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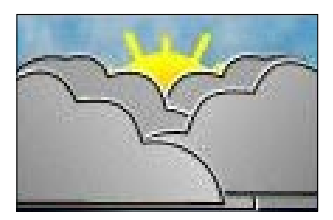
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Wilson trial to begin Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Jury selection in the theft trial of a former records clerk with the Big Spring Police Department is set to begin Monday morning in 118th District Court.

Minnie Marie Wilson, 38, of 307 E. Fourth Street in Forsan,

was indicted in March on a charge of theft by a public servant — more than \$20,000, less than \$100,000, following an extensive investigation spanning approximately eight years, according to BSPD officials.

"The money reported to have been stolen was from deposits made on animal control fees and various other city fees col-

lected by this department and deposited with the city finance officer," Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith said shortly after Wilson's arrest. "The reported thefts date back to December of 2000. Mrs. Wilson was employed here since March 22, 1998."

Wilson was arrested Nov. 8, 2007, following extensive finan-

cial research that yielded a warrant for theft by a public servant over \$20,000, a second-degree felony, according to Smith.

If convicted, Wilson could face two to 20 years in prison, accompanied by a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Smith said the case was investigated by Det. Jim Rider.

Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson is expected to present the state's case, while Sweetwater defense attorney Trey Keith will represent Wilson.

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

ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR



Sandra and David Baird look over some of the selections for sale at the annual Big Spring Arts and Crafts Festival, which runs through Sunday at the Howard County Fairbarns. Admission if free to the event.

Early voting set to begin on Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A pair of Big Spring City Council incumbents will attempt to defend their seats as early voting in this year's municipal election gets under way Monday morning.

District 1 incumbent Stephanie Horton will face challenger Marcus Fernandez, a unit manager with Cornell Correction's Cedar Hill Unit, while District 3 Councilwoman Jo Ann Staulcup will face off against John "Huck" Huckabee, owner of Huck's Automotive.

According to Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom, she and her staff will be ready to open the early voting polls first thing Monday morning.

"Early voting for the May 10 city council, school trustee and school bond will begin Monday

and end May 6," said Bloom. "Early voting will be held at the county courthouse, in the third floor courtroom. Voters can cast their ballots from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. during that time."

Bloom said her office is also preparing for a pair of late-hour polling days.

"We'll be staying open until 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday," said Bloom. "A lot of people simply can't get out of work in time to make it to the courthouse before the normal 5 p.m. close of the polls, so this gives them a chance to vote early when they might not otherwise have the chance."

"We'll also be holding branch voting Monday, May 5, and Tuesday, May 6, at the Coahoma Community Center from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. We're hoping to give people a chance to vote early that

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College trustees set to name construction manager

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees will take another step forward in planned campus-wide renovations when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 12:30

p.m. Monday in the Tumbleweed Room of the college's Student Union Building.

Ever since voters overwhelming approved more than \$20 million in renovations in 2006, college officials have been busy

planning just how and where to spend that money.

At Monday's meeting, trustees will begin transitioning from planning to actual construction work when they name a construction manager for the

project.

College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said trustees will likely decide between two candidates who have submitted "requests for proposals" to oversee the renovations, which are sched-

uled to last between two and three years.

Naming a construction manager means that actual work will begin soon, Sparks said.

"We're still proceeding down the path of seeing some of these projects

beginning sometime in the summer," Sparks said, "and we're looking at the possibility of other construction projects beginning in the fall."

First priority, Sparks

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Day of Prayer plans progressing

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

In God we trust. That's a message we see and hear every day. However, that message will burn even brighter in Big Spring Thursday when hands will be joined and prayers lifted toward heaven as area Christians observe the National Day of Prayer.

Since we live in a community that most believe has truly been blessed in the past few months, organizers of this year's observance decided the National



BENDER

Day of Prayer will be a full day — 24 hours — of prayer.

"In past years, Big Spring has marked the observance with special ceremonies, and there's clearly no doubt our community has been blessed as a result," explained Everett Bender, who is leading the organizing effort for this year's Day of Prayer observance.

"The Bible describes special blessings when we gather together, and even greater blessings when we pray together. So this year, we decided

to have two events — a full day of prayer and a noon public gathering."

Slated for noon, a bring-your-own-lunch affair is scheduled for the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall. However, that meeting will only come at the mid-point of the day's activities, because different individuals and groups are signing up to pray for one-hour blocks between midnight and 11:59 p.m. Thursday.

"Our community is experiencing great miracles, yet at the same time we're

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IN BRIEF

Garden City off to strong start at regional meet

Garden City's boys and girls track teams got off to a hot start at the Class A, Region II track meet in Abilene Friday.

Jake Schwartz has already qualified for the state track meet with a second-place finish in the high jump, clearing six feet, four inches.

Shwartz actually tied for the silver medal, but won the right to advance based on having fewer missed attempts than his opponent.

The GC girls 4x400 relay team appears ready to make a trip to state as well, finishing qualifiers with a top time of 4:19. Paige Niehues and Britton Avery made the finals in the 400 meters and 300-meter hurdles, respectively.

Pictures of Steers' spring sports needed for banquet

Anyone with pictures from the 2008 Big Spring High School spring sports season willing to temporarily donate them for use in a slide show for the 2008 Spring Sports Banquet scheduled for May 22.

Anyone with pictures please contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685

Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic scheduled

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and ATMOS Energy are sponsoring the Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic to be held at the Big Spring Country Club May 17-18.

The tournament is limited to the first 100 paid teams with a two-man scramble format being used.

A handicap is required and the tourney will be pre-flighted by a tournament committee and local golf pro.

Entry fee is \$180 per team. All entries are to be paid in advance. The fee includes access to the ATMOS Energy hospitality tent, free beverages, a barbecue lunch for both days, an afternoon shootout on May 16 and a golf goodie bag.

Call the country club's pro shop at 267-5354 or the Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 for more information.

Amigos Washer Club holding Cinco De Mayo tournament

The Amigos Washer Club is holding a tournament at 2 p.m. Saturday in celebration of Cinco De Mayo.

The tourney starts at 2 p.m. and the entry team with \$30 per team. The registration deadline is an hour before the beginning of the contest.

First-, second- and third-place trophies will be awarded along with a cash prize.

Call Larry Lara at 264-6060 with any questions or visit the website at amigoswasherclub.com.

Steers open strong at Region I meet

Herald Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's boys track team got a typical strong start with some familiar names leading the way.

The Steers led the standings after the first day of the Class 4A, Region I track and field meet in San Angelo with a total score of 24. Their closest competition after four events is El Paso Parkland, which sits in second

with 11 points. Plainview and Keller Fossil Ridge are tied for third with 10 points.

Zach Dawson proved he's the best long distance runner in the region, coasting to a gold-medal performance in the 3200-meter run with a time of 9:26.95. The win guarantees Dawson a spot at the state meet in Austin, where he finished third last year. Unfortunately, he won't be

joined by teammate Jordan Valle in the 2-mile race unless the Steers advance to state as a team. Valle finished third with a time of 9:31.54, earning six points for Big Spring.

LaRay Woodard earned his spot at the state meet in the long jump, clearing 23 feet and 8.5 inches, which was good enough for second place behind Plainview's Michael Egnew.

All three athletes still had races in which they can qualify for state Saturday. Woodard represented the Steers in the 110 hurdles Saturday while Dawson and Valle participated in the 1600-meter run. Full results of all events from the Class 4A, Region I meet in Monday's edition of the *Herald*.

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Four Turn Photos/Michael Johnson

Big Spring's Desiree Yanez (left) is tagged out on a slide to home plate by Canyon Randall catcher Kelby Allen in the first inning of Game 1 of a best-of-three Class 4A softball bi-district playoff series between the Lady Steers and Randall's Lady Raiders. The Lady Steers swept the doubleheader Friday at Coronado High School's softball field in Lubbock Friday, 6-1 and 5-3, advancing to the area round of the playoffs.

Lady Steers crowned bi-district champs

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Staff Report

LUBBOCK — After 14 innings of work, it was hard to tell any difference in Big Spring Lady Steers' pitcher Kelly Sage's demeanor.

Sage pitched two complete games, picking up the win in both as the Lady Steers swept a Class 4A bi-district three-game playoff series from Canyon Randall's Lady Raiders Friday in Lubbock, 6-1 and 5-3.

"Kelly was awesome. She was amazing in both games," Lady Steers Head Coach Jennifer Reyes said. "Her and (catcher) Baylea (Fox) did a great job of keeping their batters off balance."

Sage showed her calmness on the mound early in Game 1. In the bottom of the second inning, the Lady Raiders loaded the bases with one out on three bloop singles. However, Sage struck out the next batter and forced a pop up to Fox in foul territory for the third out of the inning, leaving

Randall with no runs on the scoreboard.

The Lady Steers built on that momentum in the following inning, scoring five runs on three hits. Already leading 1-0 after Sage crossed the plate on a throwing error by Randall's catcher, Christina Roddenberry led off the third getting hit by a pitch. Roddenberry moved to third on a fielding error by the Lady Raiders' second baseman, allowing Ashleigh Ramirez to get on second.

Roddenberry scored on a single by Sage, who crossed the plate for a second time along with Ramirez courtesy of a double by Linzee Yarbar. Senior shortstop Desiree Yanez, who reached base earlier in the inning on a fielder's choice, scored on a sacrifice fly by Valerie Ross, Big Spring a 5-0 advantage.

The rally was capped off by a Jillian Valle single to left, scoring Yarbar from second as the Lady

Steers assumed complete control of the opening game in the best-of-three series.

Randall's only run of Game 1 came on one hit. Catcher Ashlie Odle, who took over in the third inning following an injury to starter Kelby Allen, belted a solo homer over the left field fence in the sixth inning.

After the home run, the Lady Steers had a brief players-only meeting in the pitcher's circle. Sage came out of the meeting smiling and proceeded to retire five of the next six batters, securing the win.

Sage finished with six strikeouts and allowed just six hits. She also had a RBI and scored two runs on 2-for-4 hitting. Yarbar had two RBIs on 1-for-4 hitting.

The decision to let Sage start the second contest didn't come until moments before Game 2's first pitch.

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Steers close out season with 13-3 loss to Estacado

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

Big Spring's Steers hopes to garner at least one district win came to a sudden and abrupt halt Friday afternoon at Steer Park as the Lubbock Estacado Matadors batted around in both the fourth and fifth innings, scoring 11 runs in the span on their way to a 13-3 win in the regular season finale for both teams.

Big Spring looked as if it was going to jump on Matadors starter Brian Lopez early when Martin Yanez took advantage of a Estacado miscue in the infield to find himself standing on third with no one out.

However, that was as close as they came to a lead as Cade Hollandsworth grounded out to short later in the inning, stranding Yanez at third.

Estacado drew first blood in the second, taking advantage of a bit of wildness from Big Spring hurler Lance Gross as the senior hit the first two batters of the inning before Junior Garza

drove a pitch into center field, driving in both A.T. Rivera and Lopez.

The Matadors had a chance to blow the game open from there as Gross hit his third batter of the inning, placing runners on first and second with only one gone.

The threat was ended, though, as Hollandsworth snagged a scorching shot down the line by A.B. Davila, calmly turned around and touched the bag to complete the unassisted double play.

Estacado did eventually wear down the Steers' defense two innings later, scoring five runs on six hits with the big blast being two-run single by Ez Reyna — 2-for-4 with four RBIs — and a 375-foot shot over the center field wall by Marcus Flores.

The Matadors put the game away in the next inning, scoring six more runs on three hits, sending 10 batters to the plate.

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Hawks sweep El Paso

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

Howard College's softball team knew a couple of things heading into their four-game season ending series this weekend against the El Paso Community College Tejanas.

First, they're secure in the No. 3 spot within the conference heading into next weekend's Region V tournament in Midland. Second, this weekend was the perfect time to knock some of the rust off after a long layoff.

If the first two games of the four-game series are any indication, then the Hawks should be more than ready to begin the regional tourney hitting on all cylinders.

In Game 1, Ashley Calles homered in the second inning and drove in the winning run in the fifth, leading Howard to a 5-4 victory.

Kendra Corbin picked up the win with the complete game effort, allowing just two hits while striking out two batters.

In Game 2, Diana Espinal scattered seven El Paso hits while striking out two for the 4-0 shutout.

After the Tejanas went quietly in the first, Howard struck quickly as lead off hitter Melissa Rodriguez drew a walk moving to second on a Misty Lindamood sacrifice on the next pitch.

Hawk sophomore Jessica Moreno made sure that Rodriguez wasn't out there long, driving a pitch over the left fielder's head to score the run with an RBI double. Moreno scored two batters later thanks to a sacrifice fly off the bat of Kristy Leal, putting the host Hawks up 2-0

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Herald photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring Steers' centerfielder Martin Yanez swings at a pitch in baseball action from earlier this year at Steer Field. The Steers finished the 2008 season Friday in a 13-3 loss to Lubbock Estacado.

Living Well With Parkinson's Disease

Managing exercise, diet and medication for an active life

FAMILY FEATURES

An estimated 1 million Americans live with Parkinson's disease (PD) — an age-related degenerative neurological disorder. Many struggle with tremors, stiffness, slowness of movement and impaired balance. According to the National Parkinson Foundation, although the average age of onset is 60, it is estimated that five to 10 percent of all persons with PD are diagnosed prior to age 40. The cause of PD is unknown, and there is presently no cure; however there are treatment options to help manage the symptoms.

Dr. Ramon L. Rodriguez, director of clinical services at the University of Florida's Movement Disorders Center, sees Parkinson's patients on a daily basis. While he is familiar with the challenges they face, Rodriguez believes these patients can experience a fulfilling life.

"Even though there is no cure for Parkinson's," Rodriguez says, "it is possible for patients to learn how to live well through a combination of activities and treatments that can help control the symptoms of the disease."

Depending on the individual patient's history and the progression of the disease, a person's physician may prescribe any of several medical or surgical treatments available — and also will emphasize the importance of an ongoing commitment to regular exercise, rest and proper diet.

There are several medications available to treat Parkinson's disease, including once-daily medications that can help people manage the symptoms of the disease.

Many people living with Parkinson's have found both traditional and creative ways to successfully manage the disease and live their lives to the fullest. According to the National Parkinson Foundation Education Series resource guides, the following are a few tips on managing PD:

■ Exercise Regularly

If you have Parkinson's disease, exercise is extremely important. Recent research shows that regular exercise can help people with PD stay more flexible, improve posture and make overall movement easier.

■ Eat Right

People with PD are at an increased risk for malnutrition. Yet, with attention to diet, people with PD can feel better, ward off nutrition-related diseases and prevent hospitalization.

■ Find the Right Treatment for You

Medical research has provided us with numerous medications which, when used alone, or more often in proper combination, can provide significant relief of the symptoms of Parkinson's disease. Intelligent use of these medications can enhance a patient's quality of life.

■ Make Time for Rest

Sleep plays a vital role in maintaining mental health and performance for all human beings. It is especially important for individuals with PD, who require significant levels of energy to function at their greatest ability.



Increased PD Incidence Shown in Hispanics

A study published in the *American Journal of Epidemiology* in 2003 examined how Parkinson's disease (PD) varies by age, gender and race/ethnicity. Like previous studies, it found that the rate of PD rises sharply as Americans age. However, the study also revealed that PD incidence was the highest among both Hispanic men and women of all the groups studied.



According to Dr. Ramon L. Rodriguez, director of clinical services at the University of Florida's Movement Disorders Center, Hispanics often do not have access to the information they need the most.

"Unfortunately, there are not a lot of resources for Spanish-speaking patients dealing with Parkinson's disease," Rodriguez says. "Some Parkinson's advocacy groups and companies, such as Teva Neuroscience, Inc., currently are launching Hispanic initiatives designed to educate and increase awareness about PD through the development of Spanish language resources."

"Moving Forward," Teva's practical guide to living with PD, recently was translated into Spanish. The Spanish version is titled, "Hacia adelante," a comprehensive tool that outlines what to expect when a person is diagnosed with PD, where to find help and resources, how to explain Parkinson's to family and friends, and other useful information. To obtain a free copy of the resource guide, ask your physician to contact their Teva representative, or visit www.parkinsonshealth.com.



Art for a Cause

Elena Tuero was only in her mid-20s when she began experiencing disturbing symptoms, such as loss of balance and tremors. By 27, she was diagnosed with young-onset Parkinson's. For the next 17 years, Tuero fought a losing battle with the disease as it slowly stole her most basic capabilities, like walking, dressing and feeding herself.

Then, in 2003, Tuero underwent a successful surgical procedure, and, with a combination of PD medications, is now better able to control her symptoms. As a way to express her emotions at the time, Tuero picked up a paintbrush to release them on canvas — and hasn't stopped since.

"When you have Parkinson's disease, the idea of picking up a paintbrush is as remote as entering a figure skating competition," Tuero explains. "I don't know how long this will last, or what the future holds for me, but I'm determined to cherish every second of my life."

Today, Tuero has completed more than 100 paintings, which she donates to help raise money for a cure for Parkinson's. She also created an informational Web site on Parkinson's disease in Spanish for people living with PD (www.maldeparkinson.org). The site includes the inspiring story of how Tuero has overcome struggles with PD to live a full and active life, as well as links to other Parkinson's sites, publications and information of interest.

Parkinson's Disease Information Online

General information:

- Information on signs, symptoms and treatments — www.parkinsonshealth.com
- American Parkinson Disease Association — www.apdaparkinson.org
- National Parkinson Foundation — www.parkinson.org
- Parkinson's Disease Foundation — www.pdf.org
- The Parkinson Alliance — www.parkinsonalliance.org

Information available in Spanish:

- National Library of Medicine online — www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/spanish/parkinsonsdisease.html
- Links to Spanish-language information about PD, current publications and other information in Spanish — www.pdblogger.com
- Free guide to living with PD in Spanish, "Hacia adelante" and English, "Moving Forward" — www.parkinsonshealth.com/TakeControl/
- Spanish language site created by Elena Tuero — www.maldeparkinson.org

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Obituaries

Rosalia Gonzales Billalba



Rosalia Gonzales Billalba, 84, was called to her heavenly home Friday morning, April 25, 2008, after undergoing heart surgery at Odessa Regional Medical Center. She was born Sept. 24, 1923, in Big Spring to Juanita and Marcelino Gonzales. She spent her younger years in the Knott Community, returning to Big Spring in 1946 where she remained a resident for the next 62 years.

As a high school student, Rosalia was very active in basketball, volleyball and tennis and attended McMurry College in Abilene after graduating from high school in 1942. Her father's untimely death, however, forced her to leave college and return home to assume bookkeeping responsibilities in the family's farming business.

