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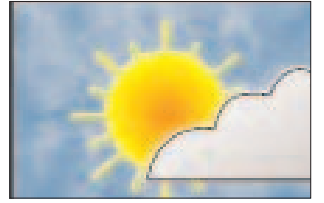
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## High school roof gets an F

Portion of \$34 million bond before voters would pay for repairs

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Take a leaky roof, multiply it by thousands of square feet and you have an enormous repair bill.

That's one of several problems Big Spring Independent School District officials hope voters will solve when they head to the polls May 10 to decide the fate of a \$34 million bond issue.

Most of the attention on the bond focuses on plans to build a new elementary campus that would house all BSISD students in grades 2 through 4, but right behind that in importance, officials say, is the need to re-roof the high school.

"The facility studies we've had done identify closing Washington and Bauer elementaries as the top priority," BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes said. "After that,

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Downes

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It has been more than a decade since any significant work has been done on the roof and in that

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Wayland Pierce, director of transportation and maintenance for Big Spring Independent School District, inspects the roof at Big Spring High School Friday. The darker-colored portions of the roof indicate water seepage under the foam covering. Voters will decide on May 10 whether to approve up to \$2.8 million to repair the structure.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

## Medical examiner inquiry raises concerns

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Local officials say questions regarding the licensing of the Lubbock medical examiner should have little or no effect on cases heard in Howard County courts over the past two years.

Lubbock's medical examiner, Thomas Beaver, never gained a full license to practice medicine



Wiseman

years.

Howard County currently

in the state of Texas, according to officials with the state's Medical Board, a fact that could call into question the validity of autopsies performed for more than 80 counties during the past two

contracts with the Lubbock Medical Examiner's Office — which operates out of Texas Tech's Health Sciences Center — for autopsies, according to Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman.

"Most of the defendants in cases involving autopsies over the past two years pleaded out," said Wiseman. "So this situation shouldn't have an impact

on our courts."

While Beaver's apparent lack of proper licensing doesn't have Wiseman worried about cases being overturned, she said contract between Howard County and the Lubbock Medical Examiner's Office has raised some concerns.

"We're looking at it right now. We plan to investigate the matter and the law pertaining

to it very carefully," said Wiseman. "We've been paying approximately \$2,000 for each autopsy, and the way I understand the law, if the examiner's office is charging anything above their own cost, something is wrong. We plan to look at the forms we use and the requirements of the law to

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Firefighters douse "hot spots" after responding to a grass fire on Borden Road Friday afternoon. Several structures were threatened by the fire, but no major damage was reported.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

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## Possible tornado slams into Atlanta; more storms coming

By DORIE TURNER

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Crews hauled broken glass and furniture out of downtown streets Saturday and homeowners surveyed damage caused by a possible tornado that surprised many residents and basketball fans.

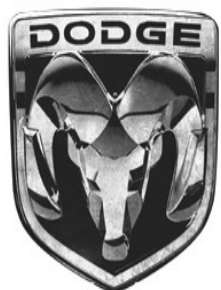
More thunderstorms headed across northern Alabama toward the city Saturday morning. "We're bracing for another

round of whatever mother nature throws at us," said Lisa Janak of the state emergency management agency.

At least 27 people were hurt Friday night, though no injuries were believed to be life-threatening.

Mayor Shirley Franklin said the storm was "what we now know was a tornado." Weather service officials continued to say

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# Sports

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## IN BRIEF

### Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

#### MONDAY

Coahoma softball vs. Merkel, 7 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

Big Spring softball vs. Fort Stockton, Noon.

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

Coahoma softball at Stamford, 7 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

Big Spring baseball vs. Chickasha, Okla. 1 p.m.

Big Spring softball at Hobbs, N.M., TBA

Coahoma baseball vs. Merkel, 7 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

Big Spring softball at Brownwood, TBA

Forsan baseball at Morton Tournament through Saturday.

### Trinity Baptist pastor sinks hole-in-one

Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring, sank a hole-in-one Friday, witnessed by Steve Moses and Joey Bacon.

He made the shot on the Big Spring Country Club's third hole — 180 yards, par three — with a three iron.

"The shot was an example of divine intervention," said Big Spring CC Golf Pro Larry Bryan.

### Permian Basin Ladies Association playday results

The Permian Basin Ladies Association held one of its playdays Thursday and two Big Spring women placed within the second flight.

Annie Ward shot a 74 for the lowest net score in the flight. Joann Hillger had the lowest amount of putts, attempting only 32.

### Big Spring Chicano Golf Association meeting Monday

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the Montolongo Body Shop located

### Big Spring Country Club hosting 3-person scramble

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 3-person scramble April 5 and 6 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start on both days.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus a golf cart, however, private carts are welcome.

Entry includes a barbecue lunch on the course for the first day of the tournament.

The field will be flighted by first-round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of entries.

An optional cash players pool will be available for both rounds.

Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for more information.

## Buffs wild on mound, fall to C-City, 7-6

### Herald Staff Report

COLORADO CITY — It was a wild night for the Forsan Buffaloes pitching staff as the group is still trying to recover from an elongated basketball season and find some consistency with their arms.

Adam Bailey and Evan Burton combined to pitch seven innings, walk six Colorado City Wolves batters and hit four more in a 7-6 Forsan loss. The Wolves managed only two hits in the game,

but both were with runners in scoring position. Coupled with some untimely errors in a five-run fourth inning, Forsan found itself on the short end of the scoreboard.

"This was only Adam's second outing and his first one was short," Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips said. "I was just trying to get him some innings before enough time on the mound. He throws hard and is still trying to get into baseball shape after a

long basketball season."

Forsan opened the game with two runs in the first inning and led 4-0 after its half of the third. C-City finally got on the board in the bottom of the third, closing the deficit to 4-2. The Buffs pulled away a little further with another two run in the top of the fourth, but that's when the Wolves went on an opportunistic attack.

All seven runs were scored on Bailey, but four were unearned. He struck out five Wolves' bat-

ters in 3-2/3 innings. Burton finished the final two-plus innings without allowing a run.

Burton sparked Forsan offensively as well, scoring on two legit inside the park home runs.

Forsan will take most of its Spring Break off, but will end the vacation with a five-team round robin tournament Friday and Saturday. The Buffs will face Ralls and Morton on the opening day of the tourney and Olton and

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

**Big Spring Steers shortstop Nathan Doporto follows through on his swing in a game against Anthony Thursday at Christensen Stadium in Midland as a part of the West Texas Classic. Doporto had five RBIs in a 19-14 Steers' victory over Amarillo Caprock Friday. The Steers have moved into the semifinals of the Classic and played Pecos Saturday morning. With a win, the Steers would face Canyon in the finals Saturday night.**

## Steers outslug Caprock, 19-14

### By JONATHAN HULL

#### Herald Staff Report

MIDLAND — Friday's baseball game against Amarillo Caprock's Longhorns wasn't supposed to mean anything for the Big Spring Steers.

It turned out Big Spring had plenty to learn from the contest, though.

The Steers overcame run deficits of 5 and 3 as the ball was flying all over the Citibank Ballpark in Midland in Big Spring's 19-14 win over Caprock. It's the second time Big Spring has scored a massive amount of runs in the West Texas Classic. The Steers scored 20 in a win over Greenwood Thursday.

"We've got to get a place kicker," joked Steers Head Coach Burt Otto, comparing the high scores to a football game. "I know its just one point, but those can come back to haunt you in the end."

In all seriousness, Otto was very pleased with the Steers' fortitude to not quit and battle back for the win.

"I told them before the game that Caprock could hit the ball and did they ever," he said. "This game doesn't mean anything as far as the tournament goes, but it turned out to be a good lesson for us. We stayed relaxed and confident after they jumped out to a 7-2 lead in the first. We cut it to one in the sec-

ond and they blew up on us again in the third. Still, we battled back and made some big plays. It's good for us to know we can fight our way back into games."

Jeremy Solis got the start for Big Spring and retired the first two Caprock batters on two pitches. However, the game turned sour for Solis from there.

"Jeremy got off to a good start. He got the first two outs quickly and looked fine doing it," Otto said. "Seven runs later, I'm forced to pull him. It was a strange outing."

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## Lady Steers place fourth in San Angelo

### Herald Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's Lady Steers gained two key motivating factors in Friday's Concho Bell Relays in San Angelo.

First, they found out they can compete with the likes of Class 5A schools San Angelo Central and Abilene Cooper with a fourth-place overall team finish. Second, the Lady Steers finished well ahead of district-rival San Angelo Lake View, which finished two spots behind Big Spring in sixth.

"We showed we've got what it takes to hang with schools like Central and Cooper," Lady Steers Head Coach Nick Roberson said. "We also put it on Lake View pretty good, too. Its big for us to beat our district foes."

Freshman Desiree Anderson once again shined for Big Spring, finally winning a 100 meters race after settling for second in the three meets before this one. Anderson added two silver medals to her totals, racing to second place in the 200 meters and leaping for a runner-up performance in the long jump. She posted a personal best in the long jump, though, clearing 16 feet, 11 inches.

### Steers open strong in Odessa

#### Herald Staff Report

ODESSA — Big Spring's Steers continue to show they can compete with the big boys of Class 5A Friday, finishing the first day of the West Texas Relays in third place in the overall team points standings.

The Steers have 21 points and trail Midland High (30) and Odessa Permian (27) after four events.

Jordan Valle posted another gold-medal performance in the 3200 meters, besting his competition by more than 20 seconds with a time of 10:10.2.

Tyrone Clemons also provided a significant amount of points for his team, finishing third in the high jump, clearing a height of 6-2. There was actually a three-

The Lady Steers also picked up some crucial points from their distance runners — a group Roberson has been stepping out of its comfort zone in order to get better and improve the team.

"I'm asking our distance runners to run in races they wouldn't usually be in so they can improve their speed and it helps

way tie for the gold in the event between Clemons, Chris Muncie of El Paso Montwood and Montrey Anders of Midland High. However, Clemons was third based on a tiebreaker.

He also finished sixth in the triple jump while teammate Sidney Parker took fourth.

Big Spring looks poised to collect several points on the second day of the meet with several runners posting top times in the preliminary heats of their respective races.

LaRay Woodard looks to be the favorite in the 110-meter hurdles after finishing with a top time of 14.65 in the prelims.

Saturday's full results will be available in Monday's edition of the *Herald*.

"The team a lot," he said. "These girls are running very hard and picking up some important points for us."

Catherine Leubner gave a gold-medal performance in the 800 meters, finishing the race in 2:29. Esther Tobar placed in three different events, finishing third in the 3200 meters, fourth in the 400

and fifth in the 1600.

Sometimes a coach can find a bright side in what is a disappointing experience for a runner. Such was the case in the 300 meter hurdles. Kallina Fletcher was in second place heading into the final hurdle, but caught her toe on it and tripped. It would have been the first time Big Spring had placed in a hurdles event this season.

"Kallina's performance was a bright spot on our day," Roberson said. "We haven't had anyone come close to placing in the hurdles. It's unfortunate she fell over the last hurdle, but it's a good sign for district."

Leslie Leal continued to perform admirably for the Lady Steers in the shot and discus events. Leal placed third in the discus and fourth in the shot.

Big Spring takes part in a meet in Brownwood Friday and Saturday.

**Notes:** Big Spring's junior varsity also finished fourth in San Angelo, showing huge amounts of improvement since the opening track meet in Lubbock where they only scored seven points.

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## Bulldogettes shut down Hawley, 10-0

### By BRANDON HALLFORD

#### Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Coahoma's Bulldogettes wanted nothing more than to deliver a message to the only team — Hawley's Lady Bearcats — that has ever handed Coahoma a district loss in the more than 15 years that the softball program has been alive.

Message delivered.

Coahoma exploded for five runs in the first before delivering the knock out punch as four more Bulldogettes crossed the plate in the second, leaving the Lady Cats wondering what had hit them in a 10-0 Coahom win.

After Coahoma starter Heather Newton silenced the Hawley bats in the first striking out the side, Bulldogettes lead-off hitter Krista Kerby drove the third pitch she saw from Hawley starter Peewee Burton into right center.

Three batters later, Bulldogettes catcher Janice Gonzales slammed an 0-2 offering off the base of the wall in left-center, scoring both Kerby and Newton, who had reached earlier in the inning due to an error by the Hawley centerfielder.

Christie Rich pushed the advantage to 3-0 one batter later, scorching a shot through the left side of the infield to score courtesy runner Arika Hart.

JoAnna Gonzales was the next to join the hit parade as the freshman slapped a pitch into right, scoring Rich.

Shelbi Paige finished off the cavalcade one batter later caroming a Burton pitch high off the left-center wall for a double, driving in Gonzales with the final run of the inning.

The Bulldogettes set eight more hitters to the plate and scored four more runs for a 9-0 lead after just two innings of play.

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### Tips for Tasty Ham

- Select a lean ham with no visible marbling, and well trimmed of fat around the edges.
- If frozen, allow ham to thaw slowly in refrigerator for best quality.
- Avoid cross-contamination by pouring marinade into separate container before injecting into meat.
- Turn ham without sharp tools that may pierce the ham, allowing delicious juices to escape.

*Honey Praline Ham*

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Kitchen innovation opens the door to new flavors. Check out the wide variety of mouthwatering dishes with injectable marinades made possible by injecting flavor at [www.CajunInjector.com/whatgoesbest](http://www.CajunInjector.com/whatgoesbest). Delicious foods full of traditional flavors are available just a click away at [www.BruceFoods.com/bfcstore](http://www.BruceFoods.com/bfcstore).

### Going Green: Smart Moves

What’s good for the environment is good for consumers and good for the bottom line as well. Cutting-edge production practices are used by Bruce Foods in their sweet potato canning lines to recapture gas by-products, recycling their energy for manufacturing. This procedure is one among many that not only conserves our precious natural resources for future generations, but also reduces processing costs — resulting in lower consumer prices.

FAMILY FEATURES



*Sweet Potato Casserole*



*Southern-Style Bread Pudding With Rum Sauce*

### Honey Praline Ham

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 1 to 3 hours  
Servings: 25 to 30 (3-ounce) slices

- 1 (8- to 12-pound) bone-in ham or spiral cut ham
- 1 (16-ounce) jar Cajun Injector Honey Praline Marinade With Injector
- 1 (3.25-ounce) canister Cajun Injector Praline Topping

Preheat oven as instructed on ham packaging. Pour marinade in measuring cup; warm approximately 40 seconds in microwave. Inject marinade evenly throughout ham using approximately 1 1/2 ounces per pound of meat. After injecting with marinade, cover ham; bake according to package directions. Remove ham from oven; pat topping evenly over ham. Return ham to oven; bake 30 more minutes basting with pan drippings. Remove ham from oven; allow to rest covered before carving.

### Sweet Potato Casserole

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 35 to 45 minutes  
Servings: 7 (5-ounce) servings

- 1/4 cup evaporated milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 eggs
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 (29-ounce) can Bruce’s Sweet Potato Casserole with (4-ounce) can Pecan Crumb Topping
- 4 tablespoons butter, softened

Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine milk, vanilla, eggs, melted butter and casserole mix, blending well. Place topping in separate bowl; cut in softened butter and mix until crumbly. Pour mixture in 9- by 9- by 2-inch baking dish; sprinkle with topping. Bake 35 to 45 minutes.

### Southern-Style Bread Pudding With Rum Sauce

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 50 minutes  
Servings: 8 servings

- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 3/4 cups milk
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1 box Bruce’s Southern Style Bread Pudding Mix
- 6 cups loosely packed French bread, torn into 1-inch pieces

Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine egg, milk, and butter in large mixing bowl. Add bread pudding mix; blend well. Stir in bread pieces. Pour into greased 8- by 8- by 2-inch baking dish. Bake 50 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Cut into individual portions and cover with rum sauce.

### Rum Sauce

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 3/4 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons white or dark rum

Melt butter in small saucepan over medium heat. Mix together sugar and cornstarch; stir into butter. Pour milk in pan; cook stirring frequently until mixture begins to boil. Continue cooking until thick, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; stir in rum. Serve warm over bread pudding.

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Obituaries

Patricia Ann Joplin



Patricia Ann Joplin, 82, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 11, 2008, in Midland. Private family services will be held at a later date.

She was born March 17, 1925, at Wilson, Okla., to Hettie and James Leming. She lived most of her life in California and Florida. She had been a waitress prior to retirement.

She is survived by one daughter, Sandra Ann Pittman Capuano, formerly of Big Spring, and her husband Francis of Port Orchard, Wash.; and two sisters, Mary Bishop and Nell Beard, both of Big Spring; one niece, Shirley Harrison of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Cherise, Michael, John and Kimberly; several great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

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

*Paid obituary*

Elna Dawun 'Donna' Earhart



Elna Dawun "Donna" Earhart, 73, of Kingsland, formerly of Big Spring died Thursday, March 13, 2008, in Kingsland. The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Aug. 9, 1934, in Big Spring to Edna and Denver Heffington. She worked at Big John's Feed Lot for 22 years. She was a homemaker, loved gardening and yard work and was a Baptist. She lived most of her life in Big Spring, moving to the Tow area in 1998.

She is survived by one daughter, Donna Carol Cantwell and her husband James of Kingsland; three sons, Michael Kinman and his wife Sandy of Roby, Steve Kinman and his wife Pam of Tow, and Kelley Mauldin of Kingsland; three grandchildren, Regina Thompson and her husband Will of Abilene; Nicole Chaney and her husband Curtis of Cullman, Ala.; and Hali Kinman of Big Spring; four great-grandchildren, Derek Baron, Logan Fenwick, Triston DeLeon and Kyler Chaney; numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Dorothy Carter and her husband Mike of Big Spring and Saundra Webb of Tyler; three brothers, Denver Heffington and his wife Eva, and Dennis Heffington and his wife Sandy, all of Tow, and Ben Heffington and his wife Kelly of Odessa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Earhart in 2007; one brother, Rickey Heffington; and two sisters, Deanie Anderson and Shirley Slate.

Pallbearers will be Ben Heffington, Thomas Cantwell, Dennis Heffington, Brian Coots, Curtis Chaney and Shelby Kennard.

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

*Paid obituary*

Dorothy J. (Cox) Gay

Dorothy J. (Cox) Gay, of Midland passed away Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

She was born Oct. 11, 1927 in Grand Island, Neb., to Courtney Aris Cox and Almeda L. Adamson. Dorothy was raised and educated in Cheyenne, Wyo., where she met and married Robert Morris Gay on July 20, 1962. She was employed for the State of Wyoming for a short period of time as well as the Bureau of Land Management, USAF, General Dynamics and the Civil Service at FAA.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Dorothy is survived by her son, Stephen Gay and wife Jane of Hudsonville, Mich.; daughters, Karen Sharma and husband Niranjana of Midland and Lura L. Zimmerman and husband Charles of Ridgecrest, Calif.; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and other family members.

Memorial services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday, March 17, 2008, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. To place on-line condolences please visit [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

*Paid obituary*

Kim Moore Barber



Kim Moore Barber, 47, of Big Spring died Thursday, March 13, 2008, at her residence. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall, Compass Hospice chaplain, officiating.

She was born March 20, 1960, in Findley, Ohio, to Ina and Joe Moore. She moved to Big Spring from New Orleans in 2005. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Barber of Big Spring.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Zoe Catherine Rose Barber in 2005.

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

Joy Ruth Wallace

Joy Ruth Wallace, 75, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 15, 2008, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Carmena F. Farmer

Carmena F. Farmer, 98, of Big Spring died Friday, March 14, 2008, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- **LARRY EUGENE JOJOLA**, 54, 301 Denton, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **SALENA TAYLOR**, 28, 3506 Webb, was arrested on a Howard County Sheriff's Office warrant.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 2400 block of Gregg.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was reported in the 1500 block of Scurry, 300 block of Eighth and the 600 block of Sixth.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

Take Note

• The SMMC/FMC Relay For Life team is hosting a scrub sale. The vendor will be selling in the hospital's first floor classroom on Wednesday, March 26 from 7a.m. to 5 p.m. with a percentage of the proceeds going to Relay For Life.

• American Red Cross Lifeguarding and CPR classes will be held in two sessions this year, March 31-April 5 and April 14-19. Cost will be \$125. Those interested can sign up with Coach Randall Shaw at [rshaw3535@hotmail.com](mailto:rshaw3535@hotmail.com) or at the Big Spring YMCA. Times of the class will be given at the time of registration. Spots are limited and fees must be paid at registration. Individuals who register must be present for all classes. After the first day of class, no refunds will be given.

• 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.

• 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.

"We wish to clarify the prior notice regarding reporting of claims resulting from the incident at the Alon Refinery on February 18th. The prior notice stated that claims must be reported by no later than Saturday March 15th. In fact, the notice was intended to state that claims would no longer be handled over the phone after such date. Due to the need for this clarification, the date for submitting claims over the phone at the below number has been extended to Monday, **March 31st**. After that date, individuals wishing to make a claim may call the number below to receive recorded instructions for submitting a claim in writing **1-800-451-4527**."

Bulletin Board

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**MONDAY**  
• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 263-1758 213-3598.

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

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

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.

Weather

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 15 to 25 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Windy. Lows in the mid 50s. Southeast winds 25 to 30 mph shifting to the south 15 to 25 mph after midnight.

Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. South winds 15 to 20 mph shifting to the southwest in the afternoon.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. cooler. Highs in the mid 60s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 40.

Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Thursday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s..Thursday night. Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Friday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 28-33-16-23-4 Number matching five of five: 0.

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# Storm rips through Georgia Dome, SEC tourney moved

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Alabama and Mississippi State were locked in a thrilling game at the Southeastern Conference tournament. Suddenly, everyone started looking toward the roof of the Georgia Dome, wondering where that rumbling sound was coming from.

What they saw was terrifying. Metal scaffolding and a temporary video board swaying back and forth. The huge fabric roof flapping like a flag in a stiff breeze. Two large panels above the upper deck starting to peel away. Small chunks of insulation and debris drifting toward the court.

A possible tornado, said the National Weather Service.

No doubt about it, said those who went through it — players, coaches and some 18,000 fans.

"I thought it was a tornado or a terrorist attack," said Mississippi State guard Ben Hansbrough, who was guarding Alabama's Mykal Riley when the clatter began above their heads, growing into an angry growl that, yes, sounded like an approaching freight train.

The storm forced the SEC to take the unprecedented step of moving the rest of the tournament to Georgia Tech's Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Because of the smaller capacity — 9,100 compared with the dome's basketball capacity of 26,000 — there was no way to divvy up the tickets and keep everyone happy.

So, only players' families, cheerleaders, bands and those with working credentials will be allowed to attend, probably

no more than 2,000 per game. It will be a surreal setting for the remaining games and surely cause plenty of backlash from schools — especially Kentucky — that had tens of thousands of boosters in the city.

The Wildcats faithful didn't even get a chance to see their team play.

"We're hopeful that fans will realize what happened tonight," said SEC associate commissioner Charles Bloom, adding there would be a refund policy. "But we know there will be some frustration for the fans."

The storm struck while Alabama and Mississippi State were in overtime of their quarterfinal game. They were able to finish after a delay of just more than an hour — Mississippi State won 69-67 — but the SEC called off Georgia-Kentucky because of concerns that more strong cells were closing in on the city and the building may have sustained structural damage.

Now, either Georgia or Kentucky will have to play a doubleheader Saturday. They will meet at noon EDT, with the winner facing Mississippi State about nine hours later. Tennessee and Arkansas will meet in the other



AP photo/Dave Martin  
Debris lies in the seats of the upper section of the Georgia Dome after a severe storm blew in several sections of the wall above, dropping debris into the seats and damaging the facility and surrounding buildings. The storm caused a delay in the Alabama-Mississippi State basketball game during the Southeastern Conference basketball tournament in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta Friday.

played Sunday, as planned, but two hours later at 3 p.m.

Earlier Friday, two quarterfinal games were played without any problems. No. 4 Tennessee, the regular-season champion, avoided a major upset when Chris Lofton hit a 3-pointer with 11.4 seconds remaining for an 89-87 victory over South Carolina. The Volunteers advanced to face Arkansas, an 81-75 winner over No. 18 Vanderbilt.

The evening session was anything but routine. National Weather Service officials called the storm a possible tornado, and winds were clocked at up to 60 mph as it moved through the city.

"We planned for a lot of things," Mississippi State coach Rick Stansbury said. "We didn't plan for a tornado."

While the weather service waffled on whether a tornado struck the 16-year-old dome, everyone sure felt that's what they had been through after a loud, rumbling noise swept over the building. The damage was especially striking on the outside, where large chunks of insulation and metal panels — some as long as 25 feet long — were ripped off the building.

There were no reports of injuries inside the stadium, Bloom said.

The Alabama-Mississippi State game was stopped with the Bulldogs leading 64-61 and 2:11 left in overtime. Both teams were sent to the locker room and some fans fled for the exits, worried that the roof might cave in. Alabama coach Mark Gottfried found his family members in the stands and hustled them to safety.

"I looked up," Gottfried said. "I could see everything swaying."

Those who remained in their seats looked anxiously at the Teflon-coated Fiberglas fabric roof, which is designed to flex slightly during high winds but was rippling heavily in the storm.

Bloom said the building was deemed structurally sound when Alabama and Mississippi State resumed play, though huge chunks of debris were piled up on the sidewalks surrounding the 70,000-seat stadium — normally home of the NFL's Atlanta Falcons — and a breeze could be felt blowing through the inside.

Several fans and at least one reporter on press row said metal bolts and washers fell from the ceiling. A pipe ripped a hole in the roof away from the court, which is set up at one end of the dome in a smaller configuration for basketball.

There was no announcement during the game that a strong storm was approaching, but several fans got advance warning on their cell phones.

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## STEERS

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Martin Yanez took over on the mound for Solis and pitched through the fourth inning, earning the win. John Benavides pitched two shutout innings to close the game.

Trailing 7-2 after the first, Big Spring cut the lead to one with a four-run second and briefly took command of the game in the top of the third, scoring five for a 11-8 advantage. Benavides hit a two-run homer in the frame to left field.

However, Caprock responded and brought six more runs across the plate in the bottom of the third for a 14-11 lead. Those were the final runs Caprock scored, though.

While the Longhorns' bats cooled off, Big Spring's remained hot. The Steers took the lead for good with another five-run inning in the fourth, retaking the lead 16-14. The Steers added three more runs over the final two innings and Benavides shut down Caprock's offense.

Nathan Doport had a big day at the plate for the Steers, hitting three doubles and knocking in five

runs. Yanez, Benavides, Solis, Jordan Herrod and Kaegan Hunt each had two RBIs a piece.

The Steers were already guaranteed a spot in the championship bracket and played a semifinals game at 11 a.m. Saturday against a very familiar non-district opponent this season, the Pecos Eagles.

It marks the third time the two squads have met in tournament play after they played twice in the Sandhills Tournament in Monahans last month. The Steers used a last-inning two-run rally to power past Pecos in the Sandhills' opening bracket game for a 5-4 win. However, Big Spring fell in Game 2 between the two clubs, 4-2.

The winner of the game will play perennial Class 3A state power Canyon in the finals at 7 p.m. Saturday at Citibank Ballpark. Canyon defeated Lubbock Cooper — which plays the Pecos/Big Spring loser in a third-place game at 1 p.m. Saturday — 4-3 Friday night for the chance to play for the Classic's championship.

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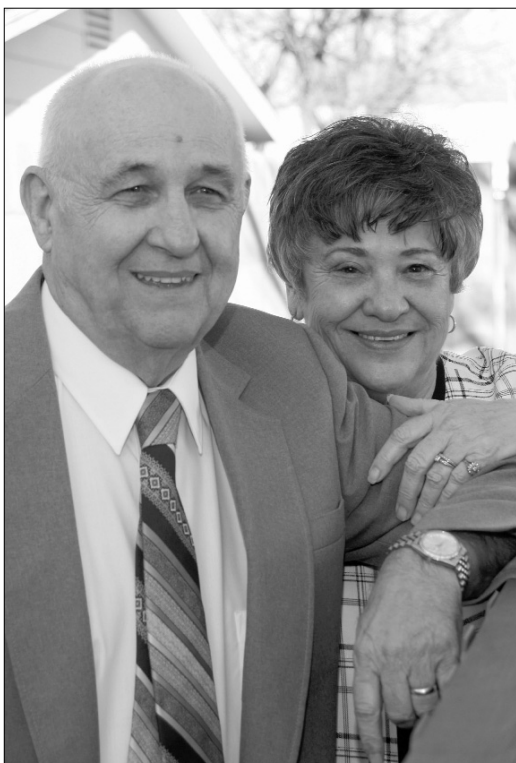
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## Anniversary



### Carsons celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Dick and Marilyn Gerene Carson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 15, 2008, in the company of 55 family members and friends.

The celebration dinner was held at the Lake Room at the Dora Roberts Community Center and was hosted by their children, Doug Carson and his wife Katricia of Ackerly, Kelly Ralston and her husband Tom of Big Spring, Jeff Carson and his wife Georgie of

Mansfield and Jimmy Carson and his wife Vicki of Big Spring.

Dick and Marilyn have 17 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Dick was raised in Strasburg, Ohio. Marilyn Gerene (nee Anderson) was raised in Center Point.

The two met at the NCO Club at Webb Air Force Base in 1957. They married March 15, 1958, in Big Spring. The couple and their chil-

dren have lived in Big Spring, France, Colorado and Spain, respectively, before finally settling down once again in Big Spring in 1976.

Dick retired from the Air Force in 1977, and then worked for the City of Big Spring for 17 years. Marilyn retired as justice of the peace in December of 2002.

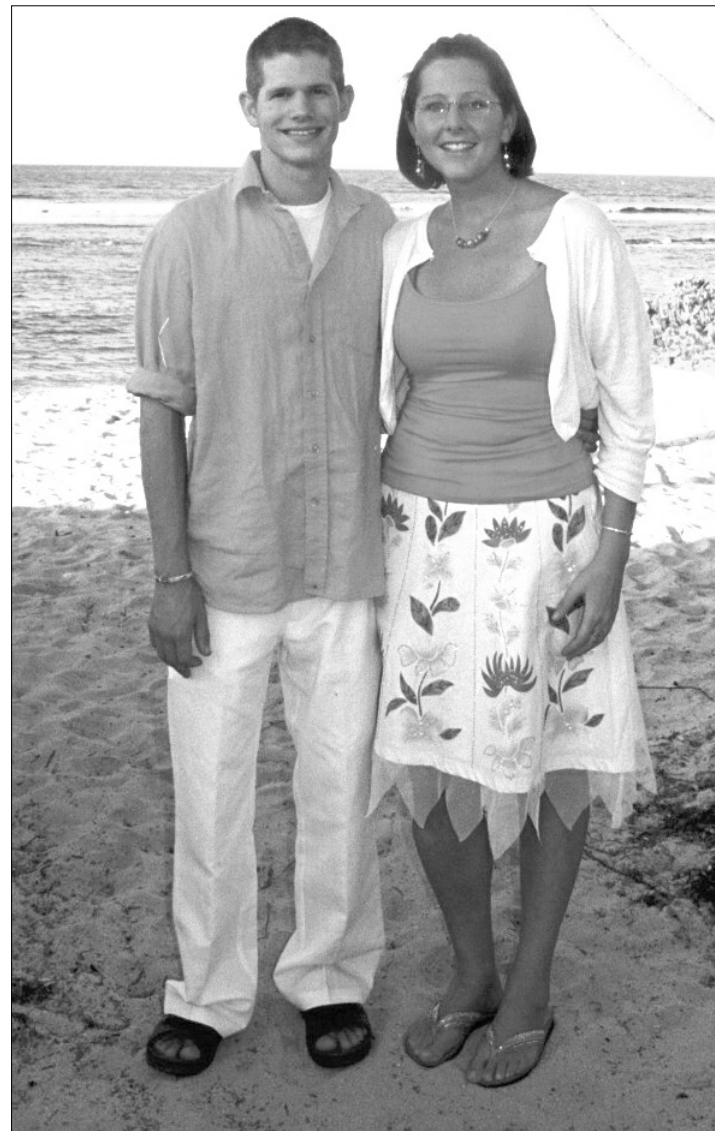
The couple are enjoying their retirement and each other's company.

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## Cars, Stars and Handlebars coming

Invitations to the Second Annual Cars, Stars, and Handlebars fundraiser were mailed the latter part of February, but don't be taken off-guard when you open them. The volunteers are going on the wild side this year. The committee tweaked the new fundraiser, and we hope the changes are agreeable to you and will make it even more enjoyable than last year.



BILLIE CHRISTIE MORGAN

If you didn't receive an invitation or haven't purchased a ticket, give the volunteers a call at 268-7271. The tickets are selling extremely fast and when 750 tickets are sold, they're gone. We know it will be just as much fun and even more exciting than last year. This year's \$100 ticket lets two people enjoy an exciting evening at the Big Spring Country Club with heavy hors d'oeuvres, light entertainment, door prizes, and some lucky person will go home with a new \$25,000 vehicle. A consolation prize is being added. Hopefully, this will be just as profitable for the patients at Big Spring State Hospital as the volunteers work towards a new goal of funding a new family visitation center. Mark your calendar for Friday, April 25.

More than 30 hospital volunteers and employees will travel to Waco April 3 through April 5 to attend the Annual State Volunteer Training Conference. We are extremely excited this year to have most of the VSC board members and many of the Chalet volunteers attending the convention. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase Big Spring State Hospital's Volunteer Program. We are planning a couple of fun stops along the way, including the Dr. Pepper plant in Dublin and the Texas Ranger Museum.

Volunteers, remember to put on those comfortable walking shoes.

Please mark your calendar for April 10, when we recognize our volunteers at our annual Volunteer Awards Luncheon. Local and state award winners will be recognized, along with service award recipients and the coveted Jack Y. Smith Award recipient.

Singing telegrams, candy and stuffed animals once again were popular ways to celebrate Valentine's Day in Big Spring and the state hospital volunteers were more than happy to provide the goods for delivery. Volunteers hosted another successful fundraiser, making more than \$3,600, which will pay for many of the extras the patients need during their stay but cannot be funded by the state.

Special thanks to all of the volunteers who made it a special day. This would not have been possible without the hard work of Valentine Chairman Kathy Sheppard. The Travel Center allowed volunteers headed up by

Dorothy Sheppard to sell goodies at the truck stop, and we thank them for that special offering. The community support was super.

The Chalet volunteers continue their monthly workdays at the resale shop. We can always use more volunteer help on these workdays or just anytime you have an extra hour or two. New spring arrivals are out and winter merchandise is disappearing. So check out what's new.

There are a lot of renovations going on so look for inside and outside changes in the next few months to better serve our customers and donors. We appreciate the help of the volunteer facilities committee that

is helping coordinate these changes. This group is headed up by Max Moore, who has been wonderful to lend a hand getting us on track with needed construction repairs. The Chalet is located at the corner of East Second and Runnels. They are always in need of donations of household items and furniture, as well as your garage sale leftovers and extra plastic grocery sacks. Your donation is tax-deductible.

Master's Touch has been especially generous donating items that our patients can enjoy. It brightens our patients' day to have greeting cards, calendars, book

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### Schoelen and McBrayer

Joyce and Michael McBrayer are pleased to announce that Lisa Marie Schoelen of Oklahoma City, Okla., and their son, Christopher Ryan McBrayer of Big Spring are engaged and will exchange vows Saturday, March 22, 2008, at Walnut Creek Chapel in Oklahoma City.

Lisa is the daughter of Charles and Marie Lee of Eureka Springs, Ark., and Norman Schoelen of Kingfisher. She is the granddaughter of Fred and Anna Lue Hoffman of Geary, Okla. (deceased) and Edward and Edna Schoelen of Kingfisher, Okla. (deceased).

She is a graduate of Putnam City North High School in Oklahoma City and obtained her bache-

lor's degree from Oklahoma State University.

Chris is the son of Michael and Joyce McBrayer of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Aubrey (Frenchie) (deceased) and Mary LaNeave of El Paso and Hartwell S. (deceased) and Gladys McBrayer of Frankfurt, Ky.

Chris is a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School and is an active duty 2nd class petty officer in the United States Coast Guard.

A honeymoon is planned for the Bahamas and the Cayman Islands. The couple now resides in Corpus Christi, where Chris is currently stationed.

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Power poles lean in a precarious position across Auburn Avenue of downtown early Saturday morning after a possible tornado ripped through downtown Atlanta Friday night, smashing skyscraper windows, sucking furniture and luggage out of hotel rooms, crumbling part of an apartment building and rattling the rafters of two major sports arenas filled with basketball fans.

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only that a "possible tornado" hit around 9:40 p.m. as a thunderstorm roared through with wind up to 60-mph wind.

All downtown events scheduled for Saturday were canceled, including the St. Patrick's Day parade.

The storm smashed hundreds of skyscraper windows, blew furniture and luggage out of hotel rooms, crumbled part of an apartment building and rattled a packed sports arena.

Streets around the Georgia Dome, Phillips Arena, the CNN Center and Centennial Olympic Park were littered with broken glass, downed power lines, crumbled bricks, insulation and the occasional office chair. Billboards collapsed onto parked cars.

CNN said its headquarters building suffered ceiling damage that allowed water to pour into the atrium, and windows were shattered in the CNN.com newsroom and the company's library. A water line inside the building broke, turning a staircase into a waterfall.

"It was crazy. There was a lot of windows breaking and stuff falling," said Terrence Evans, a valet who was about to park a car at the Omni Hotel when the storm twister hit.

A tornado warning had been issued for downtown a few minutes before the violent weather hit.

However, there was no announcement of the approaching storm for the 18,000 fans inside the Georgia Dome for the Southeastern Conference basketball tournament. The first sign was rumbling and the rippling of the fabric roof. Catwalks swayed and insulation rained down on players during overtime of the Mississippi State-Alabama game, sending fans fleeing toward the exits and the teams to their locker rooms.

"I thought it was a tornado or a terrorist attack," said Mississippi State guard Ben Hansbrough, whose team won 69-67 after an hour-long delay under a roof with at least two visible tears. A later game between Georgia and Kentucky was postponed. SEC officials said the tournament's remaining games would be played at Georgia Tech.

"Ironically, the guy behind me got a phone call saying there was a tornado warning," fan Lisa Lynn said. "And in two seconds, we heard the noise and things started to shake. It was creepy."

A half-mile away, the sign of the Phillips Arena parking garage was mangled but basketball fans inside the arena noticed little disruption during an NBA game between the Atlanta Hawks and Los Angeles Clippers.

Power was knocked out to about 19,000 customers.

A loft apartment building, built in an old cotton mill, had severe damage to one corner and appeared to have major

roof damage. Fire officials said they were uncertain whether all the occupants had escaped, but property manager Darlys Walker told WSB-TV there was one minor injury.

Taylor Morris, 29, who lives near the lofts, said he and his girlfriend took shelter in the bathroom when the storm passed over in a matter of 15 to 20 seconds.

"The whole house was shaking," he said. "We didn't know what was going on."

Fire Capt. Bill May said a vacant building also collapsed, with no apparent injuries.

Grady Memorial Hospital, the city's large public hospital where many of the injured were taken, had broken windows but was operating as usual. Kendra Gerlach, spokeswoman for Atlanta Medical Center, said late Friday the hospital emergency department treated about five patients for minor injuries.

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Elna Dawun "Donna" Earhart, 73, died Thursday. The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Kim Moore Barber, 47, died Thursday. Memorial Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Patricia Ann Joplin, 82, died Tuesday. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Carmina F. Farmer, 98, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

**ROOF**

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time, major problems have developed.

In many spots, water has seeped through the foam coating, causing innumerable blisters which officials say threaten other portions of the building. In many cases, foam has clogged roof

drains, allowing water to pond on the roof, hastening the deterioration process.

Architects with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper were blunt in their assessment of the structure.

"Finally, the moisture infiltration in the building is getting worse," the PSC study states. "Assets such as computers and

library resources could be affected if the problem is not addressed. Leaks are evident throughout the high school.

"A complete replacement of the roofing system ... is required immediately," PSC concluded.

Of course, re-roofing a 300,000 square foot facility is going to be expensive.

The top-end plan, which calls for replacement of

the roof decking as well as installation of a four-ply roof surface, has been estimated at \$2.8 million. Another option, which would leave the decking alone and install a membrane-like surface over the roof, would be considerably cheaper but would be much more of a short-term fix, Downes said.

Regardless of which option trustees decide

upon, something needs to be done soon, Downes added.

"If voters approve the bond, this would be likely the first project completed," he noted.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

**LICENSE**

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make sure everything is OK."

Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said he has every confidence in Beaver and his office.

"Obviously this would have no effect on us," said Wilkerson. "He is obviously qualified to do his job. He is very professional and we have no qualms regarding his expertise or the job he's done. This is simply a matter of licensing, a temporary license versus a normal license. I seriously doubt there will be any consequences here."

Wilkerson said his office hasn't dealt with any cases involving an autopsy in the past two years where the medical

examiner's opinion might be called to question.

"If you have a situation where the autopsy is a close call vs. something obvious, you might worry," said Wilkerson. "However, all of the cases we have dealt with have been very obvious. We may see a few writs filed as a result of this, but I'm confident with what we have done."

Beaver received and maintained a temporary faculty permit, which limits him to practicing medicine as a teacher and to seeing to patients under the college's supervision. The state statute governing medical examiners requires all chief medical examiners to obtain a state medical license, but is unclear as to what type of license.

According to David Fisher, a self-described

document research consultant from Austin, the problem with Beaver — and the relationship between Texas Tech and the medical examiners office — is much more complicated than just licensing.

"This is a lot worse than just a licensing problem. The situation is far more convoluted than I originally thought," said Fisher. "We're looking at contractual fraud here. Other than in paper, there is no medical examiners office in Lubbock County. All you have is a cabal between Texas Tech and the hospital district."

"The medical examiner has to be a free and independent scientist so they can not be influenced. That way no one has leverage against them. In this case, Texas Tech pays the medical examin-

er's salary. So, in the end, the medical examiner is answering to the college, which is free to leverage him in any way they see fit. If they feel he needs to find less homicides, he finds less homicides. This isn't just a problem with licensing. The whole thing is a disaster."

