday evening. It was an outpouring of love and caring from the greatest community ever. When I asked people to help, they were without any hesitation willing to do "whatever" needed to be done.

On Sunday evening February 24, at the First Baptist Church, a meal was served to approximately 300 plus men and their families from Alon. In addition, there were so many willing workers that came to help with serving and preparing food, that I didn't have time to count them. After the word got out, they were people all over the area asking me what they could bring and what they could do to help.

I must say a special thank you to the minister, office staff, kitchen staff, and members of the First Baptist Church. Not only did they open their wonderful facility to serve the meal but they were there to set it up, help with the cooking, help with the serving, and help with the clean up afterwards. I had never even thought about preparing a meal for this many people but they had no problem telling me exactly what they would do to help ... which was everything from preparing some of the food, setting up all the tables and chairs and making it ready in every way.

There were several churches represented in bringing food, serving, and cleaning up. I was and still am in awe of how it was all done in such an efficient manner and everyone seemed to be having a great time while doing it. There were lots of smiles, laughter, prayers of thanksgiving, and visiting with friends.

For some who wondered about the left over food...several big containers were taken to the refinery after the dinner to serve those that were working and unable to come to the church.

If I didn't thank you personally, please forgive me and accept this THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart and may GOD BLESS each and everyone, as we know He did during this time.

We have a wonderful Christian community and I think all of us feel a special blessing because of the way our community came together and took care of what needed to be done.

Thank you and GOD BLESS...Shirley Beauchamp

Knight on TV: A bleeping good time?

By **JIM LITKE**

AP Sports Writer

Props to ESPN for hiring Bob Knight as an analyst during the network's coverage of championship week and the NCAA tournament. If nothing else, it should give new meaning to the term "bracket-buster."

All across America, office pools suddenly became more interesting. Instead of just picking the winner of each game, now you can try and pick the game where an exasperated Knight finally climbs over the desk in the studio and busts up every piece of furniture in sight.

Will it come near the end of one of those triple-headers that stretch from noon to midnight, the second he realizes Dick Vitale has just sucked the last available bit of oxygen out of the room? Maybe right after Fran Frischilla or Jeremy Schaap passes him in the hallway and asks, "What's up, Knight?" Or because he's still seething after discovering all the vending machines in the building are out of "Little Debbie" snack cakes?

As one network executive must have said during the meeting when the pros and cons of Knight's employment were first discussed: Who won't tune in to find out?

Knight's hiring is an inspired move on several levels.

He knows more about college basketball than just about anyone, as he never tired of reminding the assembled media, and he has few peers as a teacher of the game. He's got strong opinions on

every aspect of it, from proper footwork to improper recruiting, and few people are better equipped to call out the incompetents or coaches who cut corners. He can be insightful, instructive, amusing and sarcastic by turns, but he's rarely dull. The question is just how much of that will make it onto the airwaves.

Knight hasn't weighed in on the subject yet, eschewing the usual conference call with reporters set up when a network hires a former coach or player as an analyst. In a brief statement last week, he said only, "ESPN has been real good for college basketball and I look forward to working with some of their people who I have known a long time."

An ESPN spokesman confirmed that as with nearly all the network's other shows, Knight will appear live, without the safety net of a seven-second delay. Anybody who's watched the outtakes from Knight's performance in the now-infamous "Golf Your Way" video, or any of his other memorable clips on YouTube might argue with the wisdom of that decision. But that's a big part of his appeal.

"Obviously he'll do plenty of preparing over the next few days. But rehearsals? No," said his agent, Sandy Montag. "ESPN wants Bob Knight for Bob Knight."

If so, it's hard to picture the General wearing makeup, let alone anything more confining than a sweater.

"He'll be on the air next Thursday," Montag said.

"Let's leave something to the imagination of the viewer."

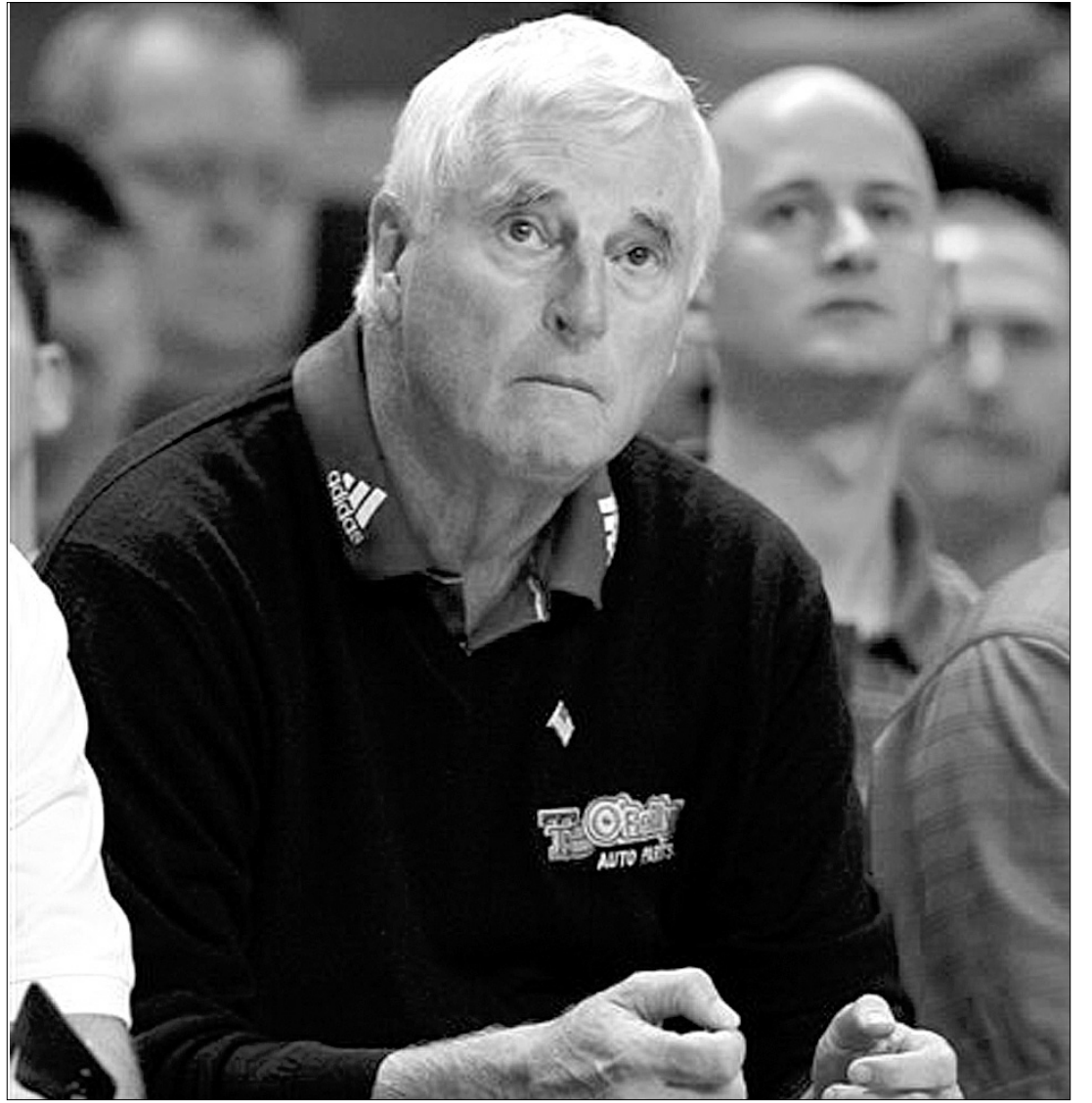
The problem, as this viewer imagines it, won't be with Knight's wardrobe, but with how little of his authentic self comes across on the screen.

He's already got a considerable body of work out there, everything from dry-as-dust weekly coach's shows at Indiana and Texas Tech, to a much-livelier starring role in the "Knight School" reality series two years ago, to funny send-ups playing himself in the movies "Anger Management" and "Blue Chips."

But the man who brings along a clipboard when he reports for work at the ESPN studios next week will also be dragging plenty of baggage behind him, it seems.

What remains to be seen is whether anyone who works with Knight — including pals and fellow studio analysts Vitale, Digger Phelps and Jay Bilas — will try to draw him out or cut him off on topics where his opinions would be at their sharpest: the commotion surrounding the Indiana program since his departure; the job his son Pat is doing after taking over at Texas Tech; or why he bailed out on the Red Raiders so soon after signing a new contract.

"He'd been coaching for a long time and didn't know what he was going to do next," Montag said. "But when this came along, it intrigued him. He's always been intrigued by TV and the media, but he wasn't



AP file photo
Former Texas Tech basketball coach Bob Knight will work as a guest studio analyst for ESPN during the NCAA tournament. The Hall of Fame coach, who resigned from Texas Tech on Feb. 4, will begin his new job Wednesday, the network announced.

Kennedale claims 3A crown in OT

AUSTIN (AP) — Brian Davis' short baseline jumper with 1 second left in overtime lifted Kennedale to a 61-59 win over Burkburnett in the Class 3A state championship.

Burkburnett's Desmond

Strickland had sent the game into overtime with a 3-pointer and tied it again with three free throws with 14 seconds left.

After a timeout, Kennedale's Dominique Harris drove the left side

of the lane, then dumped the pass to Davis, who just managed to get the shot over the outstretched arms of two Burkburnett defenders.

Harris led Kennedale (33-5) with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

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Howard County Awarded Federal Funds Through FEMA

HOWARD COUNTY HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM. Howard County has been chosen to receive \$14,533.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army; American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; and, United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local Board, made up of the County, City, United Way and other local charitable organizations will determine how the funds awarded to Howard County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local organizations chosen to receive funds **must**: 1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and / or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Howard County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with The Salvation Army, Isaiah 58, Northside Community Center and St. Vincent DePaul Society participating. These agencies were responsible for providing over 8,000 meals, 8,000 pounds of food and over 300 nights of lodging.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact **Jan Hansen at the United Way of Big Spring at (432) 267-5201** or come by **215 W. 3rd Street** for an application. The deadline for the submission of applications is **March 20, 2008**.

BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURE

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Energy Watch



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Poor economic data in the United States has helped pressure the dollar to new lows. Last week, the dollar traded its lowest against the Euro since the currency was introduced in 1999.

