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11 nabbed in drug sting

Police say crack cocaine, marijuana was being sold out of residence

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Eleven Big Spring residents are facing criminal drug charges after being arrested as part of a sting operation Friday night.

As the result of a four-week investigation, Big Spring Police

Department narcotics officers and SORT team members executed a search warrant at 710 E. 15th St. at about 7 p.m. Friday.

Inside the residence, officers discovered quantities of crack cocaine and marijuana, along with more than \$5,000 in cash.

The following people, all of Big

Spring, were arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance over 4 grams and under 200 grams:

- Corey Lee Harris, 27.
- Ray Carl McGee Jr., 31.
- Alisha Fay McGee, 29.
- Angela Ann McGee, 25.
- Jennifer Deleon, 20.

- Salena Marie Taylor, 28.
 - Terrance Dasean Clemons, 19.
 - David Terrel Ward, 17.
 - James Parker, 27.
 - Christi Coker Grant, 38.
- Another person, James Paul Baty, 41, was arrested outside the residence and charged with

possession of drug paraphernalia. Child Protective Services personnel were called to care for two small children at the residence.

Officials said the residence had been under surveillance for

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WEEKEND FUN



HERALD photos/Steve Reagan

Clockwise, from above: Pablo Ramos, left, and Tony Martinez of the musical group Sierra perform during the Cinco de Mayo celebration held Friday and Saturday in the Heart of the City Park; JJ, a Pomeranian, is given a final inspection by Chelsea Valles at the Big Spring Kennel Club's annual Dog Show in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The show continues through Sunday; participants pass the start line during Saturday's Fun Walk in Comanche Trail Park. The event was sponsored by West Texas Centers for MHMR.



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Tree planting takes a personal turn

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Comanche Trail Park got a new addition this past week, as Keep Big Spring Beautiful teamed up with the city of Big Spring's Memorial Tree program to add a tree to the new Dana Duncan portion of the park.

Set just to the right of the historical spring's observation deck, Big Spring City



McDonald

Councilwoman Gloria McDonald said the new designation in the park has a very personal meaning for her and her family.

"In 2006, the mayor asked the city council if it would agree to name an area of the park after Dana Duncan

— my son — following his death," said McDonald. "The council agreed unanimously. At the discretion of the city crews, we picked this area (near the spring) because we're not going to make a lot of modifications, just plant some more trees and put in some benches. It's just for the pleasure of the people to sit and watch. We're not planning any kind of shelter or

anything like that."

The tree planted was provided through the city's Memorial Tree program, which allows area residents to purchase a tree to be placed in one of the local parks in honor of a loved one.

"This was made possible by Keep Big Spring Beautiful," said McDonald. "I simply

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IN BRIEF

Local high school baseball and softball playoffs schedule

FRIDAY REGIONAL QUARTERS
Forsan softball vs. Marfa in Crane playing a best-of-three series. Game 1 is at 6 p.m. Friday. Game 2 is at 2 p.m. Saturday with a third game, if needed, occurring 30 minutes following the second game.

Coahoma softball vs. the winner of Coleman or Kermit. Time, date and place TBA.

Relay for Life ragball tourney scheduled May 10-11

The Yellow Dogs are sponsoring a Relay For Life Ragball Tournament at Lady Steer Softball Field May 10-11.

Registration is Friday at 7 p.m. at the field. The first game will be played at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Cost is \$10 a person with teams made up of five girls and five boys.

For more information, call Angel at 264-4108.

Forsan High School All-Sports Banquet set for May 12

Forsan High School has scheduled its annual All-Sports Banquet for 7 p.m. May 12th at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in the high school office. High school athletes do not require a ticket.

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-flight-ed 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.

Call Sports Editor Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, ext. 237, to submit a sports brief for e-mail him at sports@big-spring-herald.com.

Bulldogettes blast Blanco, 5-1, win area

Herald Staff Report

COAHOMA — Take note that if Coahoma's Bulldogettes make a record 10th trip to the state softball tournament in Austin again, their postseason quest started in Coleman with a 5-1 victory over Blanco's Lady Panthers.

The Bulldogettes claim an area championship with the victory and advance to play the winner of a best-of-three series between Coleman and Kermit, which concluded Saturday.

Friday's win over the Lady Panthers closely mirrored Coahoma's two victories over Blanco at this point last year in the playoffs. Coahoma swept a best-of-three series from the Lady Panthers, winning 4-1 and 3-0.

Blanco continued to struggle against Coahoma pitcher Heather Newton in this year's version of the two squads postseason matchup. Newton pitched a complete game to earn the win, giving up one earned run on three hits while striking out six batters.

Offensively, the Bulldogettes were led by Krista Kerby. The senior outfielder went 4-for-4 at the plate with a double, scoring two runs and knocking two more home. KaySea Spiller also had two RBIs on a double.

Blanco pitcher Sarah Isenberg was the only Lady Panther to earn an RBI. Already trailing 5-0 heading into the bottom of the third inning, Samantha Ruiz reached based after being hit by a Newton pitch. Isenberg knocked in Ruiz with a two-out double, breaking

Newton's hopes of a shutout.

However, other than that hit, Newton proved close to unsolvable for the Lady Panthers.

Coahoma improves its record to 27-9 while Blanco bows out of the playoffs with a 17-12 season mark.

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W — Heather Newton. L — Sara Isenberg. 2B: CHS — Newton, Krista Kerby, KaySea Spiller; BHS — Isenberg. RBI: CHS — Kerby 2, Spiller 2, Laci Sterling; BHS — Isenberg.

Ballinger bullies Bulldogs

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

SNYDER — Coahoma's Bulldogs knew coming into the Class 2A baseball tournament that if they had a strength it was their depth on the mound.

That belief could be tested early as Ballinger's Bearcats defeated the Bulldogs 7-4 in Game 1 of a best-of-three series.

Thanks to some cold hitting at the plate combined with a masterful pitching performance by Ballinger hurler Derek Dallas — 10 strikeouts in seven innings pitched, allowing five hits and 5 walks in the complete game victory — the Bulldogs are forced to rely on that depth if they are to advance into the second round.

"We just came out cold," Bulldogs Head Coach Brad Harman said. "I can't take away from the job their pitcher did. He did a great job. He has three pitches and he did a real good job of mixing it up."

The Bearcats struck in the top of the second when Manuel Pena led off the inning with a blast over the left field fence, giving Ballinger the 1-0 lead.

Dallas took over from there, retiring 15 of the next 18 batters and carrying a no hitter into the fifth inning before Josh Paniagua dinked a shot over the second baseman's head for the first Bulldogs' hit of the day.

By then, however, the Bearcats had timed Coahoma starter Donnie Garcia scoring four runs in the top of the fifth on four hits with the big shot being a three-run double by Pena.

"I really thought Donnie did a good job for us today," Harman said. "He kept us in it and battled, but errors in the field really hurt us." Garcia ended the contest with six innings pitched, giving up five runs on eight hits while recording eight strikeouts.

The Bearcats scored two more in the top of the seventh off of reliever Ray Guitierrez on a single to center by Phillip Lopez.

The Bulldogs offense finally showed signs of life in the bottom of the seventh, scoring two runs on three hits.

Garcia, 2-for-4 with three RBIs delivered the big blow of the inning — a double to center — driving in three runs.

That was to be as close as the Bulldogs got as Dallas induced a fly ball to center field by

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Big Spring's Kelly Sage pitches in action from the Lady Steers bi-district round victory April 25 in Lubbock. Sage threw a no-hitter Friday as the Lady Steers pounded No. 17 Canutillo, 16-0, in the first game of a Class 4A best-of-three area playoff series in Artesia, N.M.

Sage tosses no-hitter in Lady Steers' win

Herald Staff Report

ARTESIA, N.M. — Canutillo's Lady Eagles have considered the past two softball seasons as milestone years. Last year, they made the playoffs for the first time. This season, the Lady Eagles won their district for the first time in school history, finishing with 20-5 overall record and a No. 17 state ranking from the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

In contrast, the Big Spring Lady Steers came into the Class 4A best-of-three area playoff series with a 15-23 overall record and a third-place finish in District 4-4A. However, the Lady Steers were fresh off a dominant showing in the bi-district round of the playoffs, where they swept the first two games of a best-of-three series from Canyon Randall, 6-1 and 5-3.

Big Spring's postseason dominance jumped to another level Friday night

as the Lady Steers pummeled Canutillo, 16-0. Kelly Sage picked up the win, tossing a no-hitter in the process. Sage struck out 10 batters and only one Lady Eagles' runner reached base via a throwing error.

"Kelly has been getting stronger every time she goes out to the pitcher's circle," Lady Steers Assistant

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Forsan Lady Buffaloes center fielder Sandi Golleher hits a triple in the third inning of the Lady Buffs 15-0 win over Hamlin in a Class A area playoff game played Friday at Western Texas College in Snyder.

Forsan run-rules and shuts out Hamlin, 15-0

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

SNYDER — For two innings, Forsan's Lady Buffaloes and Hamlin's Lady Pipers appeared to be involved in a slow, grueling pitcher's duel.

The Lady Buffs led 1-0 after two, taking an hour to get to that point as neither team could find a nice flow at the plate, in the field or the pitcher's circle.

However, Forsan finally erupted in the bottom of the third for 12 runs as the Lady Buffs sent 17 batters to the plate in the inning en route to a 15-0 victory.

"I think we finally got our timing down in the third," Forsan Head Coach Shanna Roberts said. "We struggled early, but we finally timed the pitcher and started hitting the ball. After we got a few hits and scored some runs, Hamlin really broke down defensively and started helping up score."

Four Forsan runners had scored by the time Hamlin recorded the first out of the inning. However, the bases were left loaded even with one out.

Center fielder Sandi Golleher quickly emptied the bases, making her only hit of the afternoon pay big dividends.

Golleher hit a grounder that found its way past Hamlin's second baseman and shot between the right and center fielders. She ended up on third as Kaela Strickland, Miranda Park and Haylie Burleson scored, giving Forsan an 8-0 lead.

The Lady Buffs scored four more runs before the Lady Pipers could record the second out of the frame and added one more before Hamlin retired the side. All but one Lady Buff scored in the inning and Alyx Pappajohn, Amanda Longorio, Kelsey Jones and Park each scored twice in the frame.

The Lady Buffs added two more in the fourth, when Longorio knocked in Shelby Jones with a triple and later scored on a bunt by Shelby's twin sister Kelsey.

Hamlin made one considerable threat to score, loading the bases with two outs on three consecutive walks by Forsan starter Longorio. However, the Lady Buffs' hurler recorded her third strikeout of the inning, ending any Lady Pipers' threat.

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A Fiesta of Flavor!

FAMILY FEATURES

This Cinco de Mayo, gather the whole family together and enjoy a true Mexican fiesta like Mama Ortega would have thrown over 100 years ago. With mariachi music, dancing, piñatas and traditional homemade Mexican meals, Mama's fiestas were always a favorite with family, friends and especially her 13 children!

The flavors and smells of Mama's homemade meals still taste great today, but are easier to create — and more fun to eat! Her legendary meals inspired today's convenient and great tasting Ortega Mexican products. Achieve authentic fiesta flavors by using crisp and crunchy Ortega taco shells made with whole kernel corn, topped with slow simmered Ortega Taco Sauce and authentic fire-roasted green chiles. Ortega's zesty Mexican seasonings and fresh-tasting salsas are perfect for adding flavor to your favorite snack, casserole, dip or soup!

So, gather the family together and enjoy a fiesta of flavors with Ortega. For other great recipe ideas or to learn more about Ortega's line of products, visit www.ortega.com.

Taco Rice and Beans

Prep time: 5 minutes
Start to finish: 15 minutes
Serves 4

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 package (1.25 ounces) Ortega Taco Seasoning Mix
- 1 cup water
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, drained
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 1/4 cup Ortega Thick & Chunky Salsa

In skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion; cook 3 minutes. Add taco seasoning mix and water. Stir until combined and slightly thickened. Add beans, rice and salsa; stir. Cook 5 minutes more or until contents are heated through.

Grilled Margarita Shrimp

Prep time: 40 minutes
Start to finish: 50 minutes
Serves 6

- 1 cup margarita mix
- 1 cup Ortega Taco Sauce, divided
- 2 pounds raw shrimp (21 to 30), peeled and deveined
- 3 tablespoons Ortega Diced Green Chiles

In large bowl, pour margarita mix and 1/2 cup taco sauce over shrimp and toss well. Marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes or up to 2 hours.

Preheat grill until sizzling hot, about 15 minutes. Grill shrimp 4 minutes on each side or until pink.

Combine remaining 1/2 cup taco sauce with green chiles to use as dipping sauce.



Ham and Cheese Quesadillas

Prep time: 10 minutes
Start to finish: 20 minutes
Serves 5

- 1/2 pound cooked ham, diced
- 3/4 cup cream cheese, softened
- Zest of one lime
- 2 green onions, white and green parts, diced
- 1 Ortega Soft Taco Kit — includes 10 soft tortillas, 1 package (1.25 ounces) taco seasoning mix and 1 package (3 ounces) taco sauce
- Cooking spray
- 1 tomato, diced
- 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
- 1/2 cup sour cream

In mixing bowl, combine diced ham, cream cheese, lime zest, green onions and half of taco seasoning packet contained in soft taco kit. Heat large skillet on medium and spray with cooking spray. Spread about 1 teaspoon taco sauce onto a flour tortilla and then spread about 1/4 cup ham/cream cheese mixture on top. Place tortilla-side down onto hot skillet and top with another flour tortilla. Heat about 4 minutes, until bottom of tortilla is browned; spray top of the other tortilla and flip. Cook another 4 minutes and repeat with remaining quesadillas. Cook two at a time if skillet is large enough. Cut into wedges and top with tomato, cilantro and sour cream and serve.

Mexican Meatballs

Prep time: 15 minutes
Start to finish: 30 minutes
Makes about 30 meatballs

- 3 Ortega Yellow Corn Taco Shells
- 1 pound (16 ounces) lean ground beef
- 1 teaspoon Ortega Chili Seasoning Mix
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons Ortega Diced Green Chiles
- 1 bottle (8 ounces) Ortega Taco Sauce
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- Cilantro, finely chopped (optional)

Break taco shells into food processor and pulse several times to create about 1/2 cup taco shell crumbs. Place into large mixing bowl and add ground beef, seasoning mix, egg and green chiles. Mix thoroughly.

Form mixture into 30 (1-inch) meatballs and drop into hot skillet. Cook until they begin to brown. Carefully turn over and continue browning. Add taco sauce. Coat meatballs with sauce and simmer over low heat, uncovered, 10 minutes.

Sprinkle meatballs with cheese and garnish with cilantro, if desired. Serve with toothpicks.



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Obituaries

Latrice Davis



Latrice Davis, 82, of Big Spring, died Thursday, May 1, 2008, at Home Hospice Hospital of Odessa. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 5, 2008, at the East Fourth Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Guy White, retired Baptist minister and the Rev. Keith Weaver, pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

She was born Feb. 10, 1926, in Floyd County and married Earl L. "Dick" Davis on Nov. 20, 1945, in Amarillo. He preceded her in death April 11, 1979.

Latrice had lived in Big Spring since 1945 and was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church where she served as church secretary for more than 50 years. She was a Sunday school teacher and director, having taught all age groups and classes. She was a member and had served as president of the Mighty Oaks. Latrice loved music and sang in the church choir for many years. She was known for her card ministry; sending greeting cards to everyone she knew.