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# Johnson off to uncharacteristic slow start

By **MIKE HARRIS**

AP Auto Racing Writer

Jimmie Johnson is off to a terrible start — for Jimmie Johnson, that is.

The two-time reigning NASCAR Sprint Cup champion simply isn't used to being ordinary.

He heads to Bristol this week a mediocre 13th in the standings after the first four races of the season and is already 198 points behind the series leader, former Hendrick Motorsports teammate Kyle Busch.

That really doesn't sound so bad with 22 races to go until the start of the 12-man Chase for the Championship, in which Johnson hopes to go for the first three-peat since Cale

Yarborough in 1976-78. But it isn't the kind of start that Johnson and his No. 48 Hendrick Motorsports team expect.

"We knew that this year we were going to have challenges with the Car of Tomorrow on larger tracks, and we're not where we want to be, but we're working very, very hard to get on top of things," Johnson said. "I wouldn't expect us to have a poor performance much longer."

Nobody else does, either.

In his first six full seasons in Cup, Johnson has never been worse than 10th after the first four races. Twice, he has been leading the points and two other times he was fourth.

But it isn't just the fact that

he is lagging a bit this year — it's the way he has raced at times that is worrisome.

Two weeks ago, in Las Vegas, the combination of driver Johnson and crew chief Chad Knaus had one of its worst days ever, without being involved in a crash. The No. 48 Chevy started the race bad and never got much better on the way to a 29th-place finish.

That just isn't like the team that prides itself on in-race adjustments that take Johnson to the front.

Last Sunday, in Atlanta wasn't quite as bad. But it wasn't great, either.

Johnson was twice knocked a lap down by the leaders and saved a lead-lap, 13th-place finish only by being the "Lucky

Dog," the first driver a lap down, each time.

Team owner Rick Hendrick says it's too soon to be concerned about Johnson, who had seemed almost automatic in spending more time in the top 10 since he arrived in the sport full-time in 2002 than any other driver.

Last year, the season was split between the old-style cars that had been racing for more than two decades and NASCAR's new CoT, which ran 16 times in 2007, mostly on short tracks.

This year, it's all CoT, and that might be the rub.

Hendrick pointed out last week that his team spent an inordinate amount of time and effort building the old car as Johnson and teammate Jeff

Gordon slugged it out for the title. The Hendrick team also won nine of the 16 CoT events last year after testing heavily for those short-track events.

"I think Chad said this, 'If you think back, we did all of our CoT testing on short and flat tracks,'" Hendrick noted. "We built, I can't tell you how many, but I think three or four new editions of the old cars in the last three or four years."

"We were building cars we knew we wouldn't even run at more than one place. We knew we were not going to use that car again, but with Jimmie racing for a championship, and Jeff right there on him, we had to do that."

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# From the mound to the front office: Ryan still trying to revitalize Rangers

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

**SURPRISE, Ariz.** — With a Texas Rangers logo emblazoned across his chest, Nolan Ryan stares intently toward home plate.

From a much different angle.

Too bad for the Rangers that Ryan is wearing a warmup jacket with slacks and sitting in the front row evaluating the team during a spring training game, rather than being in uniform on the mound intimidating another batter like he did in his heyday.

Nearly two decades after first pitching for the Rangers, the 61-year-old Hall of Famer is back in a new role as team president. And the expectations are much: revitalize a team that has never won a playoff series, and has only one winning sea-

son since 1999.

"That might be the organization's best acquisition over the winter," said Rangers bench coach Art Howe, a former teammate of Ryan's in Houston. "He knows the game inside and out, and will be nothing but a positive."

The Ryan Express commanded the mound with toughness, a blazing fastball and an unmatched work ethic that produced seven no-hitters and 5,714 strikeouts over a record 27 major league seasons.

Now, Ryan is in control of the entire Rangers organization, one long plagued by pitching problems. He will oversee everything from evaluation of players and prospects to business aspects such as selling tickets in a market where attendance has dropped.

"We haven't had a lot to

be proud of for a while," Ryan said. "We'd like to think we're taking a route that is going to put us in the right direction. ... I can't go out and say we're going to be competing for a world championship in two years because I don't know that."

Since taking the job before spring training, Ryan has repeatedly mentioned the "learning curve" he faces as a first-time team president.

Instead of making immediate changes, which seem inevitable if Ryan wants to mold a team in his image, he has initially taken a measured approach. Ryan first wants to fully evaluate things, and isn't sure how long that will take.

"If he's not happy with the direction it's going, he'll have the authority to make those changes," said Reid Ryan, the oldest

of two sons who are executives for the two minor league teams in Texas their famous father owns. "I like his attitude ... take a season to evaluate, see what everybody does. Next year, you will see him having more of an imprint."

Nolan Ryan's name is already being associated with everything Rangers, including a recent select-a-seat promotion at the team's ballpark, where he did a question-and-answer session with fans. At the end of spring training games, people crowd toward his front-row seat seeking an autograph.

While all of that is part of Ryan's job, his ultimate goal is to turn the Rangers into consistent winners and playoff contenders. And do to that, he won't be a figurehead

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## BUFFS

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O'Donnell the second day.

District play starts for the Buffs the following Monday with a game against Winters.

"We're going to use this tournament to get our arms ready for district," Phillips said. "We'll see some good competition. I'll have a rotation lined out with four starters and we'll have four relief pitchers ready to come in as well. I want to get the

starters as many innings as possible since we start district right as we get back."

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# Reader's Corner

## 100 candles

She's lived long enough to have 100 candles decorate her birthday cake, an honor indeed but quite fitting for she loves life with a passion.

The heart of an angel beats within her. She delights in sharing her love of God with others.

Family and friends are on her list of what's most important in her life.

She doesn't look like she could even be close to being 100 years old, for she looks and acts like a much younger person.

Oh, she does forget little things sometimes but she always remembers the most important things — things like telling her family and friends that she cherishes and loves them.

She starts and ends her days with a prayer, thanking God for all her blessings.

—Lana Anguiano

Written in honor of Harriet McGinnis, who celebrates her 100th birthday March 25, 2008.

## His Love

Every year right before Easter, wonderful and amazing things begin to happen.

Little flowers that disappeared with winter come back to life. Blooms of soft yellow, pink and purple appear as if by magic. Tiny butterflies reappear, too.

Little birds appear, too, seemingly from nowhere.

The sun shines brightly in the blue sky and as Easter morn arrives, his children young and old go to church to hear the story of a man who was so loving and kind that he died on a cruel wood cross just so that others could live.

It isn't magic that makes the little flowers, butterflies and little birds reappear, it's his love that makes those things happen.

—Lana Anguiano

# Watch your manners when visiting in another's home

**D**ear Jerrie, Recently, a divorced gentleman friend of my husband's was in town for a job interview and called to say he would like to stop by for a short visit if we had no plans. My husband was happy that he had called and ask him to come by around 7 p.m. When he arrived, he was carrying his large briefcase. Instead of setting his briefcase on the floor near his chair, he sat it on our glass top coffee table. He began taking out pictures of his children for us to see, and would push the briefcase around on the glass. You could hear the metal hardware scraping on the glass as he moved it. I was almost ill, knowing the glass would be scratched. After he left around 8:30, we checked the table and sure enough it had a three inch scrape in the glass. I went to bed sick and in tears. My husband was disappointed too, but refused to mention this to his friend. What would have been the mannerly thing for us to have done?



**JERRIE STOCKS**

Thank you, **Maggie**

**Hello Maggie,** I can understand your disappointment. The thing your husband should have done when his friend put the briefcase on the coffee table, was to have asked him in a polite way to set it on the floor. Or you could have politely asked that he set his briefcase on the floor and it would not have been necessary that you explain or apologize for your feelings. The friend should have known not to set a brief-

case on a glass top table. Most briefcases have metal hardware on the bottom and can easily scratch any surface. I experienced a similar situation a few years ago, but I immediately spoke up and asked the person to please set his bag on the floor. He apologized, moved his bag, and all was well. As long as you speak in a kind and friendly tone, you should never be shy about speaking up.

## Dear Jerrie,

My husband and I, along with two other couples, have been invited to an Easter lunch at the large and lovely home of friends. These people are very well-to-do and have impeccable manners. I'm very aware that my husband and I are not trained in proper table manners. I want to accept this invitation, but I'm afraid we will embarrass not only ourselves, but our friends as well. Can you give us some quick and short do's and don'ts in table etiquette?

Thank you, **Marilyn**

## Dear Marilyn,

I hope this will be an eye opener for you and your husband and a lesson for your children. Children learn what they live with at home. You and your husband should at least know the basics of good table manners. If you do not, you can watch the host and hostess and do as they do, but here are a few basics you should know.

When the meal begins, the host who is sitting at the head of the table will put his napkin in his lap. You do the same. He will start passing the food, always from his right. If you are sitting next to the host, you take the dish from the host, serve yourself and pass it from your right to the next person. Do not get in a

hurry, be polite and join in the conversation as the food is being passed.

Do not take overly large portions of food when a serving dish is passed. Eat slowly, blot your mouth with your napkin, don't wipe. Do not gulp when you drink from your glass or cup, or leave a greasy print on the glass.

Always say "thank you" and "yes, please" or "no thanks." Don't talk too loudly, don't tell off colored jokes or try to be the life of the party. If your bread is served on a bread plate, do not cut the bread, break it in half over the bread plate. If a salad is served, use the salad fork that is farthest from the left of your plate. The larger fork is your dinner fork. Your dinner knife will be to the right of your plate along with a soup or fruit spoon.

These are some simple rules for table etiquette. If you follow them and practice them at home, you will soon be well on your way to a better lifestyle.

## Dear Jerrie,

My stepdaughter, who is 21 and married, is coming to our home in June for a week's visit while her husband is in Iraq. I married her father when she was 17, a senior in high school. Prissy, as we call her, is very untidy and sloppy about keeping her bedroom and bath. Her table manners are far from being just passable. However, she is a lovely girl, friendly and has lot of talent. I would like to introduce Prissy to some very nice friends who want to take us to dinner, but I'm not sure I can trust her table manners. Would it be proper if I talk to her in a friendly way about this issue?

Thank you, **Bonnie**

## Hello Bonnie,

Thank you for your e-mail. If you and Prissy are close and have a warm mother/daughter relationship, I see no harm in you having a friendly talk with her about table etiquette. Do it in a way that will be a compliment to her and will enhance her life. Don't preach, scold or emphasize her faults. Explain that by respecting herself, others will in turn respect her, and that good manners are the essence of a proper young woman.

## Dear Jerrie,

Is it appropriate to drink any beverage from a glass with a straw in it while the glass remains on the table? I always thought you should pick up the glass when you are drinking from the straw.

Thanks, **Charlotte**

## Hello Charlotte,

And you are exactly correct. One should never drink any beverage from a straw without picking up the glass and holding it while drinking. You can easily tip the glass over by leaving the glass on the table while drinking from the straw. I have seen this happen numerous times in restaurants, especially when children drink from the straw.

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

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*Billie S. Christie-Morgan is the community relations director for the Big Spring State Hospital.*

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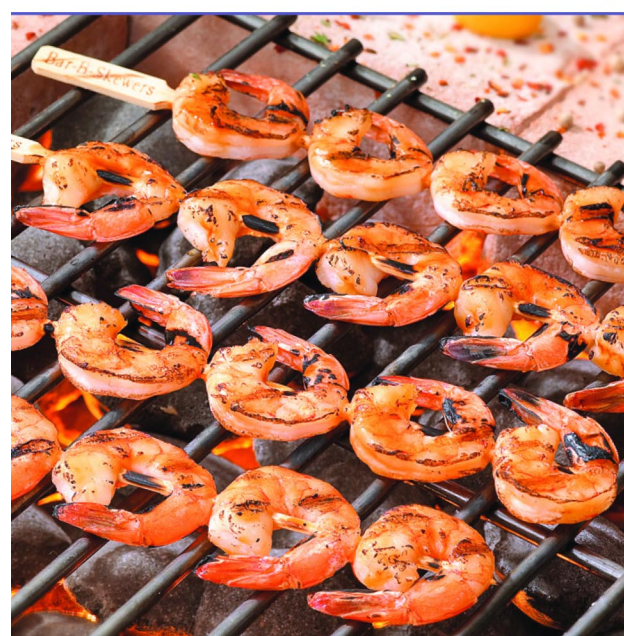
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## OUR VIEWS

# What do we really want remembered?

In the moments following the Feb. 18 explosion at the Alon USA Big Spring Refinery and several days that followed, the absolute best of our community was on display for the whole world to see.

Unfortunately, it is now becoming clear that we, as a community, also have a darker side — one that's taking advantage of the disaster to reap ridiculous profits.

We are not talking about gasoline prices in this instance, because we were not at all surprised that within 24 hours of the blast some retailers had increased their prices at the pump by as much as 10 cents per gallon.

That, of course, is because we've all become virtually numb to the fact that gasoline prices seem to jump with every hiccup experienced by the oil industry.

But with hundreds of temporary workers arriving in town to facilitate Alon's effort to repair the damage and bring the refinery back to full production as quickly as possible, it's clear that some are taking advantage of the situation.

It took a few weeks for it to come to light, but room rates at local motels have jumped dramatically — doubling and, in some cases, even tripling from the rates normally charged in this community.

And last week one city official told us he'd been told at least one apartment complex in town had increased its rental rate on a one-bedroom unit to \$1,500 per month!

We're sure some will simply shrug their shoulders and suggest that it's simply a matter the ages old economic law of supply and demand.

We're equally convinced some will tell you that with a limited number of motel rooms and apartment units available and hundreds of new, temporary residents needing places to live, it only makes sense to raise room and apartment rates. The excess profits, of course, will "trickle down" to everyone in the community over the long haul. Many would question such assertions, but we are not about to spend time in this space today debating supply side economics.

What we will do is call it what it is:  
It's price-gouging, plain and simple.

And to our way of thinking, there is absolutely no excuse for such blatant predatory pricing. We believe these property owners should simply be happy to earn the profits they reap from having their rooms filled.

You see, we want the memories of our community's response to that traumatic morning in February to be the efforts of selfless first responders from Big Spring, Howard County and numerous surrounding West Texas communities; Alon's Red Hat Team; and the community volunteers that went quickly to work making sure food was provided to Alon personnel that began working around the clock almost immediately following the blast.

Most of all, we want people to remember this community recognized it had experienced a God-given miracle and gathered to thank the Lord for his provision.

What we most definitely do not want to be remembered for is those who saw an opportunity to get rich quick and made the most of it.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*May we discipline our imagination so that it works for You, Lord.*

Amen

# Talk radio needs to clean up its act

It's almost a year since Don Imus sent shockwaves through the African-American community with his offensive and inflammatory remarks regarding the Rutgers University ladies basketball team. Now, it's as if a repeat of history is upon us, in an election year where an African-American has a serious chance of winning the White House.

Back in January, Golf Channel's Kelly Tilghman badly botched an attempt at humor when she suggested that younger golf players might want to lynch Tiger Woods in a back alley in hopes of spicing up the tour. The comment drew little ill will, at least publicly, from Woods, who reportedly considers the broadcaster a friend, but it prompted her employer to go into full damage control mode and suspend her for a few weeks. "While we believe that Kelly's choice of words was inadvertent and that she did not intend them in an offensive manner. These words were hurtful and grossly inappropriate," Golf Channel representatives said in a statement.

That controversy precipitated yet another numbskull decision in the media, the display of a noose on the cover of Golfweek. There again, quick action rightly resulted — the sacking of the responsible editor. But, believe it or not, it appears that the world of sports journalism seems to be aspiring to a higher standard in its response to embarrassing and offensive gaffes on air than the world of talk radio.

In February, radio commentator

Laura Ingraham put her foot fully in her mouth and down her throat in her criticism of President George W. Bush's invitation of the Rev. Al Sharpton to the White House's recent Black History Month event. In her national syndicated radio program on Talk Radio Network, she said she had hoped that "they nailed down all the valuables."

Then, Fox News personality and radio talk show host Bill O'Reilly just had to invoke the phrase "lynching mob" in reference to Michelle Obama's comments regarding the United States on his syndicated radio show. On MSNBC's "Countdown" in February, Washington Post columnist Eugene Robinson expressed disgust over O'Reilly's comment. "There's certainly nothing at all funny or remotely appropriate about the use of a lynching reference about Michelle Obama," he said. "It's — I'm speechless."

As President Bush pointed out so eloquently during the Black History Month event, the noose represents "more than a tool of murder but a tool of intimidation" to generations of African-Americans. Nooses not only robbed some of their lives but many of their peace of mind. "As a civil society, we must understand that noose displays and lynching jokes are deeply offensive. They are wrong. And they have no place in America today," he said.

Neither O'Reilly nor Ingraham has been reprimanded by their respective employers even though the Fox News personality did offer a half-hearted apology. At least Ingraham didn't drop the l-word but her suggestion that Sharpton, a former presidential candidate and respected member of the African-American community and

beyond, is a petty thief reeks of race-baiting and negative stereotyping of African-Americans and black men in particular.

But it's hardly the first time either has ventured into questionable and offensive territory. How can we forget O'Reilly's less-than-informed comments regarding a dinner he shared last year with Sharpton at Sylvia's in Harlem? O'Reilly expressed surprise over how similar Sylvia's was to other restaurants in New York. "There wasn't one person in Sylvia's who was screaming, 'M-Fer, I want more iced tea,'" he said.

As the Washington Post's Robinson sadly observed on MSNBC in February, "All you can go by is his words and his actions. And he keeps saying these things that sound pretty darn racist to me." Has talk radio learned anything from Imus' decline and fall? Of course not, because it didn't take Imus too terribly long to get a new gig. Our nation's media outlets should not provide a platform for racial hostility and hateful speech now or in the future. What kind of message are we sending to our children, our nation and our world?

In such an historic election year, we cannot stand aside and allow individuals use the airwaves as an outlet for insensitive and misguided commentary. If you hear something that offends you, speak up.

*Marc H. Morial is president and CEO of The National Urban League. He served two distinguished four-year terms as mayor of New Orleans from 1994-2002. During that time, he also served as president of the United States Conference of Mayors in 2001 and 2002.*

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MARC MORIAL

## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Tonight (Monday) I went to see the play that was at Howard College. I am so glad that I got to see it. It was the best play I have seen in a very, very long time.

It makes me sad that are people who believe in Hitler and all the horrible things that he did.

At the end of the play, when the Nazis came and took them and killed them, I wanted to strangle them right then and there. I cried to know that is what really happened.

After it was over and I got a chance to meet the actors, I told the ones who played the Nazis I felt they did their job, and I was sure it was hard for them to wear their costumes.

I applaud them and the directors

of the play. They did an excellent job!

MARILYN MIEARS  
BIG SPRING

DON BOLING  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

What a completely tasteless cartoon in the March 10 edition of the *Herald*. Journalism has sunk to a new low. As a Vietnam veteran, my recruiter certainly did not tell me I was not going to be sent to war. In fact, he told me quite the opposite.

I am certain that anyone that enlists today knows the likelihood of their being sent to war. This "cartoon" degrades their honor, sacrifice and commitment. To add insult to injury, referring to our military as cannon fodder is criminal.

I would write more, but only

crude expletives would describe my feelings toward the author of that cartoon.

# Painful truths about electricity

*You want power,  
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Celebration here in the Collins household! We finally got an electric bill under 500 kilowatt hours.

In the winter! That's common enough in the summer since we lack air conditioning and use a clothesline, but winter is cold, wet and dark. It probably stems from replacing our rickety washer and dryer with Energy Star models. The freezer goes next. And just so we don't get cocky, last week I met a doctor with four kids who uses only 350 kw/h.

If you haven't yet taken up such a frontier-style existence, get ready. Even in states with full electricity regulation, the die is cast. Power generation remains in the grasp of a hand-rubbing cartel (think Enron). Global warming has banished coal as a cheap fuel. Oil is \$100/barrel and natural gas is worse. Wind is great, but regional. Sun is also great but takes a big investment. And there's still no feasible solution to nuclear waste or to the atom's unquenchable thirst for subsidies. In short, there's no way out.

For awhile it looked as though coal was our best bet. There was plenty, it was cheap, and the Environmental Defense Fund said

that with just a little more engineering we could bury all that carbon dioxide. But now the feds have given up on burying carbon dioxide and we're back to square one.

It would surely be more constructive if Washington were to put its main subsidies into wind and solar, the real hopes for the future. Today, unfortunately, those subsidies go instead to oil, gas and nukes. That's where the dollars and the lobbyists are. The next election may or may not cancel that relationship, but long-term the future of U.S. energy is no mystery.

Some New York friends are onto it even now. That state offers a generous credit to cover your roof with solar panels, which in many cases can take you off the grid entirely, plus paying you for any surplus. (Hint: buy solar stock.)

The other key federal battleground is wind. No, Congress needn't worry about abandoning its oil buddies. They'll soon buy up all the windmills anyway, and thus will lobby to get subsidized once again.

What's plainly needed is a giant forest of spinning blades from Minnesota to Texas, and anyplace else where the wind blows annoyingly hard. It should also be a federal obligation to plan out the massive transmission lines needed to carry the juice from where it's windy or sunny to where the light bulbs are. That's too critical a decision to leave to corporate CEOs.