With the dollar index slumping to new lows, last week inflation hedging buying pushed NYMEX crude oil to \$103.05 and for the first time Alaskan North Slope crude traded over \$100 as well. It seems that perceived fears the Federal Reserve has gone soft on inflation, preferring instead to protect the economy, have fueled inflation fears.

However, despite the price spike, the weekly petroleum numbers are mostly neutral for the crude oil and distillate markets. In fact, a build in gasoline stockpiles exceeded forecasted expectations of only a "modest" rise in inventories.

This inventory build comes in a period when it's commonplace to see seasonal draw downs rather than an increase in gasoline stockpiles. Though we are a long way from the summer drive season, current inventories look sufficient and this stock increase is pressuring gas prices. Adding further weight to gasoline are the weak demand numbers that likely reflect both the normal cyclical weakness but also changing consumer behavior due to pricing.

However, regardless of these bearish arguments, using January 2008 CPI data, the real crude oil price peak occurred in April 1980 at \$103.76. Now almost exactly 28 years later, April contracts hit \$103.05, only 71 cents from the inflation adjusted top.

- The House Democrats passed an energy tax package that provides tax incentive to renewable energy projects. The funds will be generated by repealing \$18 billion in tax incentives given to the oil and gas industries. However, President Bush has vowed to veto the bill.

- In Sweden, the city of Malmo has linked 200 homes in a waste disposal system. The homes use their garbage disposal to flush food scraps to a community settling tank where the scraps are then used to produce gas and fertilizer.

- Despite record oil prices, North Sea investment fell 14 percent last year from 2006. North Sea production is in jeopardy of further slippage as investment slows and the mature field's production continues to naturally decline.

- Cambridge University researchers are warning a global banking crisis may result in tens of thousands of deaths resulting from heart attacks brought on by stress and anxiety.

- According to the U.S. National Climatic Data Center, the average temperature in January was -0.3°F cooler than the 1901-2000 average. Cold temperatures seen in the U.S. have helped correct the overhang in natural gas storage.

- Russia's natural gas giant, Gazprom, has agreed to merge with Russia's largest coal producer, Siberian Coal Energy. Theoretically, the move could free up gas volumes for export if the gas giant can increase the amount of coal used in domestic power generation.

- Across Southeast Asia, governments are encouraging higher biodiesel blends. Seemingly, the rising cost of their primary feedstock isn't deterring their efforts.

- As the South American winter quickly approaches, Argentina is attempting to minimize the impact of an imminent energy shortfall. Energy shortages have hampered the nation for the past three years. In the long-term, Argentina is planning to build five hydroelectric power plants with Brazil and Bolivia that will add 10k megawatts of generation capacity. In the nearer-term, the nation is looking to increase diesel and fuel oil imports from Venezuela. They also want to secure additional electricity from Brazil.

- According to an Iranian official, contract signing on a deal allowing a Chinese corporation to develop the northern Pars gas field in Iran has been "postponed to the near future." Iran has plans to use the production for LNG export.

- The Department of Energy announced plans to invest upwards of \$33.8 million in helping develop commercially viable renewable fuels over the next four years. The plan is to invest in four projects focusing on enzyme technology that would help convert cellulosic material into biofuels.

- As Mexico's Cantarell oil field declines, crude exports from our neighbor to the south have fallen about 400 thousand barrels per day over the past five years.

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Managing the mall

Lara Spalding looks to bring in business

YADAV Properties, owner of the Big Spring Mall, has announced that Lara Spalding is the new mall manager.

She was hired Feb. 13. Spalding is a Big Spring native and was previously employed as store manager at Maurices. She has a background of 15 years of leadership and management experience.

Spalding is currently attending the University of Phoenix online to obtain her degree in accounting.

She has a 10-year-old daughter, Skydra, who is an honor roll student at Elbow Elementary. Lara is an active member of the community and is enjoying her new position.

Her first goal is to obtain more business inside the mall.

"We are working on the appearance of the mall to attract those businesses," said Spalding.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Lara Spalding, former store manager at Maurices, is the new manager at the Big Spring Mall. She can be reached at 267-3853.

Serendipity, which is under the new ownership of Mamie McNutt, is in the progress of expanding and adding a new gift shop. Techno moved to the mall in January and

has tanning, massage, a hair salon and a 24-hour fitness center. Spalding is also looking to begin a monthly flea market in the parking lot. "We have a great mall

with great opportunity and I am open to suggestion and new ideas," said Spalding, who invited the public to come by and meet her in the mall office.

Gardens require preparation

Beautiful gardens don't just happen. They require planning and preparation. This is the month to do just that. Now is the time to decide where to place your garden beds and to prepare them for planting.

The first step in preparation is to get a soil test. You can pick up a soil test kit at your County Extension Agent's office located in the Howard County Courthouse.



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The kit contains a sample bag and instructions for collecting and mailing the samples. The cost for a basic test is \$10 and tells the soil pH, nutrient levels and conductivity.

Once you get the test results you can apply them to modifying the soil in your beds. West Texas soils

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SECENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER

New program takes aim at drastic nursing shortage

Scenic Mountain Medical Center, in partnership with the nursing department at Angelo State University, is launching a program aimed at increasing the number of registered nurses in this area.

The goal of the program is to reduce the cost and time commitments for licensed vocational nurses to become registered nurses, allowing them to continue their educations while working full-time.

The new program will admit LVNs from Scenic Mountain and the three other area hospital partners. It is designed to shorten their transition time to RN status from a full academic year to one short and one long semester. The lecture portion of the program will be completely online and the students will conduct the clinical practice component at their home hospitals under the supervision of in-house RN instructors. Each student will be supplied with a laptop computer and one paid study day per week to complete the online classes at their work site.

The partnership with ASU's nursing department is made possible by a \$1.27 million grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to fund a three-year pilot program aimed at increasing the number of registered nurses. ASU was one of only two schools awarded a Hospital

Partnership grant this year from 16 statewide applicants.

"Realizing that the traditional structure of nursing education is not producing enough new RNs to meet the needs of the aging population in Texas, the THECB challenged us (nursing programs) to develop creative and innovative methods to help alleviate the nursing shortage," said Dr. Leslie Mayrand, head of the ASU nursing department. "We are fortunate to have hospital partners with such a strong commitment to innovation in nursing education."

The partner hospitals are Shannon Medical Center, San Angelo Community Medical Center, Brownwood Regional Medical Center and Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

With Texas continuing to face a drastic shortage of RNs, the new program is projected to graduate 140 additional RNs over the grant period. It also opens a new avenue for LVNs to continue their educations while working full-time at their home hospitals.

The partner hospitals will pay tuition and fees for these nursing students at an estimated cost of about \$860,000 over the three-year pilot period. The ASU grant money will be used to purchase the laptop comput-

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Courtesy photo
Pictured from left are Jacob Lange from Miles, Michael Barrientez from Stamford, Rebecca McEndree from Coahoma, Molly Butler from San Angelo, Dusty Walker from Garden City and Chad Nickerson from Ira.

Livestock team at HC places third

Howard College Livestock Judging Team won third place honors in the sheep division of the San Antonio Livestock Show Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest.

The contest consisted of 12 classes of cattle, sheep, swine and goats and eight classes of oral reason in which students orally defend their placings of the particular classes of livestock.

These HC students competed against 20 other Juco teams from across the nation in the nationally recognized contest.

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Student airman found dead in her room at Sheppard Air Force Base

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — A student airman was found stabbed to death Friday morning in base lodging at Sheppard Air Force Base, officials said.

After being found unresponsive in the hotel-type room just before 9 a.m., she was taken to a hospital in Wichita Falls, where she was pronounced dead, said base spokesman George Woodward.

Her name, age and hometown were not immediately released.

Air Force officials are investigating, but no one was in custody Friday afternoon, Woodward said, declining to say whether any suspects had been identified.

Because the woman was assigned to Sheppard temporarily, she was staying alone in a base hotel and not in a dorm, Woodward said.

Sheppard, the largest technical training operation in the Air Force, has about 5,000 students on base at any given time, most arriving there after completing basic training at another base.

The woman who was killed had not arrived from basic training, Woodward said.

About 13,000 people live and work at Sheppard permanently, including active-duty military personnel and their families, as well as civilians and contractors.

Sheppard and its units trained about 77,000 airman last year.

Federal judge orders negotiation before property seizure for border fence

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A federal judge has ruled that the government must first try to negotiate a price with a South Texas landowner before seizing her property for the border fence.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen late Friday came a month after federal prosecutors argued that immediate access to property was necessary to getting 370 miles of fencing built by December.

Under the ruling, the Department of Homeland Security must provide proof of bargaining with landowner Eloisa Tamez or conduct "good faith" negotiations with her by March 21.

"Dr. Tamez correctly asserts that negotiations are a prerequisite to the exercise of power of eminent domain," Hanen wrote in a 32-page opinion.

Tamez's land can be condemned under the Declaration of Taking Act if she and the government do not agree upon a fixed price, the Brownsville Herald reported.

Tamez's lawyers argued in a Feb. 7 hearing that the 1996 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act requires negotiations and an effort to reach a fixed contract price before eminent domain seizures, even for a temporary easement.

Tamez, a 72-year-old nursing professor who stands to lose land that's been in her family for centuries,

viewed the ruling as a victory.

"We want to see the Constitution working," Tamez told the newspaper. "We want to see justice working. And it looks like that is what is happening."

Federal prosecutors have disagreed with Tamez's interpretation of the law. At last month's hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles Wendlandt said it was "the only practical way to address the practical problem for the government to get this fence built by 2008."

Peter Schey, who is representing Tamez and is president of the nonprofit Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law in Los Angeles, said he expects similar negotiations will be ordered in other border fence suits.

The court has refused to sign an expedited order allowing Homeland Security to begin its survey of Tamez's land, which is a preliminary step in the border fence's construction.

Last week, a Government Accountability Office report claimed that current litigation in South Texas might cause the agency to miss its December deadline to finish construction.

After Hanen filed his decision Friday, 25 previously pending landowner cases pertaining to South Texas border fence disputes were scheduled for March 17 and 19.

Ex-nursing home executive from Bedford convicted of tax evasion in payroll scheme

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former executive who ran 70 nursing homes in Texas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Kansas and Virginia was convicted Friday of various offenses in a federal tax-evasion case involving millions in payroll taxes.