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Carol Davis of Austin; brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Dottie Ellis of Amarillo; brother and sister-in-law, Travis and Peggy Ellis of Amarillo; ; brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Treva Ellis of Amarillo; sister and brother-in-law, Gladys and Weldon Irion of Amarillo; and asister-in-law, Joyce Davis of Waco. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Lynda Carol Davis on Feb. 9, 2005.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Davis Hall Building Fund, East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 410 E. Third St. Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Maureen Karen Lasher



Maureen Karen Lasher, 65, of Big Spring died Thursday, May 1, 2008, at her residence. A Celebration of Life Service will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

Maureen was born May 11, 1942, in Berlin, N.H., to Theo Evelyn and Ralph Edward Martel. She grew up in Gorham, N.H., and had been a resident of Big Spring for the past 10 years, moving from Houston.

Maureen was employed by Malone and Hogan Clinic, Family Medical Center and was a receptionist for the surgery department of the clinic. She was active in Relay For Life and the American Heart Association. Maureen is survived by one son, Michael Lasher and wife Linda Wilhem of Anchorage, Alaska; and three grandchildren, Brittany Walsh of Tulsa, Okla., Breanna Lasher of Fond du Lac, Wis. and Shawn Wilhelm of Pittsburgh, Pa. The family suggests memorials to FMC/SMMC, Relay For Life, 2301 South Gregg, Big Spring 79720. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Virgil 'Preston' Dunbar

Virgil "Preston" Dunbar, 79, former longtime Big Spring resident, died Friday, May 2, 2008, in a Flatonina nursing home. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Monday, May 5, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring.

Support Groups

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) 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.

TUESDAY

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 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.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- KRISTOPHER GARCIA, 19, 1210 Wood, was arrested on two local warrants.
- FELIPE HERNANDEZ, 54, 2707 Hernandez Rd., was arrested on a parole revocation warrant.
- JENNIFER DELEON, 20, 105 N.E. 10th, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- SALENA TAYLOR, 28, 3506 Webb, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ALISHA F. MCGEE, 29, 1200 Wood, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ANGELA MCGEE, 25, no address given, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- CHRISTI C. GRANT, 38, 5621 Midway Rd., was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- JAMES PARKER, 27, 608 Lincoln, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- COREY L. HARRIS, 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- QUINCEY HENRY, 19, 1212 Wadley Ave., was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance and failure to identify a fugitive from justice.
- JAMES P. BATY, 41, 507 Johnson, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- DAVID WARD, 17, 109 N.E. 10th, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- RAY CARL MCGEE, 31, 710 E. 15th, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- DEREK PIERCE, 19, 102 W. 13th, was arrested on a local warrant.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87 and the 700 block of 11th Place.
- GRAFITTI was reported in the 4000 block of Dixon.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of FM 700 (two reports), the 1100 block of Gregg and the 2500 block of Gunter.

Take Note

• Be a Hero Blood Drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday at Coahoma Elementary, in the United Blood Services Bloodmobile. Contact the office at 394-4772 to schedule a time. Walk-ins are welcome.

• Forsan High School University Interscholastic League Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at La Posada in Big Spring. Tickets are \$7 each. Reserve your seat by contacting the school office at 457-2223, ext. 1. UIL students do not need to pay.

• 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.

Bulletin Board

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

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- 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.
- for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffet.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- #• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 9-6-15-2-14.
Number matching five of five: 2.
Prize per winner: \$13,601.
Winning tickets sold in: Sweeny, Dallas.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-2-4-2. Sum It Up: 9

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-2-4. Sum It Up: Eight.

Weather

Sunday, Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday night, Decreasing clouds. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Warmer. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Monday, Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Monday night, Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Tuesday, Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Tuesday night, Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows around 60. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Wednesday, Partly cloudy. Highs around 90.

Wednesday night, Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Thursday, Mostly sunny. Highs around 90.

Thursday night, Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Friday, Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

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Jazz oust Rockets with 113-91 victory in Game 6

By DOUG ALDEN

AP Sports Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Jazz will be playing on the road Sunday, but not in Houston.

The Jazz beat the Rockets 113-91 on Friday night to win the series 4-2 and avoid having to play a Game 7 on the road. The Jazz did that a year ago against the Rockets and didn't want to push their luck again in Texas.

The third quarter all but guaranteed they wouldn't have to. Deron Williams scored 13 of his 25 points in the period, making three of four 3-pointers as the Jazz outscored the Rockets 27-11.

It was Utah's second chance to clinch the series and went significantly better than the first. The Rockets avoided elimination with a 95-69 win on Tuesday and the Jazz came home embarrassed and determined.

"Our guys got ready to play them here after they beat us pretty good down at their place," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said.

By ending the series Friday, the Jazz earned a trip to Los Angeles for Game 1 against the Lakers on Sunday.

Williams had just seven points at halftime, then took over the game in the third quarter. He was 4-for-7 from the field and pumped up his teammates as Utah pulled away on a 20-5 run. Houston had already cut a 17-point lead to four and Williams wanted the Jazz to pull away — and stay there.

"As a point guard, I feel you have to be an extension of the coach — be a leader out on the floor. I just tried to get guys hyped up for tonight," Williams said.

After a listless game Tuesday, the Jazz were aggressive and intense on Friday, playing with a bit of a nasty streak and forcing the Rockets to play from behind nearly the entire game. Houston relied almost entirely on Tracy McGrady, who couldn't beat the Jazz by himself — even with his 40 points.

McGrady fell to 0-7 in playoff series.

"It is what it is," said McGrady, who faces more opening-round curse questions with every exit. "I thought we did some great things to put ourselves in a great situation to try to make this a series."

Luis Scola was the only other Rockets player in double figures with 15 points. The Rockets lost point guard Rafer Alston with a sprained ankle late in the second quarter and the offense never recovered.

"They had the kind of game we had at home. Give them the credit. We just kind of ran out of gas," Houston coach Rick Adelman said. "We just didn't have enough answers for them."

The Rockets had the longest winning streak of the regular season with 22 in a row, but in the playoffs they couldn't win consecutive games.

Mehmet Okur had 19 points and 13 rebounds, and Carlos Boozer added 15 points and 10 boards. Andrei Kirilenko scored 11 points and Williams added nine assists.

The Jazz found their long-range shooting and made 10 of 22 3-pointers. Utah was 2-for-23 from beyond the arc in the previous two games.

"The biggest difference? It went in," Kirilenko said with a grin.

Jazz fans again taunted McGrady with the chant "Overrated!" then replaced it with "Beat LA!" as the fourth quarter wound down.

McGrady finished 13-for-26 and tried to carry the Rockets, but few of his teammates climbed aboard. McGrady pushed the Rockets through the end of the second quarter, going on a 9-0 run and scoring 13 straight for Houston while cutting a 17-point lead to 58-54 at halftime.

"He didn't have much help out there," Houston's Shane Battier said. "The rest of us couldn't get anything going and he was a one-man wrecking ball out there."

But the Rockets could get nothing going in the third, scoring only 11 points while going 4-for-22 from the floor and looking a lot like the Jazz had when

Houston staved off elimination Tuesday at home.

McGrady had just one point in the quarter. He came out firing in the fourth, but even the two-time scoring champion couldn't save the Rockets, who lost to the Jazz in a Game 7 at Houston a year ago.

The Jazz didn't want to put themselves in that situation again and snuffed the Rockets' hopes by opening the third quarter with a 20-5 run, which Williams capped with seven straight points. He made back-to-back 3-pointers to put Utah up 77-59 and prompted Houston to call a timeout before it could get any worse.

On his way to the Jazz bench, Williams was pumping his fist and shaking his head while saying "No way" — apparently to the idea of another visit to Houston.

Notes: McGrady scored eight of Houston's first 10 points. ... Utah was 12-for-24 in the first quarter. ... Ronnie Brewer had 13 points and Matt Harpring and Kyle Korver scored 10 apiece for the Jazz.

Hawks 103, Celtics 100

This was supposed to be the biggest mismatch of the playoffs, the series that would surely be four and done.

Well, look who's still alive in the opening round.

While all the other series are finished, Atlanta has improbably forced a Game 7 with the Boston Celtics, whose 66-win regular season suddenly looks a lot less impressive as they struggle to put away the sub-500 Hawks.

Atlanta won for the third straight time on its home court, a 103-100 victory Friday night that sent the series back to Boston one more time for a decisive game Sunday.

"They are playing great," Boston coach Doc Rivers said. "They're athletic. They're playing with energy. We have to match that."

While the Celtics looked a bit shell-shocked after their third loss to the Hawks in seven days,



AP photo/Steve C. Wilson

Utah Jazz forward Paul Millsap (24) rejects the shot by Houston Rockets forward Carl Landry (14) during the first quarter of Game 6 of their NBA basketball playoff series Friday in Salt Lake City.

they insisted their confidence wasn't shaken. After all, they won the first three games in Boston by an average of 22 points — and they're heading home.

"No one has lost a home game," Rivers said. "That's why home court is so important."

Also on Friday night, Utah closed out its series against Houston in Game 6 with a 113-91 victory. LeBron James had a triple-double and Cleveland ended its series against

Washington, with a 105-88 win in Washington.

The Hawks, just 37-45 during the regular season and making their first playoff appearance in nine years, sure took advantage of their place. Streamers again poured from the rafters at Philips Arena while the record crowd of 20,425 chanted, "Seven! Seven! Seven!"

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FORSAN

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Longorio, who also scored four runs and had two RBIs, was relieved in the fourth by Pappajohn, but not until she struck out seven batters without allowing a hit. Pappajohn pitched two innings, giving up one hit and striking out three Lady Pipers.

Kelsey Jones led Forsan offensively, going 4-for-4 at the plate with a double and three singles and knocking in four RBIs. Golleher finished with three RBIs on 1-for-3 hitting. Burlison was 1-for-2 with a walk and an RBI double.

The Lady Buffs face Marfa's Lady Shorthorns next in a best-of-three series beginning at 6 p.m. Friday in Crane. The Lady

Shorthorns are powered by two all-state sophomores. Catcher Cortnee White and pitcher Brittany Serrano were each named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association all-state team as freshmen. Serrano had a 0.129 ERA last season, including two no-hitters in the playoffs.

Marfa is coming off of a 13-2 win over New Deal Friday and are the District 1-A champions.

"This is going to be the toughest challenge we've had this season," Roberts said. "I've been preaching to the girls that Marfa was the team to beat since I saw how our bracket shaped up. They've got a really good pitcher. We're

going to have our work cut out for us."

Game 2 of the series is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday in Crane with a third game, if needed, to be played 30 minutes following the completion of the second.

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Anniversary



Billy Jack and Jeannie Darden
50th Anniversary

Billy Jack and Jeannie Darden of Coahoma will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their son and grandchildren May 10, 2008, at the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church of Coahoma from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All friends are invited.

Billy was born in Coahoma while Jeannie Bobo was born in Kilgore. The couple met in 1953 at a Coahoma school basketball game. They were married May 31, 1958, at West Side Baptist Church in Big Spring.

They have one son, Billy Joe Darden of Midland; three grandchildren; and

two great-grandchildren. During their 50 years of marriage, Billy and Jeannie have lived in Big Spring, Coahoma and Midland.

Billy owned and operated Fiberglass Specialist. Jeannie was the vice president of State National Bank. The couple belong to First Baptist Church in Coahoma and also to the Lions Club and Boaz Sunday School. She is a member of the Esther SS Class 1944 Study Club.

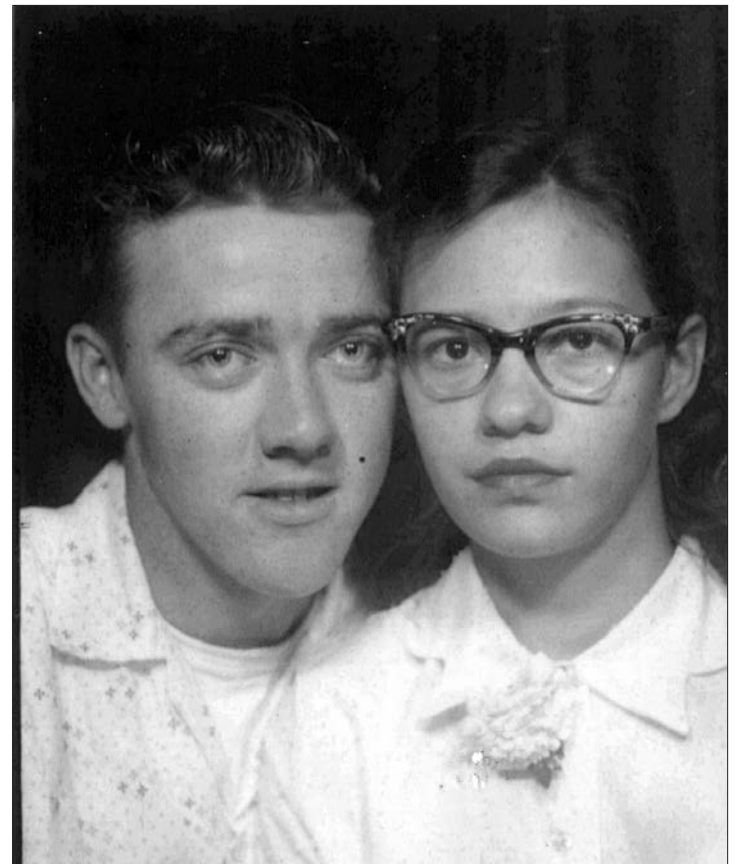
Comments on their long-lasting marriage were: "We give credit to God for our 50 years of marriage and our love for one another."



Jim and Judy Mills
50th 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, N.H. 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."

Menus

Coahoma ISD

Monday — Breakfast, Pop Tarts, ham, grape juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue beef on a bun, chips, apples, baby carrots, milk, corn dogs.

Tuesday — Breakfast, biscuits, gravy, sausage,

jelly, apple juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, salad, Jello w/fruit, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast, donuts, ham, fruit, milk; Lunch, green enchiladas, pinto beans, tortilla, chips, pineapples, milk, burritos.

Thursday — Breakfast, oatmeal, sausage, orange juice, milk; Lunch, Nacho Grande, baked beans, apple turnovers, milk.

Friday — Bad Weather Day.

Big Spring ISD

Monday — No School

Tuesday — Breakfast, grilled cheese uncrustable, grape juice; Lunch, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, apples, mixed fruit, wheat rolls, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast, muffins, apple juice, milk; Lunch, fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, corn.

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Who's Who

Lindsay Paige Phillips, a Big Spring High School graduate and the daughter of Jim Bob and Penny Phillips of Big Spring, was inducted into Omicron Delta Epsilon, the national honor society for achievement in economics, during Austin College's annual honors convocation on April 24 in Sherman.

Jacqueline Renee Parras, the daughter of Big Spring natives Frank and Josephine Parras of Dallas and the granddaughter of Patsy Padilla and Frances H. Parras, both of Big Spring, recently completed a 60-hour study in modeling and acting at the Barbaizon Modeling School in Dallas.

A seventh grader who enjoys running track, drawing, writing and computers, she is also interested in photography and plans to sign with a modeling agency that will put her interests first.



Jacqueline Renee Parras

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TREE

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can't stress enough how much of a role they have played in all of this. We're planting this first tree in honor of arbor day, and they have just been so instrumental in all of this."

McDonald said the type of tree planted should flourish at its current location.

"This tree is an Arizona ash. It's a very fast growing tree," said McDonald. "After the first year of watering, it's pretty much self-sustaining. Out here in the park, we have sprin-

klers in all the places we plan to plant trees. The tree memorial program doesn't put any trees where there isn't already a source of water. We don't want to have to rely on watering by hand or with a hose.