In fact electricity overall is too

important to leave to corporations. The whole climate is at stake.

Government-run utilities seem to be a better prospect. Many cities and some regions have them now. Public agencies can be and are more creative and generous in promoting conservation measures, while corporate power companies have Wall Street to worry about and CEOs to overpay. Yes, they may greenwash now and then, but their bottom line is always on top.

Granted it does seem a little puny for us to be changing light bulbs while India and China are building new coal plants. Still, that's how change finally comes about, incrementally. The U.S. is far and away the world's biggest carbon dioxide waster, so until we alter our own personal ways we'll have little influence over the rest of civilization.

Energy wastage gets personally expensive too. We've used up all our silver bullets, including war, to keep fuel prices down. That's over! Get used to it! Eighty degrees is fine for A/C in the summer. By next year you'll love 82. Either that or you'll only be able to afford Hamburger Helper. If your town has a publicly-owned power company to help you with conservation, all to the good. If not, you're on your own. In my youth Mom had clotheslines in our basement. They may be coming back.

*Columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.*

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WILLIAM A. COLLINS

► Births



**Alexandria Simonae Muñoz**, a girl, was born at 8:05 a.m. March 4, 2008, weighing 5 pounds, 11.2 ounces and was 18 inches long.

She is the daughter of Sandra Muñoz of Big Spring. Her great-grandparents are Manuela Moron and the late Simon Moron of Big Spring and the late Mariano and Claudia Muñoz.

Alexandria was welcomed home by sibling Johnny.



**Kaden Joseph Baker**, a boy, was born at 9:33 p.m. Feb. 15, 2008, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 1/4 inches long.

He is the son of Brandon and Kasey Baker of Big Spring. His maternal grandparents are Shane and Angie Skaggs and Jackie Richey.

His maternal great-grandparents are the late Clara Richey, Dorothy Bloom, Norman and Mary Young and Richard and Saundra Bloom.

His paternal grandparents are Maurice and Evelyn Bennett. His paternal great-grandparents are Joe and Evelyn Paul.

Philip Anthony Guzman, a boy, was born at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 27, 2008, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He is the son of Tom Guzman Jr. and Jaclyn Guzman of Big Spring. His maternal grandparents are Susan Smith and the late Daniel Smith of Big Spring. His paternal grandparents are Tom Guzman of Big Spring and Brenda Contreras of Lamesa.

Philip was welcomed home by siblings Iliah Christopher and Jacob Daniel.

► Who's Who

Eden Nicole Stanford accepted membership and was initiated into National Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Societies for first-year students Saturday, March 8, 2008.



Stanford

The ceremony, held at the Allen Theatre on the Texas Tech campus, was the highlight of a day's activities involving 390 initiates and 280 guests participating in the presentation of \$10,000 to their endowed scholarship fund during halftime

of the TTU vs. Baylor basketball game and attended a reception hosted by Dr. Jon Whitmore, president of Texas Tech University.

Membership in Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma is open to full-time freshman students who earn a scholarship average of 3.5 or better at a four-year college or university.

Eden has taken an oath to continue to "maintain high scholarship and to use my education for the benefit of my community, my nation and the world in which we live."

Eden is the daughter of Lisa and Joe Mack of Glenwood Springs, Colo.,

and Quinten Stanford of Pecos, granddaughter of Don and Claudia Stabeno of Big Spring and the great granddaughter of Helen Caudill of Big Spring.

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Chelsea Churchwell Pearce has been admitted to the School of Veterinarian Medicine at Texas A&M University.

She graduated from Big Spring High School and was an honor graduate of Texas Tech University where she was also in the



Pearce

and marching band. Mrs. Churchwell is married to Phillip, who was the girls' softball coach at Big Spring High School. The couple live in College Station where Mrs. Churchwell has worked at the A&M Veterinarian Hospital for the past year. She also worked for the Boseman Veterinarian Clinic in Lubbock for three years while attending Texas Tech.

She is the daughter of Dennis and Debbie Churchwell of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Tom and Eva Churchwell and Vaughn and Helen Martin, all of Big Spring.

► Military News

Pfc. Kevin J. Ellison graduated from basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif., March 7, 2008.

Ellison, a 2003 graduate of Borden

County High School, is the son of Brian Ellison and Patty and Dusty Choate and the grandson of James and Lois Ellison and Jim and Gail Hale.

Permian Basin UWCD officials announce new education Web site

Special to the Herald

Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District announces a new component of its education outreach program. In order to make information readily available to clients and residents, Education Coordinator Judy London recently published an education Web site.

Online browsers can find the information at [www.groundwatered.org](http://www.groundwatered.org). The site features details about programs and activities sponsored by area water conservation dis-

tricts. Along with local demographics and water district information, it includes links to state and national water Web sites.

A page entitled "Fun Web sites" takes youngsters to a variety of interactive learning sites, most with lessons and activities for teachers. Other outreach projects highlighted on the site include the calendar art contest, State 4-H Water Camp and teacher workshops.

The site offers water

conservation tips and an explanation of all the resources available through the education cooperative.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about the programs available through the education cooperative at Permian Basin UWCD should e-mail [savewater@windstream.net](mailto:savewater@windstream.net). Activities or presentations can be scheduled for classrooms, home-school groups, civic, youth, or other organizations.

► Menus

Stanton, Coahoma and Forsan ISD are in spring break.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center

Monday: chicken-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, baked beans, buttermilk biscuits and peaches and cream.

Tuesday: chicken spaghetti, Carpi blend vegetables, tossed salad, garlic bread and blushing pear halves.

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Thursday: turkey and dressing, candied yams, seasoned green beans, cranberry sauce, whole wheat rolls and pumpkin crisp.

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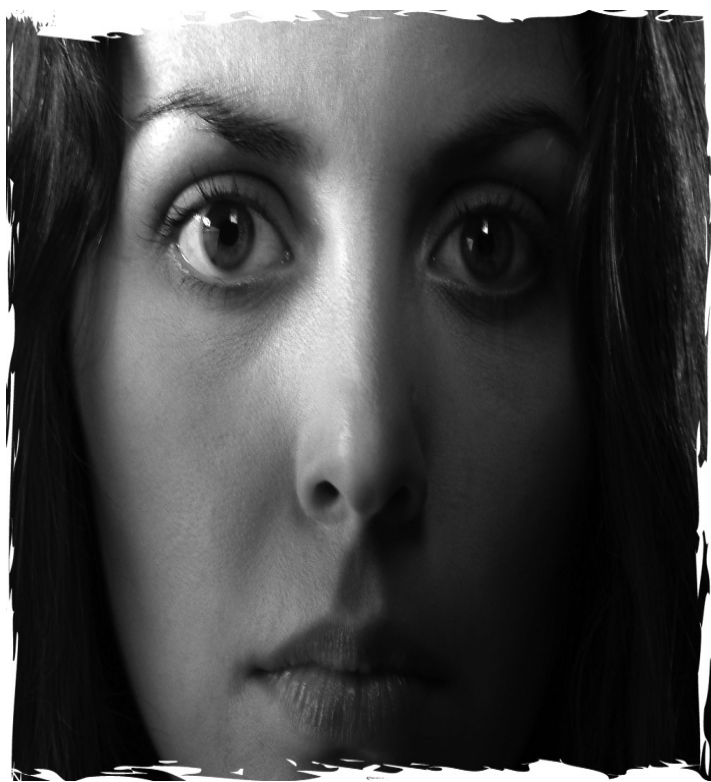
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# Would you deposit to 'biobank'?

## National database could link illnesses with genes, lifestyle

By **LISA M. KRIEGER**

San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Wanted: Your genes.

Hoping to link illnesses to genetics and lifestyle, the federal government is exploring the possibility of recruiting a half-million Americans to contribute their DNA and health information to an ambitious national "biobank."

Some scientists consider the project a long shot, largely because billions of dollars are needed to fund it at a time when Congress is busy spending money on other things. And before any such study is launched, they say, Americans need protection from genetic discrimination.

Despite those challenges, the National Institutes of Health is cautiously testing the waters this spring, holding "town hall" meetings, focus groups, interviewing community leaders and conducting a national survey of 4,000 Americans.

Scientists have long collected DNA from individ-

ual families with histories of deadly disease to find patterns in who lives and who dies. And countries such as Great Britain and Estonia, along with Kaiser Permanente, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and some other large health-care providers, are beginning to compile health information and collect DNA from patients.

But a biobank of America's vast and diverse population would offer a far richer treasure trove of data. The size and variety of donations could help reveal now-hidden links between genes, lifestyles and the environment.

The push comes from National Human Genome Research Institute director Francis S. Collins, who led the government's project to sequence the human genome. He says that it's time to learn the medical significance of all the differences in our genetic blueprint — and only a huge and varied sampling can do it.

Experts agree that a

biobank project is the logical next step in genetic research.

"It is an excellent project. I hope that we can convince the public of the importance of study like this," said David Haussler, director of the Center for Biomolecular Science and Engineering at the University of California-Santa Cruz. Haussler played a crucial role in the international Human Genome Project and has discussed "biobank" data analysis with federal scientists.

Since the historic sequencing of the human genome in 2000, scientists have been seeking the next step, said Stanford University bioethicist Hank Greely. "We've hit a bit of a brick wall," he said.

Small DNA studies prove that a single gene, when mutated, can trigger rare inherited disorders such as Huntington's disease, Greely and Haussler said.

But small studies don't work well for the study of common and complex disorders such as diabetes,

cancer or heart disease, which are believed to be caused by defects in multiple genes, combined with factors such as diet, smoking or pollution, they said. In these diseases, each gene contributes just a small amount to overall risk, complicating efforts to isolate causes.

So scientists need to study many people to make meaningful discoveries.

"In a lot of diseases, we know there's a genetic connection but we're having a hell of a time trying to figure out what it is," Greely said. "It is hoped that big biobanks, by collecting hundreds of thousands of specimens, can tease out the small effects."

The biobank would be built by collecting blood or saliva across ethnicities and lifestyles. Donors would agree to turn over their medical records and describe their diets, exercise, workplace and other details.

Then, researchers could look for correlations — mining the data for links

between genes, lifestyle factors and illness, said Rick Borchelt of the Genetics and Public Policy Center at Johns Hopkins University, which has a \$2 million contract to solicit public opinion about the study.

Participants probably would not be paid, so they would be asked to donate out of civic duty. And given the slow pace of science, there's no guarantee that their contribution will lead to an improvement in their own lives.

The price is steep. Greely estimates that it could cost \$1,000 per person to interview and then sample, store and analyze their DNA. "There is not that kind of money lying around right now," he said.

A cheaper alternative, he said, would be for the nation's many smaller databases, such as that held by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, to be opened up and made available for widespread study.

Similarly ambitious efforts have hit snags, Greely said. In Iceland, a

planned database of the entire population by a private company deCODE led to litigation. Financing problems have caused the Estonian project to stall.

The most successful so far is the UK Biobank, which that has a wealthy non-governmental foundation to fund it.

Dealing with legal and ethical issues will be difficult, time-consuming, inconvenient — and also expensive, experts warn.

In such richly detailed databases, the usual methods for protecting a donor's confidentiality may not work, Greely said. And he asked: What if a life-saving clue is learned — shouldn't donors be contacted?

"Biobanks put important new wrinkles on concerns about privacy, genetic discrimination and benefit-sharing," said Marcy Darnovsky of the Center for Genetics and Society in Oakland. "These are complex issues that could wind up hurting people rather than helping them, if the biobank isn't done right."

### LETTERS

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to stay at home. I don't see anything wrong with letting a boy have a little peach fuzz on his face. If they want to wear a hoop or a big hole in their ear, let them. If the kids want to wear black nail polish, let them. These kids are just expressing themselves.

When I was at BSHS, Mr. Bowerman was principal and we all know that he was the man for the job. When you put all these rules in to effect, you are pushing a majority of the kids out of the school. Let them regret these big holes in their ears when they are 60, not 16.

These kids are going to run away from

your rules and they are never going to come back. We want our kids to finish school! Let them express themselves!

Anyone who feels the same or has anything to say about this letter, write a letter.

RONETTA FRYAR  
 BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm glad Paschal Odom got in the runoff for commissioner and hope more people vote for him this time around.

Paschal is experienced, capable, qualified and patient enough to make a really good servant for the county.

MARJ CARPENTER  
 BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The idea that we can add a few more soldiers and stay in Iraq a little longer and make a real difference is silly. The people in that part of the world, while being good folks, have had the type of government that Hussein gave them, for more than 5,000 years, back beyond the Sumerians. That is all the people know.

The more troops we send to Iraq, the more resistance we will have from the Iraqis themselves, Al Qaeda and other sources of resistance.

Think! There were a lot fewer of these people there before we arrived. They are there to fight America!

I am not saying that the war will be

over if and when we pull out because the civil war — the one that doesn't exist! — will continue. The various groups will still hate and kill each other. We can't stop that.

We are rapidly bankrupting our country and losing more and more of our young people with no reasonable expectation of victory. In fact, we need very badly to define victory as it applies to Iraq! If we don't know what victory is, how are we to measure our progress toward victory? Right now, we are losing!

WILLIAM O. ADAMS  
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# Go Dutch with authentic shoofly pie

By **AMY CULBERTSON**

McClatchy Newspapers  
A Pennsylvania dessert is dish among immigrant recipes gathered by a writer.

Cookbook writer Greg Patent's parents — his father from Russia and his mother from Iraq — met as immigrants in Shanghai and immigrated to San Francisco when their son was 11.

"If you move to a new country, you yearn for connection to the place you left, and food is the magical link," writes Patent in "A Baker's Odyssey: Celebrating Time-Honored Recipes From America's Immigrant Heritage" (Wiley, \$34.95).

Patent, whose "Baking in America" won a James Beard Award in 2002, visited the kitchens of more than 60 home bakers around the country to learn how to bake their traditional recipes, from Eastern Europe's apple strudel to Italy's zeppole. The book comes with a DVD in which he demonstrates basic baking techniques and some of his recipes.

Among more than 130 yeast breads, cookies, cakes, fried pastries, flatbreads and more is the Pennsylvania Dutch recipe Shoofly pie. Created for the 1876 Centennial and described

as "a molasses crumb cake baked in a pie shell," it was named for the Shoofly Molasses Co.

## The Original Shoofly Pie

Serves 8

Dough:

- 1 1/4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 5 tablespoons cold salted butter, cut into tablespoon-sized pieces
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 large egg yolk
- 3 to 5 tablespoons dry white wine

Topping:

- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) cold salted butter, cut into tablespoon-sized pieces

Filling:

- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 cup warm coffee
- 3/4 cup unsulphured molasses

Dough:

1. Put flour in a medium bowl and cut in butter with a pastry blender or two knives until mixture is the consistency of medium-fine crumbs.

2. In a small bowl, combine olive oil, egg yolk and 3 tablespoons wine with a fork.



3. Add the liquid to the flour and stir with the fork until the dough just gathers into a ball. If it is too dry, add more wine, a teaspoon at a time. Shape the dough into a disk about 1 inch thick, wrap it in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour (can be made up to 1 day ahead).

4. Unwrap dough and put it between 2 squares of wax paper. Tap gently on the dough with the rolling pin to soften it slightly. Roll dough to a 12- or 13-inch circle,

rolling from the center outward and flipping the crust over from time to time.

5. Remove top sheet of wax paper and invert the dough, centering it as best you can, into a 9-inch pie plate. Carefully peel off the paper. Nudge the edges of the dough into the pan without stretching it, so that the crust fits snugly into the bottom and up the sides of the pie plate. Trim off excess pastry with scissors to leave a 1/2-inch overhang. Fold the edge of

the pastry back on itself to make a double thickness all around and turn it upright to make a high standing rim on the edge of the pie plate. Flute it by pinching it at 1/2-inch intervals into an attractive zigzag pattern. Refrigerate 1 hour.

6. Adjust an oven rack to the lower third position and preheat the oven to 425 degrees.

Topping:

1. Put all ingredients in the work bowl of a food processor fitted with metal blade. Process to the texture of fine crumbs, 15 to 30 seconds.

Filling:

1. In a small bowl, dissolve the baking soda in the warm coffee. Stir in the molasses and keep stirring 1 to 2 minutes, until the molasses is completely mixed in and the top layer of the liquid is lighter in color and very bubbly.

Assembly:

1. Pour filling into unbaked pie shell. Gradually sprinkle on the topping, beginning at the edges and working your way to the center. Make the crumb layer a bit thicker around the edges to prevent the filling from bubbling over.

2. Carefully place the pie in the oven — the liquid will slosh around in the pie shell — and bake 15 minutes. Reduce the temperature to 350 degrees and bake an additional 35 to 40 minutes, until topping is golden brown and the pie's center firm and cake-like. When pressed gently, the top of the pie should spring back, and a toothpick inserted into the center should come out clean. Cool on a wire rack and serve warm or at room temperature.

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# A sense of optimism and hope

*Boomers inspire a new, more healthful, nutrition landscape for everyone*

By Janet Helm

Chicago Tribune (MCT)

CHICAGO — Chicago attorney Ray Gordon looks at food in a whole new way.

At 59, he has taken over the responsibility of grocery shopping and cooking, a role his wife had for 30 years.

"The kitchen is now my domain," he said. "I enjoy cooking. It's like a hobby."

This transformation was spurred by rising blood pressure and cholesterol levels that landed Gordon at Northwestern Memorial Wellness Institute. After identifying his "food personality," working with a dietitian and exercising for the first time in his life, he dropped 30 pounds and lowered his blood pressure enough to scale back on medication.

"I never used to think about my meals or what I was eating," he said. "I knew I had to make changes." Gordon is typical of other Baby Boomers who are getting their act together when it comes to what they eat. They are taking their health into their own hands and changing the American foodscape along the way.

Born between the years 1946 and 1964, Baby Boomers have driven some of the most powerful cultural shifts in our nation's history, and that includes food, said Michelle Barry, an analyst with The Hartman

Group, a market research firm in Bellevue, Wash.

This huge demographic is behind a majority of today's food trends — everything from nutritionally enhanced foods and functional beverages to fresh local produce and artisanal foods.

"This generation is redefining what it means to have quality food," Barry said. And, she added, they're investing the time to become more knowledgeable about food.

Aging Boomers approach food with a sense of optimism and hope, and view it as a way they can help control their future, she said.

Nearly 80 million strong, this generation may have grown up on meatloaf, mashed potatoes and tuna casserole, but now they're seeking foods that can help them stay young, or at least feel young.

Boomers have traded in their Tang for orange juice fortified with ingredients that can lower their cholesterol. They've ditched their beloved Pop-Tarts for high-fiber flaxseed cereal and said goodbye to Tab for acai berry smoothies and green tea.

"The Boomers, (now between the ages of 42 and 62, more or less) do not view themselves as 'old' like their parents tended to at this age," said Matt Thornhill, president of The Boomer



Ray Gordon chooses a few apples while shopping at Sunset Foods in Highland Park, Ill.

Chicago Tribune (MCT) photo/Abel Uribe

Project, which collects marketing data on Boomers.

But today's Boomers are not searching for the fountain of youth; rather, they're seeking the fountain of vitality, he said. "They accept that they're no longer 25, but they want to be the best they can be at 50 or 60."

As luck would have it, there's no shortage of advice on what Boomers should eat to stay vital and fit. In fact, an anti-

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COAHOMA

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First baseman Breanna Conner came through, lofting a pitch into shallow center to bring in Sterling and Hart.

The younger Gonzales — JoAnna — then drove in Alex Moore, who was pinch running for Connor. Gonzales finished the game going for 4-for-4 from the plate, scoring a run while driving in two and also stealing a base in the fifth.

That was more than enough for Newton, as the latest in a long line of dominating Bulldogette pitchers effectively shut down any hope Hawley had of reaching the scorebook.

Newton allowed just two hits and one walk while striking out 13 Hawley hitters on her way to the complete game victory.

The Bulldogettes added a final run in the bottom of the sixth when Newton, who had reached earlier in the inning with a double to left, scored on a single by Gonzales. The game was then called due to the 10-run mercy rule.

"We have been playing real good here lately," said Bulldogettes Head Coach Tracy Tadlock. "I really wanted us to send a message to Hawley tonight and I think that

we where able to do that. "Heather has been really strong for us here lately." Tadlock continued. "She had that good weekend in Eula and she has just kept going from there."

The Bulldogettes host Merkel at 7 p.m. Monday.

**Hawley 000 000—0 2 7**  
**Coahoma 540 001—10 15 0**  
W - Heather Newton L - Burton  
2B: CHS - Shelbi Paige, Heather Newton, Janice Gonzales, Christie Rich. RBI: CHS - Janice Gonzales 2, JoAnna Gonzales 2, Rich, Paige.

**Hawley 18, Bulldogs 3**

On the baseball diamond the Coahoma Bulldogs where not as fortunate as their female counterparts having to endure a 13 run outburst in the fourth inning by the Hawley Bearcats resulting in the 18-3 loss.

"We just didn't come ready to play and they did," Bulldogs Head Coach Brad Harman said. "You have to give them credit. They had to come and play a tough road game and they did that."

"Maybe this will be a wake up call," Harman continued. "Hopefully it will prove to them that you have to show up every time, because if you don't you are going to end up getting beat."