In 1946, she married her high school sweetheart, Ruben Sotelo Billalba, and they were blessed with two boys and six girls. All of her children were born and raised in Big Spring and all graduated from Big Spring High School.

Rosalia was the foundation of the Billalba family, remaining a firm, yet loving parent her entire life. She instilled a tremendous devotion to family in her children and taught them to accept life's beauty along with its thorns. By sheer example she demonstrated that all obstacles could be overcome and a good life was attainable. Her absence from our daily lives will be difficult to bear, however, she leaves us with so many fond and wonderful memories that we will treasure in our hearts forever. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Rosalia was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister, Pablo Gonzales, Acension Gonzales and Basilisa Moran. She was also preceded in death by a special daughter-in-law, Irma Rey Billalba.

She is survived by her children, Ruben Billalba of Grand Prairie, Beatrice Stevens of Lubbock, Mary Lou Lujan and her husband, Santos, of Kermit, Francis McKiski of Big Spring, Adelina Correa and her husband, Albert, of Canyon, Tommy Billalba and his wife, Olga, of Big Spring, Nora Paul and her husband, Peter, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Delia Cruz and her husband, Mike, of Amarillo; sisters, Florencia Franco and her husband, Alejandro, of Big Spring, Lucia Manzanarez and her husband, Columbo, of Big Spring, Margarita Romero and her husband, Romero, of Santa Ana, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Beatrice Gonzales of Mildand; and brother-in-law, Antonio Moran of Santa Ana, Calif. She is also survived by 19 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Ruben Billalba III, Michael Stevens, Santos Lujan III, Travis McKiski, Albert Correa Jr., Tommy Billalba Jr., Michael Cruz and Peter Paul. Honorary pallbearers will be all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren which were the love of her life.

The family suggests memorials to the Irma Billalba Scholarship Fund, 2324 Abbington Lane, Grand Prairie 75052

The family will be at 4212 Hamilton.

Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 28, 2008, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

Janice Rosson Bond

Janice Rosson Bond, 72, of Big Spring died in Boca Raton, Fla. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

• Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ALFRED RAY MIEARS**, 45, no address given, was arrested on a parole warrant.
- **JUAN MADRID**, 21, 1511 Princeton, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CODY WINGO**, 18, 1702 E. 17th, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 2500 block of Cindy and the 2000 block of Goliad.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 200 block of Johnson.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild and the 100 block of Whipkey.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 200 block of Interstate 20.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was reported in the 2000 block of W. Highway 80.
- **POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 1500 block of Settles.

Take Note

• Music from India with Manasi Kulkarni and members of the Permian Basin Indian Community will present Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Jack Rodgers Fine Arts Building Auditorium on the Odessa College campus, 201 W. University in Odessa. Admission is free.

• A Mexican dinner to raise funds for the Salvation Army's programs in Big Spring has been scheduled for 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Salvation Army's corps building located at 811 W. Fifth St.

The dinners are priced at \$6 per plate and include enchiladas, a taco, beans and rice. Take out orders will be available.

For more information, call the Salvation Army office at 267-8239.

• Tickets for the Big Spring High School Prom will be on sale at the high school from noon until 1:30 p.m. each Friday leading up to the prom. Tickets cost \$20 each and must be paid for in cash. For more information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Karen Martin at 213-1388.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring Volunteers will meet at 1 p.m. for singing and fellowship Saturday, May 10, at Marcy House. If you are interested, call Gina at 517-4073.

• 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.

• 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.

• The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

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

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

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MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library.

• 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.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.

• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

Weather

Today — Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Windy. Highs in the mid 60s. North winds 20 to 30 mph.

Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. East winds around 10 mph shifting to the south after midnight.

Monday — Sunny. Warmer. Highs in the upper 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Wednesday — Sunny. Highs around 90.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Thursday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

Thursday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s.

Friday — Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.

Lottery

Results of the Mega Millions drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 19-32-37-45-52 MB: 41 Number matching five of five plus Mega Ball: None Estimated jackpot for Tuesday's drawing: \$85 Million

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 23-5-20-19-31.

Number matching five of five: None.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night, in order: 5-3-7-7. Sum It Up: 22.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night, in order: 2-8-3. Sum It Up: 13.

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Howard, Stack chatty heading into pivotal game

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Hours before the Dallas Mavericks' biggest game of the season, forward Josh Howard went on the radio Friday to talk about something else — his fondness for marijuana.

It was quite a follow-up to teammate Jerry Stackhouse calling opposing coach Byron Scott "a sucker in my book" on local airwaves.

Howard's comments are more serious because marijuana use is illegal and eligible for punishment from the NBA. It's a topic he's addressed before, but never so publicly, so close to tipping off such an important game, as the Mavericks were down 0-2 in their first-round

series against the New Orleans Hornets.

"Most of the players in the league use marijuana and I have and do partake in smoking weed in the offseason sometimes," Howard told The Michael Irvin Show on the local ESPN affiliate. "I mean, that's my personal choice and my personal opinion, but I don't think that's stopping me from doing my job."

Howard was 5-of-16 from the field, but hit eight of 10 free throws and had 18 points to help the Mavericks beat the Hornets 97-87 on Friday night.

He went into the game averaging only 13.5 points over the first two games, down from 19.9 in the regular season. Even that's down from the upper 20s he averaged earlier this season.

"Just because I'm not scoring the same way I've been scoring, that's no reason for the media to say, 'Oh, it's because he's getting high,'" Howard told Irvin. "I'm still in season. I'm not smoking nothing."

After the game, Howard apologized "to my organization and all my fans" for all the fuss his comments created. Team owner Mark Cuban said Howard would be disciplined. The league could get involved, too, although Cuban and Howard said they hadn't heard anything yet.

"I'm sorry things have gone the way they are," Howard said. "I never meant to hurt nobody's feelings. But those two guys (Cuban and coach Avery Johnson) are going to help me handle that."

He also hopes the subject gets dropped.

"I think that's it for me with that," Howard said. "It's over with now. I'm trying to talk about basketball."

Stackhouse's comments came on his radio show Wednesday night.

"I don't think Byron Scott is the best coach or I don't think he's the best guy to deal with — you know what I'm sayin'?" — from some things that I've heard from other players and just some dealings that I had with him earlier in the season," Stackhouse said.

Stackhouse said he "was about ready to" beat up Scott during the second game of this season.

"He was sitting on the sideline and we just got into a little

conversation or something and he was going to tell me, you know, 'Talk to me when you get a ring,'" Stackhouse said. "I told that fool, 'If I played with Magic and Worthy and Kareem, I'd have a ring, too.'"

Stackhouse came off the bench Friday night after starting the first two games. He didn't score in seven minutes, all in the first half.

Stackhouse said he was surprised his comments became a story, but he understands the attention Howard has drawn.

"Josh is a free spirit, to say the least," Stackhouse said. "Hopefully he can let some of this slide by. It's not the ideal situation for everyone to be talking about going into Game

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"I knew on the bus ride over here that Kelly would start Game 1. I didn't know then that we'd put her in there for the second game, too," Reyes said. "She was so strong in the first game that we decided to go with her. I can't say enough about her performances today. She was so good."

Big Spring started with a similar authority at the plate in Game 2, scoring five runs in the first three innings and chasing Randall's ace pitcher Shelby Moser out of the game.

Sage quickly helped her own cause in the bottom of the second inning, hitting a one-out, two-RBI single down the right field line and bringing in outfielder Dominique Green and Roddenberry to score. Sage scored when the next batter Yanez tripled down the left field line, putting the Lady Steers ahead 4-0.

The Big Spring ace found herself in another bases loaded situation in the top of the fourth, however, this time the Lady Steers had recorded no outs. Still, the Lady Raiders found it difficult to put any runs on the board as Sage recorded a strikeout for the first out and forced the next two batters to pop up to second and third base, respectively, to end the inning.

Randall finally put a dent in Big Spring's lead in the sixth inning with a two-out rally, scoring three runs on two hits with, including a two-RBI double by Lexi Palacios. However, Sage sat the Lady Raiders down in order in the seventh inning and Big Spring earned the right to advance to the next round of the playoffs.

"This was one of the best days of play we've had as a team this season," Reyes said. "These girls showed a lot of heart today. We came ready to play and it showed."

Sage pitched her second

complete game, allowing three earned runs on four hits while striking out four batters.

She also drove in two RBIs on 1-for-four hitting. Yanez had a RBI and two triples on 2-for-4 hitting.

Big Spring travels to Artesia, N.M., Friday to start a series with El Paso Canutillo. Times are yet to be set for the game. The choice of site for the series was between Artesia and Alpine.

Reyes said picking a trip out of state was easy for her.

"I've got good memories in Artesia. Last year, we beat El Paso Chapin there in three games after losing the opening game of the series," she noted. "I don't have as good of memories in Alpine. That clinched it for me."

"We've got a real chance of advancing past the area round," Reyes continued. "If we can play like we did today, then there's no reason we can't be playing into a third round of the playoffs."

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W - Sage. L - Moser. 2B: RHS - Lexi Palacios; BSHS - Ross. 3B: BSHS - Yanez 2. RBI: RHS - Palacios 2, Devore; BSHS - Sage 2, Yanez.

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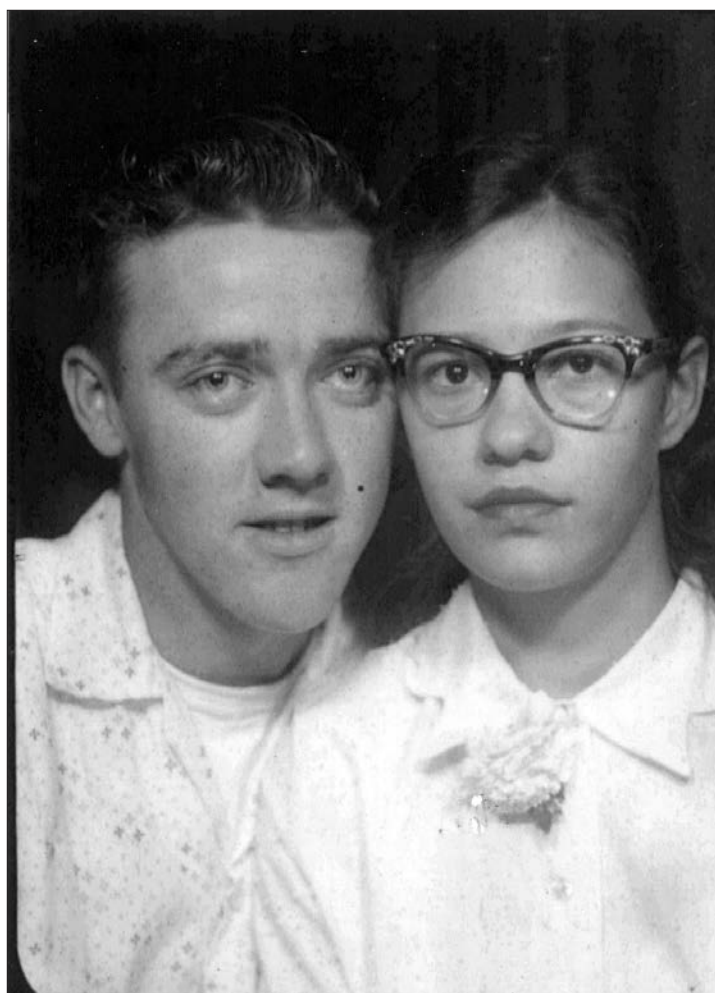
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Anniversary



Mills celebrate 60th anniversary

Jim and Judy Mills of Big Spring are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Jim was born in Chula, Mo. Judy, the former Judy Boudes, was born in St. Maries, Idaho. They met when Judy was working in her sister and brother-in-law's grocery store in Chillicothe, Mo.

Jim was in the Air Force and they were married April 28, 1958, at Whiteman AFB, Mo. While in the Air Force, there were at Webb AFB, Chanute AFB, Ill., and Pease AFB, NH. After leaving the Air Force, they lived in Texas, Missouri and Arizona. They retired in Angleton

and came back to Big Spring in 2006.

They have four children: Jerry, Julie and Janet, who live in Angleton, and Jay, who lives in Greenville, Ill. The couple have seven grandchildren.

Both are retired and Jim is licensed to the ministry and serves as

needed in the area. They are members of Forsan Baptist Church. Jim likes to rattlesnake hunt and Judy enjoys reading and puzzles. They both enjoy camping and traveling.

"We attribute the blessing of our marriage to God's love and guidance through the years," they said.

Births



Marlie Kae'Reighn Ausbie

Marlie Kae'Reighn Ausbie, a girl, was born at 12:34 p.m. April 7, 2008, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Anna Robles and Nathaniel Ausbie of Big Spring. Her maternal grandparents are Raul and Anita Robus. Her paternal grandparents are Kay Ausbie.

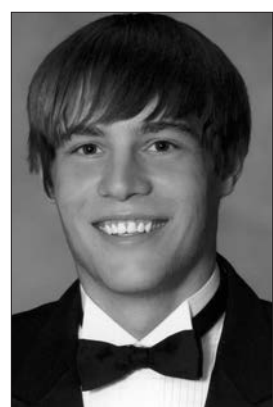
Marlie was welcomed home by sibling Zoie Ziporah.

Who's Who

Andy Whittenburg, son of Don and Mindy Whittenburg, graduated March 21, 2008, from one of the nation's premier technical training schools, WyoTech.

Andy, who graduated with an occupational associate in specialized technology in collision/refinishing technology and management, has accepted a job position with Rickenbaugh Cadillac-Volvo and started April 14, 2008.

Andy is a 2007 graduate of Big Spring High School.



Whittenburg

Manners matter: A touch of class at home

Your life, my life, and everyone's life, consists of what we do. The way you live your life determines the degree of class you may project. We can live quietly and productively, or we can live in a hasty rush, never really enjoying the sanctity of



JERRIE STOCKS

home life.

Most people of class create an oasis of serenity in their home. They make the most of the time they spend there. They do interesting things that bring them into touch with interesting people. They create situations for enhancing life, even when life does not bestow such favors on them. Most often, they are people who take the blows of life quietly and with dignity, never speaking and bemoaning their difficulties. Every life has many unpleasant

moments — some trivial, some tragic. But how you handle these bad moments determines your rating on the class scale.

Creating a friendly atmosphere in your home is very important to living a quiet and happy life. 1st Timothy 2 says, we are to "live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." 1st Thessalonians 4:11 instructs us to aspire to lead a quiet life, and to mind our own business.

Ultimately, class is equated with integrity,

but integrity without graciousness lowers our class rating. I like to sum it all up from a scripture in Ephesians 5:1-2 that says: "Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in

love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma." NKJ

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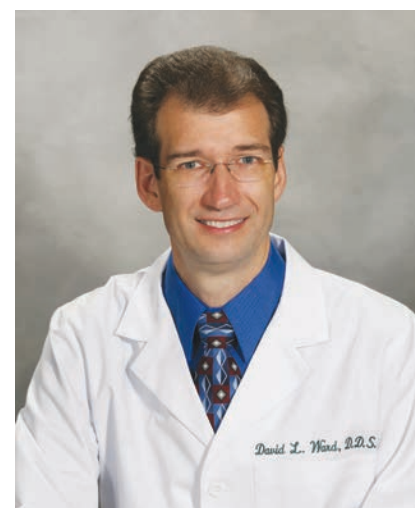
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Kelley Howell prepares ingredients as she participates in the Fourth Annual Fajita Cookoff, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 506 Saturday morning.

Commissioners set budget work session Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Budget matters will take center stage when Howard County commissioners meet Monday morning, as the court continues to work toward a sound fiscal plan for the coming year.

County Judge Mark Barr said the court will meet with several department heads Monday in a budget work session.

"We're planning to meet with three department heads during the work session," said Barr. "We want to talk to them about what they want for their department and how much money they will

need in the coming year."

Barr said he and the commissioners court will look at ways to streamline the county's annual budget. However, several lean years have him and other county officials less than optimistic about trimming any more "fat" from the fiscal plan.

"We're going to look very closely at it and try to save as much money as we can, but there's only so much you can do," said Barr. "We've about cut all we can from the budget, and if we have to cut more, people are going to feel it in the services they receive from the county."

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PRAYER

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burdened with great needs," Bender said. "So this is an opportunity to be inspired and united in seeking for The Lord to do, what we can't do.

"Because we have been blessed so abundantly, both as a community and as a nation, this is an opportunity for us to publicly express our gratitude and demonstrate our unity, which people will be able to see for themselves as they participate in this observance, along with various groups of our community's leaders, like the Howard County Commissioners Court,

Big Spring City Council, all the local judges and numerous Chamber of Commerce members among others," Bender added.

He added that a theme which seems to be resonating among the community's ministers in regard to this year's observance is that the Bible describes "special blessings" when people gather together, and even greater blessings when we pray together.

"We're convinced that hearing the miracles which have not yet been shared publicly by some in our community, will encourage people who are currently facing seemingly insurmountable obsta-

cles in their own lives," Bender added.

"Since we are in such intense times, when future generations ask, 'What did you do in those difficult times?' this will be an opportunity for us to say, 'We did what our nation's Founding Fathers did. We united our faith and committed our hearts to seek for the Lord to do what we couldn't do."

Although the National Day of Prayer didn't become a government declared event until 1952, when a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Harry S. Truman, made it official, it's been a part of America's heritage for

more than 200 years.

The first call to prayer came in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation. The call for prayer has continued through history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting and prayer" in 1863.

Like Thanksgiving or Christmas, the National Day of Prayer has become a national observance placed on all Hallmark calendars and observed annually across the nation.

To sign up for the 24 hours of prayer event, go to the www.hcchurch.org website or contact any

local minister. Some churches in the community are scheduling one-hour blocks of time for people to pray in their sanctuaries. Other individuals and groups have decided to drive around "trouble spots" in the community or to our schools and pray.

"The thing we want people to remember," Bender concluded, "is that you can pray at any time and in any place — at home,

at church, while you're walking or driving ... it's up to them. We're really hoping everyone will join us."

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VOTE

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might not otherwise be able to."

Fernandez, who filed for the District 1 seat at the last minute, said he was approached by several citizens in the district who encouraged him to run for the office.

"They felt like I could help them," said Fernandez. "And that's a big part of the job for a council member, to listen to the concerns of the peo-

ple and vote according to how they feel. I feel like if I'm elected, I can do that. I can help voice their beliefs."

Horton, a longtime member of the council, said she filed for re-election out of concern for the citizens.

"I want to continue to help the city of Big Spring and the citizens," said Horton. "I want to make sure we don't go up on things like taxes and water so much that people can't afford them."