"There will be two more trees planted in this back area after this tree and the one Wal-Mart is planning to plant are in. We're also going to add two more benches. It's going to be a very nice, shady area where people can sit and watch the spring."

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At left, local volunteers plant an Arizona ash near the spring in Comanche Trail Park. Two more trees will be planted in the area two benches added, according to local resident and City Council Member Gloria McDonald.

Gov. Perry promotes book about Boy Scouts

By **THOMAS WATSON**
Staff Writer

Gov. Rick Perry was at the Hastings store in Abilene Tuesday to sign copies of his first book, "On My Honor: Why the American Values of the Boy Scouts Are Worth Fighting For."

The book was published in February, when it debuted as the No. 1 hard-cover book on the Washington Post bestseller's list.

Before signing books for those in attendance, Perry thanked everyone who came out to buy a copy of his book. The crowd included several Boy Scout troop members who were in the store to purchase books. Perry offered special thanks to them.

"You are part of one of the greatest organizations in the world," said the governor and former Boy Scout, adding, "and I encourage you to keep going and learning, and keep wearing that scout uniform with pride."

Perry said he was born with certain advantages. "I came into the world a little bit ahead of the game. I had the advantage of being born a Texan," he said.

"Then you add to that, I had parents who taught me right from wrong at a very early age, and I would say that I had a leg up on life.

"Beyond my parents' loving investment that they made in me, the most important influence that I had in my life outside of my parents was the Boy Scouts of America.

"Growing up in Paint Creek (near Haskell), I

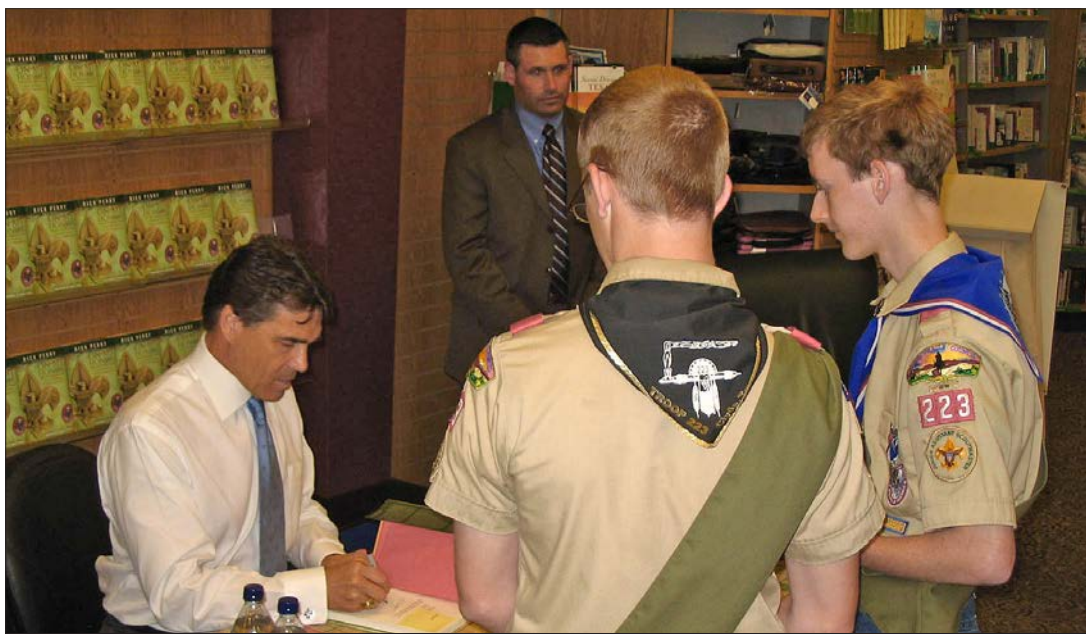


Photo by Thomas Watson

Gov. Rick Perry made an appearance Tuesday at the Hastings store in Abilene in order to promote his first book, "On My Honor: Why The American Values of the Boy Scouts Are Worth Fighting For." Perry spoke about the values he learned from Boy Scouts and also signed copies of his book for those in attendance, including members of the Boy Scouts who were at the signing.

learned what it takes to be a man of integrity through my scout activities," the governor said.

"As a matter of fact, I enjoyed it so much and I have such fond memories of it, I encouraged my son to be involved in scouting and I'm proud to say he also attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

"Because I was shaped by my scout values, and because I have seen those values manifested in my son's life, I'm convinced the Boy Scouts play an essential role in the development of the character of young men. I believe the scouts should remain free to shape young men's lives just like they have done for almost 100 years in this country.

"If you look at the highest positions of leadership in government, military,

the corporate world, the chances are, you are looking at a scout. That's because those values they teach in scouting, they work. They mean something. They're important. Scouting values like kindness, thriftiness, and reverence are all too rare in the world we live in today."

Perry concluded by saying, "Together we can make a difference. We can make a difference in the defense of our nation's traditional values. We can make a difference in the lives of young men. We can make a difference in the companies, communities, and the families they will someday be in."

For the book, Perry drew from his experiences growing up in Paint Creek, where the Boy Scouts

helped develop his childhood values. Perry credits the organization for helping him become who he is today.

As a boy, Perry was an active Boy Scout and earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest ranking a scout can achieve. The Eagle Scout title is earned for life; thus the phrase, "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle."

Even today, Perry wears his Eagle Scout lapel pin.

Also in the book, Perry discusses the viewpoints of other American leaders who were Eagle Scouts. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, Sen. Thad Cochran of Mississippi, Apollo 13 astronaut James Lovell,

Ohio State University president E. Gordon Gee, and former FBI director William Sessions discuss their experiences and the virtues they believe are earned from scouting, as well as the group's relevance today.

Former presidential candidate Ross Perot wrote the foreword for the book. In it, Perot says, "Scouting teaches leadership, and our country must have a steady supply of strong leaders to assure that we will continue to grow and improve."

However, the book has generated its share of controversy. Perry has been criticized for his thoughts on the American Civil Liberties Union's attempts to enable openly gay people or atheists and agnostics to hold leadership positions within the Boy Scouts organization.

Perry claims those attempts to change the Boy Scouts constitute a rising trend of baseless attacks on religious believers, and claims it is all a part of the unspoken war between secularists against people of faith.

Middle Americans is often derided as a crutch for weak people," he writes in the book. "This seems to be the view of many liberal elitists who worship the false idol of self. The views of a great many Americans are cast aside as over-simplified, and the liberal intelligentsias like to think of themselves as the only legitimate arbiters of morality.

"They think the public simply doesn't know better and is easily manipulated by the emotional appeals of troglodyte, conservative commentators."

All net proceeds from sales of "On My Honor" will go to the Boy Scouts of America. The purchase of the book is not a contribution to the governor's office or Perry himself. People who are interested in learning more about the book can visit the Web site www.onmyhonorthebook.com

Thomas Watson is a staff writer for the Sweetwater Reporter.

BUST

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prostitution (and) it was learned that numerous subjects were selling from the house ... with several subjects delivering curb side to vehicles."

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J.R. Rodriguez, right, and others take a few swings on the driving range at the Municipal Golf Course Saturday morning. A large group of golfers were on hand to take advantage of the course's reopening after more than a year of renovation.

NBA

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Marvin Williams led the Hawks with 18 points despite missing much of the fourth quarter with a sprained left knee. Kevin Garnett had 22 points for the Celtics and Ray Allen added 20, but Paul Pierce — the other member of Boston's Big Three — fouled out on a disputed call with 4:44 remaining.

Joe Johnson, who went to the final period with just seven points on 3-of-9 shooting, saved his biggest shot for the end. He got James Posey in the air with a pump fake before hitting Atlanta's only 3-pointer of the game to make it 100-95 with 1:07 remaining.

Posey returned the favor by making a tough 3 from the wing with 48 seconds left, and the Celtics had a chance when Johnson missed a runner in the lane.

Wanting to finish off the pesky Hawks, Boston drew up a play to give Allen a look from beyond the arc. He missed, though; Johnson grabbed the rebound, was fouled and hit two free throws with 10.6 seconds left.

After a quick basket by Garnett, Mike Bibby made only one of two free throws with 7.4 seconds to go, giving the Celtics a shot at overtime. But the Hawks kept the ball from Allen and Posey, forcing Rajon Rondo to launch a long 3 that didn't even hit the rim as the horn sounded.

Pierce has apparently had enough of Atlanta. He watched the final minutes with a towel over his head, barely able to watch, then cleared out of the locker room by the time reporters were let him. The only thing left behind was a banana peel on the shelf of his stall.

Pierce was called for his sixth foul away from the play fighting for rebounding position with Pachulia.

The Boston star was livid over the call, ripping off his headband and standing under the basket in disbelief.

The officials called a technical on Pierce while "Hit The Road Jack" blared throughout the arena. Johnson made the free throw, giving the Hawks a 96-89 lead.

Williams twisted his knee awkwardly trying to guard Pierce on a drive through the lane early in the fourth. The Hawks initially announced the third-year forward would not return, but he checked in to play defense with 20 seconds to go, still hobbling.

He'd already done enough at that point. In his best game of the series, Williams went 6-of-9 from the field and made all six of his free throws.

Atlanta got double figures from every starters. Besides Williams' 18, Bibby had 17, rookie Al Horford 16, Johnson 15, and Smith — who played less than 30 minutes

because of foul trouble — finished with 11. Off the bench, Childress had 15 points and six rebounds, while Pachulia contributed nine points and six rebounds.

Cavaliers 105, Wizards 88

At Washington, LeBron James compiled 27 points, 13 rebounds and 13 assists for his third career playoff triple-double, all the while helping slow Caron Butler at the defensive end, and Cleveland ended its contentious series with Washington in six games.

Wally Szczerbiak added a career playoff-best 26 points and reserve Daniel Gibson had 22, combining for 10 of Cleveland's 11 3-pointers.

Butler finished with 18 points and nine rebounds. Antawn Jamison led Washington with 23 points and 15 boards. The Wizards played without Darius Songaila, who was suspended for hitting James in the face in Game 5.

BULLDOGS

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Casey Kilpatrick, ending the rally.

Paniagua finished the day with two hits in three

plate appearances, scoring one run.

"You can't give teams in the playoffs extra chances and expect to win," Harman continued. "We will just have to come out tomorrow and play better

than we did today."

Game 2 of the best-of-three series was played Saturday at Moffett Field in Snyder. A third game, if necessary, would have been played 30 minutes following the completion

of the second.

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W — Derek Dallas. L — Donnie Garcia. 2B: BHS — Manuel Pena; CHS — Garcia. 3B: CHS — Garcia. HR: BHS — Pena. RBI: BHS — Pena; 4, Phillip Lopez 2, Nathan Kalina; CHS — Garcia 3, Ray Gutierrez.

BSHS

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Coach John Sparks said. "We're going to start her again in Game 2. She's too hot to take the ball out of her hand right now."

The victory is Big Spring's fifth consecutive, by far its longest winning streak of the season. Game 2 of the series was played at 11 a.m. New Mexico time and Sparks expressed a lot of confidence in the Lady Steers' ability to sweep the series from Canutillo.

"We're going into Game 2 believing we can win," Sparks said. "Hopefully we're not overconfident, but we're playing our best softball of the season."

The Lady Steers jumped on Canutillo's Jennifer Heredia, who started at pitcher for the Lady Eagles, early, scoring five runs in the first inning. Big Spring scored at least two runs in all four innings of action, wrapping the game up with six runs in

the fourth.

Freshman Jillian Valle led the Lady Steers with six RBIs with a double and a home run. Senior Desiree Yanez and sophomore Linzee Yarbar each knocked in four runs and had a double and a triple. Freshman Christina

Rodenberry had two RBIs.

A third game, if needed, was scheduled for 30 minutes following Game 2. Full results of Saturday's action will be available in Monday's edition of the Herald.

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Johnson proud of tenure with Mavericks, Cuban

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Don Nelson's departure from the Dallas Mavericks was so messy that, more than three years later, he's still fighting Mark Cuban for money he insists he's owed.

So the day after being fired as Nelson's successor, Avery Johnson wanted to make one thing perfectly clear.

"A month from now, or a year from now, I don't want to have a public spat. There's really no need for that now," Johnson said. "Did we have some rough periods? Absolutely. Am I proud that we were able to get through those rough periods? Yes, I am."

At his farewell news conference Thursday, Johnson was complimentary of his boss for the past 3½ years, saying he'll always appreciate Cuban for giving him his first coaching job. The setting was another reminder of how Cuban treated Johnson; it was at the Ritz-Carlton building that Johnson called home while in Dallas, with a jet service shuttling him to Houston, where his wife and kids lived in the family's permanent residence.

Of course, it's easy for Johnson to be graceful because he'll be paid much of the \$12 million to \$14 million left on his contract and because he knows he'll

be an NBA coach again, perhaps as soon as next season.

The Mavericks need a coach, too. And with Cuban now 2-for-2 on butting heads with his coaches, and his combativeness with the league office and referees so well-documented, whoever takes the job will certainly know what they are getting into.

Johnson's advice: "They're going to have to have a clear understanding on exactly how things work and function when they get here."

Cuban has never run a coaching search, which adds to the intrigue and mystery surrounding this vacancy.

Considering that Dirk Nowitzki will soon be 30 and Jason Kidd already is 35, he's likely to go with experience. He'll probably want someone who runs an up-tempo offense that will get the most out of Kidd. Nowitzki is all for that, although he said Wednesday he wants more than lip service paid to defense. Players could use an easygoing leader after Johnson's disciplinarian style.

Phoenix's Mike D'Antoni and Washington's Eddie Jordan might meet those criteria, but have other NBA jobs. Rick Carlisle and Jeff Van Gundy are ex-coaches Cuban might

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Choosing Between Alternatives

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A
♥ 8 5 3
♦ K 9 7 4
♣ J 10 9 7 2

WEST
♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ Q 10 7 4
♦ Q 10 2
♣ A 3

EAST
♠ Q 10 8 6 3
♥ J 9 6
♦ J
♣ K 8 5 4

SOUTH
♠ K J 4
♥ A K 2
♦ A 8 6 5 3
♣ Q 6

The bidding:
South 1 NT
West Pass
North 2 NT
East Pass

Opening lead — four of hearts.

Assume you're declarer at three notrump and West leads the heart four. How would you play the hand? After winning the heart, you can count six top tricks — two spades, two hearts and two diamonds — so you need three more. Only two suits offer a chance to produce that many tricks — diamonds and clubs. The question, therefore, is which suit offers the best chance of getting you to your goal.

Let's consider the diamonds first. Obviously, if you cash the A-K and the opposing diamonds divide 2-2, your troubles are over. The chief

objection to this approach is that the missing diamonds will divide 2-2 only 40 times in 100. More importantly, if the suit does not break evenly, it is unlikely you will be able to score nine tricks before the opponents take five.

In the actual deal, for example, if you played the A-K of diamonds and found the suit divided 3-1, you could switch to clubs, but it is already too late. East wins the first club and returns a heart to knock out your second heart stopper. When you play a second club, West's ace, his two good hearts and the queen of diamonds defeat you.

Alternatively, if you tackle clubs first, you could go down if the hearts were divided 5-2, since the opponents would most likely collect two clubs and three hearts before you can score nine tricks.

The dilemma is actually easy to resolve if you assume that West's opening lead is his fourth-best heart. In that case, since you see the three in dummy and the deuce in your hand, West cannot have more than four hearts.