The Bulldogs will look to get back on track Tuesday at Stamford with first pitch scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

TRACK

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The younger Lady Steers finished second in Snyder last week.

Leading the way for the

Lady Steers was Aerial Young, who grabbed a first place finish in the shot put. Trinity Terazas finished just behind her teammate for second.

Vicki Conner finished third in the 3200 meters

and the 4x200 meter relay team made up of Nicki Sarmiento, Abby Fiero,

Cristina Solis and Melissa Zabala earned a bronze medal.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Searching Beneath the Surface

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K Q 4  
♥ K Q 9 5 2  
♦ J 10 2  
♣ K 6

**WEST**  
♠ J 7 6  
♥ J 10 7  
♦ 8  
♣ J 10 8 5 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ 10 9 3 2  
♥ A 8  
♦ A 6  
♣ A Q 9 7 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 8 5  
♥ 6 4 3  
♦ K Q 9 7 5 4 3  
♣ —

The bidding:  
North 1♥ East 2♣ South 5♦ West 5♣  
Pass Pass 5♦ Pass  
Pass Dble Pass  
Opening lead — jack of clubs.

The key to good declarer play is the ability to figure out how the unseen cards are divided. If declarer could see all four hands instead of only two, he would seldom have trouble achieving the best possible result.

The knack of determining how the defenders' cards are divided can be acquired by anyone willing to take the trouble to assemble the necessary clues. In doing so, declarer forms a composite picture consistent with the bidding and plays that have already

taken place.

Today's deal illustrates how the process works. South is in five diamonds doubled, and West leads a club. Declarer ruffs and plays a diamond to the ten, losing to the ace. Back comes a club, which South ruffs, and after cashing the trump king, declarer is at the crucial point of the hand.

His only problem is to avoid losing two heart tricks. He can do this easily enough, if West has the ace, by leading twice toward the K-Q. But if East has the ace, this method of play fails, since a second heart trick would eventually have to be lost.

Before broaching the suit, South must first try to decide which opponent is more apt to have the ace. This is not really difficult, since it's highly unlikely that East would double five diamonds unless he had the ace of hearts.

South therefore leads a heart and, after West follows low, finesesses the nine! This works like a charm because West happens to hold both the jack and ten, so declarer loses only one heart trick.

Considering the bidding, the nine is clearly the right play to make — even though it requires a substantial measure of good luck to succeed. But the fact remains that once East is credited with the ace of hearts, there is no other hope of making the contract other than the deep finesse.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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**SATURDAY**  
 • Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

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aging diet movement seems to be sweeping the nation: Bookstores and grocery stores are filled with how-to tomes and foods promising to keep your mind sharp, arteries clear, bones strong and joints pain-free.

A major champion of this movement is Dr. Michael Roizen, creator of the RealAge program and co-author of the new book "You Staying Young: The Owner's Manual for Extending Your Warranty" (Free Press, \$26).

His approach is based on research suggesting that your food and lifestyle choices can add years to your life. For instance, one recent study found that people who eat five servings of fruits and vegetables a day, drink moderately, exercise and quit smoking live on average 14 years longer than people who adopt none of these behaviors.

On the flip side, other habits can shave off years or make you age even faster.

But before you throw in the kitchen towel, it's not too late to get started. No matter what kind of life you've already led, aging is reversible, Roizen said. "It's never too late until you're 6 feet under."

Unlike final exams in class or free throws on the basketball court, Roizen said, we can get a "do-over" when it comes to our diet.

Damages of indulgent, careless eating can be erased in a matter of three years. Even better, within three months of changing a behavior you can start to measure a difference in your life expectancy, Roizen said.

**Power foods for Boomers**

Boomers grew up in the era when well-marbled meat dominated the plate. Now experts suggest we fill two-thirds of our plate with colorful fruits, vegetables and whole grains, leaving only one-third for a smaller portion of lean protein. Here's a plan for filling your plate with some of the foods Baby Boomers need most. Based on a growing body of scientific evidence, these foods are among the top sources of nutrients that have the best potential to improve health and slow down the aging process.

**Salmon**

Salmon and other fatty fish are rich in omega-3 fatty acids that help decrease inflammation and may lower your risk of heart disease and certain cancers, including breast and prostate cancer. These good fats have even been found to reduce depression and boost the production of a protein known to destroy the plaques associated with Alzheimer's disease. Aim for at least two servings of fish per week or consider omega 3-fortified foods and fish oil supplements.

**Double dose of spice**

Turmeric contains a

compound called curcumin that may help keep the brain young. Older adults in Singapore who ate turmeric-rich curry often were half as likely to suffer from mental decline. Other studies suggest turmeric may help improve memory. Cinnamon appears to have insulin-like properties that may help control blood sugar levels. Just as little as 1/4 teaspoon a day was found to be beneficial.

**Whole grains**

You can potentially reduce your risk of diabetes, heart disease, stroke and certain cancers by simply replacing refined grains with whole grains, which are higher in fiber and other disease-fighting nutrients. The Iowa Women's Health Study found that at least one serving of whole grains a day (such as oatmeal, brown rice and quinoa) lowered the risk of dying by 15 percent during a nine-year period.

**Beans**

Dry beans, peas and lentils are packed with soluble fiber that soaks up cholesterol like a sponge and escorts it out of your body. Low in fat, legumes are loaded with protein and folate, a B vitamin that helps lower blood levels of homocysteine, a type of amino acid linked to heart disease and stroke. Tulane University researchers found that people who ate legumes at least four times a week or more had a 22 percent lower risk of heart disease.

**Broccoli**

Broccoli and other dark green vegetables offer carotenoids, folate and vitamin C. Carotenoids may be powerful weapons against cancer. Folate is good for your heart and your brain. Vitamin C

has been shown to reduce stroke risk by as much as 42 percent. Some studies indicate that vitamin C may even slow skin wrinkling.

**Milk**

Calcium and vitamin D are vital to maintain bone density that declines as we age. Vitamin D helps your body absorb calcium, but newer studies suggest that this "sunshine" vitamin also lowers the risk of heart disease, diabetes and certain cancers. It may even help keep you young. A genetic study found that people with the lowest vitamin D levels experienced changes equivalent to five years of aging.

**What about supplements?**

Boomers may be lured to load up on dietary supplements, but it's best to get your nutrients the old-fashioned way through food, said Elmhurst dietitian David Grotto, author of "101 Foods That Could Save Your Life." "There's a complexity in food that simply can't be captured in a pill," he said. Even so, Grotto does recommend a multivitamin/mineral supplement to help fill in any gaps. Before stocking up on other supplements, he suggests a visit to the doctor or a registered dietitian to identify your individual nutritional needs.

**Almonds**

Almonds are packed with protein, vitamin E and good fats. Studies indicate that an ounce a day (about a handful) can help lower harmful LDL cholesterol levels.

**Red wine**

Alcohol in moderation may have some anti-aging benefits, said Dr. Michael Roizen, creator of the RealAge program. Red

wine may be particularly beneficial due to a compound called resveratrol that is found in red-grape skin. Some studies indicate resveratrol has anti-cancer effects and makes the immune system younger. Researchers at Harvard and National Institute on Aging found that hefty doses of resveratrol extended the life span of mice. "Moderate" drinking is one glass a day for women, two for men.

**Berries**

The blue and red colors in berries and cherries are responsible for the health-promoting properties of these mighty fruits. The hue signals the presence of anthocyanins, powerful phytonutrients that may reduce inflammation and offer protection against heart disease and cancer. Some studies indicate that eating more of these little jewels can help slow the decline in brain function as we age.

**Grilled Salmon with Almond-Pomegranate Sauce**

Preparation time: 12 minutes

Cooking time: 10 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

This recipe is adapted from "Positively Ageless: A 28-Day Plan for a Younger, Slimmer and Sexier You," by Cheryl Forberg (to be published in April). "This complex sauce is inspired by a Middle Eastern stew

called fesenjan," she writes. "Ground almonds add richness to a spice-infused sauce made tangy with pomegranate syrup." It is high in omega-3 fatty acids, but low in saturated fat.

**Sauce:**

1 teaspoon olive oil  
1/2 yellow onion, chopped  
1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric

1/8 teaspoon each, ground: cinnamon, nutmeg, pepper

1/2 cup chopped almonds, lightly toasted

1 cup fat-free chicken or vegetable broth  
2 tablespoons pomegranate syrup, see note

**Salmon:**

4 salmon fillets, about 5 ounces each

1 teaspoon olive oil  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
Freshly ground pepper  
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro  
Fresh pomegranate seeds, optional

1. For the sauce, heat the oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add the onion; cook, stirring, until golden brown, about 6 minutes. Add the turmeric, cinnamon, nutmeg and pepper; cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Set aside.

2. Place the almonds in the bowl of a food processor; process until very finely ground. Add the cooked onion mixture, broth and pomegranate syrup. Process until creamy and smooth, about 2 minutes. Return the sauce to the skillet.

Heat to a boil over medium-high heat; lower the heat to a simmer. Cook until the mixture is the consistency of thick cream, about 3 minutes. Set aside; keep warm.

3. For the salmon, heat a grill or grill pan. Brush the salmon lightly with the oil; season with the salt and pepper to taste. Grill, turning once, until the fish is opaque, about 3 minutes per side. Serve each fillet with 2 tablespoons of the sauce; garnish with cilantro and pomegranate seeds. Pass extra sauce at the table.

Note: Pomegranate syrup (also called pomegranate molasses or pomegranate concentrate) can be found in Middle Eastern markets and in the ethnic section of some supermarkets and specialty stores. It is made from the reduced juice of fresh pomegranates.

Nutrition information per serving (with 2 tablespoons sauce): 284 calories, 44 percent of calories from fat, 14 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 90 mg cholesterol, 4 g carbohydrates, 34 g protein, 256 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

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# Rockets push win streak to 21

By **CHRIS DUNCAN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Tracy McGrady limped into the locker room, blood on his lip, a bandage on his arm and a smile on his face.

No matter what happens the rest of this season, he and the Houston Rockets have carved a place in NBA history.

McGrady scored 30 points and the Rockets extended their winning streak to 21 games with an 89-80 win over Charlotte on Friday night.

The Rockets now own the league's second-longest winning streak, behind only the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers, who won 33 in a row.

Next up for the Rockets: Sunday's showdown with Kobe Bryant and the current Lakers at the Toyota Center. They're both 45-20, the best record in the West.

"This is pretty remarkable," McGrady said. "I'll always remember this. I'm definitely cherishing this moment. This has been fun."

The Rockets beat the Lakers 95-93 in the season opener, then lost to them 93-90 in Houston on Nov. 14. Houston was struggling then, still learning first-year coach Rick Adelman's system.

They've been practically unbeatable since the start of the new year, with 30 wins in 33 games. And they've won their last nine since All-Star center

Yao Ming went out with a broken foot.

"We have a group that believes in themselves, a group that continues to work hard every single day," said Shane Battier, who had 12 points and nine rebounds in Friday's victory. "It has never been about the streak and it never will be about the streak. It's about making the playoffs and having playoff success."

After the Lakers on Sunday, Houston faces Boston, New Orleans, Golden State and Phoenix next week. If the streak survives that stretch, the Rockets will certainly silence critics who say they're still not a title contender and have feasted on a weak schedule since their last loss — to Utah on Jan. 27.

"Now the true test comes to see how good we really are," McGrady said. "We're going to find out. This next week is going to be a good week for our team."

But those challenges can wait. The Rockets were soaking up every moment after keeping the streak alive on Friday. Adelman called the Rockets run "the greatest thing I've ever been around," and he's



AP photo/David J. Phillip  
**The Houston Rockets Mike Harris (19) hangs on the rim after dunking the ball as the Charlotte Bobcats Jared Dudley (4) defends during the fourth quarter of a NBA basketball game Friday in Houston. The Rockets beat the Bobcats 89-80 for their 21st consecutive win.**

taken two teams to the NBA finals.

"Just watching the way the way these guys have responded, these guys have been so neat to be around," Adelman said. "The way they've approached their job, the way they've handled the streak, not getting too far ahead of themselves."

"It's a great accomplishment," he said. "I'm so proud of the team."

Jason Richardson scored 28 points and Emeka Okafor added 23 for the Bobcats, who've lost five in a row to Houston.

"We were determined to come in here and try and end the streak," Richardson said. "We thought we might be able to sneak up, but they are a very aggressive team."

The Rockets also extended their home-court winning streak to 14 games, the longest since the 1985-86 team won 20 in a row at the Summit.

They had won 13 of their previous 20 games by double digits, but the Bobcats made them

work hard.

Houston hit seven of its first 12 shots, then missed its next 14 tries to fuel a 21-1 Charlotte run in the first half.

Charlotte led 43-36 at halftime and Adelman told his team to stay patient.

"During one stage of the first half, we acted like we had to catch them in two minutes," Adelman said. "I said, 'There are 24 minutes in the second half and we have to go out and trust each other, that we're going to fight through this and come out ahead.'"

Houston opened the third quarter with a 26-11 run, started when Battier rebounded his own miss and put back a layup. McGrady sank a shot from the wing with 3:30 left in the quarter to complete the spurt and put the Rockets up 62-54.

The Bobcats pulled within two, but the Rockets scored the first eight points of the final quarter to keep control. After McGrady hit a fadeaway from the baseline, he flexed his muscles and yelled, "Let's go!" as he trotted down the court. Reserve forward Mike Harris then scored inside to stretch Houston's lead to 72-62.

The Bobcats twice closed within six, but the Rockets made the stops and free throws when it counted.

"This was a great test for us, to see how mentally strong we are," McGrady said.

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## Energy Watch



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In today's environment, where headlines scream "Oil at historic highs" or "OPEC to leave production unchanged," we continue to believe that rising gasoline inventories should actually be the big story of the day.

Over the past six weeks the nation's gasoline consumption has decreased an average of 1.1 percent from last year's levels. *The Wall Street Journal* reports this is the most sustained demand drop seen in 16 years. We've noted weak demand figures from the United States numerous times and generally speaking, we feel this is a trend that will continue for sometime.

A weaker U.S. economy is certainly a portion of the weak usage figures. The EIA estimates personal income declining 1 percent results in gasoline demand being reduced 0.5 percent. In addition to the economy, however, we would suggest demand is shifting as consumers change their usage patterns and alter their lifestyle in response to years of rising prices.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates gasoline prices increasing 10 percent may result in consumption falling 0.6 percent in the near-term. However, if sustained for many years the demand cut could be closer to 4 percent. Anecdotal data has shown us that consumer behavior is gradually changing. In January, only small cars and crossover SUVs showed rising sales. Meanwhile, minivan and large SUV sales continue to falter. In 2006, sales of large cars fell 2.6 percent. In 2007 they were off 10.5 percent, and versus last year, Autodata Corporation sees January 2008 large car sales down 26.5 percent.

For crude producers, the sky is not falling and the "ride" is not over, but current gasoline inventories are at their highest level since 1994. As noted before, we remain unsure how long (or if) crude oil can remain supported without the products, gasoline in particular, pitching in.

Energy Intelligence describes "hedge funds and big money speculators as the culprits behind runaway natural gas prices." According to a publication source, rumors are beginning to circulate that some end-users are "attempting to file a lawsuit against some hedge funds that they've identified as using large volume size to keep prices aloft."

• Several men have admitted to robbing an Orlando tourist at gunpoint for gas money.

• In Russia, Vladimir Putin's handpicked successor, Dmitry Medvedev, handily won the presidential election. The landslide victory was generally described as neither free nor fair, but in reality, the will of the people is likely reflected in the results. Medvedev won more than 70 percent of the vote. His numbers are nearly the same seen for Putin four years ago. Now the question is whether or not he will lead or if Putin, as prime minister, will call the majority of shots.

• According to the EIA, "non-fundamental" factors are driving oil prices higher. We generally agree. Of late, the commodity complex has seen a flood of new capital as investors seek yield and are concerned about inflation. We note Guy Caruso's testimony before Congress, because it is interesting the EIA is now citing fund money and investors as driving prices. Typically, the DOE's arm blames high prices on geopolitics and fundamentals.

• Energy research firm John S. Herold estimates global exploration and production companies will spend 10 percent more in 2008 than 2007. The modest increase may result in another year of poor reserve replacement rates. Herold finds, "the industry is spending barely enough to maintain the current level of drilling activity".

• A California utility has begun producing natural gas from cow manure. The facility is reported by Reuters as including a five acre pit of liquid cow manure some 33 feet deep. The site is expected to generate enough natural gas to power 1,200 homes each day.

• In January, Chinese crude oil imports rose 1.8 percent year-on-year while Japanese crude oil imports were up 8.6 percent.

• A study by the Renewable Energy Network and Worldwatch Institute finds worldwide investment in renewable energy reached \$71 billion in 2007. The study suggests more than 65 nations currently have national goals for renewable energy use.

• Mexico's state-owned oil company estimates oil production will increase in 2008 after falling for three years straight. The nation's giant Cantarell field's production may fall as much as 18 percent in 2008.

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Ten of the 12 Exemplary employees pictured at the West Texas Centers for MHMR Employee Recognition Ceremony are, from left, Minnie Gonzalez, Debbie Lindsey, Vickie Carson, Janie Rainwater, Norma Mendoza, Cookie VanZandt, Amber Tarver, Sharon Billingsley, Barbara Covington and Doris Johnson. Not pictured are Shawn Hill and Norma Leach.

## Best of the best

*West Texas Centers recognizes outstanding employees*

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

West Texas Centers for MHMR tipped its hat to teamwork during its yearly Employee Recognition Ceremony March 7 at First United Methodist Church in Big Spring.

"We are a better team because of you," West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW, told more than 100 employees attending the ceremony.

"I don't believe anything says it better," she said. "Teamwork is the foundation of any successful organization and West Texas Centers

has built a strong, dedicated and compassionate team to carry out our mission — "Quality Services for Quality Life."

Each employee is a piece of the puzzle which comprises the 23-county West Texas Centers service area, Smith said.

"It takes many puzzle pieces to create a masterpiece. With your hard work and dedication West Texas Centers has become that masterpiece. As I look around the room today I am reminded of how valued and important each and everyone of you are to our organization.

"If you have put a puzzle together you know how important the four cornerstones and the borders are to the puzzle," she added. "The cornerstones are put in place early in the puzzle to serve as the foundation for the rest of the puzzle. So it is with our board."

Smith honored the nine-member board of trustees: Ben Lockhart, board chairman; Giles Dalby, vice chairman; Winkler County Judge Bonnie Leck, board secretary/treasurer; Jim Barron, Yoakum County Judge; Upton County Judge Vikki

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## Conservation efforts harvest a bounty of success in Texas

Texas today can thank farmers, ranchers, land managers and others across the state during National Ag Week March 16-22 for their conservation efforts in protecting and improving soil, water and air quality and wildlife habitats.

National Agriculture Day, March 20, takes place on the first day of spring as a way to celebrate American agriculture and the farmers and ranchers — the stewards of the land — who provide the food, fiber, shelter, energy and other materials we use on a daily basis.

Many of these farmers, ranchers and landowners

work with the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and their local soil and water conservation districts in a voluntary, cooperative partnership to develop comprehensive conservation plans for their operations.

These plans help the landowners meet their management goals to conserve, manage and care for their land, livestock and wildlife, by making improvements to farm and ranchland, creating and restoring wetlands, and improving wildlife habitat and grazing lands. As part of any operation's private busi-

ness, these plans are confidential.

"In 2007, the near-record level of technical and financial assistance to Texas land stewards helped them accelerate conservation work on millions of acres to benefit all Texans — not just those who implemented the conservation on their land," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas.

Private landowners are the key to effective conservation efforts in Texas, since 95 percent of the state's land is privately owned. With NRCS technical and financial assistance, landowners implemented the following conserva-

tion improvements in 2007:

- 6.6 million acres were enhanced for wildlife habitats, while individual conservation plans were written covering more than 9.5 million acres.

- Landowners implemented conservation practices to improve soil quality on nearly 1.2 million acres across the state and water quality on another 7.5 million acres.

- Wetlands were created, protected, or restored on 9,143 acres.

- Irrigation efficiency was improved on 352,000 acres.

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Katie Cathey, president of the Heritage Museum board, cuts the ribbon to celebrate the opening of the Gerald Marie Becham pavilion while Robert Haney, right, nephew of the donors of the pavilion, looks on. Also pictured are museum employees, family members of Leland and Gerald Wallace and members of the Big Spring Ambassadors and Big Spring Chamber of Commerce.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

# Pancho Villa assassin's kin say they're owed reward

By **ALFREDO CORCHADO**  
The Dallas Morning News

PALOMAS, Mexico — Nearly 85 years after he was killed in an ambush, Francisco "Pancho" Villa is remembered in this border town as both a revolutionary hero and the man who invaded the United States on a March morning 92 years ago.

A statue of him riding his horse — gun drawn, hat pulled back — romanticizes his exploits.

But for the family of Jose Saenz Pardo, one of Villa's assassins, the statue is a reminder of a \$50,000 reward he never received, a bounty reportedly offered by Uncle Sam for Villa's capture or death.

"At this stage, it's a question of honor, not about money," said Maria Fernanda Carrillo Saenz Pardo, 28, Mr. Saenz Pardo's granddaughter, who lives in Ciudad Juarez and works in El Paso, Texas. "We want the United States to make good on its word. They wanted Villa, dead or alive. We fulfilled our end of the bargain."