Huckabee, who said he has been a resident of Big

Spring between 30 and 40 years, said he has several changes in mind for the council if elected.

"Oh, I've got quite a few things in mind. I'm not sure if this is the time to really talk about them, though," said Huckabee. "I came to Big Spring in the latter part of 1960, and I feel like things could be run a lot better than they are being run now. For starters, we need more input from the community. That's for certain."

Staulcup said there was never any doubt in her mind that she would run

for re-election.

"I thoroughly enjoy serving the people of Big Spring," said Staulcup. "Every so often you succeed with something, and that's very gratifying. It makes all the work worth it. So, there was never much doubt in my mind that I'd run again."

For more information on early voting, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

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

COLLEGE

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noted, will go to upgrading college utilities, such as electrical, sewer, heating and air-conditioning systems.

Aside from utility work, officials hope work begins soon on the construction of two additional science labs, to be built adjacent to the college's math and science building.

Officials want to begin those projects as early as possible to minimize classroom disruptions. "That's precisely the

reason we've been looking at phasing in these projects over a period of time," she said. "There's going to be a lot of digging — that's something we can't prevent. We're just going to have to live with it."

To offset the inevitable, Sparks and her colleagues are looking for "swing space" — room elsewhere on campus that can be utilized as classroom space if needed.

"We're looking at any available space we have — in the coliseum, the Hall Center, even in the student union building,"

Sparks said. "We're approaching this is such a way that buildings that will still be on line will be used to the maximum."

In other business, trustees will consider:

- Construction bids for a new workforce training center at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.
- A report on recruitment and retention efforts.
- Appointment of deans, directors and administrative and professional staff.
- Handbook and catalog changes.

• Bids for online course equipment and technology at SWCID.

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Alfredo "Pelon" Ledesma III
The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our heart to lose you. You did not go alone; for part of us went with you, the day God called you home, you left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same; but as God calls us one by one; The chain will link again.

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Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair;
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Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console the heart,
We thank you so much, whatever the part.

Our family finds healing in God's tender embrace, and in knowing Patrick, our "gentle giant", was loved and respected by so many.

"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

Our hope and prayer is that you will find comfort in knowing that Patrick is waiting to welcome you upon your arrival at his Father's house.

With all our love,
Glenn, Cindy and Casi Graves Codi and Sean Long
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Left to Right: Pogie Rodriguez, Jackie Cerda, Belia Huante, Jody Flores.

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Mavs rebound with win Spurs take 3-0 lead on Suns

By **JAIME ARON**

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Chris Paul raced down the court, beating most of the Dallas Mavericks. He put on the brakes with a jump stop in the lane and floated up a jumper that was supposed to get the New Orleans Hornets within a few baskets of the lead.

The ball went in all right. And then it came out.

Things sure were different now that he and the Hornets were on the road — and the Mavs were at home.

Dirk Nowitzki and the Mavericks finally made the Hornets look like playoff novices, pestering Paul and David West to go a combined 6-for-30 well into the fourth quarter on the way to a 97-87 victory in Game 3 that puts Dallas right back into this series.

"I think we got a lot of

shots we wanted," Paul said. "We just missed them."

Nowitzki had 32 points, 19 rebounds and six assists to pull the Mavericks within 2-1. Game 4 is Sunday night in Dallas, where the Hornets haven't won since January 1998.

Paul was aiming to end New Orleans' problems in Dallas, the way he's changed everything else this series, becoming the first player ever to have at least 30 points and 10 assists in his first two playoff games. But with Jason Terry covering him instead of Jason Kidd, he never came close to making it three straight, finishing with 16 points on 4-of-18 shooting. He still had 10 assists.

West, a fellow All-Star, was 3-of-16 through three quarters. He wound up 6-of-20, scoring 14 points. His late surge helped New Orleans cut a 17-point

deficit to 90-83 with 2 minutes left, but the Hornets couldn't close the gap.

New Orleans' only consistent scorer was Jannero Pargo, who had 30 points, his most of the season and most ever in a playoff game.

Terry replaced Jerry Stackhouse in the starting lineup and responded with 22 points, including a 3-pointer with 1:39 left to help hold off the Hornets' final surge.

He had six assists but his biggest contribution was his defense on Paul. The way he kept cutting off Paul's first step early, the speedster seemed to lose his will to drive the lane, looking content running the offense from the 3-point line.

Kidd had eight points, 11 rebounds and five assists.

Peja Stojakovic had 13 points and 10 rebounds for New Orleans, which shot just 38 percent.

By **BOB BAUM**

AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Amare Stoudemire assessed the San Antonio Spurs' masterful domination of his Phoenix Suns in one simple sentence.

"That," he said, "is how you win a title."

Or in the Spurs' case, many titles, and they look well on their way to what would be their fourth NBA championship in six seasons.

Tony Parker scored a career-high 41 points and added 12 assists in the Spurs' 115-99 victory Friday night that gave San Antonio a 3-0 series lead.

Parker is averaging 33 points in the series.

"Tony has been very aggressive and just done a great job at both ends of the floor," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "He's just been phenomenal. I don't know

what else to say about him."

Phoenix took away Parker's easy layups just like it wanted to. So he just made jump shot after jump shot after jump shot.

"They were backing off on the pick-and-rolls," he said, "so I just took the shot, and it felt good tonight."

Everything felt good for the defending NBA champions, who never trailed in winning their ninth consecutive playoff game and 13th of 14, dating to last season.

"We possibly played our best game of the year," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

San Antonio can complete the sweep on Sunday in Phoenix. No NBA team has come back from 0-3 to win a series.

It's the first three-game losing streak for the Suns this season.

"They were almost per-

fect," Phoenix coach Mike D'Antoni said. "We didn't play well, and I'll take the blame for that, but you've got to give them a lot of credit. They played great."

Phoenix acquired Shaquille O'Neal to better match up with the Spurs, but the Suns are one loss away from being swept in a seven-game series for the first time since the Los Angeles Lakers did it in the 1988-89 Western Conference finals.

Tim Duncan added 23 points and 10 rebounds and Manu Ginobili scored 20 points in the Spurs' fourth consecutive playoff road victory and ninth in their last 11.

But Parker did the most damage, often on the pick-and-roll that has flustered Phoenix all series.

"It was crazy the way he played," Ginobili said. "The way he handled the pressure, and he made tons of jumpers."

TRACK

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Boys team standings

1. **Big Spring, 24**; 2. El Paso Parkland, 11; 3. Plainview, 10; 3. Keller Fossil Ridge, 10.

Boys long jump

1. Michal Egnew, Plainview, 24-0; 2. **LaRay Woodard, Big Spring, 23-8.5**; 3. Ben Presley, Sherman, 22-9.5; 4. Chris

Brown, Palo Duro, 22-07; 5. Shavious Kelley, Pampa, 22-3.25; 6. Greg Cotton, El Paso Parkland, 22-3; 7. Lance Ratliff, Friendship, 21-8.5; 8. Taylor Burns, Fossil Ridge, 21-8.

Boys discus throw

1. Matt Dudley, El Paso Parkland, 179-03; 2. James Chambers, Wichita Falls Rider, 165-00; 3. Tyler Adair, North Richland Hills Birdville, 157-01; 4. Ben Howard, Joshua, 152-

02; 5. Casey Felton, Canyon Randall, 152-00; 6. Andrew Johnson, Wichita Falls, 147-11; 7. Manny Herrera, El Paso Jefferson, 140-09; 8. Jon Koontz, Aledo, 138-05.

Boys pole vault

1. Jeffrey Rodriguez, Fossil Ridge, 15-6; 2. Michael McLeod, Denton Ryan, 15-0; 3. Garrett Montgomery, Denton Guyer, 14-0; 4. Jacob Brown, Alvarado, 14-0; 5.

Kevin Willier, Hereford, 13-6; 6. Josh Summerlin, Lake View, 13-6; 7. Michael Bohrer, Denton Guyer, 13-0; 8. Richard Chavez, Clint Horizon, 12-6.

Boys 3200-meter run

1. **Zach Dawson, Big Spring, 9:26.95**; 2. Anthony Pequeno, Amarillo Caprock, 9:28.13; 3. **Jordan Valle, Big Spring, 9:31.54**; 4. Solomon Garden, El Paso Chapin, 9:45.75; 5. Andrew

Herrera, Fort Worth Southwest, 9:49.25; 6. Drake Railsback, Canyon Randall, 9:57.91; 7. Joey Villareal, Canyon Randall, 10:02.57; 8. Ramio Garcia, Fort Worth North Side, 10:04.11.

CHATTY

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3, down 0-2. ... We don't look at him no differently, we don't think about him no differently. We realize he's still a young player in his own right. He did what he did and we'll move on."

Howard, an All-Star last season, is in the second

year of a \$40 million, five-year contract that keeps him through 2010-11.

He was the ACC player of the year coming out of Wake Forest, but the Mavericks were able to draft him at the end of the first round in 2003. His marijuana use has been blamed for his draft stock plummeting.

Asked what he thought of having two starters

being so chatty at such a pivotal time of their season, Cuban said: "It depends if we win or lose."

"If we win, 'Boy, it's amazing what guys do for motivation. It worked!'" Cuban said. "If we lose, 'Oh, what a distraction.'"

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The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Bob and Joann Brock of Big Spring and the late Marvin and Martha Arons of Houston.

The future groom is the grandson of Domingo and Apolonia Rios of Big Spring and the late Antonio and Juanita Bravo of Sabinas, Mexico.

Courtney is a 2003 graduate of Big Spring High School. She holds a bachelor of business adminis-

tration degree in accounting from Hardin Simmons University and will receive her masters of professional accountancy in May. She is employed at First National Bank of Midland as an accountant.

Roger is a 2001 graduate of Big Spring High School. He attended Texas State Technical College for two years. He is employed at Patterson UTI as a drilling engineer.

The couple will be married Saturday, June 7, 2008, at the First Baptist Church of Midland. Following a honeymoon in Riviera Maya, Mexico, Courtney and Roger will make their home in Midland.

MANNERS

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lifestyle. My questions is: How do I create a home life that is what you describe? I am 57 years old, a widow, and I live alone. I do not have a lot of know-how and understanding in creating such a pleasant home for myself. Please advise. Thank you — *Margie*

Hello Margie,

Thank you for your e-mail. Creating a pleasant home life for yourself has a lot to do with your attitude. If your home is clean and pleasant, your attitude will show it.

Here are a few simple things you can do to enhance your home. First, get rid of the clutter. Clean the windows and let the sunshine in. Add some fresh paint to the walls and new furnishings if yours are worn.

A mirror placed in a dark corner adds light. Don't use dark, harsh colors. Invest in updated accessories. Don't leave things the same way forever. Move a lamp to a new location, add some fresh flowers and soft background music. A person who takes pride in their home will show their love and appreciation by keeping it in excellent condition inside and out.

Dear Jerrie,

When my husband dresses for church Sunday mornings, he always wears white cotton socks with his black shoes. He sings in the choir and when he is seated, his white socks show. I have asked him not to wear white socks

with his dark suit and black shoes, but he says there is nothing wrong with it. He loves nice clothes and takes good care of his wardrobe. Please help! — *Sky*

Hello Sky,

You are so right. Tell your husband in a sweet way that his white cotton socks are to be worn with his sneakers and jeans or a pair of loafers. Since he enjoys wearing nice clothes, and likes to look good, maybe he should talk to the manager of the men's department where he shops. He will help change his mind.

Dear Jerrie,

I wish you would write a column on people who are always bragging on what they have. If their names makes it to the local paper, they want everyone to know it. They call their friends and ask if they saw the article. They brag about their vacation plans, and on and on. What do you say to these people? — *Carla*

Hello Carla,

You just smile and compliment them, but you are not rude. Those who are braggadocio often feel they need to draw attention to themselves. Perhaps they have a low self image and it helps them to talk about the places they go and the things they do. But your reactions should always be friendly and kind. This is the polite thing to do.

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Thursday — Breakfast, peanut butter uncrustables, orange juice, milk; Lunch, deli sub, pickles, dill, potato chips, plain applesauce, rainbow bar, milk.

Friday — Breakfast, breakfast pockets, kiwi, milk; Lunch, cheeseburger on bun, French fries, pickles, dill, peanut butter cookies, milk, lettuce & tomatoes.

w/ranch, chocolate pudding cups, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast, muffins, bananas, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken quesadillas, pinto beans, tossed salad, orange smiles, milk.

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

Thursday — Breakfast, breakfast pizza, juice, milk; Lunch, fish, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, hot rolls, pears, milk.

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He is the son of Ricky Reynaldo Yanez Sr. of Big Spring and was a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School. He received a degree from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in 2006.

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OUR VIEWS

Volunteerism alive and well in Big Spring

It has been noted here before, but always bears revisiting. There may be no better community anywhere better qualified to celebrate this week as National Volunteer Week than Big Spring, Howard County and the surrounding area.

Simply put, volunteerism is a staple of life in this area.

It's not hard to see the work of volunteers in our community. Nor is it difficult to discern the impact they have had on the lives of countless people.

As a matter of fact, the examples seem almost endless — the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council, CASA of West Texas, Victim Services, Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and the individuals and organizations that volunteer at the VA Medical Center and at Scenic Mountain Medical Center immediately come to mind when the subject is discussed.

There are countless others — those who serve on advisory boards for organizations like the Salvation Army, the Boys Club, YMCA and local units of the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association.

In fact, the list is almost endless and any attempt to name all those who volunteer in one form or another in this community would certainly leave someone out.

A number of local organizations and facilities have already recognized their volunteers with special events this month and others are sure to follow.

Today, however, the *Herald* wants to take this opportunity to thank all those in our community who give of themselves, because their selflessness is one of the things that make this the place we want to live, work and raise our families.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You understand everything, Lord, may we come to You with everything.

Amen

A war with bases, but no basis

Gen. David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker, the Bush administration's top men in Baghdad, were in Washington April 8-9 to brief Congress and the public on the struggle for Iraq.

Some pundits anticipated an "April surprise," particularly as the second day of testimony coincided with the fifth anniversary of the toppling of Saddam's statue in Baghdad as the U.S. invasion force captured the Iraqi capital. But the only surprise was the absence of a surprise. Their prepared statements highlighted "successes" and recapped "missed opportunities" over the seven months since the two men last briefed Congress. They also confirmed that by July 31 all combat brigades ordered to Iraq as part of the 2007 "surge" would be redeployed from the combat zone.

And then?... Petraeus said he recommended that President George W. Bush suspend additional redeployments for a 45-day "consolidation and evaluation" period. After that, around Sept. 15, coalition forces could commence a process of assessment to examine the conditions on the ground and over time, determine when we can make recommendations for further reductions. This process will be continuous, with recommendations for further reductions made as conditions permit. This approach does not allow establishment of a set withdrawal timetable; however, it does provide the flexibility those of us on the ground need to preserve the still-fragile security

gains our troopers have fought so hard and sacrificed so much to achieve."

Note that Petraeus says nothing about the Iraqi government or its security forces although they are the ones who, in the end, must be capable of maintaining the "still-fragile security gains." Instead, he calls for a completely open-ended "process of assessment" of unknown type for an indeterminate time period that is compared to unspecified "conditions" that, when met, constitute a "tipping point" that everyone, from president to private, will instinctively recognize as conducive to further redeployments.

And in the interim? In their testimony before Congress, Petraeus and Crocker affirmed that no permanent bases were envisioned in Iraq for U.S. soldiers. President Bush has signed two pieces of legislation banning permanent bases in Iraq. Yet the Office of Management and Budget included in the fiscal year 2009 budget plan sent to Congress requests in the hundreds of millions of dollars for military construction throughout Iraq. When asked the purpose of this funding stream, the usual answer comes down to "increased force protection."

But the issue festered because administration spokespersons would contrast the 1953 and later base structures in post-war Germany and South Korea with their expectations for the bases in Iraq. Taking that as his cue, two days after the Petraeus-Crocker testimony, Sen. James Webb (D-Va.) asked Assistant Defense Secretary Mary Beth Long to define what, in administration jargon, is a "permanent" base. When Long conceded that there was no such definition in her department,

let alone in the administration, Webb observed that the word described not what the bases will be but what they won't be. "Permanent," it now seems, "refers more to the state of mind contemplated by the use of the term," according to Long, rather than a physical reality.

At the end of the week, Iraq policy remained muddled:

1. Combining Petraeus and Long gives something akin to: "After Sept. 15, recommendations for additional redeployments from Iraq will be contingent on coalition-produced continuous assessments of currently unknown (and possibly unimaginable) conditions on the ground for an unknown but presumably lengthy period of time since money keeps pouring in for construction of non-permanent military facilities."

2. Because the Defense Department has no definition for "permanent" when used in conjunction with stationing troops abroad, at some point these impermanent bases will disappear even if "conditions" for troop redeployments never reach the tipping point.

3. What the Pentagon cannot define or name has no "military" identity, and without identity, no objective existence. It is, so to speak, not only "base-less" (lacking a physical location) but also baseless (lacking foundation) — exactly the state of the administration's Iraq strategy.

Col. Daniel Smith (U.S. Army Ret.), a West Point graduate and Vietnam veteran, is senior fellow for military affairs at the Washington-based Friends Committee on National Legislation, a Quaker lobby in the public interest.

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DANIEL SMITH



YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Moss Elementary PTA, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our community for the great turnout we had at our carnival.

We especially would like to thank our local businesses for donations to help defray our costs. Volunteers from the high school, college and community made the work so much easier.

Thank you to the staff at Moss and parents for their giving of time and resources.

SHANA BIDDISON
MOSS ELEMENTARY PTA
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Construction of a new jail is finally about to begin. One notable factor that I have not heard about, nor seen in print, concerns the existing power lines and poles that exist in the area that will be immediately in front of the jail. I am assuming that these items will be re-routed or, preferentially, buried so as not to be an eyesore and a detriment to the appearance of the new structure.

The time to do this is immediate-

ly, before construction begins, and certainly not later, when it would be destructive to any landscaping in place, and certainly more expensive to accomplish.

The county judge should issue a statement to the public telling what is to be done concerning this matter.

ARDIS MCCASLAND JR.
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to Terry Trevino's letter published on April 20, apparently you have not been in the mall lately because you only named five businesses and we actually have 15.

I do not see our community becoming a ghost town, considering we have new businesses opening throughout Big Spring. Techno just moved in to the Big Spring Mall in January. It has been years sense the mall was filled and guess what, we are aiming to make that happen again.

Putting our mayor down is not going to make Big Spring a better place. Russ (McEwen) is a great mayor and has done a tremendous job.