For this reason, after taking the first heart trick, it is best to lead the queen of clubs. East wins and continues with a heart, and you force out the other high club. West cashes two hearts, but you then have the rest of the tricks, and it does not matter whether the diamonds are divided evenly or not.

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Christin Dawn Ballard and Cody Lee Burris

Ballard and Burris

Christin Dawn Ballard and Cody Lee Burris, both of Lubbock, are happy to announce their engagement and pending marriage.

Christin is the daughter of Courtney and Kelli Ballard of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Helen Kendrick of Big Spring and the late Marvin Kendrick, Bill and Barbara Ballard of Big Spring and the late Enola Myrlene Ballard.

Cody is the son of Kevin and Deana Burris of Amarillo and the grandson of Mildred Burris of Norton and the late Leroy Burris, and Wesley and Sue Lloyd of DeLeon.

Christin is a 2005 graduate of Forsan High School. She obtained her associate of science degree at Howard College and is seeking her bachelor's degree in human development and family studies at Texas Tech University. She plans to pursue a master's degree in education.

She is employed at the First Baptist Church Child Development Center in Lubbock.

Cody is a 2007 graduate of Stanton High School and is employed at Bill Williams Tire in Lubbock.

The couple plan to be wed at 4 p.m. July 19, 2008, at Midway Baptist Church in Big Spring.

MENUS

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kiwi, milk, brownies.

Thursday — Breakfast, cereal, sausage patties, orange smiles, milk; Lunch, pork roast, herbed broccoli & cauliflower, rice, white rice, orange-pineapple Jello, rolls, milk.

Friday — Breakfast, cinnamon breakfast pastry, peach cup, milk; Lunch, barbecue beef on a bun, potato chips, dill pickles, ranch-style beans, apricots, milk.

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Thursday — Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, milk.

Friday — No School

Manners Matter: Class of grace

Many people have different definitions for class. Although, class is not one thing, but a combination of qualities and attributes, and is not easily identified. Most may know it when we see it, but may not be able to pin point it in so many words.

In my opinion, class cannot be bought or acquired. It is an inner quality found without regard to financial status or family background. It is not boastful, snobbish, or ostentatious. I think its main qualities are integrity, intelligence, and cordial conduct. Education can play a part, but it will not give class to someone born without it. In a nut shell, it's a state of grace that few people have.

My maternal grandmother, Liza Lou Cartwright, was born in a small community near Brighton,

England. She was the daughter of a physician who moved his family to this country when she was a small girl. After her youngest daughter (my mother) was married, she went to live with my parents. I knew as a young girl growing up in East Texas there was something different about my grandmother. I did not know what it was that set her apart from other grandmothers until after I was married. It was then that I realized she was a lady of class. I saw it in the way she kept house, in her style of dress, her conduct and gracious manner.

Nana, as my sisters and I called her, knew the art of living with others, as well as living alone. She mastered this art because she always treated family members with courtesy and respect. Nana was the essence of class. She possessed dignity, graciousness and Christ-likeness. What a better world we would have today, if more people had this same inner quality.

Dear Jerrie,
I am 22, and in my last year of col-

lege. A few weeks ago I dated a girl two or three times whom I was not really fond of, although she has a great personality. I have tried to break off with her, but she continues to call me four to six times a day, including evenings. My parents were very strict about good manners and taught my brother and me from as far back as I can remember to be polite. I do not want to be rude to this girl, but so far she has shown no sign of backing off. How do I use social graces in this situation, by letting her know in a polite way I am not interested?

Thanks,
Harold

Hi Harold,

You must be absolutely honest with this person. If you really want to cut the ties, tell her in a very nice way that you do not see any future in the two of you continuing the relationship. Let her know you will be moving back to your

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JERRIE STOCKS

Births



Brittllynn Reese Walling

Brittllynn Reese Walling, a girl, was born Feb. 26, 2008, weighing 4 1/2 pounds and was 18 inches long.

She is the daughter of Ruben Garcia and Stacey Walling of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Bart Neighbors and Debbie Reese of Big Spring and Richard and Cindy Walling

of Midland.

Brittllynn was welcomed home by siblings Kacey and Blake.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's do our part to stop grass fires

While weather forecasts for early this week indicate a slight chance of rain, there's little doubt that drought conditions which have plagued the Crossroads area for several months now aren't going to be erased any time soon. And that means the danger of wildfires continues to loom for all of us.

That fact was made perfectly clear last week when a couple of Wednesday afternoon grass fires west of Big Spring scorched more than 500 acres and had Howard County Volunteer Fire Department personnel back on the front lines again, getting assistance from Texas Forestry Service personnel and firefighters from Martin County.

While there was minimal property damage as a result to the two fires and there were no injuries, there's little question that we were again somewhat lucky to have escaped so lightly.

HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan made that clear in the aftermath. "Any time we can fight a fire of that magnitude and everyone comes home in one piece, you're thankful," he said. "We're blessed, there's no other way to explain it."

Sullivan, his volunteer firefighters and their brethren throughout West Texas have been working almost non-stop putting out grass fires since the first part of the year.

Unfortunately, Sullivan doesn't believe he and his men will get much of a break any time in the near future.

"Up until we got some rain a few weeks back, we were responding to one, sometimes two or three fires a day," said Sullivan. "And while that inch of rain helped, we haven't received any more significant rain since then, so we're looking at the same sort of situation we were in last month. Things have greened up a little, but it's not enough, and if we don't get some more rain soon, that new vegetation is just going to die out and add to the fuel load. It doesn't look very promising at all."

And that's where each of us comes in.

While no one can predict a wildfire, Sullivan said local residents need take measures to help firefighters if their homes become endangered.

"I really can't stress this enough, but it's vital our citizens be very careful right now," said Sullivan. "One of the most important measures people can take right now is to make sure they have a 75 feet to 100 feet of fire break around their home. Get rid of brush and other items that could burn. That can really help firefighters if their home becomes threatened."

More importantly, we all have to be responsible and not do something that could cause a wildfire. Under current conditions, there's absolutely no reason for outdoor burning. Even a backyard barbecue pit needs to be carefully monitored.

There's no question that our area's firefighters are going to do their part. They'll be there when we need them. So, we need to do our part by making sure we don't carelessly force them to answer the call.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we strive to show Your heavenly plans, Lord.

Amen

Women: Be wary of military recruiters

The *New York Times* is reporting that the U.S. Marine Corps, long a bastion of macho military mystique, is now actively recruiting women. Ads are running in such magazines as *Shape*, *Self*, and *Fitness*, which mainly appeal to female readers. They show a woman marine striking a martial arts pose in front of a crowd of men, who are supposedly looking up to her as a leader. The tag line reads "There are no female marines. Only marines." In a shrinking economy, these ads may appeal to a lot of women who need jobs. But like most advertising, they don't tell the whole story.

Since 2002 females have served nearly 170,000 tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, and rape and sexual assault against them by other soldiers as well as contractor personnel appears to be serious and growing. Air Force general William Begert, who investigated the problem in 2004, uncovered scores of rape accusations, a rising trend of reported abuses, and the most basic shortcomings in tracking the crime and attending to its victims. Yet no concrete plans to stem the tide of violence against military women have been implemented. According to The *New York Times*, confidential surveys

have found that up to 30 percent of female veterans reported being victimized in sexual assaults while on active duty. Three out of four said they had not dared to report it because of concerns about privacy and career advancement.

Despite this alarming rate of sexual assault, which can of course result in pregnancy, our female soldiers cannot obtain abortions in U.S. military facilities at home or abroad -- even if they pay for the procedure with their own money. When deployed overseas, this could mean resorting to unsafe local facilities if they are available. And in many foreign countries, abortion is illegal, meaning non-military facilities are not an option, whether they're safe or not. Petitioning for leave to travel to a safe hospital or clinic in another country is a catch-22. It means going public, and the wait can be too long for such a petition to do any good.

There are also a few other little details the ads don't mention. Although females have served in the U.S. military since 1901, they are the only American women whose professional advancement is artificially curtailed by government laws and policies. In the last decade, laws banning women from serving on military aircraft with combat missions and aboard combat ships were repealed, but women still cannot serve aboard submarines, in infantry, armor, and most artillery units, or in special forces units. Military leaders themselves say these bans are increasingly artificial and meaningless given

today's combat realities. And lesbians cannot serve openly, going back to the Clinton-era "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

In addition to the problems experienced by active servicewomen, the destruction of so many military families has been one of the most tragic -- and untold -- effects of the Iraq War.

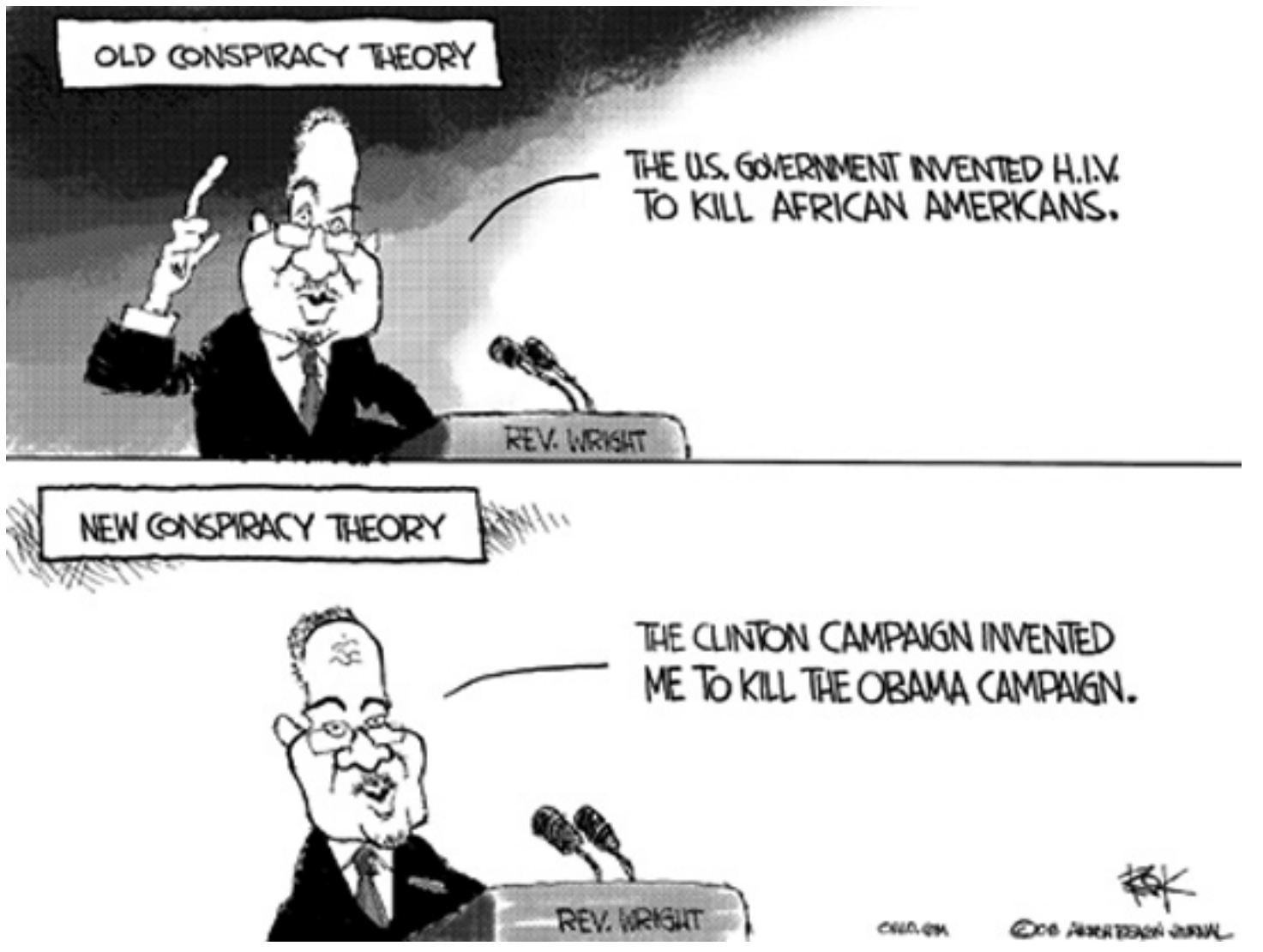
As more military women return from fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan, they are finding that veterans services aren't meeting their needs. An estimated 8,000 female veterans are homeless, and others suffer from mental illness. Women in every military branch are twice as likely to get divorced as men. Women's advocates point out that Congress has failed to appropriate adequate money for counseling and support services to help keep families together.

The Marine Corps is no doubt trying to attract women because it is stretched for recruits for George and Dick's war.

All I can say to those women reading the new ads is: Buyer beware. On the same day the stories about the new "woman friendly" pitch ran in newspapers, NBC Nightly News reported that the U.S. military is now so desperate it is accepting felons, some with convictions for sexual assault.

*Martha Burk is author of *Your Money and Your Life: The High Stakes for Women Voters in '08 and Beyond*.*

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would to thank everyone who helped our granddaughter, Alexia Rawls, meet her goal for Jump Rope for Heart. She increased the amount she raised from \$300 last year to \$410 this year.

Thank all of you again for helping her to help people. She knows that it will help a lot of people, and she worked very hard at it this year.

MARILLYN MIEARS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

After reading the *Big Spring Herald* I noticed that City Councilwoman Jo Ann Staulcup is up for re-election in District 3. I am a registered voter. I do not live in District 3, but if I did, I would not hesitate to vote for Mrs. Staulcup.

In 2002 I was going through a very difficult period. I had a serious health problem and, to put it politely, my long-time employer was not happy with the situation. Without going into a lot of detail, I was filling out tons of paperwork for different branches of government, health insurance, Social Security, etc. I also had to pay my own health insurance premiums so that I could obtain surgery that would get me back on my feet and employed again.

During this difficult time, someone suggested that I call Mrs. Staulcup. I did not know her and did not live in their district, but I took my friend's advice. I called Mrs. Staulcup and explained my situation to her. She said she would be

more than happy to help me and promptly proceeded to do so.

If this woman will go out of her way to help a complete stranger, I have no doubt she would attempt to help one of the constituents in her district.

Since I do not live in District 3 and am unable to vote for her, I urge the registered voters who do live in District 3 to please go vote for Jo Ann Staulcup.

CAROL SMITH
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I was intrigued in the kicking incident involving the three students and a male and a female teacher-coach. I understand the investigation was done internally and all parties were exonerated. The female teacher has since resigned. Even with my advanced age and reduced mental acuity, I would not hire a fox to guard the chicken coop.

Apparently, BSISD administrators hope we school patrons are even dumber than they think we are.

I presume everything is going to be OK.

We shall have our six new soccer fields, more baseball diamonds, a half-million-dollar golf pro shop, a seven-figure golf course renovation and a \$200-per-square-foot animal shelter.

The main street will be surfaced and made into a boulevard with Scurry Street given a new facelift.

I guess we can rent out the remaining streets to Goodyear Tire

Company and a major shock absorber company to test their products.

BSISD is pending about \$400,000 to light baseball diamonds; there is never a paucity of funds where athletics are involved. More funds are being allocated for the sink hole known as the Big Spring Junior High School.

I recall when bids were being taken for a baseball facility just west of the sink hole. The business manager advised the board of trustees the low bid should be about \$180,000. The low bid was just over \$300,000. It was built. The sage of the board's only comment: "Nothing is too good for our kiddies."

ADRIAN RANDLE
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently I've come to notice a white Ford van occupied by a group of well-known local teens driving the streets of our fine city.