A federal jury deliberated an hour before convicting Stephen Michael Ewing of seven counts of tax evasion, seven counts of making false statements to government agencies, seven counts of making false statements regarding health care, five counts of mail fraud and one count of conspiracy.

U.S. District Judge Terry R. Means ordered Ewing, 60, to be held in custody until his sentencing in July, U.S. Attorney Richard B. Roper said.

The maximum sentence for each of the conspiracy, false statements and tax evasion counts is five years in prison and for each mail fraud count is 20 years, Roper said.

Ewing, also known as Stephen Michaels, and two associates used sham payroll companies with foreign addresses to evade taxes, according to testimony at the trial.

Ewing, of Bedford, spent more than \$2.5 million of the nursing homes' operations on himself, including spending more than \$200,000 at Saks Fifth Avenue and other pricey stores and more than \$250,000 on automobiles, according to evidence presented at his trial.

As part of plea deals, two of his associates testified against Ewing.

Last week attorney Gary R. Trebert, 57, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud the government, tax evasion and aiding and abetting. He faced a maximum

10-year sentence, but prosecutors will recommend an eight-year federal prison term when he is sentenced in July, Roper said.

Larry Gordon May pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy in October and is to be sentenced in April.

Fort Bliss soldiers racing cars caused fatal crash Thursday, police say

EL PASO (AP) — Two Fort Bliss soldiers racing along Interstate 10 caused a four-car crash that killed one person and shut down a portion of the freeway for several hours, police said Friday.

Authorities did not how fast the soldiers, whose unit returned late last year from a 15-month tour in Iraq, were driving late Thursday but suggested it was at a high rate of speed.

Sgt. Trevor Leigh Fisher, 23, was arrested on charges that include racing on a highway causing death. The pileup began when Fisher's 2005 Pontiac GTO rear-ended another car, killing a passenger inside, El Paso police spokesman Javier Sambrano said.

Spc. Travis Enloe, 27, was allegedly racing Fisher and was taken to a hospital with minor injuries. He will be arrested on felony racing charges after being released, Sambrano said.

Both soldiers are of the Fort Bliss-based 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division.

El Paso County jail records show Fisher he was being held Friday on \$85,000 bail. The records did not show if he had a lawyer.

Mario Oscar Batres, 23, died at the scene after Fisher rear-ended the Nissan Sentra he was in, police said. He was riding in the back seat.

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Golfer gets plenty of unwanted attention for hawk killing

By TRAVIS REED

Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tripp Isenhour has never gotten this much attention for a single golf shot. Really, he's never gotten this much attention, period.

Isenhour said it was a "one-in-a-million" golf shot that killed a protected hawk and that he was only trying to scare the bird he now faces misdemeanor criminal charges for killing.

"It was unfortunate, but there'll be plenty of time for me to tell my story," Isenhour said on the Golf Channel's PODS Championship post-round show Friday, his first interview since news broke that he killed the protected bird Dec. 12.

"It's one of regret and remorse that it happened, because I'm certainly sorry to hurt a migratory bird, or any bird for that matter."

PGA Tour players didn't seem too shaken.

"It's a bad break for the bird, but it sounds like there are a lot of other things people should be worried about," Mark Calcavecchia said.

Others were more upset. The head of the Humane Society of the United States faxed PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem a letter urging "appropriate remedial action against Isenhour up to and including fines and suspension."

Isenhour also lost his practice privileges at Grand Cypress Resort, where the crew was

filming. He is playing the Nationwide Tour — a minor league of sorts to the PGA Tour — this year, but has played two years on the big tour. He lost his card both times after failing to finish in the top 125 money winners.

It's doubtful most sports fans, save the fervent golf fans, had heard of Isenhour before this week.

Investigators said Isenhour killed the hawk because he was upset it was making noise as he tried to film an instructional video. He allegedly first drove in a golf cart toward the bird, then 300 yards away, to hit balls at it. When the hawk later landed within 75 yards, Isenhour's shots got closer until he eventually hit and killed it. The bird

fell to the ground bleeding from both nostrils, witnesses told the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

"I can't deny the accident did happen, but we tried to do everything we could after it happened to make things as proper or right as we could," Isenhour said.

The golfer, whose real name is John Henry Isenhour III, said it was foolish for people to believe he could have realistically hit the bird.

"That's obviously people who don't know very much about golf," he said. "To say it's a one-in-a-million shot for an accident like that to happen, you know, and when it did happen, I was very remorseful, very upset that it happened."

But film crew members who witnessed the killing saw it differently.

"He was just going strangely out of the way to go after it," said Jethro Senger, a sound engineer at the shoot. "And it was almost, the whole thing was basically like a joke to him. The balls were getting closer and closer. 'Haha, look how close that one came.' 'That one was even closer.'"

"I yelled at him," Senger said. "I said, 'What did you expect was going to happen?'" Senger said. "I said, 'You're a pro golfer, you're hitting line drives right at it.'"

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are mostly alkaline (pH above 7) and are difficult to make and keep acid (pH below 7).

Most dryland or drought tolerant plants prefer alkaline soils. If you want to grow acid-loving plants, consider container gardening for ease of acidifying the soil. To figure the amount of fertilizer to add based on your soil test contact the County Extension agent (264-2236) or the Master Gardener below.

Or if you are not in a hurry, simply add about four inches of peat moss, compost or shredded pine bark and till it in. Most West Texas soils have very little organic matter. No further amendments need be added if compost is used. A small amount of nitrogen may be needed for non-composted amendments. Locally produced compost is available at the Big Spring Compost Facility at 3201 Perimeter Road in bulk or bags.

A 40-45 pound bag is \$2.70 or \$25 per cubic yard. Once the plants are in place, cover the soil around them with two to four inches of course mulch, which also available at the compost facility or area yard and garden centers. This retains moisture and slowly breaks down to keep the soil organic matter high. An annual top-dressing of one inch of compost and replenishing the coarse mulch will keep your soils and plants in top shape.

There are two, sometimes opposing, parts to planning a garden. First is the usefulness of it, which includes such things as where you sit, walk or play, as well as how easy it is to do the things required to keep it up.

Second is appearance — how it will look at different hours or seasons. The first step in planning is to make a sketch of the area. Then add to the sketch such things as wind directions, shaded areas, water sources, etc.

For a simple vegetable garden plan not much else will be needed, but for a home landscape plan you will need to sketch in paths, existing trees and shrubs, existing beds, fences and gates and anything that will impact on the ultimate use of the plan. These include the purple and orange garage opposite your patio. Then decide what you want each bed or area to do.

Blocking an ugly view requires different materials than accenting the edge of a pathway. Next is to select the proper plants to do the required job. The Howard County Library has many books on plants that do well in this area. The county extension agent also has books and information on native and adapted landscape plants.

You may have noticed that I left the plants until last. The plants are the most easily changed part of the garden and have the least impact on the usefulness of the garden. The existing trees, paths and beds are the structure you live with, the plants are the paint you use to brighten and enhance the structure.

For more information, call Walter Ward at 432-935-6455 or visit the Howard County Master Gardeners Web site at

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County Court Decisions:
Judgment and Sentence: Jamie Lee Atkinson, terroristic threat of a family/household, 180 days in jail, \$328 court costs.
Judgment and Sentence: Jamie Lee Atkinson, unlawfully carrying a weapon, 180 days in jail, \$328 court costs.
Judgment and Sentence: Gerald Ray King, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$443 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Michael Dale Moseley, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, 45 days in jail, \$328 court costs.
Probaded Judgment: Thomas Del Bolton, driving while intoxicated - second offense, open container, \$2,500 fine, \$391 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probaded Judgment: Abel Yharte Gomez, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$326 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Ray John-Manuel Zapata, theft of service by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Probaded Judgment: Andres Aguilar Lopez Jr., driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,000 fine, \$391 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Guadalupe Garcia, resisting arrest, 20 days in jail, \$276 court costs.
Probaded Judgment: Michael Shawn Eason, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$441 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probaded Judgment: Gabriel Jerome Parrish, assault causing bodily injury - family violence, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probaded Judgment: Steve Rodriguez, driving while license invalid, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probaded Judgment: Deanna Celis Ford, failure to identify - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probaded Judgment: Patricia Sue Smith, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Probaded Judgment: Josue Rosas, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probaded Judgment: Bernardino Rodriguez Muniz, driving while intoxicated - open container, \$1,500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probaded Judgment: Adolfo Franco, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probaded Judgment: Patti Spurgeon Ervin, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probaded Judgment: Michael Edward Baker, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Ramon Alvear, bail jumping and failure to appear, 90 days in jail, \$328 court costs.
Judgment and Sentence: Mark William Edwards, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Mark Edwards, bail jumping and failure to appear, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail.
District Court Filings:
The State of Texas vs. Juan Carbral, civil suit.
Jose L. Valencia vs. Don F. Thompson and Linda Thompson, civil suit.
The State of Texas vs. Donald Gene Koerber III and Donald Koerber II, civil suit.
The State of Texas vs. Billy Coreza McGee, civil suit.
The State of Texas vs. Donald Koerber III, Katavious Booker and Tekia Williams, civil suit.
Theresa L. Rollins vs. Ralph Rollins, divorce.
Marriage Licenses:
Allan Douglas Rodgers, 57, and Vickie A. Davis, 40, both of Big Spring.
Sergio Hernandez Gonzalez, 27, and Melissa Ann Daniels, 19, both of Big Spring.
David Soldan Talbott, 56, and Mary Ann Wallace, 53, both of Big Spring.
George Karibian, 59, and Lanita Cox Fielder, 55, both of Big Spring.
Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: Vickie Jo Smith Davidson
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AUCTION
MONDAY, MARCH 10 ...10:00 A.M.
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Legals

Advertisement for Sealed Proposals & Qualifications
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ernestine H. Schroeder, Deceased, were issued on December 10, 2007, in Cause No. P-13594, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: James C. Dennis.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, AAA Mini Storage which is located at 3301 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on March 15, 2008, at AAA Mini Storage, 3301 East FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants, with brief description of contents in each space.

NOTIFICATION
March 4, 2008
The Big Spring Independent School District, in compliance with Environmental Protection Agencies Law 40 CFR Part 763.93, is notifying all interested persons that the Big Spring Independent School District has completed the inspection of all of its facilities in order to locate and identify any and all asbestos containing materials.