Have you not noticed that there is

a new drug task force that the council approved to help keep drugs off the streets? This task force has done an awesome job putting the drug dealers behind bars, I might add.

It is amazing to me that some citizens want to sit back and complain about our city and mayor, but we never see these people out trying to help make our city a better place to be.

I appreciate our mayor, council, city employees, fire department and police department for the hard work they do to make our city safe and a nice place to live. As citizens we need to quit complaining and take action to build Big Spring.

LARA SPALDING
MANAGER
BIG SPRING MALL

TO THE EDITOR:

Today, at DFW Airport where I work, I experienced something that showed me how proud I am to be an American.

I was on a break with some co-workers, and as we were walking toward our destination, we

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STEERS

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Again it was Reyna in the middle of everything as the third baseman drove in two more with a single to center while Lopez helped his own cause with a double to center driving in the final two runs of the contest for the Matadors.

Big Spring tried to extend the game in their final turn at bat.

Yanez got things started yanking a ball over the third baseman's head for a single. John Benavides jumped on the next pitch, driving the ball into left field.

Yanez decided it was time to show a bit of urgency motoring around second to swipe third on an unsuspecting Matador defense.

Benavides, not to be out done, followed suit, taking second.

Nathan Doporto made the mistake all the more costly two pitches later,

driving the ball into center to score both Yanez and Benavides to cut the deficit to 13-2.

After Lopez retired Matt Ritchey and Hollandsworth with two of his six strike outs Gross, who finished the game with the loss going three plus innings striking out two while giving up seven runs on seven hits, extended the inning drawing a walk on four straight pitches.

Jeremy Solis answered the call stroking a shot up the middle to score Doporto bringing the Steers to within 10 runs.

Tyler Tannehill looked as if he had kept things moving following the Solis single with one of his own.

Unfortunately, Tannehill injured himself on the swing and was unable to get to first base, allowing the Matadors to easily record the third out to end the game under the 10-run mercy rule.

"We finished the season with 12 wins — that's five

more than last year — and we finished second at a good tournament earlier this year." Steers Head Coach Burt Otto said after the final game of his first year at the helm of the Steers' program. "I wasn't here last year so I don't know what happened. But like I told the boys, we improved and come next year we are going to do a few more things and we are going to have the goal of going for the district title. I know that these boys can play better and they know that they can. Now we just have to go out and stay focused on our goals"

With the loss the Steers

finish off the season at 12-16-1 with a mark of 0-8 in district action.

If there is a bright light at the end of the tunnel it is that the Steers are only losing two seniors from this year's team in the persons of Gross and Jordan Herrod.

"We only lose the two seniors." Otto said of next year's team. "So we have a good foundation to build on here."

Estacado 020 56-13 11 2 Big Spring 000 03-3 8 5 W - Brian Lopez. L - Lance Gross. HR: EHS - Marcus Flores. RBI: EHS - E.Z. Reyna 4, M. Flores 2, Brian Lopez 2, A.B. Davila, Kyle Porras, Junior Garza; BSHS - Nathan Doporto 2, Jeremy Solis

Get in The League with Jonathan Hull and share your opinions at bigspringheraldblog.com.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker Thanks — But No Thanks!

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH: ♠Q3, ♥AQ106, ♦1085, ♣AQJ9. EAST: ♠A72, ♥K, ♦AKJ963, ♣852. SOUTH: ♠KJ8, ♥J9874, ♦Q4, ♣K103.

The bidding: North 1♣, East 1♦, South 1♥, West Pass; North 2♥, East 3♦, South 3♥, West Pass. Opening lead — seven of diamonds. The line of defense adopted by the opponents sometimes provides declarer with the precise information he needs to land his contract. What the defenders do and, just as importantly, what they don't do is often very highly significant. Consider this case where South reached four hearts after East had bid diamonds twice. East won the diamond lead with the king and played the ace, West following with the deuce. East then cashed the ace of spades and, despite his partner's discouraging four-spot, continued with a second spade, taken by South with the king. A less-perceptive declarer might now have brought an unhappy conclusion to the proceedings — at least from his viewpoint — by attempting a heart finesse and losing to East's king. But South had watched the play to the first four tricks very attentively, and drew the correct inference. So at trick five, he led a heart to the ace and dropped East's singleton king to bring in the contract. The winning play in trumps was predicated entirely on East's defense. It was clear to everyone at the table that West had started with just two diamonds and was in an overruffing position. When East played the ace and another spade instead of returning a diamond, there could be only one rational explanation. Obviously, East was afraid declarer would ruff the diamond with the jack, and West would be unable to overruff. This would reveal the location of the king, and South would therefore not attempt the finesse. So declarer correctly interpreted the spade continuation at trick four as an attempt to lure him into taking the finesse in hearts. But if that was what East wanted, then it couldn't be right for South to oblige him. He therefore declined the offer and was amply rewarded when the unguarded sovereign fell.

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HAWKS

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after one inning of play.

The Hawks scored another run in the third to extend the lead to 3-0 and added an insurance run in the fourth thanks to the third error of the game by the Tejana's second baseman.

El Paso mounted rally's in both the fifth and sixth inning, collecting four hits and a Hawk error, but only where able to get as far as third base.

"We haven't played in a while and it showed," Howard Head Coach Kelly Raines said. "We have two more with them tomorrow and then we head into the tournament. We are just going to have to be ready when the time comes."

The Hawks will complete their regular season today with the "Think Pink" initiative, raising awareness for breast cancer. In honor of the event, Howard will wear pink uniforms and encourages all those that come to please do the same.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in: Row 1: [][][][][][][][7][]; Row 2: [][][6][][][][][4][][]; Row 3: [8][7][][][][][9][][6][1]; Row 4: [][][][2][][][7][5][][]; Row 5: [][][3][][][][5][][4]; Row 6: [][][2][8][][][6][][]; Row 7: [1][6][][][3][][][5][2]; Row 8: [][][7][][][][][1][][]; Row 9: [][][9][][][][][][]

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Jason Brock, far left, of Bob Brock Ford of Big Spring, hands the keys to a Ford F-150 pickup to Ritchie Yarbar, who won the truck during a give-away at the recent Howard College Rodeo. Also shown, from right of Yarbar, are Angie Yarbar, Howard College Rodeo Coach Greg Kernick and Lester Jourdan, assistant college rodeo coach.

Energy Watch



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



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

In OPEC's monthly report, the cartel warned the second quarter slump in global oil demand could be more "pronounced" than what would be expected seasonally. They said, "With growing concerns about the slowing U.S. economy and higher gasoline prices, there is a chance that the decline could be more pronounced, leading to even lower demand in the second quarter." The cartel will not review their output targets again until September. However, in order to protect prices in light of weakening U.S. demand, we anticipate production "tweaking" by the cartel between now and September.

Meanwhile, the U.S. import bill is on the table. Energy Intelligence reports that in 2007, OPEC's share of total U.S. imports rose to 57.6 percent, up from 50.9 percent in 2006. The grand total for 2007's bill? \$149.6 billion. This year's tab will likely be even higher considering the OPEC basket price averaged \$92.67 in Q1 versus 2007's average of \$69.08.

In Russia, crude oil output fell for the first time in a decade during the Q1. At almost 10 million barrels per day, it was 1 percent less than Q1 2007. We note Russia as the world's largest crude oil producer. Certainly, Russian output growth is not as sure a bet as it used to be. Nonetheless, the IEA still predicts a 0.8 percent annual increase in 2008. However, over the past three years, growth averaged 2.5 percent, and prior to that it was even stronger.

Earlier this month, Russian natural resource minister Trutnev said on Russian TV that full-year production may be less than 2007. Leonid Fedun, VP at Lukoil, Russia's largest independent oil company, believes last year's output will be the greatest he will see in his lifetime. He has compared Russia's aging Siberian fields to North Sea and Mexican production which are in decline.

Officially, the Kremlin admits to stagnating output growth, but they are unwilling to admit a peak in production. Generally speaking, any weak non-OPEC production growth increases the call on OPEC and the cartel's leverage.

- The wave of nationalizations in Venezuela continues. After seizing the three largest cement firms and biggest steel plant, 30 sugar farms were nationalized under orders of Hugo Chavez on April 11. We anticipate further nationalization efforts as Chavez wants to appear he is addressing the nation's economic concerns with these moves.

- Alaska is seeking bids to conduct a risk analysis of the state's energy infrastructure. The analysis comes after recent spills and corrosion problems at the Prudhoe Bay oil field.

- Senator McCain has called on Congress to adopt a "gas-tax holiday," suspending the 18.4-cent federal gas tax and 24.4-cent diesel tax between the Memorial and Labor Day holidays.

- Indian inflation has reached 7.4 percent, nearly 2.5 percent higher than the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) comfort level. The current rate is the highest seen since November 2004. In October 2007, the nation's inflation was only 3.1 percent. High inflation may prompt the RBI to raise interest rates. High cost of capital can slow growth. In 2006 Indian per capita, per annum consumption was less than 1 barrel.

- Last year China produced 2.3 billion tons of coal. This year, the nation plans to increase output 19 percent. China is the world's largest producer of coals. 80-plus percent of their power generation needs are met by coal-fired power plants.

- Speaking at Tsinghua University in Beijing, Pakistani President Musharraf offered his nation as a transit state for shipping oil to China from the Persian Gulf. Musharraf notes the project faces technical hurdles since the elevation between Iran and China rises roughly 15,000 feet. Nonetheless, the pipeline is feasible. Chinese imports were up 15 percent during Q1.

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Bennett elected TEPSA president for District 18

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Coahoma Elementary Principal Patricia Bennett was elected president of District 18 of the Texas Elementary Principal and Supervisor Association during the organization's April 16 meeting in Midland.



Bennett

As district president, Bennett will oversee TEPSA activities throughout much of the West Texas area during the 2008-2009 school year.

"I was honored to be chosen for this by my peers," Bennett said. "It's a great opportunity to give back to a great organization."

Bennett has been a professional educator for 23 years, all but five years of that time with Coahoma ISD. She started her career as a classroom

instructor in Stanton before transferring to Coahoma in 1990. She served as a teacher at both the elementary and junior high level before becoming principal of Coahoma Elementary in 2003.

Among her duties as district president, Bennett will be responsible for appointing members to TEPSA committees and serving on the organization's state board of directors.

Tricia Cook of Stanton,

assistant principal at Lusk Elementary in Midland, will be the District 18 President-elect for the coming school year.

Bennett will perform her first duty as district president when she attends the TEPSA board of directors meeting in San Antonio in July.

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Heart of the City Realtors gets top recognition

United Country — Heart of the City Realtors of Big Spring was recognized at the United Country Real Estate Training and Awards Convention held Feb. 21-24 in Kansas City, Mo., with the Summit Club Award. The award, based on gross commissions for 2007, was presented to fewer than 50 affiliates among United Country's more than 700 offices coast-to-coast.

United Country also recognized one of the office's sales associates for her individual accomplishments in 2007. Traci Ryan earned the Pinnacle Club Award for sales, as well as an award for selling the most home warranty plans.



Ryan



Key

Consistency Award for excellence in listing properties and an award for selling the most home warranty plans to buyers among all United Country offices.

"The United Country tools are essential to our success," said

In addition to their recognition for outstanding sales achievements, Heart of the City Realtors received a Listing

Sherri Key, broker/owner. "National advertising, continued training and advanced, useful technology give us an incredible advantage over the competition. For example, we can market your property to buyers across the country with an award-winning web site that has 28,000 visitors a day. This progressive technology has helped our office more than double our sales since 2006."

United Country — Heart of the City Realtors can be contacted by phone at 432-714-4555, by e-mail at skey@unitedcountry.com, or online at www.heartofthecityrealtors.com

U.S. oil and gas rig count up 15 this week

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States rose by 15 this week to 1,842.

Of the rigs running nationwide, 1,473 were exploring for natural gas and 360 for oil, Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday. Nine were listed as miscellaneous.

A year ago, the rig count stood at 1,747.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Louisiana added 10 rigs, Colorado three and Alaska one. California and Wyoming each lost two rigs, New Mexico lost one and Oklahoma and Texas were unchanged.

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



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Tammy Arcenau, with scissors, owner of Visions Graphics Studio and VisionsXpressed, is joined by Big Spring Chamber of Commerce officials and Ambassadors during a ceremony to commemorate the new company's membership with the chamber.

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observed several soldiers coming into the airport. Most had wives, mothers, family greeting them. One soldier kept looking around and it seemed to us that nobody was there to "greet" him. I felt horrible. He actually fell to his knees with a big bulky back-pack on and started crying.

We tried not to stare, but all of us felt his pain. I suggested that one of us ought to go over to him and tell him how much we appreciate him serving our country. Since my husband, Dick, was a former Marine that seemed the right thing to do.

God, I just felt bad. The guys he came in with turned around and saw him on his knees, crying. There they were kissing their wives, others hugging their kids, some talking, but then every one of his "friends" stopped what they were doing, went over to him, put their arms around him, helped him to his feet and began patting him on the back, telling him things like, "Come to my house, my mom would love to have you."

About that time, we saw this young woman come out of the ladies room with two kids in tow, saying, "Hurry up, Daddy will be here any minute!"

Yep, it was the distraught soldier's family. She was just in the ladies room with the two little ones.

Let me tell you, when he saw them the guys had to pick him up again.

All of us went back into our classroom, trying to wipe off our tears.

I don't care if you support the war or not, but please support the women and men who are over there. They are the true heroes and I was lucky enough to be in their presence today.

I am very humbled to have been in the right place at the right time for a change.

DIAN BROOKE
WAXAHACHIE

TO THE EDITOR:

The Crossroads Friends of NRA would like to thank everyone involved in our first-ever banquet, held April 19 at the Dora Roberts Community Center, for helping to make it a huge success in

raising funds for the NRA Foundation.

The committee would like to thank everyone who attended, all of our table sponsors, Bianca Mancha for performing the National Anthem, Cindy Wright for the wonderful dinner music, Scott Emerson for providing his services as auctioneer and T's Catering for a great meal. We would also like to thank all the businesses that donated merchandise to our auction.

Our thanks also go out to Debbie Wegman and the city of Big Spring for offering such a wonderful facility for the banquet and the staff of the *Big Spring Herald* for its support for the event.

We also want to thank all the volunteers who stayed afterward to help us pack up and clean up.

And a very special thank you to Stan Parker for serving as our federal firearms license dealer and receiving merchandise for us.

We congratulate all who took home merchandise from our auctions and prize drawings and the youngsters, all of whom took home Red Rider BB guns. We sincerely hope everyone had a good time and we look forward to seeing all of you at next year's banquet and auction.

RANDY A. MCKINNEY
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

It was a Tuesday, March 25, 2008; we left Dallas in two trucks, me in the front pulling our camper and my son following with three friends from Finland. It was a beautiful day as we pulled out from our home in Murphy, just north of Dallas. Looking forward to a full day of driving we departed before dawn hoping to get through Dallas before rush hour and into the wide open spaces west of Fort Worth. It was not to be because, as often happens in the Dallas area, overnight construction runs over into daytime obstruction. We eventually crawled through what seemed like miles of pointless barricades with no sign of construction activity to a point where for no apparent reason the barricades were gone and we were once again proceeding normally. Anxious to get clear of the growing contest for highway real estate in what

has so aptly be dubbed the Metro Mess; we pushed on.

As we proceed west through Abilene and Sweetwater we were feeling the tension ebb. We pulled into a rest stop on the western edge of Mitchell County for obvious reasons and to fix a picnic lunch in the camper. After refreshing ourselves we mounted our perspective vehicles with keen anticipation of making it to our destination, Big Bend National Park. My trusty vehicle that had never let me down before failed to start. After trying everything I knew to do, in about 2 minutes, I started calling for assistance. I called my dealer in Dallas who I at first cursed for doing nothing more than giving me a phone number for the local dealer. After I tell you how Bob Brock Ford treated me you will understand why I cancelled my curse and decided to tell you my story.

After towing me the 30 some miles and diagnosing the problem I was told that it would be a couple of days before my vehicle would be ready. Although not upset with the messenger, I was disappointed about the ruined vacation plans for our friends who had traveled all the way from Finland to see "John Wayne" country. We were determined to not let that happen so we set out to rent a vehicle and proceed. Due to limited space in my son's vehicle, I stayed behind in the comfort of the dealership lounge while my wife proceeded to find a rental. While waiting I was approached by Dale Worthan who told me that after relating our plight to the owner, Mr. Brock decided to loan us another truck while ours was being repaired. I told him that I would be glad to pay for the rental because we were gong to rent a vehicle anyway. They refused to take my money. So, 30 minutes later after recalling the rest of our group we were off again with camper in tow and heading for Big Bend.

As we departed Big Bend after a very relaxing visit for us and an exiting eye opening experience for our Finnish friends, we received a call from the Bob Brock dealership that our truck was ready.

We picked it up on our way home and were pleasantly surprised that everything was covered under warranty including our tow. Once again they refused to accept any payment for the use of their vehicle which really made the trip to Big Bend possible.

My wife and I are in the process of retiring and moving to West Texas. This experience has only confirmed our decision. So on behalf of the Darrell, Margie and Tim McClanahan family and Salla, Ville and Santeri Hinkkanen, please except our expressions of praise, gratitude and spread of international good will to the community represented by Bob Brock Ford.

DARRELL MCCLANAHAN
DALLAS

TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to share something I read on petfinder.com.

"Lassie, Cleo, Rin Tin Tin and ToTo don't show up at the animal shelter. They (shelters) don't get elegantly coifed, classically beautiful, completely trained, perfectly behaved dogs. They get the leftovers. Dogs that other people have incompetently bred, inadequately socialized, ineffectively 'trained' and badly treated. Most shelter dogs have had it. They've been pushed from one lousy situation to another. They've never had proper veterinary care, kind and consistent training, or sufficient company. They've lived outside, in a crate or in a basement. They're scared, depressed and anxious. Some are angry. Some are sick. Some have given up. But they try their best and they don't give up. They know that a dog is a living being with a spirit and a heart and feelings. These dogs are not commodities, things or garbage. They are part of sacred creation and they deserve as much love and care and respect as the next Westminster champion. So please, please don't come to the shelter in hopes of getting a 'bargain' or the idea of 'getting' just anything. Come to the shelter to give, to love, to save a life — and to mend your own spirit. For adoption will reward you in ways you never thought possible. I can promise you this — a

shelter dog will make you a better person."

Thank you to any and all who had a part in the new shelter that will soon be built. If there is any doubt as to why we need a new shelter, a quick visit should be enough to change your mind. Being an animal control officer is a difficult and thankless job. Euthanizing close to 400 cats and 500 dogs per year in Big Spring alone is not a job for the faint of heart.