Now, what bothers me is the profanity written on the side and front of this van. For those who have not seen it, on the front is written "R.A.P.E." in large letters, and on the side is written "Rape me hard now."

People, this is degrading our community and all of the women and children who may come into contact with this van. Many a Christian would be offended and I know there are a lot of Christians here in Big Spring, not to mention the travel-

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Talks heating up between Mavs, Carlisle

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Rick Carlisle is the front-runner to replace Avery Johnson as coach of the Dallas Mavericks.

Carlisle — a former NBA coach of the year who had successful stints in Detroit and Indianapolis — is the only serious candidate the team has interviewed since firing Johnson on Wednesday. Talks were continuing Saturday.

"We've had a productive series of meetings," said Donnie Nelson, the team's president of basket-

ball operations. "We're very impressed by Rick — not just as a basketball coach, but as a man. We're looking forward to continuing our conversation."

The more they talk, the closer Carlisle likely gets to coaching Dirk Nowitzki, Jason Kidd and a club that's won at least 50 games for eight straight seasons.

"Ourselves and Rick are gathering some information," Nelson said. "Both sides will analyze the situation and we look forward to continuing our talks."

Because Mavs owner Mark Cuban was going through his first coaching search, there was

only speculation about which way he'd go. All indications were that the Cuban and Nelson were going to take their time, perhaps waiting for Phoenix's Mike D'Antoni or other coaches still employed.

But Carlisle meets many of Cuban's presumed criteria: A coach willing to let Kidd run the offense, perhaps with an emphasis on the "run" part, while also taking defense seriously, something Nowitzki stressed. Plus, he has NBA experience.

Over two seasons running the Pistons and four more with the Pacers, Carlisle has a career

record of 281-211, plus 30-32 in the playoffs.

He made the postseason his first five seasons.

Temperament is the one area Carlisle doesn't necessarily fit the expected profile for Johnson's replacement. He's almost as intense and demanding as Johnson, nicknamed "The Little General." Teams frequently go from one extreme to the other when changing coaches.

Carlisle got his first head coaching job in Detroit in 2001-02.

The Pistons won 50 games and was voted coach of the year.

They won 50 again the next season, and reached the conference finals, but he was fired and replaced by Larry Brown. Carlisle went to Indiana and won a franchise-best 61 games, but again lost in the conference finals — to the Brown-coached Pistons, who went on to win the NBA title.

The Pacers won fewer games each of the next three seasons, dipping to 44, then 41 and 35, marking the first losing record of Carlisle's career and Indiana's first in 10 years. He spent this past season as a broadcaster for ESPN.

Gas prices have race fans rethinking trip to the track

By CHRIS JENKINS

AP Sports Writer

Auto racing is the ultimate in gas-guzzling entertainment. But the prospect of paying \$4 a gallon to get to the track has some fans reluctant to start their engines.

Ticket sales have slipped just as May, the biggest month in motorsports, approaches.

So track promoters are shifting into high gear to keep the grandstands full, offering all-you-can-eat packages and staging rock concerts.

"This is a working man's sport, no matter what picture some people try to paint," said H.A. "Humpy" Wheeler, president of Lowe's Motor Speedway outside Charlotte, N.C. "The people most affected

by these obnoxious oil prices are the working man."

About half the fans who attend the Coca-Cola 600 NASCAR race, set for May 25 at Wheeler's track, drive from more than 250 miles away, many of them in RVs that can cost \$300 or more to fill up.

Fans often camp out for several days at races, too, making a weekend at the

track a much larger financial commitment than taking in a baseball game — and suggesting motorsports is more vulnerable to an economy under the yellow flag.

Racetracks generally don't release official attendance numbers.

But in a recent conference call with financial analysts, officials with one major track ownership

group, International Speedway Corp., said the company was seeing a high-single-digit percentage drop in ticket sales over last year.

Wheeler is hoping unlimited hamburgers, hot dogs and snacks will help his track, which is run by a rival company, Speedway Motorsports Inc.

He's selling \$89 all-you-can-eat tickets to his race,

an idea he says he lifted from baseball's Atlanta Braves.

He's also promoting the NASCAR All-Star race, set for May 17 at Lowe's. To rev up fans for that, he's added entertainment — a "burnout" competition in which drivers will perform wheel-spinning, tire-smoking pirouettes in their cars, just like they do after winning a race.

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consider. He also has Paul Westphal already on the payroll.

Cuban hasn't met with local reporters to discuss the firing or eventual hiring. In an e-mail to The Associated Press on Thursday, he wrote, "Nothing new today."

Johnson is believed to be a candidate for openings in Chicago and New York. Should D'Antoni or Jordan leave, those teams might consider Johnson, too.

He said Thursday he's talked to other teams. However, when asked if that means he wants to coach next season, he kept his

leverage by saying, "Not necessarily."

Johnson said he has heard from other coaches in the league, even "from coaches that never spoke to me."

He also heard from Nellie, although he wouldn't reveal their conversation.

"You don't want to know," Johnson said, laughing.

Johnson's mentor, Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, said Thursday he was "sad and happy" about the firing.

Asked to describe the happy part, Popovich said: "I'll just leave it at that. I mean, Avery is one of the finest coaches in the league. And he knows what he's doing, he's committed, he's a working fool, he loves it. And any team would be lucky to have him and somebody will have

him. So, in a lot of ways I think he's going to be better for it."

Johnson talked Thursday about the "blueprint" he learned in San Antonio and implemented in Dallas.

In his first full season, the Mavericks reached the NBA finals, but blew a 2-0 lead and lost to Miami. They came back the next season and won 67 games, only to lose in the first round to the Nelson-coached Warriors.

"That team significantly, significantly overachieved," Johnson said. "We paid the price for it in the playoffs."

This past season, Dallas was 35-18 in February, yet many in the organization felt they weren't good enough.

So a package of players, headed by young point guard Devin

Harris, was sent to New Jersey for Kidd. The Mavs went 17-17 the rest of the way, counting a first-round flop against New Orleans.

Johnson didn't get the best out of Kidd, but before that he'd been frustrated by Harris, having taken the play-calling away from him early this season. Before Harris, Johnson squabbled with Jason Terry when he was running the offense.

Now, Johnson has nothing but fond things to say about Harris, even referring to him as "my son" in a radio interview Wednesday.

"We were knocking on the door with this young man making the All-Star team. He was going to be an 18 (points) and eight (assists) player," Johnson said. "I invested a significant amount

of time with him."

Does Johnson regret the trade? He didn't say that. But he sure hinted at it, noting that Dallas had the best record against the West at the time.

"I think we were second or third in the Western Conference at that point and we were going to play the Western Conference quite a bit after the All-Star break," Johnson said. "The team was changed and we never really got back on track. ...

"(The trade) didn't nearly bring was the rewards that we wanted. But who's to say that even if it did — if we had gotten to the second round or the third round — that this particular move and my situation still wouldn't have been made?"

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GOING GREEN

The chance to make a lasting difference lures established professionals into environmentalism

By **BRUCE HENDERSON**

McClatchy Newspapers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — As a 13-year-old Boy Scout, helping shut down pollutants illegally dumped in a stream led Rick Gaskins to a career in environmental law in Charlotte, N.C.

But it took a horrific car crash, three decades later, to steer Gaskins to the job he really wanted: executive director of the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation.

These days find many such career shifts among the leaders of their local environmental and conservation groups. As the groups mature, they're luring established professionals — lawyers, bankers, business owners — to a different kind of green.

The career-changers say they like the chance to make lasting differences. They bring sharp skills, fresh perspectives and credentials that landowners, government agencies and foundations respect.

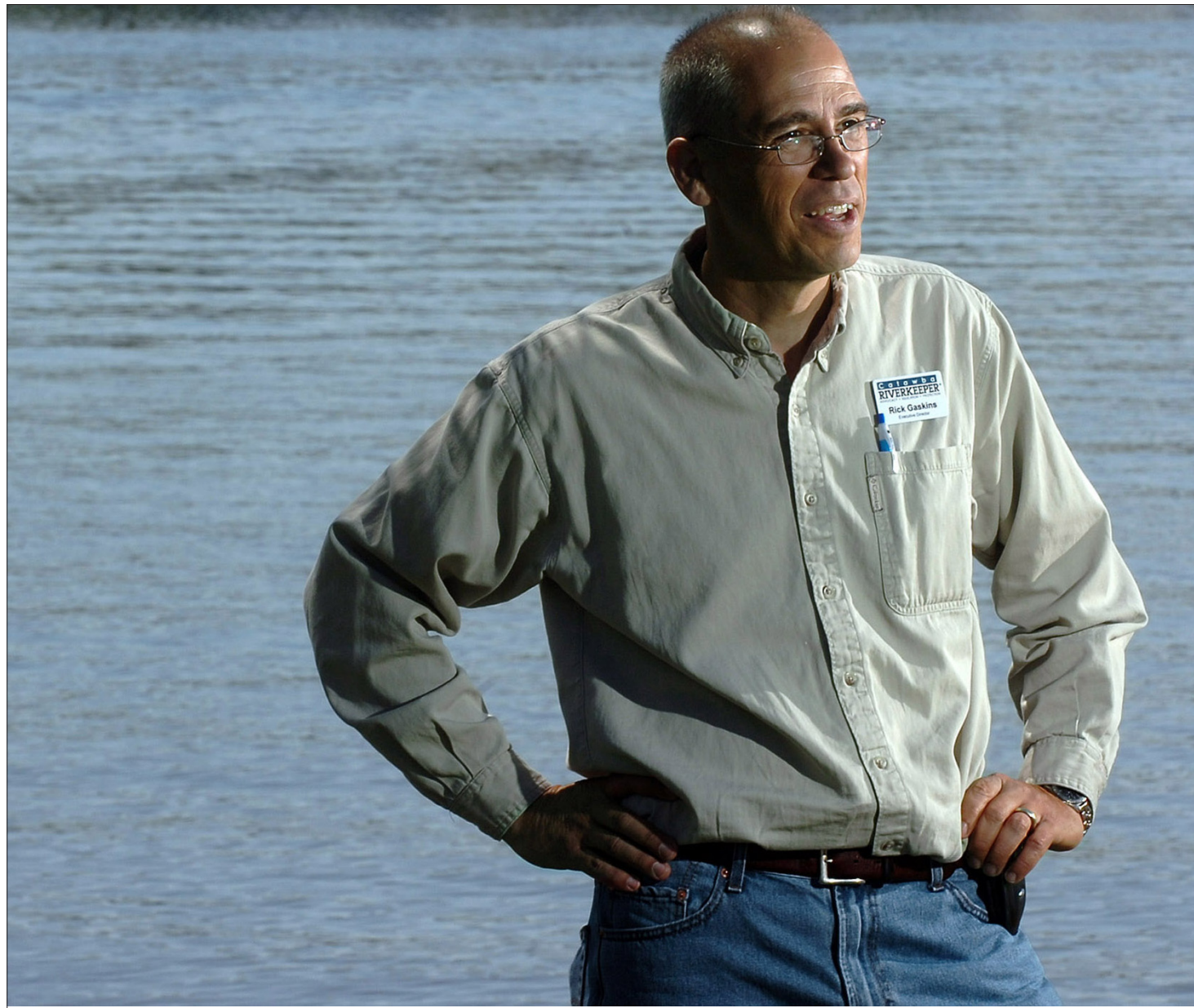
Gaskins' trajectory: Duke University mechanical engineering degree; Harvard law degree, cum laude; 23-year career that earned him recognition as one of the top lawyers in his field.

Then the crash, three years ago, during a business trip in Colorado. An oncoming SUV crossed the center line. With both vehicles traveling at 70 mph, his tiny, rental Dodge Neon was crushed.

"I'm the titanium man," Gaskins, 49, wryly joked about the surgeries that put him back together. It would be a year before he could return to work.

He had always wanted to advocate for a nonprofit group. "When something like (the accident) happens, it forces you to slow down enough to think about it," he said, "and to do something about it."

Gaskins had experience in community service,



Rick Gaskins is the new executive director of the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation. Previously, he worked as an attorney.

including advisory leadership of the Salvation Army in Charlotte. He believed that the problem-solving skills he honed as an engineer and lawyer could help solve thorny environmental problems.

But he worried about the leap from a busy law practice, representing lenders, developers and industries, to a job that pays \$30,000 a year.

His family, which includes five children, embraced the idea. Fellow environmental lawyers called to offer their services to the foundation.

Gaskins went to work for the group March 1.

He looked happy a few days ago, standing by Lake Wylie in jeans after his first news conference defending the Catawba.

"I feel fortunate to be able to have this kind of job," he said, "and that's the beauty of it."

Sense of reward

That sense of reward is common among green professionals, said Reid Wilson of the Conservation Trust of North Carolina, a statewide group that works with the 25 local land

trusts.

Wilson himself was once chief of staff of the Environmental Protection Agency.

"EPA had 18,000 employees and we have 13," he said. "But the job is very rewarding because we do accomplish tangible, lasting land protection that will protect drinking water and forests forever."

After her recent marriage and 23 years at Bank of America making and managing private equity investments, Ann Hayes Browning decided it was time for new challenges.

"Doing something closer to home," she said. "Doing something for my community."

As project director of the fledgling Carolina Thread Trail, she has traded air travel for the Subaru she drives through 15 Charlotte-area counties. The Thread Trail, under the lead of the Catawba Lands Conservancy, will be a regional network of trails and greenways that links communities and attractions.

Browning found similarities between launching the project she joined in

2006 and researching investments — she works just as hard, for one. But a revelation was learning how unique each community is, and how welcoming.

"People are really good," she said, "at saying, 'Thank you.'"

Charlotte real estate lawyer Saxby Chaplin had always hoped he could someday work for the good of his community — maybe by his 60s. But when the Trust for Public Land offered him a job at 54, deciding to leave a prestigious firm "really took some soul searching."

Seven years later, as the Trust's state counsel for the Carolinas, Chaplin has learned to print his own letters// and put toner in the office copier. He has also weathered the financial storms that batter non-profits.

On balance, he said, his job satisfaction has been worth the risk.

"One of the things I really enjoy is working with and meeting so many people who care about the environment and want to conserve it," he said.

And it's nice to help make that happen, he said.

Environmental action

A tip o' the hat to the planet doesn't take money, sweat or a hair shirt. Some ideas:

Open a window. Turn off the heat pump and let spring inside. (Allergy sufferers excused.)

Plant something. Few things ground us better than dirty fingernails.

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Ride a bike. To work, on an errand or just to listen to your heart thump-thump-thump.

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MANNERS

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hometown soon, then wish her well. If that does not help, you may need to change your phone number. Hopefully, she will back off.

Dear Jerrie,

I have a first cousin who is one month older than I am. We have always been close, but Barb has become so inquisitive, it's almost embarrassing. She asks me very personal questions about our finances about our teen children. We were both raised by loving parents and taught good manners, but how do I answer some of her questions, be polite and not hurt her feelings?

Thank you,
Nan

Hello Nan,

First, you do not owe your cousin answers to these personal questions, even though you have a close relationship. The only way to handle a situation like this is to be very honest and up front with her. Tell her those are personal things that you do not discuss outside your family and you hope she will understand. Since you are close, she should not be offended.

Dear Jerrie,

I read your column each week in the Big Spring Herald. I have noticed you often write about generosity and courtesy. It's not that I don't understand the word, but can you



explain in more detail what people can do to be courteous? I know I am not as courteous and generous as I should be, but I sincerely want to be.