NOTICE:
THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN UNCLAIMED
1979 CHEVROLET CAMARO LP#SPG67N
VIN#108769L515090
CONTACT MITCHEM WRECKER AT (432)267-3747 TO CLAIM #5714 March 9, 2008

Legals

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NOTIFICATION
March 4, 2008
The Big Spring Independent School District, in compliance with Environmental Protection Agencies Law 40 CFR Part 763.93, is notifying all interested persons that the Big Spring Independent School District has completed the inspection of all of its facilities in order to locate and identify any and all asbestos containing materials.

NOTICE:
THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN UNCLAIMED
1979 CHEVROLET CAMARO LP#SPG67N
VIN#108769L515090
CONTACT MITCHEM WRECKER AT (432)267-3747 TO CLAIM #5714 March 9, 2008

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Last night, Mercury met with Neptune in Aquarius, creating the need for mental down time and dreaming. But today, we wake up to spring ahead! Daylight Saving Time mandates we set our clocks



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ahead, and although that errant hour flees today, with the moon in the driven, initiating sign of Aries, we'll find a way to make up for it, guaranteed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Oh the games you'll play, especially when the prize is love, sweet love. You appear not to care what the object of your desire thinks of you — how seductive. When you're not attached to the outcome, you win.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People who match your intelligence and sense of humor will give you energy, validating your work and encouraging you onward. So the stress that got you down last week can be handled now with grace.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A project that was left undone for several months suddenly has new appeal. You remember that initial spark that was so enticing! Tonight, a daring new player enters your scene.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Brainstorming is like a hobby to you, and you'll love to share your ideas with anyone who might benefit from them. You'll be applauded, maybe even promoted, for being fresh, real and solution oriented.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your relationships gain momentum, especially love relationships. What didn't work in the past just might work in the future. You're different and your relationships reflect the change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The conflict between what your head says and your heart wants could cause you to act impulsively. The resulting surprises will make your life more interesting — though not necessarily easier.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You and loved ones won't necessarily agree on the recipe for a thrilling life. Make the

effort to explain, cajole, bribe — all of it is better than arguing. Charm wins over logic every time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're destined for success. Believe it, and then make some big — no, huge — plans. The more impossible the challenge, the more attractive you are as you take it on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you are feeling frivolous or out of control with spending, eating or drinking, you will be able to regain control now. Stable Virgo and steadfast Taurus are excellent sources of support in this cause.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Clarify goals now to avoid the possibility of people getting in your way or sending you off on a tangent. Your plans have magic — once you put one in place, you attract the required funds.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you are fighting tooth and nail to keep things as they are, it's now time to ask why. Perhaps the change that's coming will be even better for all. Let go. You're safe now — you really are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It feels wonderful to get right with the world. So when people from the past cross your mind, get in touch — especially if you left on a weird note. You can now change the tone of your memories.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

As Venus enters soulful Pisces this week, aligning with "it must've been destiny" Pluto, the planets speak of soul mates. I hear a lot of desperation and worry from people looking for soul mates. And if there is any kind of energy that is the opposite of attraction, that's it. I think it would be a great service to the planetary mood if everyone who is worried about finding their soul mate would just call off the search. That searching energy is actually totally opposite from the energy of attraction that Venus is all about. This gorgeous it-girl of a planet, who has been admired and worshipped through the ages, is the brightest thing in the sky, save the moon. She's all about "come to me, love me, I'm shining here, you can't miss me — and if you do (idiot), you're not the sort for me." So when you're ready to let your inner Venus go out and do her thing, you've got to leave the desperate energy of "searching" and adopt Venus's bright and sassy attitude. Then, leave her alone for awhile and just let it happen. (For more on soul mates, check out my book "Rock Your Stars: Your Astrological Guide to Getting it All.")

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Simple presence is a cultivated and observable state for elegant Pisces Juliette Binoche. With the sun, Mercury and Mars in this meditative sign, life is a collection of beautiful moments, intimations and soul gleanings. A life lived in stream of consciousness style requires it. Juliette says, "I live for the present always. I accept this risk. I don't deny the past, but it's a page to turn."

Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars." If you would like to write to her, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail.

BARCELONA APARTMENTS

\$299 MOVE IN SPECIAL + APPLICATION & SECURITY DEP.

ALL BILLS PAID

538 Westover Housing Assistance Accepted 263-1252

Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Daniel R. Stark Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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\$400 to \$1,000 PROFIT PER MONTH

I've got a demanding boss. Me.

But the rewards are great! I work for myself and make a good living. I take responsibility for my performance - it's all up to me. A lot of people depend on me, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

Contracts are available now for motor route carriers. For information, call 432-263-7331.

BIG SPRING HERALD

Legals

Cause No. T-5506
 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. RUTH F. ALEXANDER AKA RUTH ALEXANDER SEWELL AND L.C. HEFFINGTON, ET AL IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS 118TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF SUIT TO FORECLOSE TAX LIEN PURSUANT TO PROPERTY TAX CODE SECTION 33.57

Pursuant to Order of the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, notice is hereby given to the individuals named herein, and all other persons claiming an interest in the property the subject of this suit, that suit has been filed for foreclosure of the tax lien against such properties. A copy of the Petition filed on behalf of the various taxing entities is attached hereto, and such petition describes the properties against which foreclosure is sought, as well as the owners of record of any interest in such parcels.

Notice to all owners of an interest in such properties is hereby given as follows:

1. A petition to foreclose the tax lien against each parcel shown on the Petition was filed on the 29th day of February, 2008 commencing foreclosure proceedings;
2. The legal description, tax account number, and, if known, the street address for each parcel, is shown in the Exhibits to the Petition attached hereto;
3. This notice is addressed to each owner of an interest in each parcel as shown in the Exhibits to the Petition attached hereto;
4. Final hearing on the Petition is scheduled for the 24th day of April, 2008 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.;
5. Each and every owner of any interest in each parcel the subject of this suit may lose whatever property interest they own in such parcel as a result of the hearing and any subsequent tax sale;
6. A person's interest in any parcel may be preserved by paying all delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, attorney's fees and court costs before the date of the scheduled hearing on the petition, or, you may contest the Petition by filing with the clerk of the court a written response to the petition not later than the seventh (7) day before the date scheduled for hearing on the petition and specifying in the response any affirmative defense. A copy of such response must be served on the taxing units' attorney of record in the manner required by Rule 21a, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure;
7. The name, address and telephone number of the taxing units are as follows:

Howard College
 1001 Birdwell Lane
 Big Spring, TX 79720
 Howard County
 300 S. Main
 Big Spring, TX 79720
 City of Big Spring
 310 Nolan
 Big Spring, TX 79720
 City of Coahoma
 P.O. Box L
 Coahoma, TX 79511
 City of Forsan
 P.O. Box 714
 Forsan, TX 79733
 Big Spring ISD
 708 11th Place
 Big Spring, TX 79720
 Forsan ISD
 P.O. Drawer A
 Forsan, TX 79733
 Howard County Water Control and Improvement District
 7917 N. Service Rd.
 Big Spring, TX 79720
 Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District
 P.O. Box 1314
 Stanton, TX 79782

The name, address and telephone number of the attorney for the taxing units is shown at the bottom of this notice:

8. Coahoma ISD may also impose taxes on one or more of the parcels the subject of this suit and may intervene in this case without further notice and set up its claims for delinquent taxes.

Respectfully Submitted,
 MOUTON & MOUTON
 A Professional Corporation
 Attorneys at Law
 P.O. Box 1030
 Big Spring, TX 79721
 Telephone No.: (432)263-7676
 Telecopier No.: (432)263-8686
 By: Drew Mouton
 State Bar No. 14606400
ATTORNEY FOR ALL PLAINTIFF TAXING UNITS

CAUSE NO. T-5506
 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. RUTH F. ALEXANDER AKA RUTH ALEXANDER SEWELL AND L.C. HEFFINGTON, ET AL IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS 118TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PLAINTIFFS' ORIGINAL PETITION TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Now comes THE COUNTY OF HOWARD, which brings this action for itself and as agent for HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT, CITY OF BIG SPRING, BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CITY OF COAHOMA, CITY OF FORSAN, FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CITY OF COAHOMA, CITY OF FORSAN, FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, HOWARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1, and PERMIAN BASIN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, hereinafter called Plaintiffs, whether one or more, and for cause of action would show the Court the following:

I
 Defendants are those persons and legal entities named and described in the attached Exhibits "1-60" if living, and if any or all of

the named Defendant(s) be deceased, the unknown heirs of each of such deceased Defendant(s); the unknown owner or owners of any of the property the subject of this suit; the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees of the any Defendant; and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon any of the property the subject of this suit, on which property there are delinquent taxes, penalties and interest, assessed and justly due, owing, and unpaid to Plaintiff's in the amounts and for the years shown on the Tax Statement(s) made a part of each Exhibit attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as if repeated verbatim, on each property separately assessed for all delinquent years up to and including 2006.

All of the property is located in Howard County, Texas, and all volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, are to the Deed Records, Howard County, to which instruments reference is made for a more complete description of each tract.

The total amount of delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney's fees owed exceeds the appraised value of each parcel, or, in the alternative, there are ten (10) or more years for which delinquent taxes are owed on each such parcel.

II
 All taxes were authorized by law, and each political subdivision in whose behalf this suit is brought was legally constituted and authorized to levy, assess, and collect ad valorem taxes on property, and all of the taxes were legally levied and assessed against the property and the owners thereof; that Plaintiffs now have and assert a lien on each separately described property to secure the payment of all taxes, penalties, interest; and recover costs and expenses in accordance with the provisions of Property Tax Code § 33.48; and all things required by law to be done have been legally performed by the proper officials.

III
 All of the above described property was, at the time the taxes were assessed, located within the boundaries of the Plaintiffs and of each political subdivision in whose behalf this suit is brought, and the tax was imposed in the county in which this suit is brought.

IV
 The attorney whose name is signed hereto is legally authorized to prosecute this action on behalf of Plaintiffs.