If pet owners would spay and neuter their pets, we wouldn't need a bigger shelter! But maybe the extra space will allow more time for the animals to be adopted before they are "put down." As it is now, there are just too many animals in too few kennels, so time runs out for them quickly.

Let me also thank the people who support our Humane Society. Whether it's donating your time, your money, food or by adopting a pet, the Humane Society needs and appreciates your help. The staff out there does a great job, but as usual, they are overflowing. When you consider a pet, please give one of these two local shelters a try. Their pets deserve your love.

"Never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of an animal or person is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wound we inflict on our soul when we look the other way." — Martin Luther King Jr.

DELYNDA REED
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

There are some people out there who probably think they pay too much in taxes. Here's what those people need to do: Buy a scanner and listen for a few nights at what our police, sheriff, EMS and last, but certainly not least, our fire departments, both paid and volunteer, have to put up with.

Like many, I was very proud when our community got the veterans retirement home, but I wonder, did anyone think about the increased load to our EMS services? There are times when it seems like one unit, if not two, should be stationed there for all the calls they have. What are there, five or six EMS units to cover the length and breadth of our county? I only hear of Medic 1 through Medic 5 on the scanners I have. Believe me when I say that those men and women earn their pay. Our EMS personnel have to cover 903 square miles of land and one of water. My only complaint is that all the units are stationed in Big Spring. Think about that some time when you are driving in from the east. If you're in an accident at Rattlesnake Gap on the far eastern edge of the county, help is going to be a while coming. Your first responder is probably going to be a DPS trooper or sheriff's deputy.

That brings me to our law enforcement people. If ever there was a place where we needed to spend more money, it's here. I

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County Court Decisions:
Probated Judgment: Lisa Ann Chavarria, driving while intoxicated, \$400 fine, \$469 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Lisa Ann Chavarria, theft by check – more than \$20 less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$326 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: William Scott Simpson, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, \$326 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: William Scott Simpson, theft – more than \$50 less than \$500, \$276 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Jose Lionel Cerda, driving while license suspended, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Devon Lee Butler, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$441 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Christian Davon Gordon, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Billy Hallford, driving while intoxicated – second offense, \$1,000 fine, \$443 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Angel Edieberto Torres, driving while license invalid, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Jason Scott Edwards, resisting arrest, \$250 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Billie Ray Brown, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail

(jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Brady Timmins, driving while intoxicated, \$1,000 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Brady Timmins, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, \$1,000 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Alice Guzman, driving while license suspended, \$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Lana Crawford Kirkham, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$493 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Camilo Martin Nieto Jr., driving while license invalid with a previous conviction, \$1,000 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: William Scott Simpson, bail jumping and failure to appear, \$328 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: William Gordon Fuller III, terroristic threats, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Thomas W. Simmie, prohibited weapon – switchblade/knuckles, \$100 fine, \$228 court costs.
Judgment and Sentence: Curtis McCullough, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice – giving false information, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail.

District Court Filings:
David Allen Parrish vs. Andrea Christine Parrish, divorce.
William Berton Stilwell vs. Amy Vigus Stilwell, divorce.
In Re Orlando Ray Chavera, Joe Albert Chavera, Alexis Dena Chavera and Arnulfo Rey Chavera III, family court.
The State of Texas vs. Jessie L. Woodruff Jr. for \$2,010 in currency, civil suit.
US Bank National Association, as trustee for the structured asset investment loan trust vs. Sara B. Warren, accounts, contracts and notes.
Kimberly Nichole Mata vs. Ruben E. Mata, divorce.
Charles Byron Harrington vs. Carolyn Sue Harrington, divorce.
Mary Ann Hinojosa vs. Freddy Hinojosa, protective order.

Marriage Licenses:
Victor J. Richter, 53, and Becki C. Taff, 49, both of Big Spring.
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Eric Scott Rodriguez, 24, and Rebecca Annette Rodriguez, 23, both of Big Spring.
Anthony Joseph Jackson, 57, and Teresa Faye Young, 50, both of Big Spring.
Jerry Deporto Jr., 21, and Jessica Lynn Hicks, 21, both of Big Spring.
Henry Ernest Grant, 35, of Pasadena, Texas, and Lezlee Harris Bartose, 47, of Wimberly.
Gregory Stace Norman, 20, of Post, and Kalyon Kaye Hildreth, 17, of Big Spring.
Adam Michael Edens, 26, and Aimee Ryan Riley, 24, both of Big Spring.
Isaiah Matthew James, 19, and Gracie Lee Ho-Gland, 17, both of Big Spring.
Ray Uribe, 33, and Jennifer Lopez Hilger, 33, both of Big Spring.
Esequiel Chavarria, 45, and Ronda Jean Roberts, 36, both of Big Spring.
Curtis W. Gaston, 19, and Kayla D. Page, 18, both of Forsan.

Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: Jaime Javier
Grantee: Roland Gore
Property: Four tracts out of Section 2, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 9, 2008
Grantor: Roland Gore
Grantee: Jaime Javier
Property: A tract out of Section 1, Block 34, T-1-S, T&P R Co. Survey
Date: April 9, 2008

Grantor: John Michael Bermea
Grantee: Dillard E. Teal and Tony Castillo
Property: Lot 1, Block 24, College Park
Date: April 10, 2008

Grantor: Roy Escobar and maria S. Escobar
Grantee: B&B Investments
Property: Lots 4-6, Block 28, Amended Fairview Heights
Date: April 11, 2008

Grantor: Maria Perez Virella
Grantee: H.E. Tubb
Property: A 6.05 acre tract out of Section 46, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 11, 2008

Grantor: Frankie Allene Pearce
Grantee: Roy Gutierrez
Property: Lot 12, Block 6, Corrected Plat of Hillcrest Terrace
Date: April 14, 2008

Grantor: Roy Gutierrez
Grantee: De De Properties IV LLC
Property: Lot 12, Block 6, Corrected Plat of Hillcrest Terrace
Date: April 14, 2008

Grantor: Murry Schroeder and family

Grantee: Paula Anderson
Property: Lot 5, Block 5, Central Park Addition
Date: April 14, 2008

Grantor: Claudia Morgan Polyniak
Grantee: Billy Osburn and Dianna Osburn
Property: Lots 9-11, Block 1, South Haven Addition
Date: April 14, 2008

Grantor: Strickland and Knight Equipment Co.
Grantee: Mark J. Myers and Alyssa Myers
Property: Lot 11, Block 1, Highland Caprock; and a 0.182 acre tract out of Lot 12, Block 1, Highland Caprock
Date: April 15, 2008

Grantor: Miller Contracting Co.
Grantee: G. Ben Bancroft and Kay Bancroft
Property: A 32.9 acre tract out of Section9, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 15, 2008

Grantor: Darrel G. Burris and Bonnie Jean Burris
Grantee: Charles D. Rosenbaum
Property: Lot 8, Block 3, Stanford Park
Date: April 15, 2008

Warranty Deed with Vendors Lien:
Grantor: Hue Management LLC and Krish Corp.
Grantee: Hue Management LLC
Property: Description not available
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Grantee: MCBW Properties LTD

Property: 80 tracts of property throughout Big Spring and Howard County
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Grantor: A.J. Patterson and Violet Patterson
Grantee: Jimmy Hector and Sandra Hector
Property: A pair of tracts out of Sections 43 and 48, Blocks 31 and 32
Date: April 14, 2008

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Grantee: Deborah Creek Development LLC
Property: Lot 1 (No. 159B), Plat Records
Date: April 14, 2008

Grantor: Donald D. Kucera and Charoon Kucera
Grantee: Daniel Paul Lopez and Beverly Lopez
Property: Lots 18 and 19, Block 3,

Wrights First Addition
Date: April 14, 2008

Grantor: Sylvia Garfias
Grantee: Frank Hernandez
Property: Lots 12 and 13, Block 5, Settles Heights
Date: April 14, 2008

Grantor: Horace E. Tubb
Grantee: Garry Christian and Wendy Christian
Property: A 20.04 acre tract out of Section 105, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. Survey
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| ACROSS | 53 Certain draft | 8 They've been independent since '91 | 35 Unspecified things |
| 1 Gum sources | 55 Stockbroker Charles | 9 cleaner | 36 Standard dimension of a Go board |
| 8 Be incoherent | 56 Grimm heroine | 10 Verse starter | 37 Stein's cousins |
| 15 Nearby | 57 Got pushy | 11 Items in a rack | 40 Bearing |
| 16 Pedigree | 58 Ones with big food bills | 12 Where Jade Mountain is | 41 Happy, in Honduras |
| 17 Had a row | | 13 Superior sort | 43 Type of top |
| 18 Say | | 14 Flat rates | 45 Cut back |
| 19 Long range | | 21 Struck | 47 Violin precursor |
| 20 Scream name | DOWN | 22 Vegetariano bane | 49 Beef |
| 22 '80 and '82 Emmy winner | 1 Steak source | 25 Name on a credit card | 50 Start of a Bach chorale title |
| 23 Kept informed, in a way | 2 Party-mix ingredient | 27 Farm animal | 52 Birthplace of Constantine the Great |
| 24 Turn over | 3 Learned harshly | 30 Gumshoes, often | 54 Corporate VIP |
| 25 Euchre utterance | 4 Spoke | 32 Fictional Frenchman | |
| 26 Multimeter unit | 5 They're not good | 34 Hancock beater | |
| 27 Deposit | 6 Schooner contents | | |
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Imagine sitting down to watch a cloud formation that doesn't appear to be moving. Yet the longer you sit, you begin to perceive slight -- and then larger -- shifts. Is the cloud changing, or is your consciousness slowing down enough to perceive it? As Mercury meets Uranus today, when we become quiet, worlds open.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are sticking to the rules and you can already see why honesty pays. Others may not be as ethical as you, though. A tiny bit of skepticism now keeps you from buying into a false story and being taken advantage of.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Be disciplined wherever possible. This will come a bit easier to you today. And for further

incentive, there are consequences for needless self indulgence that you'll want no part of.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The stars bring you a sense of relief -- a stressful situation is finally handled, or an event that was taking most of your focus is over now. Your interactions at home are more gratifying as a result.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You like the people around you. In fact, if you had to choose again, you would choose them all over again. Express your satisfaction with great enthusiasm and you'll learn that the feeling is mutual.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Conflicts move past you because you resolve not to be a part of the drama. Tonight, you'll guide someone younger than you and in the process learn a few things yourself.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (APRIL 27). This year there's something in you that is determined to use

any adversity you encounter as a tool to become sharper, stronger and more loving. Lead with that and you will attain an important goal by summer's end. Your confidence is partly due to physical improvements in August. Leo and Libra are your supporters. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 47, 22, 1 and 45.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've had enough of thinking of yourself, your goals, your problems. It's now quite invigorating to immerse yourself in someone else's (ideally, a Leo's) fun or challenges.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Amazingly, you're able to empathize with people whose lives are almost completely unlike yours. It's a talent that will lead you to a deeper understanding of not only the world around you, but your inner world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're extremely good at keeping secrets, especially if they are your own. Consider coming out with one if them for

the sake of bonding with someone you love. The truth will unite you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The stars hook your feelings up to an amplifier and play them out loud. Where you once felt unsure of yourself, you now know, for better or worse, where you stand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're finding new reasons to celebrate others. You'll see a sign of progress, appreciate the small creation someone made or applaud a risk that pays off. Support others and you get supported.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll see someone who's working the plan, and the plan is working. Follow that person! It takes far less time and energy than stubbornly trying to wing it in some untried fashion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be selling something -- an idea, product or yourself. Use very few words for your "pitch" and choose them

well. You're brilliant when you're brief. Taurus is especially open to your suggestions.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: For some, observing nature is a popular pastime, and for others, studying human nature is more satisfying; but in the astrological cosmology, the two are virtually inseparable. For example, this week two "personal planets," (think closer to Earth, and thus, our day-to-day lives,) Venus and Mercury, change signs, reciting love poetry to both Earth and us, her earthlings. Venus in Taurus is a true nature lover, where we appreciate the quiet peace of an oak tree while listening to our favorite tunes or walking in the park on a spring day (aren't the simple pleasures the headiest?) As for Mercury, he's the word on the street and the word is movement, entering Gemini. A breath of fresh air stimulates thoughts, curiosities and

a flurry of communication. Oh, did I say movement? Saturn in Virgo directs from retrograde this week. Father Time turns the big clock in the sky, marking decisive and positive changes for those long-term plans. Saturn works best under the KISS principle, so keeping your goals workable, simple and manageable appreciates over time. As the celestial bodies mirror our interconnectedness to all things this week, Mother Nature delivers glorious springtime.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Jessica Alba has said, "My theory is that if you look confident you can pull off anything -- even if you have no clue what you're doing." Their secret is out. Taurus Sun signs -- many of whom are blessed with copious talent, beauty and artistry -- actualize their talents by cultivating unshakable inner security. This year motherhood gives Jessica another chance to act "as if."

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

TO: Johnny Rueda
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 4, Blk 17, Jones Valley Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,584.30, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against JOHNNY RUEDA and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on June 28, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOHNNY RUEDA, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5231 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinafter described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 18th day of February, 2008 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 2nd day of January, A.D.2008.
Colleen Barton
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5755 April 20 & 27, 2008

Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a 24-year-old male. Four months ago, my girlfriend and I broke up after three years together. "Felicity" wanted the split. I still love her.

We had our share of problems and I have some trust issues. I also was very critical and didn't let her be herself. Near the end, I suspected she was seeing someone else,



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

although she insisted he was just a friend. But when I moved out, he moved in.

I'm trying to get over her, but every three or four weeks, Felicity will text or call and say how much she misses me and how angry she is that I didn't trust her. Just the other day, she invited me to lunch, and the next day, she asked me to a party. She says it's because she misses hanging out. This is hard because I keep thinking it means we might get back

together. But, Annie, I still see the other guy's car over at her place.

I don't know what she wants from me. How am I supposed to forget her? -- Still Hoping

Dear Hoping: Felicity isn't sure what she wants, but if she were seriously interested in getting back together, she'd tell you and break it off with the other guy.

Instead, she likes having both of you dangling on strings. If you want to get over her, you must stop accepting her invitations, stop responding to her text messages and phone calls, and start dating someone else. Once she sees that you can indeed live without her, she may make another play for you, but it sounds like some of your trust issues were well-founded. Be careful what you wish for.

Dear Annie: This morning I was in the grocery store and saw a little boy in a shopping cart playing with a plastic produce bag over his head. His face was completely covered. Both of his parents were fewer than 10 feet away at the time. Thank God I was closer.

I yanked the bag off his head and scolded him never to do it again. At first I was horrified, but now I'm absolutely furious! What is wrong with these parents? This little boy was no more than 3 years old, and I'm not sure how he got ahold of the bag, but he could have died in the few minutes it took those parents to pick out cucumbers and squeeze tomatoes.

Please print this as a common sense reminder to parents to never let a child play with a plastic bag. -- Glad I Was There in Fremont, Calif.

Dear Fremont: You may have saved that child's life, and we appreciate the reminder that toddlers are quick and parents need to be vigilant. (We might have saved the

scolding for the parents rather than the child, however.)

Dear Annie: Your advice to "Thumbelina" was right on. She was the 30-year-old wife who'd recently lost 40 pounds and was surprised to find herself unhappy with the way she looked.

I just turned 40, and after my third child was born, I decided to get my act together and lose some weight. In less than a year, through a sensible diet and exercise, I managed to drop over 50 pounds. I should still lose another 20 to be a "healthy" weight, and I have loose skin from being pregnant and obese, but I don't let that stop me from being happy because I've tried to keep my focus on being fit, not "pretty." Let's face it. Looks only last so long, skinny or not.

Thumbelina should find something else to put her energy into. She and her husband should join a gym. Take up running. Train for a triathlon. She's still quite young, and there is too much fun to be had instead of worrying about what she sees in the mirror. -- Been There in Houston

Dear Houston: Looks don't last forever, so it makes sense to work on being healthy -- at whatever weight that happens to be.

Dear Annie: Several years ago, my husband quit drinking. He did not discuss his decision with me or anyone else. He does not attend AA meetings.

"Bob" has become an attentive partner and a man I love and respect deeply, but he also has become reclusive. He will gladly spend time with me and our adult children, but nobody else. We never get invited anywhere anymore because we have turned down every invitation. Now he is avoiding events that include extended family. He is talking about going away on vacation next Christmas, which is the

only remaining occasion we spend with others.

Some of our friends are light social drinkers. Family events usually include alcohol, but no one drinks heavily and many of the adults don't drink at all. I love my husband very much, but I really need to be around people. I am dreading our retirement years with no friends in our lives.

Am I being unreasonable? Should I just shut up and count my blessings? -- Isolated Wife
Dear Isolated: Because Bob quit drinking on his own, as admirable as that is, it means he has no support network in place. We suspect he worries he'll be tempted by any alcohol at these occasions, and he could be right. He also may be suffering from depression, and while he may find it easier to avoid people, it doesn't help.

First, suggest to Bob that he go to an AA meeting, just to see if he likes it. Then you should contact Al-Anon (al-anon.ala-teen.org) at 1-888-4-AL-ANON (1-800-425-2666). You also can explain your concern and ask him to see a counselor. Finally, there is no reason you cannot attend social events without Bob, especially family holidays and celebrations. If he chooses to stay home alone, so be it.

Dear Annie: You printed a letter from "Need Advice in Arizona," who wants marriage and more children, even though her current beau isn't interested.

Children are a blessing. However, when one spouse has made his or her views clear about not having another child, it is important to listen to what he is really saying. Children have been known to break up marriages more than once in this world. Please listen when your mate voices his or her opinion. -- From a Woman Who Didn't and Lost

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Big Spring (Owner) will receive bids for Water System Improvements at the office of the Director of Public Works, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2008, for Water System Improvements. Bids will be publicly opened at City Hall and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

This project includes furnishing and installing approximately 17,300 LF of 2-inch, 4-inch, 6-inch, 8-inch and 12-inch water line and appurtenances.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's check or certified check issued by a bank satisfactory to the owner, or Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of the City of Big Spring, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid submitted as a guaranty that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds and guaranty in forms provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract written by a responsible Surety Company, authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner, as required by Article 5160, V.A.T.C.S., as amended by H.B. 344, passed by the 56th Legislature, Regular Session 1959.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file in the office of the City of Big Spring, Texas, and at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423 (Phone 806-473-2200) for a refundable price of thirty-five (\$35.00) for each set of plans and specifications.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin.

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of Big Spring for a period not to exceed 45 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders' qualifications prior to the contract award.

CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS
Russ McEwen, Mayor
#5765 April 27 & May 4, 2008

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LEGAL NOTICE:

This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on April 28, 2008. You have until October 25, 2008, to redeem any tickets for this game: #838 Magnificent 7's (\$7) overall odds are 1 in 3.48. This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on May 5, 2008. You have until November 1, 2008, to redeem any tickets for this game: #1030 Strike It Rich (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.57. These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on May 12, 2008. You have until November 8, 2008, to redeem any tickets for these games: #769 Joker's Wild (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.72, #837 High Roller (\$10) overall odds are 1 in 3.35, #1004 Deal Or No Deal™ (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 4.18, #1012 Easy Cash (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.85, #1025 Groovy 8's (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.74. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over \$999,999 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at 1-800-37LOTTO or visit the Lottery Web site at www.txlottery.org for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures, and final decisions of the Executive Director. A Scratch-Off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. PLAY RESPONSIBLY. The Texas Lottery Supports Texas Education. #5754 April 27, 2008

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, AAA Mini Storage which is located at 3301 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on May 3, 2008, at AAA Mini Storage, 3301 East FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants, with brief description of contents in each space. PEDRO APONTE ALFREDO GUTIERREZ DANIEL LANGSTON CRESENSIA RIOS JACY SAUTTER DELILAH SOTO MARIA WATKINS MICHELLE L. WHITE #5756 April 20 & 27, 2008

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CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

The owner of 611 S. Gregg described as Lot 7 and S/2 of Lot 8, Block 43, Original Town, has requested a Specific Use Permit for the proposed use of a Pet Shop which includes daily dog care services and grooming. #5766 April 27 & May 4, 2008

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don't know how many times I have heard a dispatcher send an officer or deputy to investigate a prowler or worse yet, a domestic disturbance and hear her say, "No back up available." It makes my blood run cold and I listen and worry if that officer will get to go home to his or her spouse and children.

I don't know the stats but I know a lot of officers are killed or injured when breaking up fights.

Then there's my personal peeve. The dispatchers call them 10-90s, otherwise known as a burglar alarm going off. You people that have them need to keep them in top working order and most of all, you need to make sure that there is someone who has a key and can turn the thing off. One near me goes off every time there's a thunderstorm and it usually screams for hours without being tended to.

Finally, Our firefighters, both paid and volunteer, are super men and women who are owed our undying gratitude. If not for them, some of these grass fires would have been even more disastrous. We could be seeing ourselves on CNN like some of those people in

Southern California.

Don't think for a second that the measly amount we pay in taxes takes care of the needs of these brave men and women. If you can afford it, donate to one of the local fire departments. If nothing else, buy a case of bottled water and give it to them. While you're at it, don't forget the surrounding counties' firefighters. When things get bad, they pitch in and one day it may be a firefighter and equipment from Mitchell, Martin, Sterling, Glasscock or Borden counties that keeps your place from burning down.

Think you pay too much in taxes? Before you gripe about it next time, think about what your family's life or property is worth to you. If you pay more than they're worth, then and only then do you have a gripe.

Listening to my scanners has given me even more respect for the men and women who protect and serve. We all owe them our thanks and my wife and I will pay our taxes with a smile on our faces.

RON PHINNEY
COAHOMA

TO THE EDITOR:

Respect is given for time, effort and voice of the pen taken by Terry

Trevino to address the community with opinion. We all know problems and insufficiencies are a part of Big Spring's environment. Perhaps we can all agree they frustrate, despair, disillusion and disappoint spirit and expectations. But there's missing balance in Trevino's article. It's at cross-purposes with facts about the mayor in stating, "he has done nothing to stop criminals or make the city ... better."

Based on past differences of opinion and actions, it is a strange irony to stand in defense of the mayor's record to oppose an opinion suffering from a vacuum of real facts. I believe in the kind of pioneer leadership that brought us CRMWD and water. That's the thatch of his cloth.

The mayor, a Longhorn graduate, is sometimes as nettlesome as an A&M Aggie.

He's also bold, dedicated, visionary and like Trevino, loves his community. I suspect U.S. senators, state legislators and VA administrators remember the local elected figure who occupied their offices, captured their attentions and consistently riveted them with reasons for retaining hospital centers in Big Spring. Few gave him any chance of success, but the

centers remained and expanded.

Washington and Austin aren't always aware of simple matters.

The mayor championed other efforts to change the visual image, enjoyment and competitive advantage of Big Spring. Absent his leadership, the community might not have had the opportunity to pass the bond program that will soon transform the appearance of our town. Youngsters will have a new sports center to develop their abilities.

He shepherded taxes and action to confront crime and drug encampments. It must comfort his wisdom of judgment to know a New Jersey gambling casino; many, many other states; and numerous Texas cities have regulated a dangerous second hand emission to improve the public environment.

If nine cars aren't parking in the dirt, creating chugholes or discarded debris in the front yard of your next-door neighbor aren't destroying the value of your property, thank the mayor.

One can appreciate the cost savings of the city energy efficiency program instituted way ahead of government cap and trade programs destined for 2009; landfill expansion; abandoned

property abatement; lake improvements; offender program; amphitheater improvement; city swimming pool restoration and revitalization; federal prison negotiations; community Channel 17 ... (the editor says "stop, we have space limits.")

His leadership in the wake of Hurricane Katrina was a lesson in heart and compassion.

Dynamic leadership is desperately needed to transform this city and the mayor has made a success of many vital projects. Our glass is fuller — a lot fuller than many believe.

BOBBY McDONALD
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

After moving back to Big Spring in August 2000, I found out about the different prayer meetings that they were having in Big Spring. Some were at the city park downtown and some were at the Municipal Auditorium. I was glad to hear about them and went to as many as I was able to go to.

When the refinery explosion happened Feb. 18, I was very concerned about the people there, especially since I grew up in the oil field at Lees Community.

Then I remembered all

the prayer meetings that I had gone to after I moved back and that maybe the Lord had really heard our prayers for protection over our city.

Do not forget the National Day of Prayer on May 1.

SUE ELLEN WHITE-
HOWELL
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

To me it seems oddly curious as to why there have been no letters to the editor concerning the upcoming bond election for the improvements to the school system, either pro or con.

With four children attending four campuses, I have been in several of the schools and do realize we have issues that need to be addressed. I will be the first to admit there are problems with our campuses; however, I feel our problems in the school district run much deeper than the physical plants and this bond won't cure those problems.

I have not agreed with some of the decisions made by our administration and school board, most recently the funding of the laptop project. I realize there were several unintended consequences

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Ask AP: Mortgage insurance, taxing SS benefits

By The Associated Press

It sounds like a fool-proof system for lending institutions: When someone's house is mortgaged to the hilt, the borrower has to get mortgage insurance, protecting the lender in the event of foreclosure.

So how did those lenders end up getting sucked into the mortgage mess?

That's one of the four questions being answered in this installment of "Ask AP," a weekly Q&A column where AP journalists respond to readers' questions about the news.

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Have Social Security benefits always been subject to federal taxes?

Ralph B. Omaha, Neb.

When Social Security began in 1935, benefits were not taxed. Congress first passed a law in 1983 allowing Social Security benefits to be taxed and President Reagan signed it.

Whether you pay a tax on the benefits depends on your income from other sources, including wages, interest, other pension benefits and withdrawals from 401(k) and IRA accounts.

A single person claiming less than \$25,000 and married taxpayers claiming less than \$32,000 in income from other sources are not subject to the personal federal income tax on their Social Security benefits. Taxpayers with incomes



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A reader-submitted question about mortgage insurance is being answered as part of an Associated Press Q&A column called "Ask AP."

above those thresholds will find that the personal income tax applies to some percentage of their benefits.

The original amount of benefits subject to federal income tax was 50 percent. Congress in 1993 raised the amount subject to tax to 85 percent. President Clinton signed that into law.

The Social Security Administration says about one-third of people who get Social Security have to pay income taxes on their benefits.

Jesse J. Holland
Associated Press
Writer, Washington

At least in my part of the country, when someone gets a mortgage loan to purchase a home, and the loan amount is more than 80 percent of the home's value, the borrower is required to pay for a private mortgage insurance policy. This ensures the lender that it will receive all that is due in the event of a default and foreclosure.

If that is also true across the country, it would seem that subprime loans should not be an issue, and investors holding securities backed by these loans shouldn't be in such financial trouble.

Can you explain why mortgage insurance has-

n't prevented the mortgage meltdown?

Richard Gualano
Downers Grove, Ill.

While lenders typically require home buyers to pay for mortgage insurance when they contribute less than 20 percent of a home's value to a purchase, that wasn't the case during the housing boom, when lending standards were lax. In addition to their first mortgage, many borrowers took on second mortgages, or so-called "piggyback" loans, that would cover the 20 percent down payment and allow them to avoid making mortgage insurance payments.

J.W. Elphinstone
AP Business Writer,
New York

Why the difference in spelling between "al-Qaida" (AP style) and "al-Qaeda" (the style in many other American publications)?

Harry Moskos
Knoxville, Tenn.

Al-Qaida and al-Qaeda are transliterations of the Arabic word for "the base."

In Arabic, "Qaida" or "Qaeda" is a three-syllable word: KAH-i-da. Pronunciation is governed by a short second vowel that sounds somewhere between the "i" or

"e" in "bit" or "bed." Arabic speakers sometimes elide the word into two syllables, rather like "KAH-da," according to Lee Keath, AP Cairo news editor.

"Al-Qaida" first appeared in AP stories in September 1998 in the aftermath of terrorist bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa. Other news accounts used "al-Qaeda." Following 9/11, AP settled on "al-Qaida," which has been listed in the AP Stylebook since 2003.

David Minthorn
AP Manager for News
Administration

The buying of crude oil is based on the U.S. dollar. Would there be any advantages or disadvantages to the U.S. consumer if the buying and selling of oil were based on a different currency (for instance the euro)?

And what would the advantage or disadvantage be for other countries if that was the case?

Thomas McAfee
Little Rock, Ark.

The relationship between the price of oil and the value of the dollar is a complex one, but the bottom line is that a change in the currency used for oil trading wouldn't likely make much of a difference.

Right now, oil is traded in dollars, even on commodity markets based outside the United States. Whenever the dollar falls against the euro — as it has for much of the past year — oil becomes cheaper to Europeans. When Europeans take advantage by snapping up oil futures, the demand pushes the price of oil for Americans.

What if oil were priced in euros? Again, if the

dollar fell against the euro, oil would get more expensive to Americans — in this case, simply because it would take more dollars to buy the same barrel of oil.

So either way, when the dollar weakens, the price of oil usually goes up for Americans.

Some analysts explain it another way: It's the value of an investor's currency that matters, not what currency is used to price the item being invested in.

"The ultimate price to American consumers would be the same," said Tom Kloza, an analyst at the Oil Price Information Service, a company that tracks petroleum prices for oil producers, government agencies and other clients.

John Wilen
AP Energy Writer,
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Neglect is the most frequent form of child abuse. Yes, children die simply because they're put in situations where they are not supervised.

We all know that law enforcement cannot prevent all crime. We cannot expect the state's Child Protective Services to stop all child abuse and neglect. In fact, in the majority of the most tragic cases of child abuse - those in which a child died - Child Protective Services had no opportunity to impact the safety of the child at risk. Maybe it was a situation that people outside the family couldn't see. Possibly the child's parent didn't realize that their own action, or lack thereof, put their child's life at risk. We all have to recognize neglect and not walk away from it.

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"Right now it's really hard to get an idea what the budget is going to be like until we have a solid idea what kind of funds we're going to have to work with. Once we get closer to setting the tax rate, which is usually around September, we'll have a much better idea what sort of financial shape the county will be in."

Also on Monday's agenda, County Auditor Jackie Olson will present invoices and purchase requests to the court, as well as discussion regarding the maintenance agreement for the county courthouse's environmental systems.

Olson will also present commissioners with a budget amendment for the jail construction fund.

"It really sounds a lot more complicated than it is," said Barr. "Jeff (Heffelfinger, jail project architect) and Jackie (Olson) have worked up a budget for the construction of the jail, including all of the various line items for the project. Monday the court will look at that budget and consider it for approval."

The \$11.57 million, 96-bed facility — which will be built on Big Spring's west side — was approved by voters in a 2007 bond election, with construction expected to begin as early as May 9.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is slated

to present the court with personnel considerations and a payroll report, while Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will discuss pipeline crossings and county road maintenance.

Commissioners are also expected to consider a trio of resolutions accepting deeds to property in lieu of foreclosure presented by local law firm Mouton & Mouton.

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

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



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Cecil Willey has his hands full as he shops for greenery during the Howard County Master Gardeners' Spring Plant Sale, held Saturday in the Coronado Plaza parking lot.

LETTERS

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that happed on this project. Not anticipating these problems and rushing the project through without proper preparation seems to be one of the biggest mistakes that

were made. We have to learn from our mistakes.

A pilot project could have been implemented for some of the classes and coordinated through the teachers to make sure the laptops would have been utilized in the classes. This would have been a good place to start

instead of going full speed with the project and realizing at mid-term that the filters installed were not working which allowed students to utilize the computers in ways that were never intended. Even though there were good intentions in this project, the project was

not ready for field use at the time of roll-out.

It is apparent to me that this proposed bond project has not had enough time spent in research,

development and promotion by the school board and administration for me to be able to support it, and I will vote "no" in the upcoming bond elec-

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Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson won't give an inch

By JAY ROOT

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

AUSTIN — He carries a gun in his boot, likes the smell of burning diesel and observes "Confederate Heroes Day" like a religious obligation. He will ask — but never beg — for your vote, answer ridicule with scorn and dress down whiny liberals with a smile on his face.

So go ahead, critics, make Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson's day: Recruit an opponent, elect a new land commissioner or have him impeached. But don't count on him to yield. One. Inch.

"Over my dead body," the Republican wrote to General Land Office staffers last year when it was suggested he could use government condemnation powers to provide access to the storied Christmas Mountains in West Texas.

"Never trust them," he says of the "lying" reporters who cover him. Even average citizens can expect Patterson's wrath should they criticize his stewardship of publicly owned lands.

"You, sir, are the one that doesn't get it," Patterson wrote to one citizen who was angry over a controversial plan to sell off the Christmas Mountains to private interests. "In your narrow minded view only the 'government' can do what's right ... you are more inclined to have an open mouth than an open mind. I can detect you are a typical partisan."

The heated exchange was included in a batch of Patterson's e-mail records, given to the Star-Telegram after a lengthy battle that tested provisions of the Texas public information act. The Texas attorney general ordered Patterson to hand over most of them. Taken together, they offer a glimpse into the inner workings of perhaps the most colorful — and combative — Texan in statewide office today.

"I think he probably intimidates a lot of people," said state Sen. John

Whitmire, D-Houston, who served with Patterson in the state Senate and considers him a friend. "He just goes at it full speed and full throttle, and if you get in his way you're probably going to get bruised."

Born in 1946, Patterson grew up in southeast Houston, where he and his buddies roamed the neighborhood with BB guns while his father worked in a nearby chemical plant. His mother juggled the duties of housewife and real estate agent.

"Proving once again that I grew up weird, when I was a kid I enjoyed it when we were driving behind a Houston bus — loved the smell of diesel fumes," Patterson recently confessed in an e-mail to supporters of a program that helps governmental entities switch their fleets to clean-burning natural gas. "That might explain my thought processes as an adult."

In the 1960s, while many young Americans were protesting the Vietnam War and marching for civil rights, Patterson was a student at Texas A&M University, where he earned a degree in history in 1969.

"We were all going into the armed forces," he recalled. "We didn't have much respect for those that were burning our flags, and that hasn't changed much."

Patterson later joined the Marines and ended up in Vietnam during the last six months of the war in 1973. His love of history and a long family tradition of military service strongly influence Patterson's staunchly conservative political views. He can trace his military heritage to the Civil War, when his great-grandfather, Cpl. James Monroe Cole, served in the Confederate Army. His father flew a B-24 Liberator in World War II, and his adult son, Travis, has pulled two tours of duty as a chopper pilot in Iraq.

In 1990, Patterson lost his first bid for a state Senate seat. Instead of conceding on election night, he announced he

would run again two years later. Thanks to new district lines that favored Republicans, Patterson defeated Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, in 1992.

Patterson was a strong advocate of term limits back then, and he made Brooks — at the time the longest-serving member of the state Senate — a poster boy for the idea. Patterson has since changed his mind about setting limits on how long politicians can serve.

"If you're an advocate of term limits, you're saying that voters are too stupid to make the right choice," Patterson said.

Brooks, who never returned to state elective office, laughed out loud when told that Patterson no longer supported term limits, but he said he is not bitter. After Brooks' 1992 defeat, Patterson

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AP photo/Jack Plunkett/Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson responds to a question during an interview in his office in Austin. During his six years in the Senate, Patterson abolished the law requiring motorcyclists to wear helmets and helped modernize home-equity lending practices in Texas. But his claim to fame was his sponsorship of the bill that gave Texans the right to carry concealed weapons.

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showed up at a post-election fundraiser aimed at helping the Democrat retire his campaign debts, Brooks recalled.

During his six years in the Senate, Patterson

abolished the law requiring motorcyclists to wear helmets and helped modernize home-equity lending practices in Texas. But his claim to fame was his sponsorship of the bill that gave Texans the right to carry concealed weapons. Besides giving him hero status among

the Second Amendment crowd, Patterson's fierce advocacy of the gun-toting public has colored the way he sees his job as chief steward of millions of acres of state land.

Patterson has insisted, for example, that the federal parks system drop its ban on firearms to even

become eligible to purchase the Christmas Mountains, donated to the state years ago by a land conservation group.

"Should I transfer 9,300 acres to an agency that ignores the Bill of Rights?" Patterson says. "I don't think so."

The proposal to sell off

the Christmas Mountains sparked a huge public controversy, and thousands wrote Patterson urging him to keep it in government hands. Patterson said any private owner would have to promise never to develop the property — and he unloaded on what he saw

as an often "clueless" public.

"With your eloquence I'm not sure I would want you on my side," Patterson wrote to one angry critic. "I encourage you to vote against me, and to find an opponent and work very hard to get them elected."



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Bubble or fact of life: Where's price of oil headed?

By **JOHN PORRETTO**

AP Business Writer

HOUSTON — Oil's meteoric rise to near \$120 a barrel looks like more than just another economic bubble — growing demand and tighter supplies are likely to keep prices high. Some analysts say even \$200 a barrel would not be out of the question.

The latest price surge — pushing crude to record heights in recent weeks, and to nearly double its level a year ago — has some key components of a classic bubble, when market prices climb far above their intrinsic value. The burst comes when investors realize the assets are overvalued.