Thank you,
Alice

Hello Alice,

Thank you for your e-mail. The word courteous or courtesy involves a special skill and a special kind of a person. It's the ability to put yourself in another person's place when they are going

through rough times. It's to do what you can to help that person, just as you would want that person to do to help you if you were in the same position. Ask yourself, do I have an open hand to help others, or do I have a clinched fist? Think about this, what would Jesus do in this situation?

Often times friends, and yes, even family members are willing to lend a helping hand as long as it does not cost them money. If you want a clear picture

of courtesy and generosity, we need only to look at the life of Jesus Christ, who gave His all.

Philippians 2: 3-4 says, "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself." "Let each of you look out not only for his own interest, but also for the interests of others." There are many who will argue these scriptures away in their own minds, but the Bible is,

"yes and amen!" It is absolutely the final authority, and can never be changed!

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

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Methodists attend gay union ceremony near church convention

By ANGELA K. BROWN
Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH (AP) — More than 200 Methodists attended a lesbian couple's commitment ceremony Friday in defiance of a vote to uphold a church law that says gay relationships are "incompatible with Christian teaching."

The ceremony was at a park across from the Fort Worth Convention Center, where some 3,000 people are meeting for the United Methodist Church's general conference. It is held every four years to set church policy.

Methodists this week rejected replacing a sentence in its Book of Discipline — which says the church "does not condone the practice of homosexuality" — with other phrases, including one saying Christians differ on the issue. The measure to change the language also was rejected at the last conference in 2004.

Methodists this week also voted against a proposal to change a policy allowing pastors to keep gays and lesbians from joining the denomination's churches.

"There was a lot of robust debate as there has been for 36 years, particularly



Methodist church member Ralph Williams of Washington D.C. participates with others in a wedding across from Fort Worth Convention center where the United Methodist Church's general conference is meeting in Fort Worth. A lesbian couple held a wedding protesting the church's refusal to change its policy that gay relationships are "incompatible with Christian teaching."

AP Photo/LM Otero

over the phrase that refers to 'incompatible,'" said the Rev. Gregory V. Palmer, president of the church's Council of Bishops. He also called for finding common ground.

At the ceremony, some

said that acceptance of gays in some churches encouraged them but that the denomination as a whole had a long way to go.

No clergy member presided over the commit-

ment ceremony of Julie Bruno and Sue Laurie of Chicago, a couple for 25 years, although about three dozen ministers attended.

Officiating at a same-sex union ceremony violates

church rules for clergy and would leave them vulnerable to being charged in Methodist church courts. In 1999, a senior pastor in Omaha, Neb., was defrocked after a church trial for perform-

ing a same-sex union. "The United Methodist Church has been and continues to be both blessing and burden to us," said Julie Bruno, one of the women getting married. "When the church turns her back on us, withholds blessing from us, does God withhold blessing? Does God stop loving us? We continue to be the church to and for each other. We continue to be the instruments of God's light and love."

The Rev. Julie Todd spoke during the Friday ceremony and led the communion. Afterward, she said she doubted her role would subject her to any church disciplinary action, but if so she was prepared.

"I believe so strongly that this is the role of the church and of the ordained clergy in blessing loving relationships that I am not concerned about the consequences," Todd said.

After the service, Laurie and Bruno said they turned down many ministers' offers to officiate.

"The message was less about upsetting people and more about being role models and for people to know that these ceremonies are going on," Laurie said.

News briefs

Evangelicals say faith too political

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservative Christian leaders who believe the word "evangelical" has lost its religious meaning plan to release a starkly self-critical document saying the movement has become too political and has diminished the Gospel through its approach to the culture wars.

The statement, called "An Evangelical Manifesto," condemns Christians on the right and left for "using faith" to express political views without regard to the truth of the Bible, according to a draft of the document obtained Friday by The Associated Press.

"That way faith loses its independence, Christians become 'useful idiots' for one political party or another, and the Christian faith becomes an ideology," according to the draft.

The declaration, scheduled to be

released Wednesday in Washington, encourages Christians to be politically engaged and uphold teachings such as traditional marriage. But the drafters say evangelicals have often expressed "truth without love," helping create a backlash against religion during a "generation of culture warring."

"All too often we have attacked the evils and injustices of others," they wrote, "while we have condoned our own sins." They argue, "we must reform our own behavior."

The document is the latest chapter in the debate among conservative Christians about their role in public life. Most veteran leaders believe the focus should remain on abortion and marriage, while other evangelicals — especially in the younger generation — are pushing for a broader agenda. The manifesto sides with those seeking a wide-range of concerns beyond "single-issue politics."

Fed OKs plan to rein in unfair, deceptive credit cards

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve and other regulators initiated steps Friday to end "unfair and deceptive" credit card industry practices assailing consumers who are already struggling to cope in a bad economy.

The proposed rules would be the big-

gest clampdown on the industry in decades, aiming at protecting people from credit card companies that arbitrarily raise interest rates or don't give borrowers adequate time to pay their bills.

The proposals would also restrict such lender practices as allocating all payments to balances with lower interest rates when a borrower has balances with different rates.

LETTERS

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ers. What would they think of our fine city?

I don't think this is a place where parents should condone this in an envi-

ronment of child rearing.

This problem has been going on for about a month now. Isn't there a law against this or can't the city of Big Spring create an ordinance to help us get rid of this problem?

I have seen the van in several parking lots and

even after hours all over town. What are our law enforcers thinking when they overlook this type of behavior? Who do we turn to to protect our loved ones?

LORA SPIVEY
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Culligan Water Conditioning owner Dickie Wright, front row center, poses with Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen and local Chamber of Commerce officials during groundbreaking ceremonies for a car wash facility to be located adjacent to the water store on FM 700. The new business should be open by July 1, Wright said.

Think 'green' clean

Car wash under construction along FM 700

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Are you ready for a "green" car wash?

Dickie Wright, owner of Culligan Water Conditioning, is betting you are, which is why he recently began construction of a car wash next to the water store, located at 1509 E. FM 700.

The \$300,000 facility will sport one automated and two manual car-wash bays, as well as a feature that may appeal to the environmentally conscious customer.

"Water that is usually lost in the reverse-osmosis process ... will be used to supply the sprinkler system in this area," Wright said. "We are going to recycle as much water as we possibly can."

Construction on the facility began a few weeks ago and Wright is hopeful the new business will be up and running before summer's end.

"Hopefully, we'll be open by July 1," he said.

Aside from being environmentally friendly, the car wash will sport another unique feature — a wheel-washing mechanism resembling an

upside-down floor buffer that Wright says is more efficient than other systems currently in use.

"In effect, it will brush the wheels clean," he said. "We're just doing this a little differently from the other guys."

Wright said he always planned to build a car wash adjacent to his business.

"I left room for the car wash (when Culligan was constructed)," he said. "All these things were planned for. I just decided that now was the time to do it."

Adkins Conservation Farmer of the Year

Robert (Bob) L. Adkins, a Lomax Community farmer, was named Conservation Farmer of the Year by the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District.

The award was presented during the District's annual banquet.

Bob is married to Deborah and they have three children. Two daughters, Jennifer McNeil and Kelly Means. In addition, they have a son Trey Harrell.

Adkins graduated from Stanton High School in 1964. He attended Texas Tech University where he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics in 1969. In addition, he received his commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army in 1969, also from Texas Tech. After commissioning, he attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course and then deployed to Vietnam. He completed one tour in Vietnam as an advisor to the South Vietnamese Army.

After returning from Vietnam, he began farming in 1971. He continues to farm dryland and irrigated cotton in the Lomax area where soil types



Courtesy photo

Robert Adkins, left, receives the 2008 Howard Soil and Water Conservation District Farmer of the Year Award from Ace Berry, Howard Soil and Water Conservation District director. The award was presented during the annual Howard Soil and Water Conservation Banquet.

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On-line resource for pecan growers

Pecan growers can now use a new Web site to predict insect pest activity in their orchards and track activity across the state, said entomologists with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

AgriLife Extension entomologists have developed the



TOMMY YEATER

PNCforecast System, an on-line model that uses pheromone traps and temperature to predict when pecan nut casebearers will be active in pecan orchards in the spring, said Dr. Allen Knutson, an entomologist with the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Dallas.

The new system is available from AgriLife Extension at <http://PNCforecast.tamu.edu/>, he said.

The pecan nut casebearer, or PNC, is the most

damaging pest attacking pecans in Texas, Knutson said. A single, well-timed insecticide application in the spring is usually sufficient to prevent crop loss. However, knowing when to make this application is the challenge.

The PNCforecast system helps growers anticipate the appearance of this annual pest and plan management activities, he said. The system uses the pheromone traps to determine when the first pecan nut casebearers begin to fly.

The PNCforecast system then uses that "first moth" date and historic weather data for the local site to predict when casebearer moths will be depositing eggs in the orchard and when larvae will begin to tunnel into nutlets.

"Knowing these time periods is critical to managing this pest," Knutson said. "Based upon the PNCforecast output, we know when to begin scouting the orchard to

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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.

Last week, the *Wall Street Journal* highlighted the Saudis ongoing effort to boost their production capacity to 12.5 million barrels per day by next year. However, over the weekend, Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi said the cartel member isn't planning to expand their capacity beyond that level in the near-term. In the past Saudi officials have claimed that if necessary they could sustain 15 million barrels per day of production for decades. Naimi also remarked his nation is "working hard" to supply crude to the market, and he called for investment along the entire energy value chain.

It is important to note that Saudi Arabia is the primary holder of the world's excess production capacity. Spare capacity acts as a safety net in case of supply disruptions or unexpectedly high demand. Around 2004, the combination of a recovering U.S. economy and industrialization of China highlighted the years of underinvestment made in oil production. It is our contention that around that time OPEC exhausted their spare capacity, and since then the market has been in a situation of supply verticality. Prices have spiked and continue to rise as demand grows and the producers struggle to keep pace and significantly rebuild their spare capacity. In this environment, demand is particularly important since small shifts in consumption can result in large price swings.

The Saudis are currently working to develop the Khurais field. Former Saudi Aramco VP, al Hussein suggests that after the \$15 billion project at Khurais is brought online, the kingdom only has one remaining mega-field left to develop, the offshore Manifa field. The success of the Saudis in overcoming the geological and economic challenges of the project is being closely watched. Matthew Simmons says Khurais "is the big one." If the field "falls short of its advanced billing, then Saudi Arabia is going to struggle to fulfill its promises." The Saudis hope the Khurais field will become the fourth-most productive patch in the world. Only time will tell.

- The IMF has again warned that commodity prices, particularly food and energy costs, were at levels that could become destabilizing for the global economy. At the International Energy Forum in Rome, OPEC has again reiterated their position there is no need to put additional crude on the market at this time.

- Using the EIA's numbers, the national average for regular, self-service gasoline was \$3.51 per gallon, rising 11.9 cents over the past week. Versus one year ago, prices are 64 cents higher. Though prices are exceptionally high, versus historical relationships, gasoline futures are still comparatively inexpensive to the price of crude oil.

- As China continues seeking access to energy reserves, the nation has agreed to lend Nigeria \$2.5 billion for infrastructure projects. The Chinese have been aggressive in courting Nigeria and have offered President Yaradua numerous financial support deals in recent months.

- WorldPublicOpinion.org recently conducted a poll. According to Reuters, "On average, 70 percent of respondents in 15 countries and the Palestinian territories said they thought oil supplies had peaked. Only 22 percent of the nearly 15 thousand respondents in nations ranging from China to Mexico believed enough new oil would be found to keep it a primary fuel source." According to WPO, the general consensus is oil is running out and governments need to take action to find new energy sources.

- Meanwhile, the Food Policy Research Institute (FPRI) is warning demand for biofuels could boost food prices 72 percent through 2020. The FPRI believes the world needs to suspend diverting crops for fuel to stop rising prices and help end hunger. Friday Energy Secretary Bodman told an energy conference that the U.S. must diversify its biofuels supplies away from corn ethanol (and other fuels that impact food crops) to cellulosic alternatives.

- We note recent concern about Russian oil production growth as representative of what can happen when a government nationalizes many private companies and institutes a more restrictive tax regime.

- According to Energy Intelligence, Chinese automotive diesel demand grew 36.5 percent between 2003 and 2006. Over the same period gasoline demand grew 19 percent. Currently the nation has few diesel fueled passenger cars, but diesels could account for 10 percent of the passenger fleet by 2010. As recently as 2006, the diesel fleet was at negligible levels. Rising automotive diesel demand in China could complicate an already tight middle distillate market.

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8 die in severe storms in Arkansas Friday

By KELLY P. KISSEL

Associated Press Writer

SILOAM SPRINGS, Ark. — With a pep talk from Gov. Mike Beebe, emergency workers fanned out across Arkansas to help residents cope with another bout of violent weather that pushed the state's storm death toll to 24 for the year.

"You can see the bags under the eyes of the people who consistently over and over again are called on to respond," Beebe said. "That's their job and that's our job and we'll do it, no matter how many hours it takes or how many days it takes."

Eight Arkansans were killed Friday in thunderstorms that tore up parts of four states, while two dozen or more were injured. Forecasters said that, across middle America, more than 25 tornadoes may have touched down late Thursday and early Friday.

In Arkansas, destruction ran from Siloam Springs near the Oklahoma line to tiny communities along the Mississippi River. Powerful tornadoes killed 13 people in the state on Feb. 5 and another person on Jan. 8.

"This year it just seems like we're getting pounded," Van Buren County Sheriff Scott Bradley said.



AP Photo/Danny Johnston

People gather in front of the Southside Baptist Church in Damascus, Ark., after storms destroyed the building Friday. A powerful storm system packing tornadoes and heavy winds roared across the nation's midsection, killing at least eight people.

Storms ripped off roofs and toppled train cars near Kansas City, Mo. Oklahoma endured severe hail, and tents tumbled at an open-air market in eastern Texas. Late Friday, a storm hit Earle in eastern Arkansas, then a line of severe thunderstorms pushed into Kentucky and threatened to dampen the

Kentucky Derby on Saturday.

Wes Morrison, 24, was at a convenience store in Earle when a friend called to warn about the storm. "Dad and I took off," Morrison said. "As we were (driving) down Main Street, you could just see that cloud twirling around."

He and his father made it to an

inside bathroom of his grandparents' house just before the tornado came through, Morrison said.

"I don't think it lasted but 10 seconds," he said. "When it was over, the First Baptist Church of Earle, which is just across the street from my grandparents' house — it's gone."

Wind knocked the roof off another church, one so new that neighbors said it had not yet held services.

Members of a work crew ran inside the Southside Baptist Church just north of the Van Buren County town of Damascus after a neighbor warned them of the coming storm. They said it was total silence as the storm approached.

"Everybody was afraid," said Jesus Estrada, 22, a worker.

After the storm ripped through, he and others went down the street and aided firefighters who were helping people out of their homes. Afterward, they stood outside the battered church, having exchanged their soaked clothes for white choir robes.

Nearly 6,000 homes and businesses lost power in the state.

Beebe said Arkansans would cope with the latest in a string of bad weather that has included a foot of snow, a foot of rain and severe flooding that killed three.

"We will fight through it, we will get through it and we will help our neighbors," he said. "We'll do what's necessary to take care of our people."

Forecasters intended to resume storm surveys Saturday. Beebe said he would visit the hardest-hit counties.