V
 Plaintiffs have incurred certain expenses for procuring data and information as to the name, identity, and location of necessary parties and in procuring necessary legal descriptions of the property, which expenses are reasonable abstractor's costs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against all Defendants for foreclosure of the tax lien against the above described property securing the amount due against each tract which is the total amount of delinquent taxed due and owing on each such parcel at the time of the filing of this petition, as well as all taxes becoming delinquent thereafter up to the date of judgment, all interest, penalties, costs and expenses in accordance with the provisions of Property Tax Code § 33.48 accruing up to and including the day of judgment, plus attorney's fees of 20% of all tax, penalty and interest as provided by law, an order of sale, post judgment interest at the maximum rate allowed by law; and for such other relief to which the Plaintiffs may be entitled; provided, however, that personal judgment for such taxes, penalties, interest and attorney fees is not sought against any Defendant named herein.

Respectfully Submitted,
 MOUTON & MOUTON
 A Professional Corporation
 Attorneys at Law
 P.O. Box 1030
 Big Spring, TX 79721
 Telephone No.: (432)263-7676
 Telecopier No.: (432)263-8686
 By: Drew Mouton
 State Bar No. 14606400
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS

EXHIBIT 1
 Property and Amounts Owed

A tract or parcel of land out of and part of that certain 3 acre tract of land out of and part of Section 32, Blk 33, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit
 Total Due: \$2,156.55

Years owed: 1987-2006

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Ruth F. Alexander aka Ruth Alexander Sewell and L. C. Heffington

EXHIBIT 2
 Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 15, Blk 44, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
 Total Due: \$136.47

Years owed:

1987-2006
 The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Service is proper to George J. Bailey, as Registered Agent for Defendant, Bailey Auto Co. aka Bailey Auto Company, under Art. 8.10 Business Corporation Act because George J. Bailey is listed as Registered Agent on the most recent records of the Texas Secretary of State and may be served with citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested to: Bailey Auto Co. aka Bailey Auto Company by and through Registered Agent for Service
 George J. Bailey
 15-17 West Concho
 San Angelo, TX 76901

EXHIBIT 3
 Property and Amounts Owed

All of the S/40' of Lot 1 and the S/40' of the W/37.5' of Lot 2, Blk 13, Amended Cole & Strayhorn Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$1,678.46

Years owed: 1987-2006

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Harold Bailes and Charlotte Bailes

EXHIBIT 4
 Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 3, Blk 12, Monticello Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$897.48

Years owed: 1987-2006

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Raymond E. Bedford
 The following are lienholders and may be notified at:
 City of Big Spring
 Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
 310 Nolan
 Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 5
 Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 4, Blk 3, Avion Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$11,678.60

Years owed: 1987-2006

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Kirby A. Bernich
 2421 South Shore
 Biloxi, MS 39532

EXHIBIT 6
 Property and Amounts Owed

SE/4 of Lot 18, Blk 99, Original Town City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$73.46

Years owed: 1996-2006

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the

area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Julia Bonilla aka Julia M. Bonilla
 The following are lienholders and may be notified at:
 City of Big Spring
 Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
 310 Nolan
 Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 7
 Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 1, Blk 28, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$144.34

Years owed: 1987-2006

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Gary Brashers
 Box 737
 Forsan, TX 79733

EXHIBIT 8
 Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 2, Blk 4, Lakeview Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$908.63

Years owed: 1987-2006

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Lonnie Clanton
 The following are lienholders and may be notified at:

City of Big Spring
 Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
 310 Nolan
 Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 9
 Property and Amounts Owed

Lots 14 & 15, Blk 56, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$343.16

Years owed: 1987-2006

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Virgil L. Creel and Cecil Elizabeth Creel

EXHIBIT 10
 Property and Amounts Owed

All of the S/100' of Lots 1 & 2, Blk 102, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$1,283.77

Lot 12, Blk 12, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$982.11

Lot 11, Blk 12, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$486.88

Lot 10, Blk 12, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$374.07

Lots 1, 2 & 3, Blk 12, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$4,805.73

A tract of land out of and part of Section No. 44, Blk 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit; Total Due-\$26,546.46

Years owed: 1987-2006

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records

of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Olen J. Dreyer aka Olen Dreyer, Individually and as Registered Agent for Dreyer Music Company and Dreyer Music Company, Inc 3622 Andrews Hwy. Midland, TX 79705

The following are lienholders and may be notified at:
 City of Big Spring
 Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
 310 Nolan
 Big Spring, TX 79720

The State of Texas has filed notice of a state tax lien against said property. The name and address of the taxpayer, the identity of the Comptroller's Office that filed the notice of lien and the date and place the notice was filed are all shown on the Notices of Texas State Tax Lien attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if repeated verbatim. The State of Texas, Lienholder, by virtue of a lien claimed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, may be served with citation by serving Carole Keeton Strayhorn, in her official capacity as Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested as follows:

Carole Keeton Strayhorn
 Comptroller of Public Accounts
 Capitol Station
 Austin, Texas 78701

EXHIBIT 11
 Property and Amounts Owed

Lots 9 & 10, Blk 53, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$311.72

Lots 6, 7 & 8, Blk 53, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$1,501.68

Years owed: 1987-2006

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Gary Brashers
 Box 737
 Forsan, TX 79733

EXHIBIT 12
 Property and Amounts Owed

Lots 16, 17, 18 & 19, Blk. 53, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$457.22

Years owed: 1987-2006

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Forsan Methodist Church by and through District Supervisor Namiqa Shipman
 First United Methodist Church
 400 Scurry St.
 Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 13
 Property and Amounts Owed

Lots 16, 17, 18 & 19, Blk. 53, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$457.22

Years owed: 1987-2006

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Service on Forsan Pipe & Supply, Inc. is proper to James Hill, under Art. 8.10 Business Corporation Act because James Hill is listed as Registered Agent on the most recent records of the Texas Secretary of State and may be served with citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested to:

Forsan Pipe & Supply, Inc. by and through Registered Agent for Service James Hill
 3009 38th St.
 Snyder, TX 79549

EXHIBIT 13
 Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 15, Blk 1, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$114.34

Lot 18, Blk 2, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$109.99

Lot 12, Blk 13, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$114.34

Lots 10 & 11, Blk 17, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$228.80

Lots 16 & 17, Blk 20, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$221.55

Lot 15, Blk 21, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$114.34

Lot 11, Blk 28, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$63.08

Lots 1 & 2, Blk 30, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$228.80

Lot 4, Blk 30, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$114.34

Lot 16, Blk 35, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$112.38

Lot 7, Blk 36, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas;

Total Due-\$114.34
 Lots 6, 7 & 8, Blk 44, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$406.78

Lot 4, Blk 45, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$103.74

Lot 8, Blk 45, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$112.03

Lot 14, Blk 45, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$103.74

Lot 5, Blk 53, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$114.34

Lot 11, Blk 39, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$114.34

Years owed: 1987-2006

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Helen Miller, Merle J. Stewart, Lucille Collins, Lola Belle Rix, Keith M. Stewart and Laverne Yeatman, as Stockholders of Forsan Townsite Company

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lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Lila E. Pilon
924 W. Hwy. 243
Canton, TX 75103
Lila E. Pilon
P. O. Box 9
Capitan, NM 88316

EXHIBIT 44
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 15, Blk 2, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
Total Due: \$112.03

Years owed: 1987-2006

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

C. S. Powell

EXHIBIT 45
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 10, Blk 10, Jones Valley Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Total Due: \$1,463.71

Years owed: 1988-2006

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Dave Ramirez
3502 Gail Hwy.
Big Spring, TX 79720
Sylvia Ramirez
3502 Gail Hwy.
Big Spring, TX 79720
Sylvia Ramirez
2615 Chanute
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 46
Property and Amounts Owed

Lots 4 & 5, Blk 1, Tennyson Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Total Due: \$243.44

Years owed: 1988-2006

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Mrs. Mary Rhodes
254 Riverside Drive
El Paso, TX 79915

The following are lienholders and may be notified at:

City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 47
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 5, Blk 39, Cole & Strayhorn Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Total Due: \$2,398.38

Years owed: 1993-2006

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

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Arthur Frank Ridings
The following are lienholders and may be notified at:

City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 48
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 4, Blk 47, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Total Due: \$2,243.26

Years owed: 1987-2006

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Darrell R. Roberts
The following are lienholders and may be notified at:

City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 49
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 6, Blk 45, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
Total Due: \$103.74

Years owed: 1990-2006

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

V. F. Roberts

EXHIBIT 50
Property and Amounts Owed

Lots 1 & 2, Blk 43, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
Total Due: \$214.63

Years owed: 1988-2006

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Annie L. Sadberry

EXHIBIT 51
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 11, Blk 45, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due: \$103.74

Lot 12, Blk 45, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due: \$103.74

Years owed: 1990-2006

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Mrs. L. H. Savings

EXHIBIT 52
Property and Amounts Owed

Lots 10, 11 & 12, Blk 21, City of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due: \$3,138.34

Lots 13 & 14, Blk 21, City of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due: \$221.15

Years owed: 1988-2006

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County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Hurbert Sherman

EXHIBIT 53
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 9, Blk 44, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
Total Due: \$136.47

Years owed: 1987-2006

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

L. T. Shoults
Lonnie Tilman Shoults
408 Rex
Forsan, TX 79733

EXHIBIT 54
Property and Amounts Owed

N/2 of Lots 7 & 8, Blk 12, Jones Valley Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Total Due: \$977.43

Years owed: 1987-2006

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

S. S. Sipes

EXHIBIT 55
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 7, Blk 2, North Park Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Total Due: \$1,177.60

Years owed: 1987-2006

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Napoleon Smith
P. O. Box 1334
Big Spring, TX 79720

The following are lienholders and may be notified at:

The State of Texas has filed notice of a state tax lien against said property. The name and address of the taxpayer, the identity of the Comptroller's Office that filed the notice of lien and the date and place the notice was filed are all shown on the Notices of Texas State Tax Lien attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if repeated verbatim. The State of Texas, Lienholder, by virtue of a lien claimed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, may be served with citation by serving Carole Keeton Strayhorn, in her official capacity as Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested as follows:

Carole Keeton Strayhorn
Comptroller of Public Accounts
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78701

EXHIBIT 56
Property and Amounts Owed

Lots 16, 17 & 18, Blk 37, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
Total Due: \$332.30

Years owed: 1988-2006

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

at Charles V. Spurgin

EXHIBIT 57
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 5, Blk 45, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
Total Due: \$114.34

Years owed: 1987-2006

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

O. E. Stovall

EXHIBIT 58
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 7, Blk 45, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
Total Due: \$144.34

Years owed: 1987-2006

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Elton Taylor

EXHIBIT 59
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 6, Blk 1, Tennyson Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$265.67

Lot 7, Blk 1, Tennyson Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$265.67

Years owed: 1987-2006

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Harry David Weeg, Jr.
Ste #102
1931 S. Brookshire Village
Independence, MO 64057
Rosa Faye Weeg
Ste #102
1931 S. Brookshire Village
Independence, MO 64057-5742

EXHIBIT 60
Property and Amounts Owed

Lots 17 & 18, Blk 56, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
Total Due: \$201.02

Years owed: 1991-2006

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Robert Wilson
Route 2, Box 170
Cox's Creek, KY 40013
#5709 March 9 & 16, 2008

Annie's Mailbox



**KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR**

Dear Annie: I'm a 30-year-old woman who recently lost 40 pounds. I had tried diet after diet, but as soon as I dropped a few pounds, I'd gain them back. Then I decided to make a serious lifestyle change and cut some things out of my diet for good, and the weight just fell off and stayed off. I should be happy and feel better about myself, but in fact, it's the opposite.