Although historians have noted the reward in accounts of the time, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City said the U.S. government offered no reward. She said a resolution authorizing a \$50,000 bounty was introduced in Congress but apparently never passed.

In 1916, no one was more hunted than Villa.

On March 9 of that year, he and 500 of his men crossed from Palomas and launched an early-morning raid on Columbus,

N.M. They killed 18 Americans, including eight soldiers. Outraged, President Woodrow Wilson sent Gen. John "Black Jack" Pershing to hunt down Villa.

Villa's motives for the invasion remain a topic of debate, although one theme remains constant: Villa felt betrayed by the Americans, who had once befriended him. Two years before, Gen. Pershing had posed for a photo with Villa at Fort Bliss, outside El Paso.

But the Americans later aligned themselves with Villa's hated foe and political rival, Venustiano Carranza, who became president. The Columbus raid was Villa's revenge, according to historian Friedrich Katz, author of *The Life and Times of Pancho Villa*.

Even today, zeroing in on Villa's legacy is no easy task. He is both revered as a hero of the revolution launched in 1910 and remembered as a notorious border bandit and killer. He was a leader in toppling Mexico's dictator, Porfirio Diaz, and was later named provisional governor of the northern state of Chihuahua. Many still view him as a defender of the people.

The Saenz Pardo family is among those who see Villa as a hardened criminal who made enemies throughout Mexico. This is particularly true in Chihuahua, they say, where he seized some of the most prized haciendas from wealthy families for his personal use.

He and his gunmen also angered many by killing



A statue of Francisco "Pancho" Villa stands in Paloma, Mexico, across the border from Columbus, N.M. In 1916 it was reported the U.S. government offered a reward of \$5,000 after Villa and other revolutionaries raided Columbus, taking horses and ammunition while killing American soldiers. The reward has never been paid.

their loved ones, including several family members of Saenz Pardo. That bad blood, not a reward, is the reason Jose Saenz Pardo helped kill Villa, they say.

"This family had a lot of allies because Villa had a lot of enemies," said Franz Felhaber, owner of FC Felhaber Inc. Customs Brokerage in El Paso and a distant nephew of Saenz Pardo. "It was personal. It was family honor. It wasn't for money. Columbus wasn't their motivation, but they believed they were in the right to kill him. And they did, so

what happened to the reward?"

Two experts on U.S.-Mexico relations, Robert A. Pastor and Rafael Fernandez de Castro, have written that the Columbus massacre "awoke Congress," which "authorized sending the army and navy to Mexico and offered a \$50,000 reward for the capture of Villa," according to their account in *The Controversial Pivot, The U.S. Congress and North America*.

While denying that the U.S. actually offered the reward, the U.S. Embassy

spokeswoman said the embassy's research did turn up images of reward posters for Villa. They offered \$5,000 and referred people to the police chief in Columbus. But she said that reward had no known connection to the U.S. government.

Gen. Pershing's punitive expedition entered Mexico with the tacit approval of the Carranza government and, in a campaign that lasted nearly a year, 7,000 U.S. troops fought many small battles. But they never confronted the forces of Villa, who hid in the vast

Chihuahuan desert.

Years later, Saenz Pardo did find Villa. Said to be motivated by the deaths of his two brothers-in-law, an uncle and two cousins, he joined his cousin Milton Lozoya and five other men and planned Villa's assassination. On the morning of July 20, 1923, in the Chihuahua town of Hidalgo del Parral, the men hid atop a hotel, according to historians including Alejandro Rosas, who has written extensively about what he calls "The Ambush."

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**RYAN**

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president or, as he heard one radio commentator suggest, a "Rangers mascot."

This is much different than the role Ryan had for 10 years after he retired as a player in 1993, when the Rangers used him primarily in a promotional and ceremonial role as he fulfilled a personal-services contract with the team.

"When they hired Nolan Ryan (as president), I was like I don't know if that was a ploy to satisfy the fans or if it's some dedication to winning," partial season-ticket holder Thomas Mooney said after Ryan's ball-

park appearance. "He seems to be genuine. ... When you hear him in person as opposed to a sound bite, I was happy with the answers he gave."

Ryan was always a fan favorite as a player for the Rangers, even though he was already in his 40s when he arrived after nine seasons with the Astros.

It was during his five-season stretch in Texas (1989-93) that Ryan got his last two no-hitters, 5,000th strikeout and 300th victory.

His No. 34 is the only jersey worn by a Rangers player to be retired, and there is a statue of him in the center field plaza at the ballpark.

After his personal-services contract expired with the

Rangers, Ryan took a similar position with Houston — and the Astros used him for more than public relations.

Ryan was involved in scouting, worked with pitchers and was consulted about personnel moves and the drafts. The Astros went to their only World Series in 2005.

"He had a lot of equity in that, and I think he really enjoyed it," Reid Ryan said. "He's got a tremendous amount of knowledge and amount of years in the game that I think he's looking to share."

Former Rangers presidents under owner Tom Hicks were primarily business-oriented and had little if any role in baseball operations.

While Ryan's a baseball guy

first, he's also a cattle rancher and successful businessman, having owned banks and a line of beef products that carry his name.

"We had to decide this would be a better alternative for us than the path we were on," Hicks said. "That was easy when Nolan said he was prepared to commit to it."

For Ryan, the timing and the opportunity were finally right to do something he had thought about since he was still playing.

"I always wanted to get involved with a ballclub where I could have some influence on the development and the direction of the ballclub," he said. "The window, I thought, at my age if I wanted to do this, I'd have to take advantage of this

opportunity or probably not do it."

On the same day Ryan signed his deal, the Rangers extended the contract of 30-year-old general manager Jon Daniels by two years through the 2011 season, coinciding with the length of Ryan's.

Daniels had been Ryan's primary source so far, through numerous conversations, in determining the state of the franchise.

"Probably what has impressed me the most is how down to earth he is," Daniels said. "In the opening meeting with the staff, he did a tremendous job in his presentation, delivering his message and making everyone feel comfortable with him."

**STORM**

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"The guy behind me got a phone call saying there was a tornado warning," said Lisa Lynn of Atlanta, who was watching the game from the lower deck. "And in 2 seconds, we heard the noise and things started to shake. It was creepy."

Thousands of fans were downtown for two sporting events.

An NBA game between the Atlanta Hawks and Los Angeles Clippers was held next door at Philips Arena, which reported no major damage. But numerous windows in the CNN Center, headquar-

ters of the cable news network and part of the same complex, were blown out.

The Georgia Dome, which is as tall as a 29-story building, had the largest cable-supported roof in the world when it

opened in 1992.

Heavy rains caused a leak three years later, leading to a structural adjustment that prevented a repeat of the problem.

The stadium was no

match for the storm that struck Friday night.

"This has got to be one of the worst environ-

ments I've ever been in as a player," Mississippi State's Charles Rhodes said. "To see stuff falling

from the roof, it really scared me. I really didn't know what to do."

**JOHNSON**

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That hard work and planning may be costing Hendrick's elite team a little now.

After winning 18 of 36 races a year ago, and replacing Busch with highly regarded Dale Earnhardt Jr. over the winter, Hendrick Motorsports is 0-4 so far this season.

"All that work building cars we knew we'd never use again, it paid off and won us a championship," Hendrick said. "But how did it affect us this year? We're good on short tracks and flat tracks, but a little behind on the intermediates."

Johnson agreed with his boss this week.

"Coming into this season, we didn't spend any time testing on any of the big tracks," Johnson said. "We've been on track. We've been learning. We've been making improvements, if you look at Vegas and Atlanta. We still have a very loose race car, but we made up a lot of ground (at Atlanta)."

"It wasn't the day that we wanted, but we're definitely going down the right road."

Now it's back to the short tracks at Bristol and Martinsville for the next two Cup races — a chance to get the Hendrick ship righted and re-establish the team's dominance.

"We're excited to get on the short tracks," Johnson said. "Bristol isn't my best short track; we all know that. But when we get to Martinsville and Richmond and some of the other tracks where we've been strong with the CoT, we hope to be right back where we were."


"We're just learning the 1.5-mile stuff. My teammates have shown well. I ran well at California. But even with those runs, we weren't the best car. And that's what we're trying to find as a company, and what we're trying to find in the No. 48 car is how we can be the best car."

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Susan Cuellar, 2301 N. Pecos, Midland  
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Bernest Elgen Woolridge, 4110 S. Jackson, Amarillo  
Jerry Lee Wrightsil Jr., 2816 Ridge Road, Fort Worth

**County Court Decisions:**  
Probated Judgment: Priscilla Leann Torres, theft by check more than \$20 less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$326 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Ray Carl McGee Sr., driving while license invalid, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Shane Thomas Estes, criminal trespass of a habitation, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Richard Norman Ramirez, possession of marijuana two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Larry H. Ramirez, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Charlie Everett Ryerson, Failure to identify giving false information, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 45 days in jail.

**District Court Filings:**  
Victoria Lynn Thompson vs. Donald Clyde Thompson, divorce.  
Oncor Electric Delivery vs. Jamie's Transport Inc. and Michael Nowell Philip, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.  
Gilbert Naranjo vs. Nicole Ann Naranjo, divorce.  
Leslie K. Trevino vs. Matthew Shane Trevino, divorce.  
Indymac Bank vs. Joseph L. Leyva and Ida M. Leyva, civil suit.  
Misti Renay Snelgrooves vs. William Don Snelgrooves, divorce.  
Eloy E. Leal vs. Bertha C. Leal, divorce.  
Sharon Lynnette Williams vs. Jonny Clifford Williams, divorce.  
Charlie Levi Clark vs. Margaret A. Bruton Clark, divorce.  
Rosa Dejesus Nieto vs. Alexander Gusman Jr., protective order.  
Susan Ward and Stormie Ward vs. Robert Lee Aldridge Jr., injury or damages with a motor vehicle.  
Steven L. Fortenberry vs. Stephanie G. Fortenberry, divorce.  
Amanda K. Yates vs. John Brandon Yates, divorce.  
Rudy I. Haddad vs. Texas Lithotripsy Limited Partnership, a Texas Limited Partnership, and Lithotripsy Inc., a North Carolina Corp., it's sole general partner, accounts, notes and contracts.  
Ticor Title Insurance Company vs. Joseph Leyva, accounts, notes and contracts.

**Marriage Licenses:**  
Leonard Glen Herrera, 28, and Roshanna Dawn Richardson, 23, both of Big Spring.  
Joshua David Harrington, 18, and Laci Kamryn Lamb, 18, both of Big Spring.

**Warranty Deeds:**  
Grantor: Vickie Jo Smith Davidson  
Grantee: Ruel Metcalf and Carolyn Metcalf  
Property: Lot 10, Block 2, Suburban Heights  
Date: Feb. 28, 2008  
Grantor: Extreme Suspensions Inc.  
Grantee: Helena Chemical Co.  
Property: A 2.7-acre tract out of Section 30, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Feb. 29, 2008  
Grantor: Dorrace J. Smith  
Grantee: Rebekah Byerly  
Property: A portion of Lot 4, Block 2, Highland Addition  
Date: Feb. 29, 2008  
Grantor: John E. Mize and Jill Mize  
Grantee: Chauncy Hunter and Barbara Hunter  
Property: Lot 19, Block 1A, Belvue Addition  
Date: Feb. 29, 2008  
Grantor: Bobby Larue and Laura Larue  
Grantee: Kevin Cox and Jennifer Cox  
Property: Lot 4, Block 1, Swinney Subdivision  
Date: Feb. 29, 2008  
Grantor: Lavert Kenneth Vinacco and george F. Harlow Jr.  
Grantee: Herbert H. Zeichick and Gloria Zeichick  
Property: Lot 21, Block 8, Kentwood Unit No. 1  
Date: Feb. 29, 2008  
Grantor: Ricky Paul Watkins

Grantee: Teresa McGuire and Jerry McGuire  
Property: Lot 1, Block 92, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: March 3, 2008  
Grantor: Suman V. Patel and Dilipkumar K. Patel  
Grantee: Payal Hotel Enterprises Inc.  
Property: A tract out of Section 26, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 3, 2008  
Grantor: Trine Morales and Chona Morales  
Grantee: Royce Islas and Cynthia Islas  
Property: Lot 2, Block 16, Jones Valley Addition  
Date: March 4, 2008  
Grantor: Mary J. O'Hair and Dan O'Hair  
Grantee: Frank Long and Glenda Long  
Property: The NW/4 of Section 23, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 5, 2008  
Grantor: Florida Woodard  
Grantee: Brent Stenman  
Property: Lot 10, Block 6, Banks Addition  
Date: March 5, 2008  
Grantor: Linda Whitefield  
Grantee: Tyler Bradley  
Property: The S/2 of Section 14, Block 33, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 6, 2008  
Grantor: Ward L. Booth  
Grantee: Big Spring Independent School District  
Property: Lots 3-5, Block 17, Monticello Addition  
Date: March 6, 2008  
Grantor: Dennis R. Wilson and Glenda Wilson  
Grantee: Big Spring Independent School District  
Property: Lots 22-24, Block 2, Wrights Airport Addition  
Date: March 6, 2008  
Grantor: Dave Ramirez  
Grantee: Big Spring Independent School District  
Property: Lot 10, Block 10, Jones Valley Addition  
Date: March 6, 2008  
Grantor: Walter J. Klein  
Grantee: Big Spring Independent School District  
Property: A 1-acre tract out of Section 41, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 6, 2008  
Grantor: George D. Jones, W.B. Jones Jr. and John Paul Jones  
Grantee: Big Spring Independent School District  
Property: Portions of Lots 5 and 6, Block 16, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: March 6, 2008  
Grantor: William David Webb  
Grantee: Big Spring Independent School District  
Property: The W/100 feet of Lot 11, Block 56, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: March 6, 2008  
Grantor: Frank Parker and Elizabeth Parker  
Grantee: Clyde McMahon and Beverly McMahon  
Property: Half interest in Lots 7 and 8, Block 4, Original Town of Big Spring

Date: March 7, 2008  
Grantor: Benjamin Zeichick  
Grantee: Sherry L. Dills  
Property: Lot 11, Block 32, Cole & Strayhorn Addition  
Date: March 7, 2008  
Grantor: Anastacio Perez and Lucia Perez  
Grantee: Michael Nairn  
Property: Lot 3, Block 9, Piner Heights  
Date: March 7, 2008  
Grantor: Jane Bland, Orville Bland and Jeridean Kinman  
Grantee: Teresa M. Long  
Property: Lot 31, Block 8, Suburban Heights  
Date: March 7, 2008  
Grantor: Kisiah Inc.  
Grantee: Bob Wegner  
Property: A 4-acre tract out of Section 28, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 11, 2008  
Grantor: Curtis L. Bruns and Pamela Bruns  
Grantee: Jimmy Johnson  
Property: Lots 1-4, Block 5, Boydston Addition  
Date: March 12, 2008  
Grantor: James Bradley Ingram and Amy Ingram  
Grantee: Jennifer Branton  
Property: A tract out of Section 20, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 12, 2008  
Grantor: James B. Ingram  
Grantee: Peggy Cheney  
Property: A 2-acre tract out of Section 20, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 12, 2008  
Grantor: Claudie Dosier Ingram  
Grantee: Peggy Cheney  
Property: A 2-acre tract out of Section 20, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 12, 2008  
Grantor: Brenda Ingram Hambrick  
Grantee: Peggy Cheney  
Property: A tract out of Section 20, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 12, 2008  
**Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien:**  
Grantor: Victor Raymond Parker and Billie Parker  
Grantee: Robert Hayes and Holly Hayes  
Property: Lot 14, Block 13, College Park  
Date: Feb. 28, 2008  
Grantor: Shelley Vella and Harold Vela  
Grantee: Tanya Evrard  
Property: Lot 1, Block 3, Seton Place  
Date: Feb. 29, 2008  
Grantor: Don Fite and Ann Fite  
Grantee: Willy Williams and Jamie Williams  
Property: Lot 4, Block 7, Wasson Place  
Date: Feb. 29, 2008  
Grantor: Charles S. Walker  
Grantee: Gary Watkins and Tess Watkins  
Property: Lot 23, Block 3, College Park  
Date: Feb. 29, 2008  
Grantor: Glennes Gerome Langford  
Grantee: Kenneth Brent Williams and Amy Williams

Property: Lot 4 and part of Lot 3, Block 5, Park Hill Addition  
Date: Feb. 29, 2008  
Grantor: Bobby Barber and Cheryl Barber  
Grantee: Bobby Larue and Laura Larue  
Property: A 4.8-acre tract out of Section 5, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Feb. 29, 2008  
Grantor: Bobby H. Larue  
Grantee: Kevin Cox  
Property: Lot 16, Block 1, Meadowbrook Subdivision  
Date: Feb. 29, 2008  
Grantor: Don Fite and Ann Fite  
Grantee: Jim Lim Gattoc  
Property: Lot 7, Block 13, North Park Hill  
Date: Feb. 29, 2008  
Grantor: Brian Ruiz  
Grantee: Deedee Myers  
Property: Lot 12, Block 13, North Park Hill  
Date: Feb. 29, 2008  
Grantor: Donald Fuller  
Grantee: Michael Eggleston and Connie Eggleston  
Property: Lots 1-3 and part of 4, Block 7, Fairview Heights  
Date: March 4, 2008  
Grantor: Robert L. Howland and Joy Howland  
Grantee: Charles D. Kuykendall  
Property: A tract out of Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 6, 2008  
Grantor: Timothy J. Mayor  
Grantee: Karan Gilbert  
Property: A 0.73-acre tract out of Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 6, 2008  
Grantor: Montie Watson, Lia M. Watson, Jeff Somers and Sharla Somers  
Grantee: J2 Investments LLC  
Property: A 1,686-acre tract out of Section 59, Block 29, Howard County  
Date: March 7, 2008  
Grantor: Joe Stocks and Jerrie Stocks  
Grantee: Jody Jordan  
Property: A tract out of Section 1, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 10, 2008  
Grantor: Timothy Holt and Gwendolyn Holt  
Grantee: Kimberly Gee  
Property: A 8.8-acre tract out of Section 3, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 10, 2008  
Grantor: Rodney M. Robinson and Don E. Robinson  
Grantee: Debra K. Trantham  
Property: A 2/3 interest in several tracts out of Section 11, Block 38, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 11, 2008  
Grantor: Maria Irene Resendez  
Grantee: Tranquillo Mendoza  
Property: Lot 8, Block 6, Lakeview Addition  
Date: March 12, 2008

BOUNTY

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Gohmert said, "NRCS's mission is 'Helping People Help the Land,' but the real thanks for the continued success of our programs and conservation efforts goes to the

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Bradley; Dallas Brewer; Donald C. Creager; Nolan County Judge Tim Fambrough; and Borden County Judge Van L. York.  
Creager was recognized by Smith for 10 years of exemplary service on the board of trustees before announcing the Center's Employee of the Year.

VanZandt, Runnels County; Amber Tarver, Howard County; Debbie Lindsey, Sweetwater; Doris Johnson, Howard County; Barbara Covington, Ward County; Vickie Carson, Howard County; Minnie Gonzalez, Howard County; Sharon Billingsley, Howard County; Norma Mendoza, Reeves County; Shawn Hill, Howard County; and Norma Leach, Nolan County.