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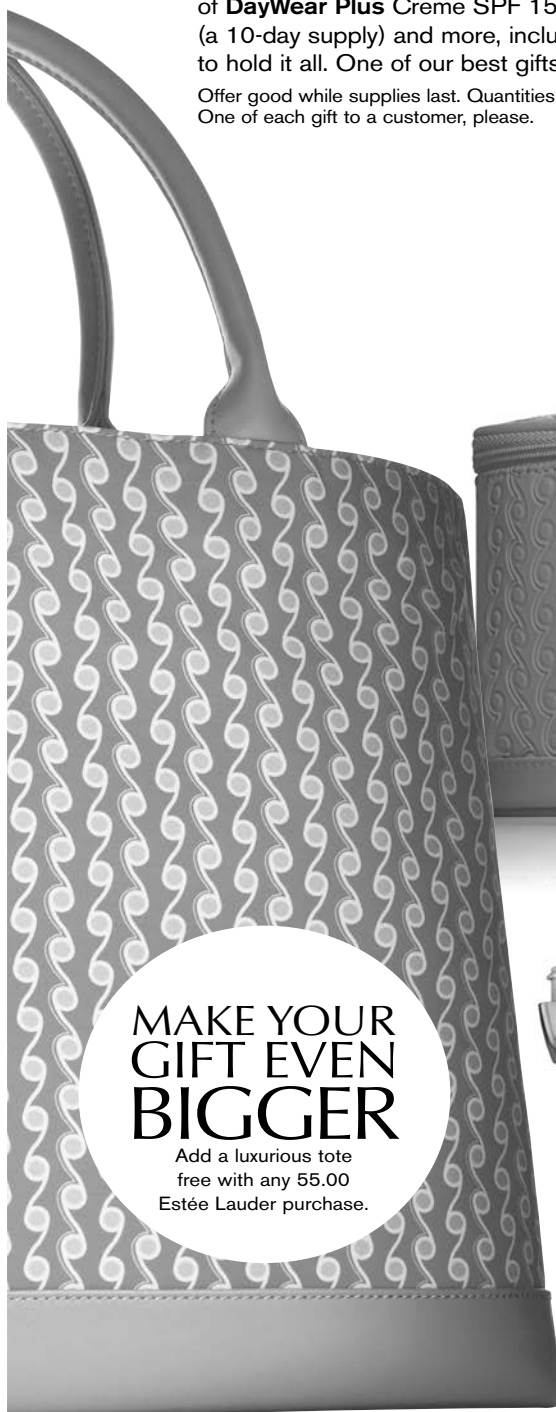
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Doyce Ray Coyle, 3301 Auburn, Big Spring
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County Court Decisions:

Probated Judgment: Cara Painter Wilson, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$389 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months

probation).
Probated Judgment: Daniel Qualls, theft – more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$326 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Gerardo Magallanes, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$391 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Luis Molina, driving while intoxicated – open container, \$750 court costs, \$441 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Christopher Jay Mendoza, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$441 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Alisha Manette Smith, theft – more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Eric Michael Gates, accident involving damage to vehicle – more than \$200, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Andrea Alender, driving while license invalid, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Kenneth Lloyd Hopper, theft – more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Austin Terrence Smith, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Kasey Charles Huckabee, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, \$328 court costs, 30 days in jail.

District Court Filings:

Howard County et al vs. Dyan Johnson Davis, taxes.
Howard County et al vs. Linda Calvert, taxes.
Howard County et al vs. Jesus Bustamante, taxes.
Howard County et al vs. Northstar Mortgage, LLC, taxes.
Howard County et al vs. Kendra Denise Barte, taxes.

Howard County et al vs. Opal Barber, taxes.
Howard County et al vs. Hosea Banks, taxes.
Howard County et al vs. Meredith Bailey, taxes.
Howard County et al vs. Douglas Bailey, taxes.
Howard County et al vs. Verna Ashford, taxes.
Howard County et al vs. Francisco J. Arteaga and Emilio Garza, taxes.
Howard County et al vs. Patricia Aguirre, taxes.
Howard County et al vs. Roger Lee Edwards, taxes.
Howard County et al vs. Mark Edwards, taxes.
Howard County et al vs. Rudy Carpenter Sr., taxes.
Howard County et al vs. Manuel Carrasco and Maria Carrasco, taxes.
Howard County et al vs. Gloria Cantu and Jesus Perez, taxes.
Howard County et al vs. George Leatham, ind. and DBA G&M Auto Care, taxes.
Howard County et al vs. Eleazar Garza, taxes.
Antonio J. Flores vs. Erlinda Rios Flores, divorce.
Patricia Francisca Roberson vs. Michael Rey Roberson, divorce.
Jennifer Barker vs. John Barker, divorce.
Raquel P. Mireles, next friend of Bianca Mireles, vs. Mark Anthony Salazar, protective order.

Marriage Licenses:

Darren David Byrd, 44, and Dana Kohl Rodriguez, 40, both of Big Spring.
Quetin Vanderbilt, 21, and Deborah Roxanne Ortiz, 18, both of Big Spring.
Jesus Antonio Pina-Trujillo, 18, and Monique Lisette Villesca, 16, both of Big Spring.
Fabian Miguel Galan, 23, and Stephanie Lynn Gonzales, 19, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:

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Grantor: Lorina Ontiveros and Eloy Hernandez Jr.

Grantee: Oscar Garcia
Property: Lot 7, Block 39, Government Heights
Date: April 24, 2008
Grantor: Jesse M. Ramirez and Marina Ramirez
Grantee: Manuel Villa Jr.
Property: Lot 10, Block 2, Jones Valley
Date: April 24, 2008
Grantor: Mary Lou Munoz, Alicia Ann Ledezma, Rene Villa, Angel Villa and Manuel Villa Jr.
Grantee: Manuel Villa Jr.
Property: The S/50 feet of Lot 1, Block 10, Jones Valley
Date: April 24, 2008
Grantor: Trela Dawn Pearson, Mary Beth Ingram and Travis Schafer
Grantee: Charles D. Rosenbaum
Property: Lot 4, Block 1, North McEwen Addition
Date: April 24, 2008

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Grantee: Binham Tran
Property: Lot 24, Block 7, Capehart Addition; Lot 9, Block 1, Capehart Addition; Lot 22, Block 1, Capehart Addition; Lot 12, Block 2, Capehart Addition
Date: April 25, 2008

Grantor: Andrew Ramos
Grantee: Yolanda Booth
Property: Lot 3, Block 1, Stardust Addition
Date: April 29, 2008

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Grantee: Prosperity Management LLC
Property: Lots 2-4 and part of 5, Block 2, Jones Valley
Date: April 29, 2008

Grantor: Blaz G. Bailon
Grantee: Manuel Hewtty
Property: Lot 22, Block 8, Suburban Heights
Date: April 29, 2008

Grantor: Kendra Carlile and Kenneth Gamble
Grantee: Lesa Gamble
Property: A 0.8 acre tract out of Section 44, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: April 30, 2008
Warranty Deed with Vendors Lien:
Grantor: D&S Properties
Grantee: Teleforo R. Galan
Property: The E/2 of Lots 17 and 18, Block 2, Gordon Addition
Date: April 24, 2008
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Grantee: Connie Plagens
Property: Lot 12, Block 8, Highland South No. 6
Date: April 25, 2008
Grantor: Patricia Jan Shepard
Grantee: Ray A. Baggett
Property: A 22.3 acre tract out of Section 42, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
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Grantor: Reene Ann Walden
Grantee: Manuel Villa Jr. and Jessica Villa
Property: Lot 14, Block 1, Wasson Place
Date: April 25, 2008
Grantor: Machel Williams
Grantee: Alicia Gonzales
Property: Lot 12, Block 4, Hillcrest Terrace
Date: April 29, 2008
Grantor: Central Baptist Church
Grantee: Keith Ledford
Property: Lot 15, Block 1, Capehart Addition
Date: April 29, 2008
Grantor: Carey Matthew Warren and Shelly Grace Warren
Grantee: Aaron Garrison
Property: Lot 1, Block 1, Central Park Addition
Date: April 29, 2008
Grantor: Lesa Gamble
Grantee: SN Properties LLC
Property: A 0.8 acre tract out of Section 44, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 30, 2008
Grantor: Lavert Kenneth Vinacco and George Harlow Jr.
Grantee: Julia H. Anderson
Property: Lot 3, Block 12, Douglass Addition No. 2
Date: April 30, 2008

ON-LINE

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determine if casebearer infestations exceed the threshold.”

An insecticide treatment, if needed, should be most effective if applied just prior to the date when the first larvae begin tunneling into the nutlets, he said. The PNCforecast System predicts this date, helping pecan growers plan.

“However, remember that the PNCforecasts are only forecasts,” said Dr. Mark Muegge, an AgriLife Extension entomol-

ogist at Fort Stockton. “Growers must base management decisions on actual assessment of casebearer infestations as determined by orchard scouting.”

Knutson and Muegge developed the PNCforecast System based on field data collected over 10 years from orchards in north central and West Texas, they said.

To use the PNCforecast system, growers need to know when casebearer moths are first captured in their orchards, the entomologists said. The growers also need access to historic temperature data for their loca-

tions to make predictions. Many growers monitor traps, but access to temperature data and the PNCforecast model was a challenge.

“To make the PNCforecast system accessible, we developed a Web site that allows pecan growers to enter their own trap data, then select from a menu the weather station data nearest their orchard,” Knutson said.

Once this information is entered, the PNCforecast model generates a forecast unique to that orchard, he said.

“Currently, the Web site has weather data from over 50 locations in Texas,” said Robin

Williams, Web designer with the Texas A&M University department of entomology.

Williams and Dr. John Jackman, an AgriLife Extension entomologist in College Station, worked with Knutson and Muegge to develop the PNCforecast model and Web site.

“Because the PNCforecast system uses the moth capture date and local temperatures, the results have proven more accurate than previous methods,” Muegge said.

“Also, pecan growers can update their PNCforecasts one to two weeks later by inputting

actual high and low daily temperatures. This further increases the accuracy of the forecast.”

Pecan growers can also see pecan nut casebearer activity reported from other orchards in Texas and Oklahoma. These forecasts are based upon data collected by county agents and entomologists with AgriLife Extension and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, Master Gardeners and volunteer pecan growers working with Extension.

Tommy Yeater is an Extension agent for Howard County. He can be reached at 264-2236.

ADKINS

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and conditions are highly susceptible to wind erosion. To reduce wind erosion, Adkins utilizes minimum tillage techniques to protect young cotton seedlings from blowing sand. He started using this method of farming about five years ago and is convinced that it has increased his cotton yields and protected his land from wind erosion damage. Bob plants wheat under his center pivot irrigation systems, usually by the end of January. Adkins will plant two rows of wheat in the bottom of his furrows and then terminates the wheat around the middle of May with Roundup herbicide. This terminated wheat stubble provides the needed pro-

tection he needs to ensure cotton seedlings are not damaged by blowing sand.

Adkins plants Fibermax 960 and 963 Roundup Ready and Bollgard cotton on top of the beds. This allows him to spray the cotton over the top with Roundup herbicide to control weeds, which saves on fuel costs. His minimum tillage farming has had a positive effect on yields as well as reducing wind erosion.

In 2007, Adkins harvested three bales per acre under one pivot and two bales under another pivot. In addition, Adkins has established permanent grass under the Conservation Reserve Program in the center pivot corners. By participating in this program, he has enhanced wildlife habitat and reduced wind erosion.

Adkins has also participated in the Senate Bill 503 Water Quality Program through the State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Under this program, he converted one center pivot to a Low Pressure in Canopy system. This system utilizes drops that emit irrigation water lower to ground, which reduces evaporation losses and is more efficient.

“Because of Bob’s excellent use of minimum tillage, participation in conservation programs, and desire to protect his natural resources, the Howard SWCD is proud to recognize Robert L. Adkins as the Conservation Farmer of the Year for Howard County,” said Eddy Spurgin, conservation specialist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service of Howard County.

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8 Clown accessory
9 Site of the World Islands
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12 Free
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14 Expression of friendship
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Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of HARVEY E. GULLY, Deceased, were issued on April 23, 2008, in Cause No. P-13638, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Bernice Gully.

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

c/o: **Bernice Gully**
Box 104

Rowena, TX 76875

DATED the 23th day of April, 2008.

Glynn Mouton
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#5767 May 4, 2008

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6019-89-001 for PICNIC AREA AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE in MITCHELL County, etc will be opened on June 03, 2008 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$21,493.75.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.
#5770 May 4 & 5, 2008

Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have known my dear friend "Alice" for 40 years. She remarried two years ago and lives in another state. Her husband has always given me an awful feeling. He is very disrespectful, refuses to hold down a job and doesn't appreciate a thing my hardworking girlfriend does for him. She has supported him from Day One.

Last week, a mutual friend sent me online information for the public records of anyone with a criminal history. Alice's husband is listed there, with several assault, battery, theft, breaking and entering, and DUI charges in the past 12 years. He has served jail time, and one charge was battery to women. There have been a few instances that made me think he's already done something to Alice. I am so afraid she will get hurt or worse.

I want to show all this to Alice. I don't believe she knows. My husband, however, says I should stay out of it. I am visiting Alice's city soon.

Legals

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

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.

Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured 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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What should I do? -- Confused Friend in Pennsylvania

Dear Confused: Alice deserves to know what you found out, but she may already be aware of it and she may resent your involvement, so broach the subject delicately. Meet her for lunch (just the two of you) and say, "Alice, I don't wish to upset you, but I found this on the Internet and thought you should know. You're one of my dearest friends and I want to be sure you are OK. If you need my help with anything, I'm here." If she becomes angry or refuses to open up, leave the subject alone and move on to something else. She knows how to reach you.

Dear Annie: There is an older woman in our apartment building who does not bathe or clean her clothes very often. She wears sweatshirts with different logos for up to six months and never washes them. Instead, she sprays fabric freshener on them. Her apartment is also cluttered and smells. She seems to be unaware of this.

"Harriett" belongs to many clubs and is always going to funerals, so she is around people often. How can we tell her about the body odor? -- Indianapolis

Dear Indianapolis: Does Harriett have any family members whom you can contact? If so, alert them to your concerns and suggest they have Harriett evaluated by a physician. Otherwise, please contact the Eldercare Locator (eldercare.gov) at 1-800-677-1116 and explain the situation. It sounds as if Harriett may need professional intervention.

Dear Annie: I'd like to thank Dr. Kochkin for his letter on hearing loss. His opening comment about how it affects one's life is sadly true.

I lived with a father who was always asking us to repeat ourselves, in spite of the fact that he wore hearing aids. It was annoying to us and painful to watch him struggle in crowds. Not yet 50 and suffering significant loss, I found myself withdrawing rather than seeing the look on my co-workers' faces when I didn't hear them or responded inappropriately.

At my new job, I realized I could not fake it, so I invested in the most up-to-date aides I could afford. Though they are a great help, I'd like to offer a few suggestions to those who are able to hear a mouse whisper down the

block:

Please speak clearly and with confidence, especially at work. Don't speak with your hand over your mouth. Get your co-worker's attention before giving instructions or asking a question. And on the phone, slow down. You don't know what kind of connection you have. It is more than being considerate. It is the sign of a professional.

Hearing loss causes everything Dr. Kochkin said -- depression, withdrawal, frustration. And yes, we do have a responsibility to make our situation known so all involved can do what is necessary to hear and be heard. -- Hearing OK

Dear Hearing: We all could use the reminder to speak more distinctly. Thanks for writing.

Dear Annie: My parents are not in good health. They live off their Social Security checks and take care of my 42-year-old disabled sister. My 38-year-old brother, "George," has a wife and children of his own, but still gets money from my parents. They've spent thousands of dollars on his cars, house down payments, etc.