When I was heavier, even though I didn't like my appearance, I figured if my husband loved me and found me desirable, I could accept my size. Now I feel more self-conscious, more uncertain and less desirable.

Our sex life was never great to begin with, and lately it's even less frequent. I am embarrassed for my husband to see me naked, and I'm sure part of the problem is a little bit of hanging skin. I don't want to be fatter, but I don't feel happy at this weight, either. I need to lose another 25 pounds to be where my doctor says I should be, but my husband is concerned I'll turn into a twig. I don't want to be a twig. I just want to feel pretty. What is wrong with me? — Thumbelina

Dear Thumbelina: Nothing is wrong with you. Substantial weight loss often creates sagging skin. Resistance training can tone some of that, and the rest can be fixed surgically if you choose, although it can be costly. The main problem is your perception of yourself. You see an unattractive body. Your husband sees the woman he loves. He doesn't want you to change to the degree that he is no longer attractive enough for you. He needs reassurance so he doesn't sabotage your weight-loss efforts. You, however, need to see yourself as more fit, rather than "prettier." When you feel good about your health, the rest will follow. If you can't figure out how to do that on your own, please talk to a counselor.

Dear Annie: You printed a letter from "P." who asked for a word to describe a man and a woman living together without the benefit of marriage. You mentioned the term "POSSLQ" (pronounced "possil-cue"), which means "Person of the Opposite Sex Sharing Living Quarters," and said the term never caught on. There already is a word for such a person, and it's "paramour." One of the definitions is "a significant other to whom you are not related by marriage." — B.S.

Dear B.S.: A paramour is someone with whom you are having an intimate relationship, but not necessarily someone with whom you are sharing a home, so the term doesn't quite fit. Read on for more suggestions:

From Flint, Mich.: I work at the family division of the circuit court. Our terminology for a couple living together regardless of marital or engagement status is "LTP" — which means "living together partner." Love your column.

Wisconsin: Why not call a spade a spade? The term "POSSLQ" did not catch on for obvious reasons. Living with my dad and brothers would fit that description. "LIS" would be more appropriate. That stands for "living in sin," which most couples do nowadays. Give it to 'em

plain.
Boston: My Scottish mother-in-law told me that in Scotland, a live-in boyfriend is called "Roger the Lodger." I found this particularly entertaining as my mother's former boyfriend was named Roger.

Arizona: When we lived in Australia, all such people were referred to as "de-facto" in the newspaper, etc. There was no confusion over boyfriend, roommate, significant other, etc.

Alaska: I enjoyed reading about "POSSLQ" and thought you might share this with your readers. The author is Charles Osgood:

There's nothing that I wouldn't do

If you would be my POSSLQ.

You live with me and I with you,

And you will be my POSSLQ.

I'll be your friend and so much more;

That's what a POSSLQ is for.

Dear Annie: I'm a 43-year-old single female, intelligent, well-educated and attractive, and have many friends and interests. I am content being single.

Two years ago, I started working for a new company. Almost immediately, I sensed the chemistry with the boss, who is single and two years older. We get along well and seem to have quite a lot in common. This is not just a crush. I have come to realize that he embodies virtually every quality I look for in a partner.

I understand the potential pitfalls and difficulties that could arise from an involvement with someone at work. Although I love my job, I could easily find another position if that became necessary.

My company does not have a policy prohibiting work romances. Two of my current colleagues met here and have been married for six years. I know I am going to have to make the first move. The problem is, I don't know quite how to do it. I don't want to make the situation awkward, just in case I have misread the signs and he is really not interested in me. — Looking for a Different Promotion

Dear Looking: You've obviously given this a great deal of thought and understand the hazards of a workplace romance. The easiest, and least risky, way is to invite the boss to join you for lunch, or for a cup of coffee or drink after work. His response will let you know if he has any interest in pursuing a relationship.

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

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Another passenger in the Sentra was hospitalized with serious injuries and the driver had minor injuries, authorities said.

Sambrano said it was unclear Friday if alcohol was a factor in the high-speed crash.

Department of Justice to investigate Harris County jail system's treatment

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Department of Justice is investigating the Harris County jail system, officials said Friday, probing sanitation and health conditions that have come under scrutiny from civil rights groups in recent years.

Department of Justice officials, in a letter to Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, said its investigation will focus on "protection of inmates from harm, environmental conditions, and inmate medical and mental health care."

For the last few years, civil rights groups and local religious leaders have criticized the jail system, alleging overcrowding and poor health conditions. They have compared the jail to a "slave ship."

The jail system has a population of nearly 9,900 inmates, according to a Texas Commission on Jail Standards report last month. The commission lists the capacity at about 11,000.

In a statement, Harris County Sheriff Tommy Thomas, whose department runs the jail system, said federal officials will have his agency's "full coopera-

tion."

The Justice Department said in its letter that it has not made any conclusions in the case.

"The Sheriff's Office welcomes any recommendations DOJ may make regarding ways in which our operations can be improved," Thomas said in his statement.

Last year, the Houston Chronicle reported that more than 100 inmates died in the jail from January 2001 through December 2006.

The newspaper reported the jail has been criticized for overcrowding, poor ventilation, sanitation and for questionable access to medical treatment and prescription drugs.

Texas Instruments CEO got \$10.3 million in 2007, a decline of 17 percent

DALLAS (AP) — The chief executive of cell-phone chip-maker Texas Instruments Inc. got compensation the company valued at \$10.3 million in 2007, 17 percent less than the year before as the semiconductor company's profits fell 39 percent.

Richard K. Templeton's compensation was detailed in a regulatory filing Friday by Texas Instruments, the world's largest maker of chips for mobile phones.

Templeton, 49, received \$932,120 in salary, a \$2.4 million performance-related bonus, stock awards valued at nearly \$6.9 million and \$111,417 in other compensation, according to the proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The decline in Templeton's compensation was due to less-lucrative stock and option grants. In 2006, he got grants valued at nearly \$9 million when they were issued. The CEO's incentive payment was slightly

largely than the one he got in 2006.

The "other compensation" category included a pension contribution of \$70,063, as well as \$23,425 for personal use of company aircraft.

The Associated Press calculations of total pay include executives' salary, bonuses, perks, above-market returns on deferred compensation and the estimated value of stock options and awards granted during the year. The calculations don't include changes in the value of pension benefits, and they can differ from the totals companies list in the summary compensation table of proxy statements.

Texas Instruments earned \$2.66 billion last year, down from \$4.34 billion the year before, and revenue also slipped to \$13.84 billion from \$14.26 billion.

The company also suffered setbacks when Nokia Corp., its largest customer, and Sony Ericsson decided to seek other suppliers for their handsets.

Templeton said Friday that, even so, Texas Instruments increased its wireless business in the fourth quarter compared to a year earlier. And he said his company would continue to be the largest supplier to Nokia.

Shares in the Dallas-based company rose 16 percent last year. They rose sharply early in the first half of 2007, then teetered downward the rest of the year. The shares of fellow chip-maker Intel Corp. fared better last year, but Qualcomm Inc. and Broadcom Corp. did worse.

Texas Instruments is scheduled to give an update on first-quarter results on Monday. Its annual stockholder's meeting is April 17 in Dallas.

Chairman Tom Engibous plans to retire after the meeting, and Templeton, who also succeeded Engibous as CEO, is taking on the chairman's role too.

Video hints Paul's bid may be nearing end

HOUSTON (AP) — GOP presidential candidate Ron Paul's campaign did not elaborate Friday on a video in which the Texas congressman hinted to supporters that he is ending his long-shot campaign for the White House.

In the 7 1/2-minute video posted on his campaign Web site Thursday

night, Paul gave supporters an update on "our campaign for liberty."

Although Paul did not specifically say he was quitting the race, he hinted that his run for the presidency might be over.

"Though victory in the conventional political sense is not available in the presidential race, many victories have been

achieved due to your hard work and enthusiasm," he told supporters. "For that I am deeply grateful and encouraged. We must remember, elections are short term efforts. Revolutions are long term projects."

He said he hoped that one day he and his supporters could look back and say his campaign was

a significant first step that signaled a change in direction for the country.

Paul, an Internet sensation in his presidential bid, said their job now was to plan for the next phase of their effort.

Paul will still have his job in Congress.

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Mr. Pinkerton will speak briefly and answer any questions or concerns you may have about this incident. This will be followed by an opportunity for guests to meet one-on-one with an attorney.

IMPORTANT MEETING DETAILS

Dates: *Saturday, March 8th from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.*
Friday, March 14th from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 15th from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Where: *Dora Roberts Community Center*
310 Nolan Street
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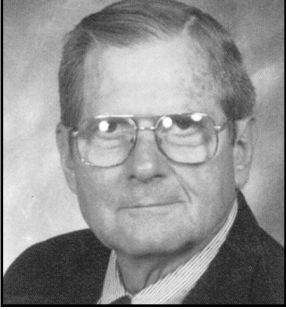
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Primary proves Texans will vote for Democratic candidates

By **KELLEY SHANNON**
AP Political Writer

AUSTIN — The state's primary answered a decade-old question: Will Texans ever show up in force again to vote for Democrats on a statewide ballot?