Longtime West Texas Center employee Jim Campbell, who recently retired was honored by Smith for his outstanding service and dedication to the Center.  
Employees receiving longevity awards were Loretta Mathews, Cheryl Poitevint and Shelley Smith, 25 years; Suzanne Chapman, Roy Marquez, Diane Szabo and Joann Thompson, 20 years; Shirley Fleming, Larry

Frizzell, Judy Guelker, Flora Viera and Sherry Stevenson, 15 years; and Shannon Ashford, Kathy Fininen, Judy Garza, Sylvia Gomez, Diane Herrera, Dian Jones, Alice Miranda, Joann Paredez, Janie Rainwater, Mary Sims, Kim Slate, and Gail Wells, 10 years.  
Five year awards: Williams Arey, Vickie Carson, Amelia Cortez, Dara Dickerson, Amy Johnson, Gloria Lujan,

Leonor Ortega, Jeanne Overman, Mary Phelps, Veneta Ramsey, Elaine Ryden, Mary Salcido, Patricia Sisk, Theresa Smith and Pamela Toland.  
Two-year awards: Mike Alfano, Debbie Blair, Bev Bucklew, Alyse Carey, Isela Carrasco, Ashley Casbeer, Irma Chavez, Stacey Chevront, Barbara Covington, Irma Garcia, Odelia Garcia, Amy Gleaton, Koeisha

Loudermill, Sarah Olguin, Norma Perez, Angela Perkins, Debra Posey, Ben Ramon, Carmen Roach, Catrina Salazar, Amber Tarver and Marybel Tovar.  
All attendees were presented with a keychain with a puzzle medallion and a pen.  
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<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>50</b> Multiple of CXI	<b>6</b> Baronets, for instance	<b>32</b> Type of word puzzle
<b>1</b> Winter activity	<b>51</b> Hill body	<b>7</b> S&L figure	<b>33</b> Surfing site
<b>10</b> Do dos	<b>52</b> One in a class by herself	<b>8</b> Rangers' rivals	<b>34</b> Type of evolution
<b>15</b> Mesabi toiler	<b>54</b> Training device	<b>9</b> Gnashed	<b>35</b> Leather source
<b>16</b> Get smart	<b>56</b> Support pieces	<b>10</b> Lotion no.	<b>36</b> "___ there, . . ."
<b>17</b> Doris Day film of '50	<b>57</b> Arena of '42	<b>11</b> Steadfast	<b>40</b> "Possibly"
<b>18</b> Blends	<b>58</b> Manx speakers	<b>12</b> Undefinitive statement	<b>41</b> Issy intimate
<b>19</b> Solitaire statistic	<b>59</b> Lamb et al.	<b>13</b> Tops in wariness	<b>42</b> Lets up
<b>20</b> Big house		<b>14</b> Trammels	<b>43</b> Get cracking
<b>22</b> Realize		<b>21</b> Roars	<b>44</b> Where tillers are
<b>23</b> Purlie		<b>24</b> Pergola climber	<b>47</b> Electromagnet + armature
<b>24</b> Magellan mapped it		<b>25</b> Goes (for)	<b>49</b> Forward
<b>26</b> Long on screen		<b>28</b> Was part of a campaign	<b>51</b> Indonesia's ___ Islands
<b>27</b> Lake, in Leiden		<b>29</b> Fish without fins	<b>53</b> Count ender
<b>28</b> Backyard sight		<b>30</b> Potato product	<b>55</b> Second degrees
<b>30</b> Denver's loc., when founded			
<b>31</b> Work with blubber			
<b>32</b> They're usually counted last			
<b>37</b> Chill			
<b>38</b> Hedges, perhaps			
<b>39</b> Earth movers?			
<b>41</b> Specialties			
<b>45</b> Band around Japanese CDs			
<b>46</b> Aunt of Orestes			
<b>47</b> WestWorld character			
<b>48</b> Advance, with "up"			

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**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
Shy Mars in Cancer shimmies up to Venus in Pisces today, wearing his heart on his sleeve. If people's affections were accompanied by a cartoon illustration, we'd see steam shooting from ears, fluttering eyelashes



HOLIDAY MATHIS

and hearts jumping out of chests. Those who back up their affections with emotionally demonstrative acts score big points in love.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Blessings look remarkably like pains now. It's entirely possible, likely even, that one year from now, you'll be looking back at the problems you encounter today and thanking the heavens for giving them to you.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). If you've ever lost something but didn't notice until months or years later that it was gone, you understand what it feels like to own too much. For the sake of simplicity, willingly let go of a few possessions now.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Is your place a mess? That's terrific news! There's nothing like a cleaning spree to get your inner life in order. So scrub tile and spiff up your outlook on a relationship. Dust shelves and blow off a million particles of old negativity.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It's all fun when you sprint at the top of the race. But now you're in the middle stretch and realizing just what it's

going to take to break through that finish line. Look for encouragement from the sidelines. Someone is cheering you on.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Stick with what is working for you instead of being swayed by what's working for someone else because your needs are unique and can't be satisfied with a one-size-fits-all formula.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your role in life is important. Dress the part — the movie version of the part. And while you're at it, add a soundtrack. You work and play best with a musical backdrop.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will always be a student. Not because you don't know enough but because your heart is curious. New "classmates" join you now and together you find a subject worthy of concentrated study.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Go for the high tastes now — costs more and so worth it. If you don't, you'll wind up settling for something perpetually dissatisfying. Sharpen your senses and hone in to what's fine, rare and beautiful.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No need to feel guilt over projects left half done. Some projects are not worth completing. It frees up energy to admit that you're not coming back to a project instead of lying to yourself that you'll finish it someday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). You're in a position to give a gift. That's daunting. It's not the amount you spend that matters but getting it right. Don't be afraid to ask for help from people in the know, including the eventual recipient of your gift.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Worthwhile partnerships have a degree of tension — that's what makes them good. However, too much tension makes them irritating and draining. Air a grievance to get back to a healthier place.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). It's not that you always should get your way, but often you should. And you have the necessary diplomacy to do it now. Furthermore, it just so happens that the whole world will be a better place when you do.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** The sun glides boldly into Aries this week with all the confidence of a rock star and twice the bravado — and this transit heralds the vernal equinox. ("Equinox" means a day in which the daytime and nighttime are an equal number of hours.) The vernal equinox is the official beginning of spring (March 21 or so, depending on the year — this year, it's March 19), a moment in which the sun crosses the celestial equator. But it's also the beginning of the astrological year. Aries embodies the spirit of spring and the joy of being the firstborn child of the zodiac. Aries

cosmic energy zings with freshness, newness and now-ness, and she embodies the paradox of the beginner: When you've got nothing, you've got nothing to lose. It's the season of enterprise, risk and hope, of throwing off the limitations of winter because it's simply a bigger risk to do nothing at all. Youthful vigor is the energetic quality inspiring new endeavors this spring. And what we lack in experience, we make up for in the courage — to alter a quote from "Star Trek" — to boldly go where we haven't gone before. (For more about Aries, check out my book "Rock Your Stars.")

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Bernardo Bertolucci isn't your grandma's film maker. The artfully evocative landscape of Bertolucci explores the complicated yearnings of the human soul, in a particularly Piscean way — imagery. And his work brings to life both the spectacular imagination and innate complexity of a Pisces-ruled mind (Mercury in Pisces). Word is, he's even been trailed by psychoanalysts on his movie sets!

*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. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators*

Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a freshman in high school and have many close friends to whom I am very loyal. Recently, though, I discovered that a few of them drink and/or smoke pot.

I want to say something to them, but I'm afraid of what they will think of me. I'd hate to get my friends in trouble by reporting them to the school authorities. On the other hand, they're already in trouble, and I don't want anything bad to happen to them because I didn't speak up. The mother of one of my friends already knows she drinks, but has been unable to stop it.

I don't want to get myself in trouble in the process of helping. Should I report them? This is so depressing that I'm having trouble making decisions. — In Deep

Dear In Deep: It is not unusual for some teenagers to experiment with drugs and alcohol because they mistakenly believe it is "cool." Many of them will stop on their own, but some will become addicted and unable to quit. You are smart to understand the dangers and compassionate to want to help. The people who should be dealing with this are your friends' parents, and those who are unaware should be informed. You can discuss it with your parents and ask them to intervene. You also can contact Alateen (al-anon-alateen.org) at 1-888-4ALANON (1-888-425-2666), for friends and family of those struggling with alcohol and drugs.

Dear Annie: Recently, my employer sold his business to another company. After a few weeks, I noticed that my mail was being opened. This includes my personal mail that



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

sometimes gets sent to my employer's address.

I think this is improper. At the least, we should have been notified that a new policy was being put in place or told that from this point forward mail would be examined before being distributed. What do you think? — Appalled

Dear Appalled: It is the policy of some companies to have all mail opened as it arrives, and if the new owners are unaware that your policy has been different, they would have seen no reason to inform you of a change. You can probably fix this by talking to the person in charge of the mailroom. However, your personal letters should not be coming to your place of business, where there is an assumption that all mail is business-related and, therefore, the employers have a right to see it. We strongly suggest you notify anyone sending personal items to your office to stop.

Dear Annie: It broke my heart to read the letter from "Confused in California," the 15-year-old boy whose father refuses to let him be friends with "Alex," who is gay. As parents of a gay son, my husband and I know too well the fear and ignorance that still exist regarding homosexuality.

Our son grew up the picture of "normalcy" — a top student, active in church, athletics and community service, and one of the most popular students in school. When he faced the realization that he was gay, he prayed and prayed that it was not so. When God didn't answer by changing him, he accepted his reality and got on with his life. Today, he is an extremely successful adult, with more friends than anyone I know, both straight and gay. And, yes, they all know he is gay.

To the father of the "normal" son, I would like to say that being gay is not contagious, but bigotry is. Hopefully your son will grow up to be accepting and open-minded, in spite of you. If our son were to ask if I was sorry he was gay, I would tell him, "No. The same God that made you gay also made you brilliant, compassionate, courageous and the best son any parent could hope for. I would not change one thing about you." — A Proud Mother

Dear Mother: What a beautiful sentiment you have expressed. We hope you will share it with your brilliant, compassionate and courageous son.

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

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
c/o: PAULA HENRY  
600 N. Tubb Road  
Big Spring, Texas 79720  
DATED the 4th day of March, 2008.  
JOSHUA HAMBY  
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306 Scurry Street  
P.O. Box 2199  
Big Spring, Texas 79721-2199  
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Advertisement for Sealed Proposals & Qualifications  
 The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting proposals and qualifications for the following:

**RFP# 08-010 Construction Manager-At-Risk - One Step**  
 In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Education Code § 44.038, it is the intention of the Howard County Junior College District to select, via the Construction Manager-At-Risk selection process, a construction manager to deliver the remodel/renovation/construction of the Howard College, Big Spring Campus as it relates to the approved bond projects.

Documents may be obtained from Jason Mims, Director of Business Services, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720. (432)264-5167. Responses will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2008, in the Practical Arts Building, room 105A, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read into record. Vendors are instructed that a formal opening will not occur. The college will negotiate with qualified vendors concerning the proposals and qualifications submitted. The final determination of vendor award will be made at a future board meeting.

**There will be no pre-submittal conference.**

All questions should be directed to Jason Mims, Director of Business Services, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, e-mail [jmims@howardcollege.edu](mailto:jmims@howardcollege.edu) (432)264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all responses.  
 #5703 March 2, 9, 16 & 23 2008

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**CITY OF BIG SPRING ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The City of Big Spring, Texas will receive competitive sealed bids for General Construction Work for construction of the **Animal Control Shelter Annex**. Sealed bids (prepared according to the Information to Bidders) may be sent to Todd Darden, City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

The bid opening location will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 307 E. 4th St., Big Spring, Texas at **2:00 p.m.**, local time, **April 16, 2008**. Bids received prior to this time will be securely kept, unopened. Bids received after closing time will be returned unopened. Proposals will be evaluated and presented to the City Council for award at a later date.

Bid documents will be available beginning March 17, 2008 for a refundable deposit of \$100.00 per set and may be secured from the office of Parkhill, Smith, & Cooper, Inc., Engineers-Architects-Planners, 5214 Thomason Dr., Midland, Texas, 79703 (Phone: 432-697-1447).

A Pre-Bid conference will be held on April 9, 2008 at the project site at 10:00 a.m. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any or all formalities.

City of Big Spring  
 Todd Darden, Asst. City Mgr.  
 #5721 March 16 & 23, 2008

**Legals**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DELBERT D. BURCHETT, Deceased, were issued on March 6, 2008, in Cause No. P-13620, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: RICHARD BURCHETT.

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

c/o: RICHARD BURCHETT  
 P.O. Box 529  
 Coahoma, Texas 79511  
**DATED** the 6th day of March, 2008.  
 JOSHUA HAMBY  
 Attorney for RICHARD BURCHETT  
 State Bar No.: 24034471  
 306 Scurry Street  
 P.O. Box 2199  
 Big Spring, Texas 79721-2199  
 Telephone: (432)263-8395  
 Facsimile: (432)263-4798  
 #5715 March 16, 2008

**Legals**

No. P-13,624  
 ESTATE OF MARTHA M. HAVLENA, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of MARTHA M. HAVLENA, Deceased were issued on the 10th day of March, 2008, under Docket No. P-13,624, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to DAVID J. HENRY.

Claims may be presented in care of DAVID J. HENRY to the estate addressed as follows:  
 Estate of Martha M. Havlena  
 c/o David J. Henry  
 5208 Wasson Road  
 Big Spring, TX 79720

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

**DATED** this 10th day of March, 2008.  
 DAVID J. HENRY, Independent Executor of the Estate of Martha M. Havlena, Deceased.  
 #5719 March 16, 2008

**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:

**Legals**

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

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

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

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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

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

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;

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 Comptrollers 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

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

**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

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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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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

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

Defendant Robert C. Wash, Inc. is a corporation authorized to do business in the state of Texas and may be served with citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested to its registered agent for service:

Robert C. Wash, Inc.  
by and through Registered Agent Robert C. Wash  
6804 Kyle Rd.  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
Robert C. Wash, Inc.  
P. O. Box 717  
Forsan, TX 79733

**EXHIBIT 14**  
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 18, Blk 1, 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

L. D. Fowler  
**EXHIBIT 15**  
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 9 & 10, Blk 45, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$228.80

Lot 13, Blk 45, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$114.34

Lot 15, Blk 45, 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

J. D. Gilmore  
**EXHIBIT 16**  
Property and Amounts Owed

Lots 1-22, Blk 54, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas  
Total Due: \$2,514.77

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

Hugh Hale and Cheryl Hale  
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 17**  
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 14, Blk 5, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$677.00

Years owed:  
1994-2006

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

Margarita Hernandez  
2908 College Ave.  
Plainview, TX 79072

**EXHIBIT 18**  
Property and Amounts Owed

Lots 5, 6 & 7, Blk 8, Washington Place Addn., Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$11,615.90

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

Temple Isreal  
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 19**  
Property and Amounts Owed

E/137' of Blk 3, Hathcock Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$1,840.98

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

Zelma Lavina Jenkins  
**EXHIBIT 20**  
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 5, Blk 5, Porter Addn., City 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

Jimmie D. Jones  
105 Canyon Drive  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
Jimmie D. Jones  
2709 Cindy  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
Jimmie David Jones  
2719 Cindy  
Big Spring, TX 79720

**EXHIBIT 21**

Property and Amounts Owed  
Lot 4, Blk 6, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$114.34

S/100' of Lots 4, 5 & 6, Blk 46, Government Heights to Bauer Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$1,830.75

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

Robert C. Jones  
324 W. Maple  
Atoka, OK 74525  
Arltha M. Jones  
324 W. Maple  
Atoka, OK 74525

The following are lienholders and may be notified at:

Defendant Lienholder Sears, Roebuck and Co. is a Foreign corporation authorized to do business in the state of Texas and may be served with citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested to its registered agent for service:

Sears, Roebuck and Co.  
by and through Registered Agent CT Corporation System  
350 N. St. Paul Street  
Dallas, TX 75201

**EXHIBIT 22**  
Property and Amounts Owed

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

Total Due: \$162.95

Years owed:  
1996-2006

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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

Shirley Jowers  
3205 11th Place  
Big Spring, TX 79720

**EXHIBIT 23**  
Property and Amounts Owed

N/2 of Lot 10, Blk 19, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$3,551.92

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

Nancy Kelly  
P. O. Box 16308  
San Antonio, TX 78216

**EXHIBIT 24**  
Property and Amounts Owed

S/40' of Lot 23, Blk 3, Wright's First Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$484.39

Years owed:  
1991-2006

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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

Peter L. Larko  
3915 Harmany Dr. #435  
Colorado Springs,  
CO 80917-0001  
Sophie Larko  
3915 Harmany Dr., #435  
Colorado Springs,  
CO 80917-0001

**EXHIBIT 25**  
Property and Amounts Owed

Lots 11 & 12, Blk 60, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County,

Texas  
Total Due: \$228.80

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

E. S. Lewis  
**EXHIBIT 26**  
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 20, Blk 56, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$100.44

Years owed:  
1991-2006

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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

A. B. McDonald  
**EXHIBIT 27**  
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 22, Blk 4, Cedar Crest Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$158.67

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

J. N. Malone and John Durham  
**EXHIBIT 28**  
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 12, 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

Louis Magin  
**EXHIBIT 29**  
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 20, Blk 2, 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

James Martin  
**EXHIBIT 30**  
Property and Amounts Owed

A tract of land out of a 5.03 acre parcel which is in the West portion of Section 25, Blk 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit

Total Due: \$732.04

Years owed:  
1995-2006

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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

Martha Martinez  
4000 W. Hwy. 80  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
Richard Flores  
4000 W. Hwy 80  
Big Spring, TX 79720

**EXHIBIT 31**  
Property and Amounts Owed

E/15' of Lot 2, and all of Lot 3, Blk 45, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$182.90

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

Mabel Maxey  
**EXHIBIT 32**  
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 5, Blk 4, Cedar Crest Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$2,710.95

Years owed:  
1989-2006

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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

Janie Juanita Mendez  
1906 Nolan  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
Janie Juanita Mendez  
815 W. 6th  
Big Spring, TX 79720

**EXHIBIT 33**  
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 5, Blk 2, Cedar Crest Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$2,990.98

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

Andy Marx Miller  
P. O. Box 519  
Grandview, TX 76050

**EXHIBIT 34**  
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot 6, Blk 2, Cedar Crest Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$2,990.98

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

Helen Fay Miller  
P. O. Box 519  
Grandview, TX 76050

**EXHIBIT 35**  
Property and Amounts Owed

Lots 12 & 13, Blk 1, Cedar Crest Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Total Due: \$5,981.60

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

Leola Miller  
P. O. Box 519  
Grandview, TX 76050  
Nelda Miller  
P. O. Box 519  
Grandview, TX 76050  
Bertha Reece

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 36**

**Legals**

owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Jim T. Miller  
**EXHIBIT 39**  
Property and Amounts Owed  
Lots 10 & 11, Blk 36, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas  
Total Due: \$11,522.87  
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. W. Moore  
**EXHIBIT 40**  
Property and Amounts Owed  
Lot 10, Blk 18, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$114.34  
Lot 11, Blk 18, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$114.34  
Years owed: 1987-2006

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E. M. Nash  
**EXHIBIT 41**  
Property and Amounts Owed  
A tract of land out of the SW/4 of Sec. 4, Blk 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit "A"; Total Due-\$27,180.45  
A tract of land out of the SW/4 of Sec. 4, Blk 32, T-1-S, T&P RRR Co. Surveys, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit "B"; Total Due-\$50,096.40  
Years owed: 1991-2006

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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  
Earl J. Newell  
802 W. 2nd  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
Anita Newell  
802 W. 14th  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
**EXHIBIT 42**  
Property and Amounts Owed  
Lot 1, Blk 1, Parker Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
Total Due: \$747.90  
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. W. Patterson  
**EXHIBIT 43**  
Property and Amounts Owed  
Lot 14, Blk 15, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$94.70  
Lot 15, Blk 15, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$94.70  
Lot 16, Blk 15, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$94.70  
Lot 17, Blk 15, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Total Due-\$94.70  
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  
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

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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

in this exhibit and may be notified at  
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  
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

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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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Hubert 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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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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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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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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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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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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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

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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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## Pancho Villa and the Mexican Revolution

— 1910: Mexico observes the 100th anniversary of its declaration of independence from Spain. A landlord, Francisco Madero, calls for a revolt against the dictatorship of Porfirio Diaz, who has ruled continuously since 1884. Uprisings around the country challenge authoritarian rule and powerful interests. Pancho Villa, the son of sharecroppers and a former outlaw, emerges as a rebel leader in northern Mexico.

— 1911: Villa plays a key role in a victory over federal forces in Ciudad Juarez. Under growing pressure in the capital and elsewhere, Diaz resigns and goes into exile. Madero is elected president.

— 1913: Victoriano Huerta seizes control of the government, and Madero is murdered. A new opposition forms, and Villa wins a series of battles.

— 1914: Amid growing turmoil, U.S. forces seize the port of Veracruz. Villa and peasant leader Emiliano Zapata take control of Mexico City.

— 1915: Alvaro Obregon, allied with Venustiano Carranza, captures Puebla and Mexico City and defeats Villa at Celaya. Villa suffers further defeats, and the U.S. recognizes Carranza as de facto leader.

— 1916: Villa provokes a crisis by raiding Columbus, N.M., killing 18 Americans. A punitive expedition led by U.S. Gen. John Pershing is sent into Mexico.

— 1917: A new constitution is written recognizing land reform, control of the Catholic Church and state control of resources. Carranza is elected president.

— 1919: Zapata is killed in an ambush.

— 1920: Amid new calls for rebellion, Carranza flees Mexico City and is ambushed and killed. During a period of reconciliation, Villa accepts an amnesty and retires to Canutillo. Obregon is elected president.

— 1923: Villa is assassinated in Parral.

*Sources: Heroic Mexico by William Weber Johnson; The Face of Pancho Villa by Friedrich Katz; The United States and Mexico by Howard F. Cline*

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## VILLA

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That morning, as Villa drove by in his Dodge sedan, the men's lookout, posing as a street vendor, raised his left arm, waved and shouted "Viva Villa!" At that signal, the gunmen opened fire, killing Villa, four bodyguards and a trusted aide.

The gunmen rode into the desert and hid out. Two of them later served months in jail. Others, including Saenz Pardo, were commissioned into the military. He later received a military pension, underscoring suspicion by historians that the men had a deal with President Alvaro Obregon that they wouldn't be punished for assassinating Villa.