But growing worldwide thirst for crude, in large part from the rapidly developing economies of China and India, means frustrated consumers probably won't get any relief.

"We can do our homework, but prices are going to go where they want to go at this point," said Jeff Spittel, an analyst at investment bank Natixis Bleichroeder Inc.

Americans who hoped to ride out temporarily high prices by carpooling or driving less may have to make those habits permanent. And because of the premium prices, oil companies may be willing to search out more oil in places they previously couldn't afford to explore.

Oil came close to \$120 a barrel Friday on news that a ship under contract to the U.S. Defense Department fired warning shots at two Iranian boats in the Persian Gulf. The markets were also weighing the effects of a pipeline attack in Nigeria

and a looming refinery strike in Scotland.

Retail gas prices, which at times rise in tandem with crude oil, moved further into record territory near \$3.60 a gallon.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries — which supplies about 40 percent of the world's crude — insists it's supplying more than enough oil.

Instead, many observers blame speculative traders for bidding up the price as a hedge against inflation and as protection from the sinking U.S. dollar. Some see that as evidence of a bubble.

It's also becoming harder and more expensive for

oil companies to find and tap new petroleum reserves — a troublesome scenario given forecasts that the world's energy needs will escalate by more than 50 percent in the next two decades.

Toss in the weak dollar and political instability in some oil-producing countries, and it seems unlikely that oil will fall below \$100 a barrel anytime soon, if ever.

Widely watched oil price prognosticator Goldman Sachs has said oil could average \$110 a barrel by 2010, up from a previous forecast of \$80, and that a spike as high as \$200 a barrel is possible in case of a major supply

disruption.

Supply is at the heart of soaring prices, said John Moroney, a Texas A&M economics professor who just finished a book on energy production and consumption. He cites production declines in Mexico, an unstable oil industry in Venezuela and possible shrinking production capacity in the Middle East.

"I don't buy the bubble theory," he said.

Many analysts believe the weakness of the dollar is a bigger factor than supply and demand because the soft dollar draws investors worried about inflation into commodities such as oil and

gold.

It also makes commodities less expensive for buyers operating in other currencies.

Many investors see the dollar only heading lower if the Federal Reserve keeps cutting interest rates, which most analyst still expect it to do next week.

Some market-watchers say oil will probably keep rising until demand falls off, which they describe as the market's way of finding fair value for the commodity. For oil, some estimate that price as low as \$60 or \$70 a barrel.

"The fundamentals don't justify anywhere near these prices, even when you factor in geopo-

litical problems," said Michael Lynch, president of Strategic Energy & Economic Research Inc. in Cambridge, Mass.

He expects prices to fall as low as \$80 this year and perhaps as low as \$50 in the next three or four years as more global supply comes on line.

Demand already has begun to wane in the U.S., where fuel prices are causing turmoil in an economy already saddled with recession fears, a housing and credit crisis, and dismal retail sales.

Drivers have begun to cut back on gasoline consumption. Some people

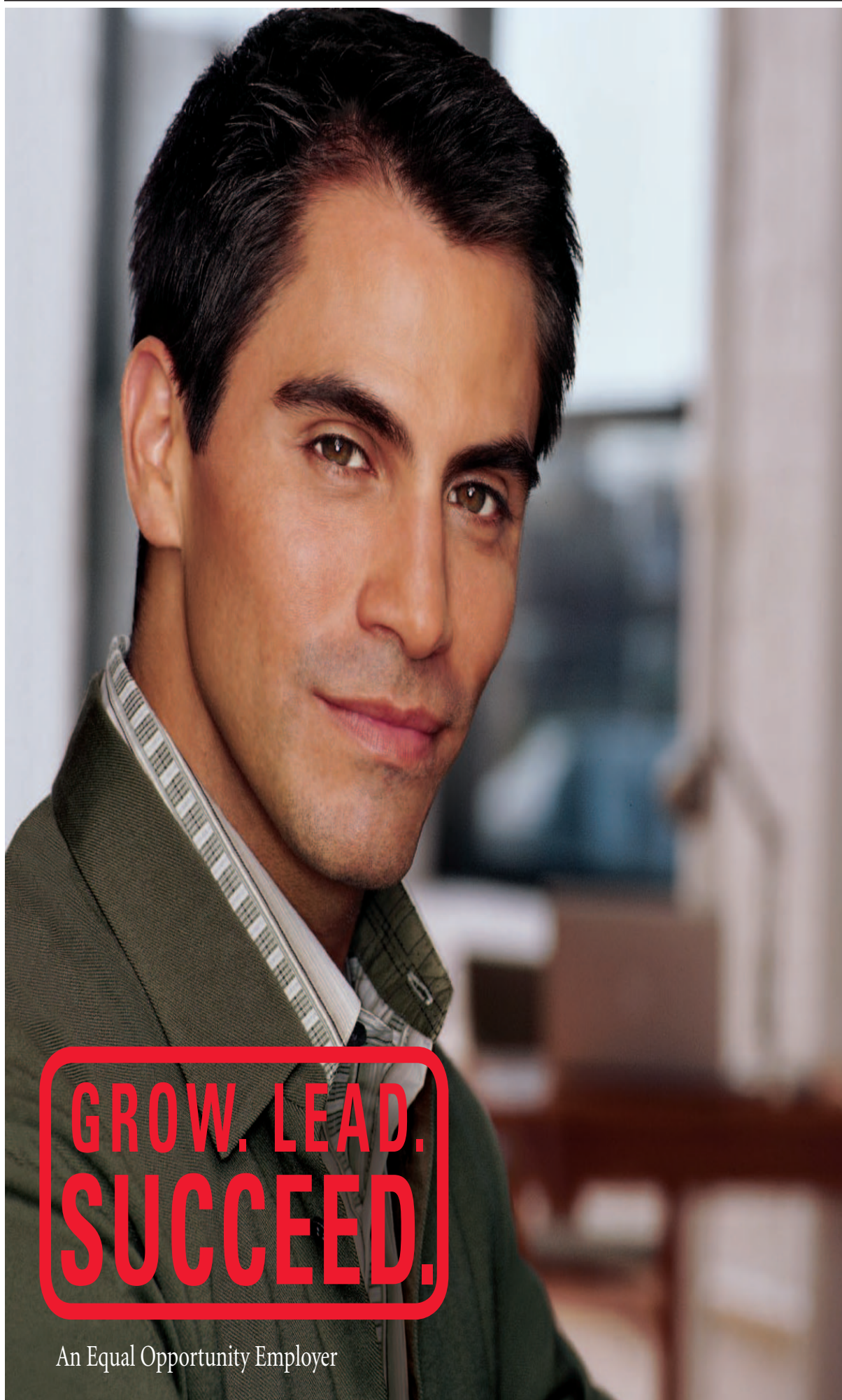
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Airlines tout celebrity chefs to lure travelers

By VICTORIA BRETT

For the Associated Press

First-class airline passengers can say goodbye to mystery meat.

While complimentary meals have all but disappeared for most coach flights, there's a whole new culinary landscape for first class. In the latest effort to lure customers and create buzz, airlines are serving up gourmet menus cooked up by celebrity chefs.

Travelers flying to South America or Japan on United Airlines can feast on award-winning chef Charlie Trotter's appetizer of sauteed prawns and crispy short rib wontons with organic Thai barbecue sauce and chilled sweet-and-sour cucumber relish. Going to Europe on American Airlines? Try the rosemary-scented shrimp drizzled with garlic sauce and served with lemon rice and artichokes.

"Everything has been upgraded," says Stephan Pyles, who is known for his creative Southwestern cuisine and has signed on as one of American's three culinary celebrities. "Just as the customer in a restaurant has become more sophisticated, refined and demanding in terms of their food, that demand has filtered to the airlines."

For Delta, hot Miami chef Michelle Bernstein came up with entrees such as roasted chicken breast with goat cheese and pepper pesto crust served with polenta and ratatouille. Pair that with a wine picked out by the airline's sommelier or shake it up with a "Mile High" mojito from Rande



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Food preparation employee Kim Willens pulls a tray of chicken from the oven inside the Delta Airlines Gate Gourmet facility at the Cincinnati Northern Kentucky International Airport. In the latest effort to lure customers and create buzz, airlines such as Delta, American, Continental and United are serving up gourmet menus dreamed up by a bevy of celebrity chefs.

Gerber's signature cocktail menu.

"Shaking the cocktails in the aisle, it's a very exciting and cool part of the atmosphere of the aircraft," says Jake Frank, Delta's Director of Product Development and Delivery.

For those stuck in coach, on the other hand, an airline somelier might sound like a punchline.

Thanks to financial pressures that began with the 2001 terrorist attacks and have only worsened as fuel prices have soared, complimentary coach meals have become an endangered species. Continental is the only major U.S. airline that still offers complimentary meals — designed by their "Congress of Chefs" — in economy class for

domestic travel.

While most of the gourmet action is in first class, Delta Air Lines enlisted celebrity chef Todd English to design its fee-based coach meals — a chicken bistro salad with goat cheese crostini and organic spinach for \$8 — available on certain flights longer than 2 1/2 hours.

"There is no question that competition is fierce in this industry and we are looking for ways to differentiate," says Frank. "People will choose to come back with us, creating repeat business and loyalty."

Preparing and presenting airline food still has its challenges that even celebrity chefs can't alter.

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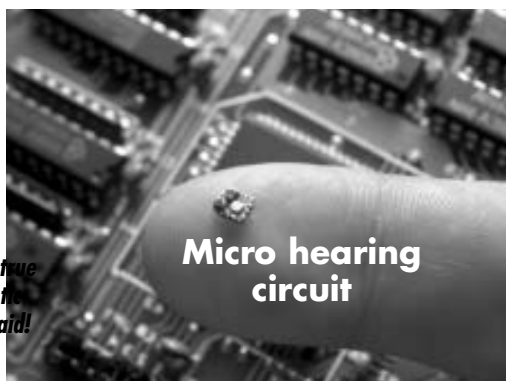


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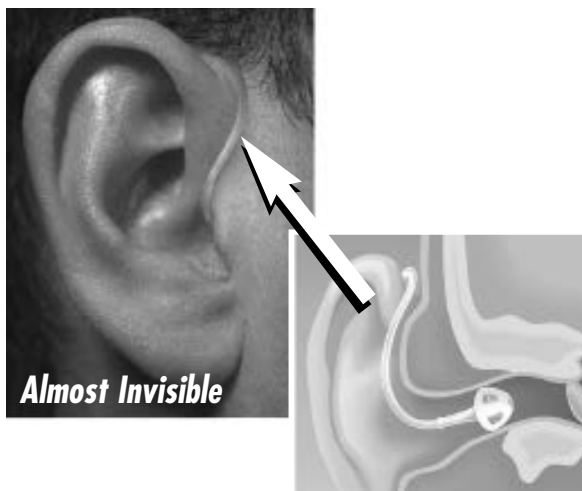


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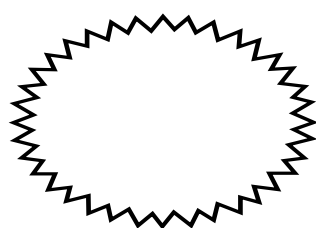
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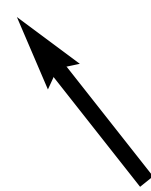
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Perry seeks ethanol waiver

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry on Friday sought a 50 percent waiver from the federal renewable fuels standard for ethanol derived from grain, citing high food costs as his motive.

Perry's office on Friday sent a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seeking the waiver for ethanol production from grain.

In a news release, Perry said he sees the mandate as well-intentioned but thinks it's adversely affecting Texans at the grocery store. A waiver is the "best, quickest way" to help reduce food costs.

"We appreciate the good intentions behind the push for renewable fuels," Perry said in the release. "In fact we're diversifying our state's energy portfolio at a rapid rate, but this misguided mandate is significantly affecting Texans' family food bill."

The Renewable Fuels Association, based in Washington, D.C., opposed Perry's request, saying a reduction of ethanol use will not "appreciably" affect grain prices for livestock producers or food processors in Texas.

More than half the gasoline sold in the U.S. is blended with ethanol.

Replacing the 4.5 billion gallons of fuel that would result if Perry's waiver is granted would cost Americans across the country, association president Bob Dinneen said in a release.

"Given that America's gasoline refiners continue to run their refineries at far below capacity and oil prices show no signs of abating, it rapidly becomes clear that removing this volume of ethanol would send gasoline and diesel prices far higher than we are seeing today," he said. "In other words, Gov. Perry's approach is a surefire way to guarantee even higher gasoline prices."

One agriculture group, though, backed Perry's waiver request.

"It has been extremely costly to our industry and we are currently facing a cutback in broilers of 5 percent," said James Grimm, executive vice president of the Texas Poultry Federation. "People need to know how their food prices are being affected."

Officials at the National Sorghum Producers and the Texas Farm Bureau disagreed with Perry and the poultry group. The farm bureau called the governor's request "misguided" and "misleading at best."

Results of a Texas A&M University study released earlier this month indicate a total waiver of the mandate would reduce corn prices by only 30 cents a bushel — a 5 percent to 8 percent decrease based on current prices, the bureau release states.

Founder of Hindu temple charged

AUSTIN (AP) — The founder of the Barsana Dham Hindu temple in Hays County has been arrested in Washington, D.C., and charged with 20 counts of indecency with a child.

Prakashanand Saraswati, 78, was taken into custody by the U.S. Marshals Service on Thursday afternoon at Dulles Airport and was being held in Alexandria, Va., according to the Hays County sheriff's office.

"He's waived extradition, and arrangements are being made to bring him back to Hays County," sheriff's office spokesman Leroy Opiela was quoted as saying in an Austin American-

Statesman online report Friday.

The charges stem from an investigation that began in August, sheriff's officials said.

According to his indictment, Saraswati, known as "Shree Swamiji" to his followers, is accused of groping two girls who were under age of 17 at the time on several occasions between 1993 and 1996.

In a statement, the temple described the allegations as "groundless."

"Shree Swamiji has dedicated his entire life to serving humanity and upholding the tenets of our faith. No one who knows him would ever believe he would do anything such as this," the statement read.

The Barsana Dham center is located in a rural part of Hays County on the outskirts of Austin. Society members have been living at the 200-acre ashram, or spiritual retreat center, since 1990, practicing Saraswati's philosophy of "divine love consciousness" based on ancient texts common to Hinduism.

Lambert cleared; accuser jailed

TYLER (AP) — The woman who accused country singer Miranda Lambert of pushing and cursing her was arrested Friday for making a false report to a peace officer, authorities said.

Aisha Esbay, the woman who made the allegation, was taken to the Smith County Jail. Bond information was not immediately available and it was unclear if she had an attorney.

Smith County Sheriff's Lt. Larry Wiginton said investigators doubted Esbay's claims after interviewing witnesses.

"Nobody except for her and her mom said it happened that way," Wiginton said. "Everybody else that was there, people said it just didn't happen that way."

Esbay claimed the incident occurred when she approached Lambert at a Tyler club Saturday to ask for a photo for a friend. She said the singer allegedly snubbed her and treated someone else in Esbay's party poorly.

"I walked back over there to tell Miranda that she shouldn't treat her fans like that and she jumped up and started cussing me saying I was in the VIP section and needed to go back with the other trailer trash," Esbay previously told the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

Esbay added that Lambert then shoved her two times, pushing her backward.

"I caught myself on the stool and was just like OK, so I turned around and she shoved me two more times as she let the cuss words fly," she told the newspaper.

Before she was arrested, Esbay told KLTV that she had no reason to lie and hoped the truth would come out.

News organizations sue Web sites

HOUSTON (AP) — Several newspapers and The Associated Press filed suit Friday against the operator of a collection of Web sites, alleging "wholesale misappropriation" of their news content that infringes on their copyright.

The suit, filed in Houston federal court, names the Police News Publishing Co., Breck Porter and six affiliated Web sites as defendants.

Plaintiffs in addition to the AP include the Houston Chronicle, The Beaumont Enterprise, the San Antonio Express-News and its owner, The Hearst Corp., The Galveston County Daily News, The

Brazosport Facts, The Baytown Sun and The Tribune of Bay City.

The AP and the newspapers seek a permanent injunction preventing the Police News and Porter from displaying news content produced by the newspapers and the wire service. The suit identifies Porter, of Galveston, as the editor of the various Web sites.

"Police News profits from its unautho-

rized taking of others' intellectual property and has persisted in this business model despite repeated requests to stop," said Jonathan Donnellan, attorney for the news organizations. "This free-riding must come to an end."

The suit alleges that Porter has accessed the news content without authorization and posted it on his Web sites, where advertising appears.



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have taken to riding bikes to work or organizing car pools. The sale of gas-electric hybrid vehicles is up. Larger trucks and sport utility vehicles are selling slowly.

It's unclear how much a drop in oil prices could reduce gasoline prices. The prices do not always move together because they are subject to separate supply and demand forces. While oil prices have risen 80 percent in a year, gas prices climbed only 24 percent.

Trying to predict where prices are headed has devolved into a guessing game, some analysts said.

Two weeks ago, the Energy Department acknowledged "significant uncertainty" in its

oil price projections, noting the threat of supply disruptions in oil-producing nations, unusual weather or refinery outages.

The major oil companies began reporting earnings for the first three months of the year this week, with ConocoPhillips saying it earned more than \$4 billion, up 17 percent from a year ago. Exxon Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp. are scheduled to report earnings Thursday and Friday.

The higher prices have allowed companies to extract oil from sources too expensive to tap only a few years ago, like the Canadian oil sands and deepwater sites in the Gulf of Mexico, said Gary Adams, who heads the U.S. oil and gas practice for Deloitte & Touche

USA LLP. He expects the price of oil to settle at around \$90 to \$100 a barrel in the coming months.

Even if oil prices fall back to \$60 or \$70 a barrel, "the capacity of those businesses to do well and fund major projects will continue," said analyst Bernard Picchi of securities firm Wall Street Access. "These are great storehouses of value, and I don't think anyone can take that from them right now."

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Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. at the Sterling Cattle Company headquarters on Highway 350. The workshop and tour is free to the public. Breakfast and a barbecue lunch will also be provided at no charge.

All registered participants will receive informative materials from the workshop and tour. Those participating can earn six Continuing Education Units (CEUs). Certified professionals in rangeland management will also earn six CEUs through the Society for

Range Management. The morning session will be conducted on the ranch and will include a presentation by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) on mechanical brush control planning information and implementation utilizing Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and ArcGIS software technologies for wildlife and livestock benefits.