Yes, based on record-setting turnout for the Hillary Clinton-Barack Obama showdown Tuesday. But the state Democratic Party has to interest voters with strong candidates who have money for TV advertising in this sprawling state.

The presidential primary presented an unusual set of circumstances, and Texans eagerly took advantage of their rare chance to have a say in the run for the nation's highest office.

At the state level, Republicans are still solidly in control, at least

for now. Tuesday's primary attracted 2.8 million Democratic voters, twice the number that turned out for the Republicans, whose presidential primary wasn't as competitive. By comparison, previous Democratic primaries dating to 1994 saw only 1 million voters maximum, often far fewer.

Democratic strategists were pleased at the number of voters they saw casting Democratic ballots in suburbs typically considered GOP terrain. "This historic turnout is another unmistakable sign that voters are ready to replace failed Republican leaders with Democrats who will work for all Texans in Austin and Washington," proclaimed state chairman Boyd Richie the morning after Clinton narrowly won the primary. Obama led in early unofficial tal-

lies of the party caucuses, a second step in Texas' delegate system.

Democrats have attempted a Texas comeback since Republicans took over all statewide offices in 1998 and won complete control of the Legislature in 2002.

The Democrats "dream team" approach in 2002 — when millionaire banker Tony Sanchez ran for governor and spent unprecedented amounts of money, accompanied by John Sharp for lieutenant governor and Ron Kirk for U.S. Senate — fell short.

Since then, party activists have concentrated most earnestly on retaking the Texas House, where they've gained nine seats in four years and now trail Republicans 79-71. A switch of five seats this year would give the Democrats control again.

Thanks in large part to

the growing strength of minority voters in Dallas County, Democrats swept all countywide offices there in 2006. They're looking to make inroads in Harris County.

Republicans are well aware of those trends and are trying to stop the tide. Former Republican Secretary of State Roger Williams, considering a run for a major state office, is traveling with his Texas Victory 2008 organization to keep GOP voters revved up.

More than 1.3 million Republicans voted in Tuesday's primary, almost double the 2004 turnout, state party chairman Tina Benkiser noted.

While Democrats have a shot at winning a Texas

statewide office in November, it's a long shot.

State Rep. Rick Noriega defeated three opponents to win the party nomination for U.S. Senate and is the Democrats' major state nominee in the fall. But, unless he's helped by significant Democratic voter interest in the presidential contest in November, he faces a difficult road since he's still trying to get his name known and his campaign account is dwarfed by Republican Sen. John Cornyn's.

It could be 2010 or beyond before Democrats win another statewide race. They insist their time is coming because of shifting demographics —

36 percent of the state's population is now Hispanic and 12 percent is black — and because the influential Bush family will no longer be in office or on Texas ballots.

How seriously national Democrats treat Texas also will help tell the tale.

Until this past week's presidential primary, national candidates tended to treat the state as a money machine for fundraising but spent little time campaigning here the past few years.

They didn't have to show up in the spring since the state's primary fell so late in the season and nominations were essentially sewn up before the races reached Texas.

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Bush says economy has slowed but boost coming from rebates

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Friday that “it’s clear our economy has slowed” and tried to reassure an anxious public that the long-term outlook is good.

“Losing a job is painful and I know Americans are concerned about our economy. So am I,” Bush said during a hastily arranged White House appearance on the heels of a gloomy government economic report.

“I know this is a difficult time for our economy,” he said. “But we recognized the problem early and we provided the economy with a booster shot.”

Congress passed and Bush signed a stimulus package that will send tax rebates to many families and businesses. But some fear it will come too late — or that people will use the money to save or pay off debt, rather than go on a spending spree that would boost the economy.

Bush gently urged people to do the latter. “When the money reaches the American people, we expect they will use it to boost consumer spending,” he said.

Earlier, the president’s top economic adviser said that the nation’s economic growth could dip into negative territory for the current quarter. That tracks with the assessments of many outside experts but is the most pessimistic word to come so far from the White House.

John McCain flashes temper by repeatedly cutting off a reporter

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Republican Sen. John McCain, showing a flash of the temper he is known for, repeatedly cut off a reporter Friday when asked whether he had spoken to Democratic Sen. John Kerry about being his vice president in 2004.

“Everybody knows that I had a private conversation. Everybody knows that, that I had a conversation,” McCain told the reporter. “And you know it, too. No. You know it, too. No. You do know. You do know.”

The reporter, Elisabeth Bumiller of The New York Times, was following up on a question McCain had answered at a campaign event Friday morning in Atlanta. Asked if he might consider Kerry as a running mate, since Kerry asked him in 2004, McCain said no.

Afterward, on a campaign flight, Bumiller said she looked in the Times’ archives and that McCain had denied talking with Kerry in a May 2004 story.

McCain interrupted, saying that everyone knew he had a private conversation, and he kept interrupting as she tried to follow up. McCain clearly was irate.

“I don’t know what you read or heard of, and I don’t know the circumstances,” McCain said. “Maybe in May of ‘04 I hadn’t had a conversation.”

US troops suffering hearing damage in epidemic numbers

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Soldiers and Marines caught in roadside bombings and firefights in Iraq and Afghanistan are coming home in epidemic numbers with permanent hearing loss and ringing in their ears, prompting the military to redouble

its efforts to protect the troops from noise.

Hearing damage is the No. 1 disability in the war on terror, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and some experts say the true toll could take decades to become clear. Nearly 70,000 of the more than 1.3 million troops who have served in the two war zones are collecting disability for tinnitus, a potentially debilitating ringing in the ears, and more than 58,000 are on disability for hearing loss, the VA said.

“The numbers are staggering,” said Theresa Schulz, a former audiologist with the Air Force, past president of the National Hearing Conservation Association and author of a 2004 report titled “Troops Return With Alarming Rates of Hearing Loss.”

One major explanation given is the insurgency’s use of a fearsome weapon the Pentagon did not fully anticipate: powerful roadside bombs. Their blasts cause violent changes in air pressure that can rupture the eardrum and break bones inside the ear.

Also, much of the fighting consists of ambushes, bombings and firefights, which come suddenly and unexpectedly, giving soldiers no time to use their military-issued hearing protection.

“They can’t say, ‘Wait a minute, let me put my earplugs in,’” said Dr. Michael E. Hoffer, a Navy captain and one of the country’s leading inner-ear specialists. “They are in the fight of their lives.”

Former Obama adviser resigns after ripping Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former adviser to Barack Obama who resigned Friday after calling rival Hillary Rodham Clinton “a monster” said Obama may not be able to withdraw all U.S. combat troops from Iraq within a year as he has promised on the campaign trail.

Samantha Power, a Pulitzer Prize-winner author and unpaid adviser, made the comments in two separate interviews with foreign media while promoting her latest book. In a tight Democratic presidential campaign where attacks are becoming increasingly bitter, Power’s comments ignited a flurry of accusations between the two candidates.

Clinton said it’s hard to know what Obama’s real

positions are, while Obama insisted he will end the war in 2009 if elected and blamed Clinton for helping start it.

The comment that led to Power’s resignation came in an interview with The Scotsman. “She is a monster, too — that is off the record — she is stooping to anything,” the newspaper quoted her as saying. A few hours after the comments were published, Power, a Harvard professor, announced her resignation in a statement in which she said the

remarks were inexcusable and contradictory to her admiration for Clinton.

Slain student leader at University of North Carolina remembered as selfless, smart

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — You couldn’t escape Eve Carson’s presence at the University of North Carolina.

The student body president welcomed all incoming freshman — each and every one — to stop by

her office for a chat. She was a member of the school’s Board of Trustees and a winning intramural flag football team.

She had friends in the chancellor’s office, friends on the school’s top-ranked basketball team and more among the school’s 28,000 students.

“She was a bright spot in anybody’s day,” said

Seth Dearmin, a former student body president who met Carson during her freshman year. “She took time to talk to people, to listen to them. She cared about what they were interested in. That’s what drove her. She was a completely selfless person.”

And for it, North Carolina loved her back.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
A Trump Squeeze

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 10 8 7
♥ A K 9 5
♦ 7 4
♣ A 7 3

WEST
♠ K J 5
♥ J 6
♦ 10 6 5
♣ Q 10 9 6 2

EAST
♠ Q 6 4 3 2
♥ Q 8 3 2
♦ —
♣ K J 8 5

SOUTH
♠ 9
♥ 10 7 4
♦ A K Q J 9 8 3 2
♣ 4

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North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♦ Pass
3 ♥ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♠ Pass 5 NT Pass
7 ♦

Opening lead — six of clubs.

The opportunity to capitalize on the setting for a squeeze is sometimes missed — even in the best of companies.

Consider this deal from the match between Canada and Egypt in the 1968 World Team Olympiad. The Canadians won the 20-deal clash, but the Egyptians would have emerged victorious had their declarer found the way to make the grand slam on today’s hand.

West led a club, and South fin-

ished a trick short of the mark when he scored only the obvious 12 tricks. Declarer could have developed the trick he needed had he played his cards perfectly and executed a trump squeeze.

He can do so by winning the club lead with the ace, cashing the ace of spades and ruffing a spade. He then plays six rounds of trumps to produce this position, with East still to play to the last trick:

North
♠ 10 8
♥ A K

West
♠ K
♥ J 6
♦ Q

East
♠ Q 6
♥ Q 8 3

South
♥ 10 7 4
♦ 3

East has no reply to the sixth trump lead. If he parts with a spade, declarer crosses to dummy with a heart and ruffs a spade to establish dummy’s ten.

If East discards a heart instead, declarer cashes the A-K of hearts and scores his 13th trick with the ten of hearts after ruffing a spade.

It is not easy to visualize the end position at the start of play, but if declarer works out how the opposing cards need to be divided for him to succeed, he cannot be stopped from winning all the tricks.

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WORLD BRIEFLY

Serbian prime minister dissolves government, calls for elections

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — Serbian Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica has dissolved the government and called for new elections.

Kostunica accuses pro-Western ministers of failing to support his efforts to preserve Kosovo as part of Serbia.

Kostunica has maintained that Serbia cannot join the EU unless the bloc's member nations rescind their decisions to recognize Kosovo's independence.