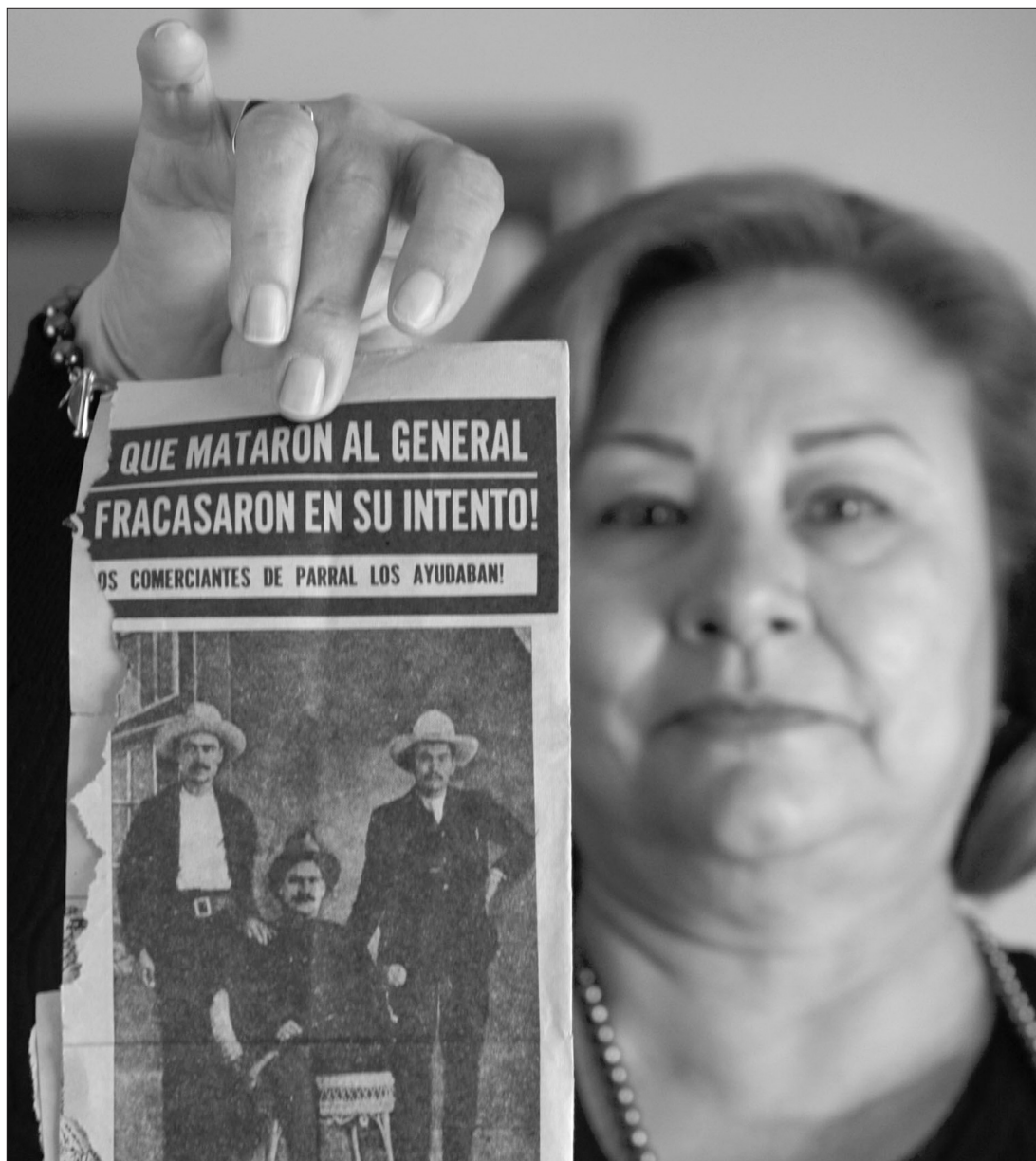
"My father-in-law made it clear that President Obregon knew about their plan and supported them," said Jose Carrillo, Maria Fernanda Carrillo's father. "That's why he had military status and military escort for many years."

Many years later — sometime in the 1950s — Saenz Pardo walked into Columbus City Hall to claim the reward on behalf of his friends and cousins, family members said, but city officials laughed at him.

"My grandfather was humiliated, left and vowed to never bring it up again," Carrillo said.

This week, Columbus will observe the 92nd anniversary of Villa's raid, still a source of local debate. For example, a decision by the state of New Mexico to name a local park Pancho Villa State Park is something that many locals, including historian and archivist Richard Dean, want reversed.

"There's an awful lot of people who want to change that, given that he



Dallas Morning News (MCT) photo/Christ Chavez

Esther Saenz Pardo holds a newspaper clipping at her home in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, about the killing of Pancho Villa in 1923. Pardo's father, Jose Saenz Pardo, is one of the men credited with killing Villa, but the family has never been given part of the \$5,000 reward reportedly offered by the U.S. government after Villa and other revolutionaries raided Columbus, N.M., taking horses and ammunition while killing American soldiers.

was a terrorist," said Mr. Dean, 75, whose great-grandfather James Dean died in the raid. "That group came in and killed my grandfather. The name has to change."

Columbus Mayor Eddie Espinoza disagrees. "It is what it is. Villa did what he had to do, and now that's part of history. We can't change history."

As for the reward money, Espinoza said: "I have absolutely no idea where that money is. It was a long time ago. All I can say is we don't have it."

For Saenz Pardo's family, including his 92-year-old widow, Eladia, who lives in Durango and Chihuahua City and is too frail to talk, the issue remains unresolved.

"Look," Felhaber said, "all we're saying is whether it's \$5,000, \$50,000 or 5 cents, the U.S. government has a responsibility to recognize these heroic men."

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**White House threatens to veto new House-approved eavesdropping reforms**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Friday approved a Democratic bill that would set rules for the government's eavesdropping on phone calls and e-mails inside the United States. The bill, approved as lawmakers departed for a two-week break, faces a veto threat from President Bush. The margin of House approval was 213-197, largely along party lines.

Because of the promised veto, "this vote has no impact at all," said Republican Whip Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri.

The president's main objection is that the bill does not protect from lawsuits the telecommunications companies that allowed the government to eavesdrop on their customers without a court's permission after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

White House spokesman Tony Fratto called the measure a "political ploy" designed to give Democrats cover for their failure to grant full retroactive immunity to the telecom companies.

The vote sent the bill to the Senate, which has passed its own version that includes the legal immunity for telecom companies that Bush is demanding.

Without that provision, House Republicans said, the companies won't cooperate with U.S. intelligence.

**Chavez dares U.S. to put Venezuela on a list of countries accused of supporting terrorism**

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez dared the U.S. on Friday to put Venezuela on a list of countries accused of supporting terrorism, calling it one more attempt by Washington to undermine him for political reasons.

Chavez said the "threat to include us on the terrorist list" is Washington's response to his own successes in the region.

U.S. lawmakers including Rep. Connie Mack and Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, both Florida Republicans, have called for the State Department to add Venezuela to its list of terror sponsors, which currently includes North Korea, Iran, Syria, Sudan and Cuba. They have expressed concerns about what they call Chavez's close ties to Colombia's leftist rebels.

"Let them make that list and shove it in their pocket," Chavez said in a televised speech.

"We shouldn't forget for an instant that we're in a battle against North American imperialism and that they have classified us as enemies — at least in this continent they have us as enemy No. 1," Chavez said.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Thursday during a visit to Brazil that all U.N. nations, including Venezuela, have an obligation to go after terrorists and keep them from operating within their borders.

**High-level al-Qaida figure who helped bin Laden escape from Afghanistan is captured**

WASHINGTON (AP) — After secret interrogations, the CIA transferred to U.S. military custody a high-level al-Qaida figure who helped Osama bin Laden escape from Afghanistan in 2001, the Pentagon announced Friday.

Mohammad Rahim was detained last summer, CIA Director Michael Hayden said, but the intelligence official didn't reveal where or by whom. The CIA turned Rahim over to the military earlier this week in what Hayden said was the first such transfer from his agency's interrogation program since April 2007.

Rahim is now being held at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Hayden said.

"Rahim's detention in the summer of 2007 was a blow to more than one terrorist network," Hayden told agency employees in a memo obtained by The Associated Press. "He gave aid to al-Qaida, the Taliban and other anti-coalition militants."

Since early in the global war on terrorism following the Sept. 11 attacks by al-Qaida, the CIA has held captured suspects in secret prisons and interrogated them. Rahim became the 16th so-called "high-value" suspect handed over to the military by the CIA and held at Guantanamo.

The CIA has held and interrogated fewer than a hundred prisoners since 2001.

**Bush acknowledges weakness in U.S. economy but cautions against overreaction**

NEW YORK (AP) — President Bush preached optimism and Republican orthodoxy of minimalist government intervention Friday as the best approach to an increasingly troubled economy.

The president chose the nation's financial heart as the backdrop — and titans of business as the audience — for his most high-profile attempt to date to calm nerves from Wall Street to Main Street.

His main message, aside from displaying confidence in the U.S. economy's underpinnings and historical resilience, was to caution against overreaction by policymakers that could damage the economy's short- and long-term prospects, something he did about a half-dozen times in 40 minutes of remarks.

"Our economy obviously is going through a tough time," Bush told a gathering of The Economic Club of New York. "The challenge is not to do anything foolish."

The Bush administration has been trying to find a balance between acknowledging leaner times and forecasting that better ones will come soon. White House officials predict that things will turn around by summer as the effects are realized from a series of aggressive interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve and an economic stimulus package that

will send tax rebate checks to 130 million households starting in May.

**Search broadens for S.C. couple missing for 11 days; associate's death confirmed as suicide**

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — The search for a couple missing for almost two weeks has expanded beyond this resort island, a sheriff said Friday without giving details.

John and Elizabeth Calvert, who live part time on a yacht at the Harbour Town marina they lease and manage, were last seen March 3. Police think Dennis Ray Gerwing, a business associate of the couple who committed suicide Tuesday, was the last person to see them.

"We're not only looking at areas on Hilton Head but off Hilton Head as well," Beaufort County Sheriff P.J. Tanner said. "I can just tell you it has expanded quite a bit over the past 11 days."

He would not provide more details about the ongoing search but confirmed Friday that Gerwing's death was a suicide.

Gerwing, who had been questioned by investigators, killed himself by slashing

his inner thigh with a knife. He was named as a person of interest in the case after he died but before his body was found in the bathroom of his Hilton Head condominium.

**Peru archaeologists discover temple in southern highlands**

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Archaeologists have discovered the ruins of an ancient temple, roadway and irrigation systems at a famed fortress overlooking the Inca capital of Cuzco, according to officials involved with the dig.

The temple on the periphery of the Sacsayhuaman fortress casts added light on pre-Inca cultures of Peru, showing that the site had religious as well as military aims, according to researchers.

It includes 11 rooms thought to have held mummies and idols, lead archaeologist Oscar Rodriguez said.

The team of archaeologists that made the discoveries believes the structures predated the Inca empire but were then significantly developed and expanded.

"It's from both the Inca and pre-Inca cultures; it has a sequence," Washington Camacho, director of the Sacsayhuaman Archaeological Park, told the AP.

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**Dickie Scruggs, legendary lawyer, pleads guilty to trying to bribe a judge**

*Sentencing date not yet set in fed court*

By **EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS**

Associated Press Writer  
JACKSON, Miss. — Richard “Dickie” Scruggs, the legendary trial lawyer who made Big Business tremble every time he set foot in court, pleaded guilty Friday to conspiring to bribe a judge — a crime that could send him to prison and spell the end of his storied legal career.

Federal prosecutors are asking for the maximum of five years behind bars for the 61-year-old Scruggs, the multimillionaire “King of Torts” who combined a shrewd legal mind and aw-shucks country-lawyer charm to extract billions of dollars from the tobacco and asbestos industries, among others.

He will also lose his license to practice law.

Scruggs and another lawyer in his firm, Sidney Backstrom, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud for offering a \$50,000 cash bribe to a Mississippi judge for a favorable ruling in a dispute over legal fees from a Hurricane Katrina insurance lawsuit.

In return for Scruggs’ guilty plea, prosecutors will recommend that the judge drop several other counts against him, including fraud. No sentencing date was set during the hearing at the federal courthouse in Oxford.

Scruggs’ son and law partner, Zach, also is charged in the case but did not enter a plea and is expected to go to trial.

For months, Scruggs appeared intent on fighting the charges, and many reporters who had closely followed the case were caught off-guard by the plea bargain. Scruggs folded after two of his co-defendants turned on him, one of them secretly tape-recording him for the FBI.

Federal prosecutors refused to comment, and Scruggs’ attorneys did not immediately return calls.

A giant of the nation’s plaintiffs’ bar, Scruggs was a chief architect of the \$206 billion nationwide tobacco settlement in the 1990s, working with whistleblower Jeffrey Wigand, a former tobacco company scientist. The actor Colm Feore played Scruggs in the 1999 movie about the case, “The Insider,” starring Al Pacino and Russell Crowe.

After Katrina struck in 2005, Scruggs sued insurance companies on behalf of hundreds of homeowners whose claims were denied.

Many industries that have tangled with Scruggs regard him as a buccaneer, a shakedown artist with a law degree.

Scruggs has been “the bane of Wall Street,” and leaders of some of the companies he sued might take satisfaction in his downfall, said Stephen Gillers, a New York University law professor and authority on legal ethics. He described Scruggs as “an exceptionally prominent American lawyer with astonishing success and wealth from law practice.”

Scruggs’ license to practice law will be revoked, which is standard in the case of a felony conviction, said Bobby Bailless, president of the Mississippi Bar Association. Under the rules, Mississippi lawyers who are disbarred for a



AP Photo/Oxford Eagle, Bruce Newman  
**Richard “Dickie” Scruggs, left, his attorney John Keke, center, and his wife Diane Scruggs enter federal court in Oxford, Miss. on Friday. He and a co-defendant pleaded guilty to conspiracy to bribe a judge.**

felony cannot seek reinstatement.

Scruggs was indicted along with his son and three associates in November.

They were accused of conspiring to bribe Lafayette County Circuit Judge Henry L. Lackey, who was overseeing a dispute between Scruggs and other lawyers over \$26.5 million in legal fees from a mass settlement of Katrina cases. Lackey reported the bribe overture to the FBI and worked undercover.

Two of the men indicted, lawyer Timothy Balducci and former Mississippi State Auditor Steve Patterson, pleaded guilty and began working with the prosecution.

Balducci admitted to the

FBI that he paid the judge \$50,000 in cash and said he did so at the behest of the Scruggses and Backstrom. Balducci also wore a wire and recorded incriminating statements from Scruggs.

Scruggs lives in Oxford and flies to and from legal engagements around the South in his personal jet. The Mississippi native is

also supremely well-connected politically as both the brother-in-law of former Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., and a major contributor to Democrats.

A graduate of the University of Mississippi, he is one of the school’s largest donors.

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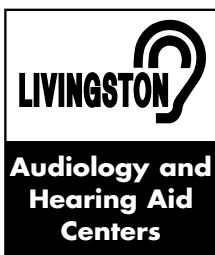
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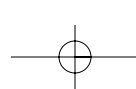
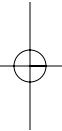
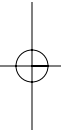
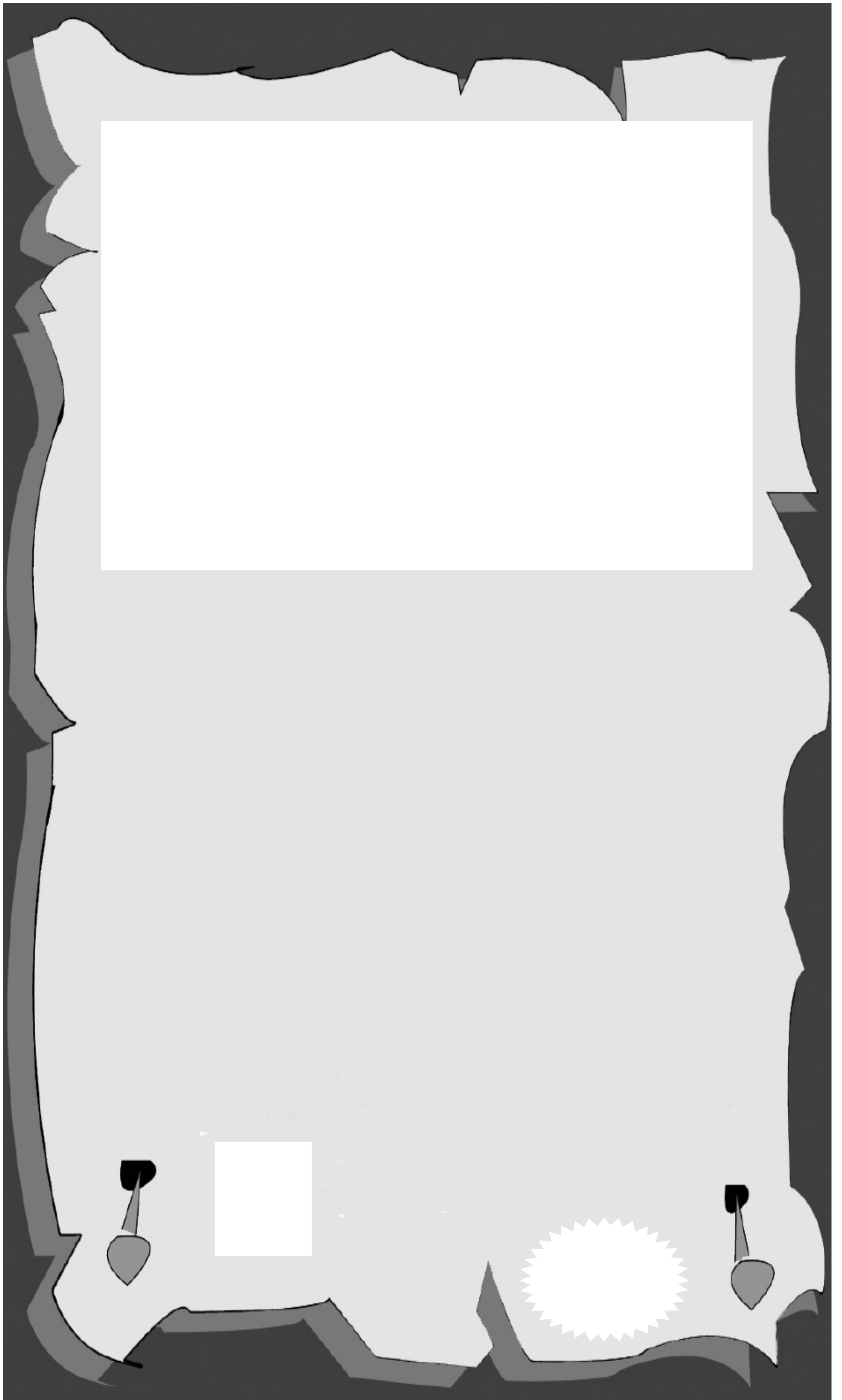
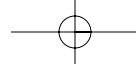
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# Obama denounces pastor's inflammatory remarks

By NEDRA PICKLER

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WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama on Friday denounced inflammatory remarks from his pastor, who has railed against the United States and accused the country of bringing on the Sept. 11 attacks by spreading terrorism.

Obama called the statements appearing on television and the Internet "completely unacceptable and inexcusable" in a Fox News interview and said they didn't reflect the kinds of sermons he had heard from the Rev. Jeremiah Wright while attending services at Chicago's Trinity United Church of Christ.

Obama, a member of the church since the early 1990s, said he would have quit Trinity had such statements been "the repeated tenor of the church. ... I wouldn't feel comfortable there."

Earlier Friday, Obama responded by posting a blog about his relation-

ship with Wright and Trinity on the Huffington Post. Wright brought Obama to Christianity, officiated at his wedding, baptized his daughters and inspired the title of his book, "The Audacity of Hope."

Obama wrote that he's looked to Wright for spiritual advice, not political guidance, and he's been pained and angered to learn of some of his pastor's comments for which he had not been present. Obama told MSNBC that Wright had stepped down from his campaign's African American Religious Leadership Committee.

"I categorically denounce any statement that disparages our great country or serves to divide us from our allies," Obama said in his blog posting. "I also believe that words that degrade individuals have no place in our public dialogue, whether it's on the campaign stump or in the pulpit. In sum, I reject outright the statements by Reverend Wright that are

at issue."

In a sermon on the Sunday after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, Wright suggested the United States brought on the attacks.

"We bombed Hiroshima, we bombed Nagasaki, and we nuked far more than the thousands in New York and the Pentagon, and we never batted an eye," Wright said. "We have supported state terrorism against the Palestinians and black South Africans, and now we are indignant because the stuff we have done overseas is now brought right back to our own front yards. America's chickens are coming home to roost."

In a 2003 sermon, he said blacks should condemn the United States.

"The government gives them the drugs, builds bigger prisons, passes a three-strike law and then wants us to sing 'God Bless America.' No, no, no, God damn America, that's in the Bible for killing innocent people. God damn America for

treating our citizens as less than human. God damn America for as long as she acts like she is God and she is supreme."

He also gave a sermon in December comparing Obama to Jesus, promoting his candidacy and criticizing his rival, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"Barack knows what it means to be a black man to be living in a country and a culture that is controlled by rich white people," Wright told a cheering congregation. "Hillary can never know that. Hillary ain't never been called a nigger."

Obama told MSNBC that


he would not repudiate Wright as a man, describing him as "like an uncle" who says something that he disagrees with and must speak out against. He also said he expects his political opponents will use video of the sermons to attack him as the campaign goes on.




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