Jimmy Sterling, owner of Sterling Cattle Co., will discuss grazing land mechanical treatment and reseeding. There will also be a demonstration of mechanical brush control equipment by Warren CAT. Other speakers will include Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife spe-

cialist; Dr. Allan McGinty, Extension range specialist; Dr. Ron Sosebee, Texas Tech University, and Charles Anderson, NRCS, rangeland management specialist.

Some additional topics to be discussed will be plant treatment (IPT) of brush species, wildlife management and grazing management.

Following the morning session, lunch will be provided at Dunn Right BBQ in Dunn.

Afternoon speakers will include J.R. Bell, Dupont representative; Mark Bills, Texas Department of Agriculture; Charles Anderson, NRCS rangeland management specialist; Dr. Allan McGinty, Extension range special-

ist; and Eddy Spurgin, NRCS district conservationist, Big Spring field office.

Rangeland experts will present information on weed control options,

chemical laws and regulations, aerial application of herbicides, and USDA Farm Bill Programs.

Officials said the workshop is full; however, there may be some last-

minute cancellations. If you are interested in attending, call the USDA-NRCS office in Big Spring, at (432) 267-1871 and ask about availability.

CHEFS

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Airline meals are prepared cafeteria-style hours before they are served, and food 30,000 feet in the air doesn't behave the same way it does on the ground.

"Just because the food is gorgeous and delicious in a restaurant doesn't mean it will be that way in the plane," says Bill Oliver, vice president of the Boyd Group Inc., an aviation consulting firm.

Travelers seem to agree. Web sites dedicated to user reviews of airlines abound with tales of disappointing food.

"Although it sounded promising, this meal tasted as if it was prepared last month," one first-class passenger traveling from Atlanta to Zurich wrote on AirguideOnline.com.

Others, however, have seen more promise. "This was probably the best meal I've had in an airplane," a business-class flyer going from Newark to Honolulu wrote. "The steak, though slightly overcooked, was tender and juicy, the vegetables were fine, the risotto cake was delicious, and the sauce accented the meal nicely."

If it's not quite restaurant quality, don't blame the chefs. Aircraft pressurization can make food dry and flavorless, says Guillaume de Syon, a history professor at Allegheny College who has written about the history of airline food. Pressurization can affect passengers, too.

"Your taste buds change, your breathing changes, you get stuffed up and it affects how things taste. You become very thirsty and people tend to drink alcohol, when they should be drinking water," de Syon says.

And while the meals are designed by a celebrity chef, they certainly aren't made by them. The thousands of meals served each day are prepared at airport catering companies like LSG SkyChefs or Gate Gourmet.

US Airways and Northwest decided not to join the celebrity chef trend. Instead, US Airways announced last fall it has upgraded its first class and fee-based coach menus to provide healthier and better quality food.

"We don't think that customers really care who 'designed' their meals or that they choose which airline they're going to fly because of the celebrity chef. They just want the meals to taste good," US Airways spokeswoman Valerie Wunder explained in an e-mail.

This isn't the first time

airlines have turned to celebrity chefs to dazzle passengers — the trend has come and gone

through the decades, Oliver says. Opting out may be a smart money-saving move for airlines.

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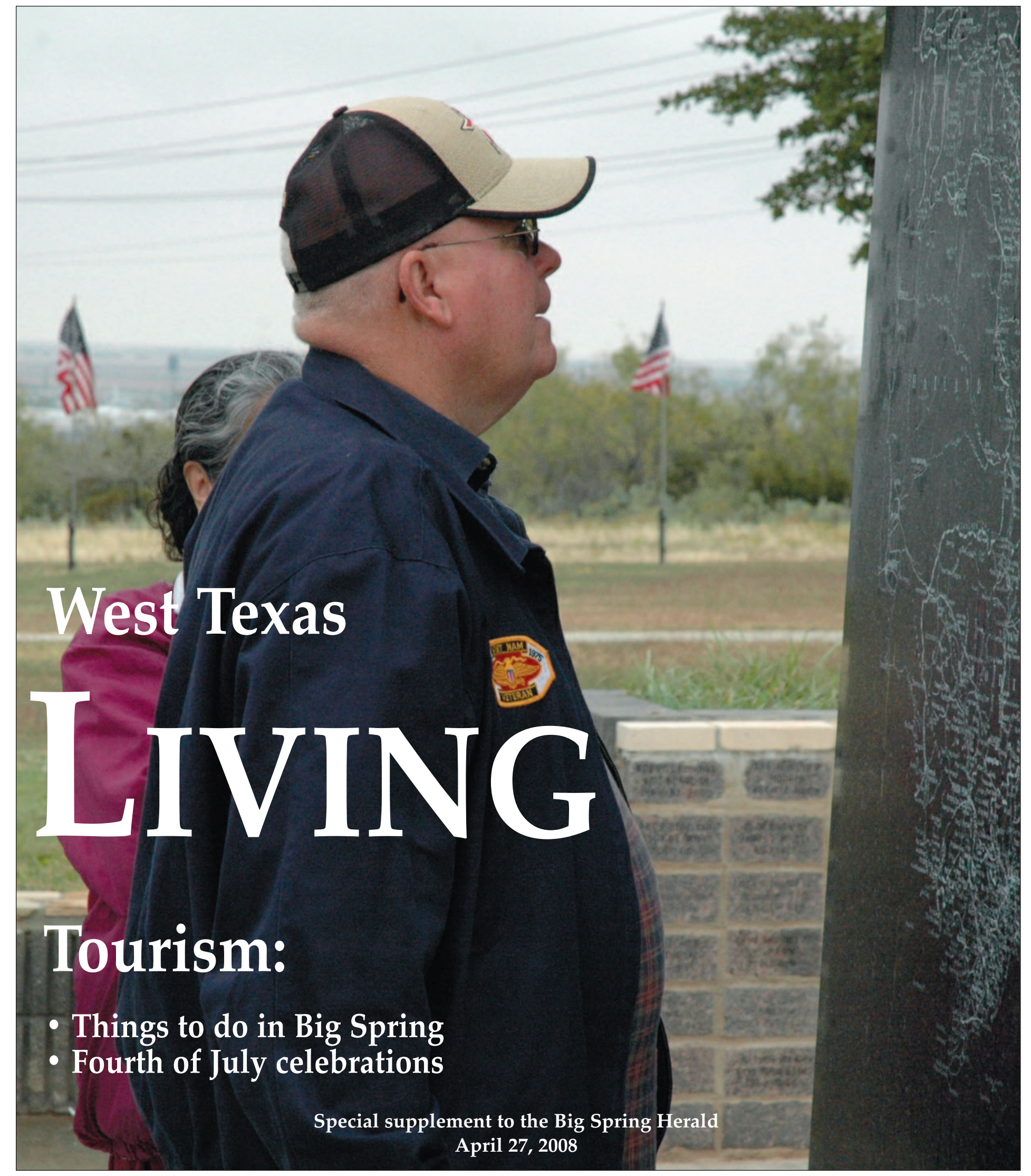
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Big Spring has great parks and recreational facilities, including the Comanche Trail Park, a city-maintained facility that is home to the original big spring for which the city was founded, and named. The park also has a swimming pool, the Comanche Trail Amphitheater, a play scape, the Kids Zone which is a playground created entirely through volunteer efforts, a softball field and a designated area for model air plane fly-ins.



The Big Spring Prospectors Club's annual Gem and Mineral show draws participants from throughout the Southwest and provides shoppers with thousands of unique items to choose from.

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The Big Spring State Park atop 200-foot-tall Scenic Mountain is one location that provides a glimpse of the entire area, and at night offers a breath-taking view of the city and a 60-mile radius of the area. A six-mile winding road, a 4,000 pound retaining wall and a top-of-the-mountain pavilion were constructed in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. An enclosed prairie dog town may be found just inside the park's entrance. Camp sites are available in the park and a nominal fee is charged to enter.

For museums, Big Spring offers the Potton House, a historic home built of sandstone in 1901 that is filled with period furniture, and the Heritage Museum, which boast the biggest longhorn exhibit in the world. Hangar 25 is another unique attraction in Big Spring, where United States Air Force and aircraft memorabilia are available for viewing.

The Big Spring Vietnam Memorial is an attraction that

offers visitors a chance to view a Huey helicopter, a tank, an AH-1 "Cobra" attack helicopter and a F-14 Phantom II jet, along with a special chapel, all located in the memorial.

In March the annual Gem and Mineral Show fills the Howard County Fairbarns, and the annual Ag Expo and Garden Show fills the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Big Spring Symphony always has its fourth and final subscription concert performance of the year in April. Also, the annual Kennel Club Dog Show is held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Other events during the month include the Health Fair and the annual "Master the Mountain" fun run and walk at Big Spring State Park.

In August, the Howard County Fair is set in the Fairbarns, featuring a carnival, arts and crafts, food vendors and traditional fair events and entries such as cooking, sewing and art contests. August is also the time for what have become annual hang gliding championship competitions at McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark.

September in Big Spring opens with the oldest consecutive rod



Runners take part in the Master the Mountain Fun Run/Walk

run, the Early Cars of Big Spring. Owners of vintage and antique automobiles from around the southwest travel to Big Spring to display their cars and to enter the different prizes awarded each year.

Big Spring State Park also offers the annual Harvest Saturday in September, a chance for camp-fire story telling and pumpkin gathering.

And December in Big Spring is nothing short of a month-long cel-

ebration of the yuletide, beginning with the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade, now in it's 21st year; and continuing with the the First Methodist Church's Living Christmas Tree; "The Symphony is Christmas" or "The Nutcracker" performed by the Big Spring Symphony; Community of Hope First Church of the Nazarene's annual Drive-Through Nativity; and each night the brilliant display of the Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park.

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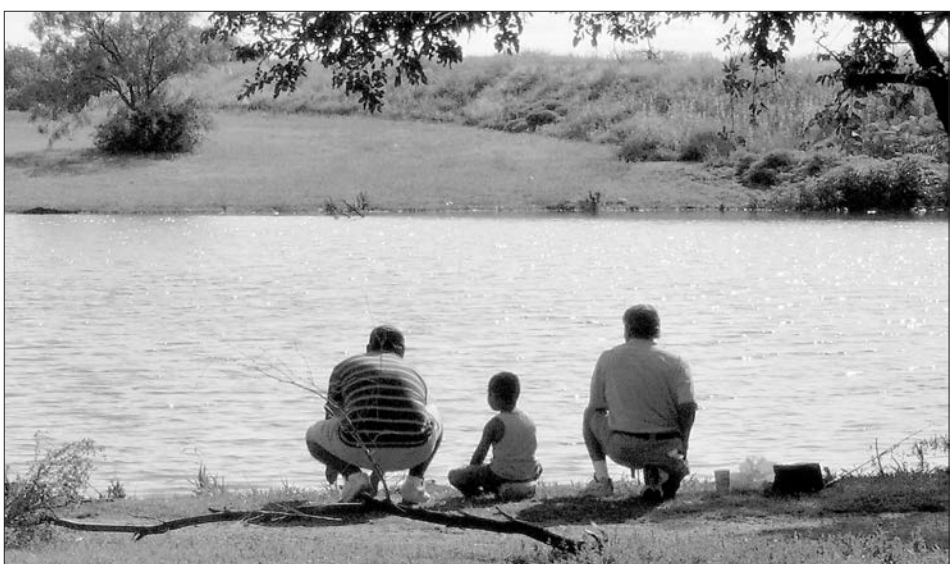
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- Alzheimer's Memory walk
- American Heart Association Gala
- Amphitheater (Misc Events)
- Anacronisum Club
- Animal Shelter Auction and Dinner
- Antique Shopping
- Antique Auto Show
- Around the World in 80 Bites at Heritage Museum.
- Arts and Crafts show (Spring and Fall)
- Auditorium Functions
- Bicycle Races
- Big John's Bar-B-Q (Big Spring Historic BBQ — where Dallas citizens love to eat)
- Big Spring Cowboy Rodeo and Reunion
- Bird Refuge/Watching
- Boating
- Bowling
- Boy Scouts
- Brenda's (Among the best burgers in Texas, according to Texas Monthly Magazine)
- Carnival
- Cars, Stars & Handlebars fundraiser
- Chamber of Commerce
- Annual Banquet
- Christmas Open Houses
- Christmas Parade
- Cinco de Mayo
- Citizens Police Academy
- Comanche Trail Park
- Compost School
- Cowboy Poetry & Award Celebration Cookout.
- Diabetes Walk.
- Diez Y Ses de Septiembre
- Dirt Bike Trails
- Disc Golf
- Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
- Festival of Lights (Approx one million lights at Christmas in the park)
- Fishing
- Flight School
- Funtastic Fourth (July 4th celebration)
- Gem and Mineral Show
- Girl Scouts
- Gold Hill Mine
- Golf
- Hang Gliding
- Championship Events
- Hangar 25 Air Museum
- Harvest Hayride Saturday on the State Park
- Health Fair
- Heart Run
- Heritage Museum
- Hispanic Heritage Celebrations
- Historic Big Spring
- Horseback Riding
- Howard Collage Baseball
- Howard Collage Hawk Basketball
- Howard Collage Rodeo
- Howard College Goat Show
- Howard Collage Theater
- Department Productions
- Howard County Fair
- Howard County Historical Society
- Hunting
- Indoor Electric Fly In
- Jet Skiing
- Job Shadowing
- Job Fair
- Juneteenth
- Keep Big Spring Beautiful
- Waste in Place.
- Kid's Zone Playground
- Laser Light Show
- Lawnmower Races .
- Leadership Big Spring.
- Line Dancing
- Living Christmas Tree.
- Lo-Rider Club
- Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Day
- Master the Mountain Fun Run
- Master Gardner's Organization and Training
- Miniature Golf
- Miracle Mile Run for St Jude's Children Hospital
- Model Aircraft Annual Fly In
- Model Aircraft Fly In at the lake
- Motor Cross Trails
- Musical Review
- Mustang Draw
- Woodcarvers Club
- National Day of Prayer
- Neighborhood 4th of July Parade (held annually)
- Old Settlers Reunion



- Outdoor Concerts
- Paint Ball Sport
- Plays by the High School
- Drama Dept .
- Pops In the Park (July 4th Celebration)
- Potter House Museum
- Pow Wow Celebration
- Prairie Dog Fly In
- Prairie Dog Town
- Putt Putt Golf
- Quilting Club
- Railroad Plaza
- Railroad Museum
- R.V. Camping at Moss Creek Lake
- Rattlesnake Round-up
- Relay For Life (American Cancer Society Event)
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program Activities (Many)
- Rodeo
- Sacred Heart Festival .
- Sheriff Posse
- Silver Wings Ball
- Skeet Shooting
- Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf
- St. Thomas Festival .
- Stampede (Jody Nix and Country Western Band)
- Stargazing Party (Big Spring State Park)
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- Water Skiing



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Fourth of July: Community's events make Howard County place to be

Nobody, and we do mean nobody, does the Fourth of July like Big Spring! While Independence Day celebrations are held all over the country, spectacles like parades and fireworks displays awaken feelings of pride and patriotism all over Howard County.

This is evident each year when Coahoma stages its annual Fourth of July parade and when residents of the Highland South neighborhood show their Independence Day spirit when they hold a parade for their youngsters and others in the community.

However, the focal point of local Independence Day celebrations each year is the "Pops in the Park" extravaganza, always staged on July 3. It features the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus and a fireworks show at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

The celebration is actually the hard work and planning of a great many local residents who form the



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Fourth of July Foundation Committee.

And this year's celebration figures to be the grandest ever with organizers again increasing the fireworks show and their music budget, as well.

The members of the committee begin their work in earnest on each year's show in January. One of the committee's main focuses is raising the almost \$40,000 needed to stage the event.

Last year, Pops in the Park was presented by the *Big Spring Herald*, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the Big Spring Symphony, the city of Big Spring, Fiberod, KBST Radio, KBYG Radio and The Click Ranch.

Major corporate sponsors for the show included "Stars and Stripes" donors H-E-B, Robinson Drilling and Fiber Glass Systems; "Texas Star" sponsor Wal-Mart; and "Rocket" donors Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Medicine Center Pharmacy, Cornell Companies, Alon USA and the Worthy Company.

In 2007, the event not only included the symphony and chorus' performance, but also a well-received performance by the local

band Los Greengos, and this year's opening act will be Vocal Trash.

As the evening progresses, the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale, under director Keith Graumann begin their concert of patriotic music.

As many as 20,000 people will be enjoying the music and fireworks display. People not only fill the amphitheater, but also cluster in other areas of the park and countless others line up along both sides of U.S. Highway 87 to watch the night sky light up in a dazzling array of colors. As in years past, KBST radio broadcasts the production, allowing those outside the amphitheater to still enjoy the symphony and chorus' renditions while viewing the fireworks display. And KBYG will again broadcast the show in Spanish.

Fourth of July Foundation president Jan Hansen said there is always a continuing effort to make the event even better.

"This isn't something we put together in just a few days. It's an ongoing effort," she explained. "We'll begin work on the 2009 show the minute this year's concert is finished. We'll still be paying some of the bills from this

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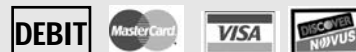
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year's show, but we'll already be planning on what we need to have for the next one."

Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. What's more, they make it possible for the organizing committee to make it a free concert.

"It is the entire community's celebration," noted Hansen. "It's an evening to gather with friends and family at the park and join your neighbors in celebrating the best nation on earth."

The symphony and chorale's patriotic music program has not yet been finalized for this year, but can be expected to include many of the works performed during previous shows. They have included "Fanfare to the Common Man," "Washington Post March," "To the Colors," "The Pledge of Allegiance," "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Armed Forces Salute," "The Liberty Bell March," "Light Cavalry Overture," "A Choral Portrait," "Promise of Living, from the Tender Land," and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Selections for the fireworks display will be "Hoe-down from Rodeo," "An American Salute," "This Is My Country," "America," "America the Beautiful," "God Bless America," "The Star-Spangled Banner," "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Stars and Stripes Forever" and "1812 Overture."

"We really feel like this celebration has always offered something for virtually everyone," Hansen noted. "With our nation still at war, we feel like it's just that much more important that we celebrate the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. We want to invite everyone in the community to again be a part of the event this



year and help us celebrate our nation's birthday."

With a start like that, obviously Big Spring and Howard County are clearly the place when celebrating the Fourth of July.

Following the Thursday night concert this year, Coahoma and the Highland South neighborhood will stage their parades on Friday.

On top of that, Big Spring's Downtown Revitalization Association (DRA) will be staging its fifth annual Funtastic Fourth celebration that will feature music, arts and crafts vendors, a variety of games and plenty of good food.

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