Pro-EU coalition government parties say Serbia's future in the bloc should not depend on Kosovo's status.

Kostunica says that he will convene a session of the government that will make a decision to call new elections for May 11.

Colombia says rebel leader was killed by his chief of security

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A top rebel leader was killed by his own chief of security, who gave Colombian troops the leader's severed hand as proof, the defense minister said Friday. Ivan Rios was the second top rebel killed in a week, a major setback for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, the country's largest rebel force.

No top Colombian rebel leader had ever been slain until Raul Reyes was killed Saturday in a cross-border raid by Colombian troops into Ecuador that set off an international diplomatic crisis.

"The FARC has suffered a new, major blow," Defense Minister Juan Manuel Santos told reporters, calling Rios' death "yet another demonstration that the FARC is falling apart."

He said troops launched an operation designed to capture Rios on Feb. 17 after receiving tips that he was in a mountainous area straddling the western Colombian provinces of Caldas and Antioquia, and engaged the guerrillas' outer security ring seven times.

Thursday night, he said, a guerrilla known as Rojas came to the troops with Rios' severed right hand, laptop computer and ID, saying he had killed his boss three days earlier.

Former British Prime Minister Thatcher leaves hospital

LONDON (AP) — Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher spent the night in a London hospital for medical checks and returned home

Saturday.

Thatcher, her arm held by a hospital staff member, waved to photographers before ducking into a Jaguar car outside St. Thomas' Hospital in south London, where she had been taken after feeling faint. She waved again as she stepped into her London home a few minutes later.

The 82-year-old former Conservative leader had felt unwell during dinner with friends near the House of Lords in central London, according to her private secretary Mark Worthington and her daughter, Carol.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said on Saturday morning that he was sorry to hear of the illness and wished Thatcher "a very speedy recovery."

Carol Thatcher said her mother was hospitalized as a precaution.

"Very wisely, at her age and with a history of little strokes, they decided to err on the side of caution," she said. "But it's good news today. She is doing well."

Thatcher — Britain's first female prime minister — cut down on her workload in March 2002 after doctors said she suffered a series of strokes. She has often appeared at private functions in recent years but makes few public statements.

She urged members of her Conservative Party to "hold firm to their beliefs" as she was honored with a statue at the party's headquarters on Feb. 19.

"Today, as we face the challenges of the future, let us remain steadfast and sure. Let us set a clear course for our country," she said.

Nicknamed the "Iron Lady," Thatcher was prime minister from May 1979 until her resignation in November 1990. She was the first leader to win three consecutive elections.

Bird species not seen for 80 years found near Papua New Guinea

LONDON (AP) — A pale-bellied bird species last seen in the 1920s and long thought to be extinct has been rediscovered near Papua New Guinea.

The Beck's petrel was photographed last summer by an Israeli ornithologist in the Bismarck Archipelago, a group of islands northeast of Papua New Guinea.

Hadoram Shirihai, who led an expedition to find the seabird, returned with photographs of more than 30 of the birds and a freshly dead specimen found at sea — evidence that has so far convinced several experts.

Shirihai's photographs and his report were published in "The Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club" on Friday.

ADVENTURES OF BEING A PLAYER

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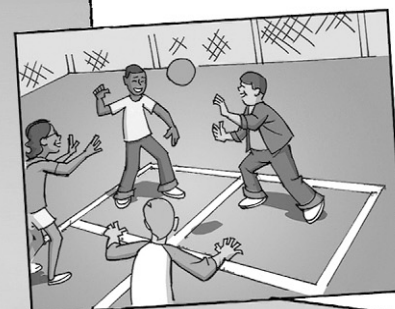
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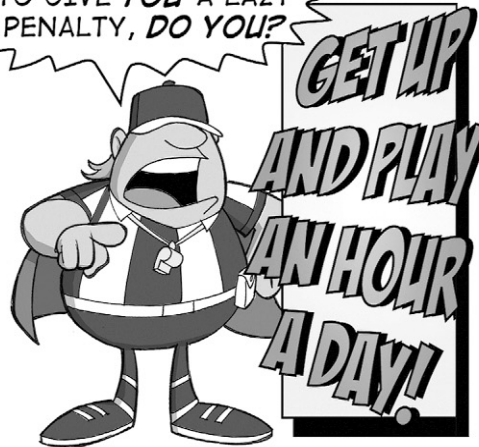
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JERRIE STOCKS

Dear Jerrie,
In a nutshell, what are some etiquette rules for correct conduct in public places?

Recently, I witnessed a display of very bad conduct in a restaurant between two customers. Their actions ruined the atmosphere of the evening for other customers as well as my husband and me.

Thanks,
Mandee

Dear Mandee,
Your conduct in public places should be marked by quiet dignity. When you are out in public, keep in mind three principles. The first is to treat everyone you meet with kindness. Being sensitive to others, will brighten their day.

The second is to take no one for granted. Be aware of other people around you. Be sincerely grateful for any service

and thank those who provide the service.

The third is to show respect to others. Be helpful to the elderly or a mother with small children. Offer assistance when you can by opening doors and always let them pass before you.

Dear Jerrie,
I will be one of the groomsmen in a large formal wedding this spring. The wedding is scheduled for early afternoon. I understand the groomsmen will be wearing waistcoats. I've never heard of a waistcoat. Can you please explain?

Thanks,
Warren

Hi Warren,
Thank you for an excellent question. A waistcoat is fashioned like a vest but is more formal. The material is a lighter weight than suit fabric and can range in colors

from pearl grays to shades of white for warm weather and darker grays to black, and/or pin stripe in cooler weather. The waistcoat fits around the waist and does not extend below the waist except for the two pointed folds at the front of the coat. They can be worn with a cutaway coat, tuxedo, or sackcoat (which resembles a suit coat).

Hi Jerrie,
This summer, I will be going to visit my mother and her new husband, Mark, in New York. My dad died four years ago and my mother recently married a very sweet, wealthy man who lives in a 12-room mansion with servants and gardeners. He treats my mom like an angel and I'm so excited to have him for my stepdad.

Mom tells me he is the essences of politeness

and good manners. He has several businesses and is very well-known and accepted in the city of New York as an excellent business man.

Here's my question. I am 22, single, have three years of college, and would love to relocate to New York to be near my mom. How would I approach Mark for a job in one of his businesses? I have a savings of \$17,000 that could help me get relocated.

Thank you,
Danna

Dear Danna,
First you should know what kind of businesses Mark has. Then you should talk to your mom to be sure she and Mark would be in agreement with you relocating to New York. If she is, then some evening during conversation, politely ask Mark if there might be a position in one of his

businesses for you, should you consider relocating. If he shows an interest, talk to both your mother and Mark together and confirm that they are not opposed to your move. If both agree, use your own money for the move and do not depend on or ask for a loan from either for you're relocation. This will speak volumes for you and prove that you are a stable young lady. Don't get in a hurry, move with caution and ask God for clear direction.

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

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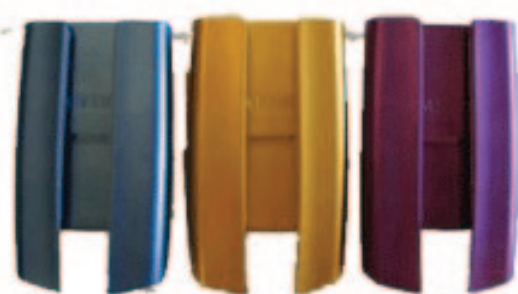
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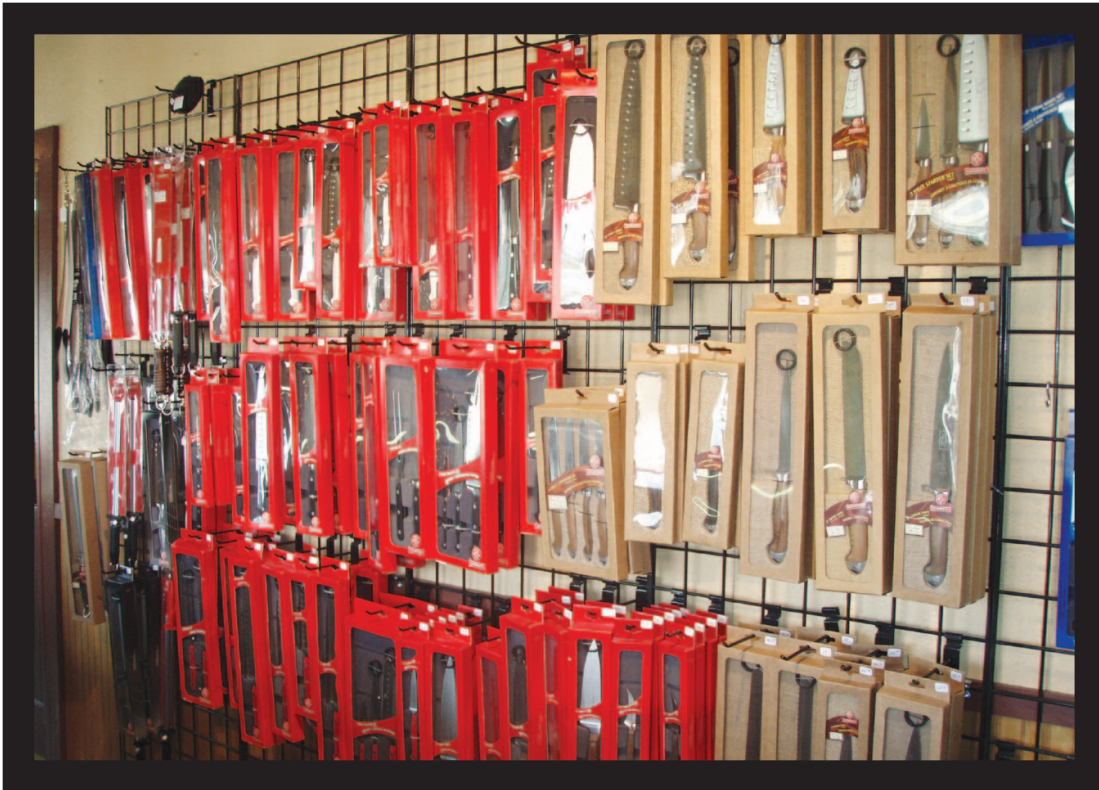
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