George recently told my parents he has cancer and would like them to give him money so he can stay home with his children and live rent-free. He expects my parents to mortgage their paid-for house and give him whatever money they had planned as his inheritance. He figures the sum to be \$20,000.

I feel sorry for my brother, but the doctor hasn't said his cancer is terminal, so who knows what will happen. My parents barely make ends meet. My husband handles their funds and makes sure they have enough to live on.

Mom is now trying to convince Dad to mortgage the house. I've threatened to remove my sister from my parents' home if my mother keeps acting as if George is her only child. They expect me to take my sister when they die, but I'd have to build an addition to my house in order for her to stay with me, and they aren't planning to give me any money for her care.

I've never asked my parents for anything, and my husband and I are always the ones who solve their problems. If they mortgage the house, they'll never be able to manage the payments and will eventually lose their home, but my mother is willing to do anything to help George. Now what? -- Tired of the Drama

Dear Tired: You've been a wonderful and caring daughter, but you can't prevent your parents from being foolish with their money. It's time to take a giant step back. You and your husband should speak to them about your concerns and, if possible, set up a trust account for your sister's care. Then let them do whatever they're going to do. If they lose the house, so be it.

Dear Annie: My sister just announced the happy

news that she is engaged and plans to marry in the next year or so. Unfortunately, she has decided to have the wedding at a trendy resort atop Pike's Peak.

Annie, most of the family lives hundreds of miles away from Colorado, and my sister doesn't seem to care that we can't afford the trek. How can we convince her to consider the feelings of her relatives who aren't lucky enough to fall into her tax bracket? I've missed out on a lot of special events and holidays in the past several years, and I really don't want to miss her wedding. -- Bumped Out in Minnesota

Dear Minnesota: Your parents should inform their daughter that it would be a hardship on friends and family members to attend a destination wedding. We hope they can persuade her to be more inclusive and understand that the "ideal" wedding is less about location and more about the people who share the occasion. You also should tell her that, much as you love her, you don't believe you will be able to attend due to the distance and expense. Of course, Colorado isn't that far away from Minnesota, and if you start saving your pennies now, you might be able to get there and find modest accommodations. But if not, wish your sister the best and try to mean it.

Dear Annie: I read the letters about what to call someone's live-in companion. Speaking of those indefinable relationships, my cousin would introduce his long-time lady love as follows: "This is my umm...er...ah...Mary." Henceforth, everyone in the family with someone special in their lives would refer to that person as "My Ummerah." -- Danbury, Conn.

Dear Danbury: Sounds very exotic. Thanks for the laugh.

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married for 21 years. We have two sons, "Sam," age 13, and "Brett," age 9.

My wife and Brett get along fine, but she and Sam clash frequently, despite my attempts to keep the peace. As a result, Sam believes she hates him and favors Brett.

When I bring this to her attention, things improve for a day or two, but inevitably there is yet another battle. Since Sam is big for his age, she has an expectation that he should behave beyond his years. When frustrated with him, she often says, "I'm getting out of here!" and jumps in the car and leaves. She acknowledges that her mother did the same when she was a child and that it hurt her, but the realization does nothing to stop her from repeating her mother's behavior.

I fear it is having an adverse effect on my sons, who may wonder whether someday Mom will abandon them. When I tell her that a mother's love should be unconditional, she replies, "I can't right now."

Although I plan on seeking counseling for Sam, I believe my wife needs help, as well. She visits a counselor from time to time, but it hasn't made a difference. She is also depressed, and when I suggest treatment, I become the enemy and am rebuffed.

I know in my heart she

loves Sam. What can I do? -- Melancholy in Massachusetts

Dear Melancholy: The truth is, not all parents delight in their children's personalities, but loving parents keep that to themselves. Your wife is having trouble controlling her lesser impulses, and occasional counseling is not helping enough. You should intercede with your children, reassuring and reinforcing that Mom loves them but has problems of her own that make expressing it difficult. They are old enough to understand. Encourage your wife to take the counseling more seriously, for her sake as well as the children's, and then put your focus on helping your sons. They need you.

Dear Annie: I belong to several groups for women age 60 and over. When I attend meetings, there are ladies who constantly talk while the meeting is going on, while the president is speaking or during a guest speaker's presentation.

This is very inconsiderate. These women have been asked to keep quiet, but they ignore the request. What can be done about this rudeness? -- Disgusted Member

Dear Member: These chatterboxes have no clue how ill-mannered they are and don't care if they annoy you. The speaker can ask for quiet and then refuse to continue until the women stop yakking, or someone can ask the ladies to take their conversation to another room where they will not disturb those who want to hear. It will work if you follow through consistently.

Dear Annie: "Honest in Tennessee" doesn't understand why women aren't honest about their weight.

Most online personal ad sites don't have a category for "fat." Another reason women may not be honest is the nasty remarks from trolls. When I had a personal ad with my picture, I got a lot of comments about how disgusting I was, and that I should just put down the donuts and get off my lazy behind and exercise. I finally told people if they wanted a skinny woman to keep looking because it wasn't going to be me. However, any man looking for a woman who could talk about cars, guns, fishing and hunting, and could cook, clean, sew and love the heck out of her man, I was that intelligent woman -- with a wicked sense of humor, as well.

If "Honest" wants a thin woman, he needs to say so in his ad, but I can tell him he's going to miss out on meeting some fabulous larger women. A person's worth is not determined by the size of her rear end. -- Maybelline

Dear Maybelline: We hear you. And anyone who posts cruel comments about an online photo has the personality of a snake and isn't worth the time they take to read.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Remember the Stephen King novel called "Needful Things"? In a (fictional) town, a shopkeeper offered anyone who asked the thing they most wanted -- for a price. Granted, it's a dark twist on the sweet Taurus moon, but today is the dark of the moon (the day before new moon) and the objects we desire, those needful things, have obvious appeal.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Liking someone a lot might seem like a good reason to lavish an enormous amount of attention on him or her, but it's not. Take it slow. A reserved approach builds trust and a lasting bond.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When presented with another person's problem, you know instantly how to solve it. However, hold

back your answer. What is most needed is advice and encouragement.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Does your mom need help around her house? Does your child need assistance with next week's homework? The activities you do to help your family, though likely to be a lot of hard work, will also be the most fun for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Big payments are due. Money is going out in chunks instead of being paid out in small and regular amounts. Stress not! You also receive your money this way, so it works out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have a silent and powerful advocate standing behind you, making sure that you get the credit you deserve. This may be an unseen force, or a person who is on your side, no matter what.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What's on the agenda might not be extremely thrilling to you. But you find a way to make it

enjoyable. For instance, playing music or making a game out of doing something quickly and well speeds along otherwise boring tasks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Making your mark on the world isn't about dressing well, saying the right thing, or taking the perfect action. It's the overall impact and timing of your presence. Go where you're needed and when you get there, just be you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you find yourself among apathetic people, don't get discouraged. Inspire with your passion. Your show of commitment will impress those with the potential to care as much as you do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's hard for you to live in the moment unless you have an idea of what's next. Knowing the overall plan about where you're headed helps you feel secure and relaxed enough to enjoy what's going on now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You prefer your

effort to have instant results, and many of your endeavors are on the fast track. However, when it comes to your body and the healing, strengthening or slimming of it, try to accept that nature has a slower pace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's time to air out a problem that's been stuffed in the closet of your mind for a while now. Take it out and talk about it. You'll be surprised at the wisdom your supporters show. Your chosen solution works right away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Whatever you do, you're in the mood to do it with gusto. This may momentarily startle the mild-mannered folks around you, but soon they, too, will be infected by your enthusiasm.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This week celebrates Cinco de Mayo, the fifth of May, commonly misperceived as Mexico's Independence Day, but actually marks a battle won by Mexico over

France (independence wasn't achieved until later). Cinco de Mayo is a reminder that smaller victories add up to larger ones -- never is this more true than the lifelong pursuit of financial freedom. Taurus is a prosperous sign, and for many of us, that means money, honey. With Pluto's longer transit through Capricorn, the earth's resources need to be used differently. So where does that leave us? If prosperity is a state of mind, in reality, it fluctuates -- a lot. Effort spent on earning more of it, and preserving the wealth we have, varies too. And whatever your attitude, earning money at times is a true pleasure, and others, a true grind. Its pursuit can create quality of life or take time away from what we really enjoy. Our relationship with money is funny and uniquely individual. So what financial victory are you ready for? The new moon in Taurus celebrates it.

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

George Clooney has irrefutable charm and class, and not just onscreen -- apparently he's a fabulous host, too. Taurus-born have a knack for nesting, and this Venus-ruled sign knows how to make others feel comfortable, too. Says director Tony Gilroy in a recent interview with Time Magazine, "He's really smart about figuring out what people need and want. Are they hot? Happy? Cold? Thirsty? He has that ability to ... instantly adjust to the group he's with."

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Legals

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

THE STATE OF TEXAS & COUNTY OF HOWARD
By virtue of a **ORDER OF SALE** issued out of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, pursuant to judgment rendered in 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said Court, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I did on the 28th day of April, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., levy upon and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction on the 3th day of June, 2008, being the first Tuesday of said month beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day, at the North Courthouse door of said County, all the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, to-wit:

CAUSE NO. STYLE PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

T-5325
Howard County, et al vs.
Alfonso F. Vera and Diane A. Vera Lot 3, Blk 2, North Side Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas SAVE AND EXCEPT A Ten (10') foot easement along the East side of said lot reserved for utility purposes (1004 N. Runnels, Big Spring) T-5473
Howard County, et al vs. J. B. Bronstein Lot 1, Blk 10, Brown Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (1610 W. 4th, Big Spring) T-5473
Howard County, et al vs. J. B. Bronstein Lot 2, Blk 10, Brown Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (1608 W. 4th, Big Spring) T-5473
Howard County, et al vs. J. B. Bronstein Lot 3, Blk 10, Brown Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (1606 W. 4th, Big Spring) T-5473
Howard County, et al vs. J. B. Bronstein Lot 4, Blk 10, Brown Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (1604 W. 4th, Big Spring) T-5473
Howard County, et al vs. J. B. Bronstein Lot 7, Blk 10, Brown Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (1601 W. 3rd, Big Spring) T-5473
Howard County, et al vs. J. B. Bronstein Lot 10, Blk 10, Brown Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (1607 W. 3rd, Big Spring) T-5473
Howard County, et al vs. J. B. Bronstein Lot 11, Blk 10, Brown Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (1609 W. 3rd, Big Spring) T-5473
Howard County, et al vs. J. B. Bronstein Lot 12, Blk 10, Lakeview Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (1611 W. 3rd, Big Spring) T-5473
Howard County, et al vs. J. B. Bronstein N/60' of Lot 1, Blk 1, Lakeview Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (1800 W. 3rd, Big Spring)

CAUSE NO. 5506

Howard County, et al vs Ruth F. Alexander aka Ruth Alexander Sewell and L. C. Heffington
EXHIBIT NO. DEFENDANT NAME PROPERTY DESCRIPTION ADDRESS
NO. 1
Ruth F. Alexander aka Ruth Alexander Sewell and L. C. Heffington
A tract or parcel of land out of and part of that certain 3 acre tract of land out of and part of Section 32,

Blk 33, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas
1501 W. 15th, Big Spring NO. 2
Bailey Auto Co. aka Bailey Auto Company Lot 15, Blk 44, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
211 Rex, Forsan NO. 3
Harold Bailes and Charlotte Bailes All of the S/40' of Lot 1 and the S/40' of the W/37.5' of Lot 2, Blk 13, Amended Cole & Strayhorn Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
1605 Goliad, Big Spring NO. 4
Raymond E. Bedford Lot 3, Blk 12, Monticello Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
1104 Marijo, Big Spring NO. 5
Kirby A. Bernich Lot 4, Blk 3, Avion Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
1607 Lark, Big Spring NO. 6
Julia Bonilla aka Julia M. Bonilla SE/4 of Lot 18, Blk 99, Original Town City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
602 Sargent Paredes, Big Spring NO. 7
Gary Brashers Lot 1, Blk 28, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
108-B E. 6th, Forsan NO. 8
Lonnie Clanton Lot 2, Blk 4, Lakeview Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
208 Carey, Big Spring NO. 9
Virgil L. Creel and Cecil Elizabeth Creel Lots 14 & 15, Blk 56, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
E. 2nd 407-409, Forsan NO. 10
Olen J. Dreyer aka Olen Dreyer All of the S/100' of Lots 1 & 2, Blk 102, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
400 NW 3rd, Big Spring NO. 10
Olen J. Dreyer aka Olen Dreyer Lot 12, Blk 12, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
1711 W. 2nd, Big Spring NO. 10
Olen J. Dreyer aka Olen Dreyer Lot 11, Blk 12, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
1709 W. 2nd, Big Spring NO. 10
Olen J. Dreyer aka Olen Dreyer Lot 10, Blk 12, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
1710 W. 3rd, Big Spring NO. 10
Olen J. Dreyer aka Olen Dreyer A tract of land out of and part of Section No. 44, Blk 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas
1609 E. 3rd, Big Spring NO. 11
Forsan Methodist Church Lots 9 & 10, Blk 53, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
305 Rex South, Forsan NO. 11
Forsan Methodist Church Lots 6, 7 & 8, Blk 53, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
303 Rex South, Forsan NO. 12
Forsan Pipe & Supply, Inc. Lots 16, 17, 18 & 19, Blk, 53, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
107-109 E. 2nd, Forsan NO. 13
Forsan Townsite Company Lot 15, Blk 1, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
402-B W. 8th, Forsan NO. 13
Forsan Townsite Company Lot 18, Blk 2, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas

306-A W. 8th, Forsan NO. 13
Forsan Townsite Company Lot 12, Blk 13, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
303-B N. Rex, Forsan NO. 13
Forsan Townsite Company Lots 10 & 11, Blk 17, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
401 W. 7th, Forsan NO. 13
Forsan Townsite Company Lots 16 & 17, Blk 20, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
Forsan NO. 13
Forsan Townsite Company Lot 15, Blk 21, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
201 N. Rex, Forsan NO. 13
Forsan Townsite Company Lot 11, Blk 28, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
102-B N. Rex, Forsan NO. 13
Forsan Townsite Company Lots 1 & 2, Blk 30, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
211 W. 6th, Forsan NO. 13
Forsan Townsite Company Lot 4, Blk 30, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
209-B W. 6th, Forsan NO. 13
Forsan Townsite Company Lot 16, Blk 35, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
204 W. 4th, Forsan NO. 13
Forsan Townsite Company Lot 7, Blk 36, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
102-A S. Rex, Forsan NO. 13
Forsan Townsite Company Lots 6, 7 & 8, Blk 44, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
203 Rex, Forsan NO. 13
Forsan Townsite Company Lot 4, Blk 45, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
107-A W. 4th, Forsan NO. 13
Forsan Townsite Company Lot 8, Blk 45, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
202-B S. Rex, Forsan NO. 13
Forsan Townsite Company Lot 14, Blk 45, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
208-B S. Rex, Forsan NO. 13
Forsan Townsite Company Lot 5, Blk 53, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
301 Rex South, Forsan NO. 13
Forsan Townsite Company Robert C. Wash, Inc. Lot 11, Blk 39, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
310-E Main, Forsan NO. 14
L. D. Fowler Lot 18, Blk 1, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
406-W 8th, Forsan NO. 15
J. D. Gilmore Lot 9 & 10, Blk 45, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
204 Rex, Forsan NO. 15
J. D. Gilmore Lot 13, Blk 45, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
208-A S. Rex, Forsan NO. 15
J. D. Gilmore Lot 15, Blk 45, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
210 Rex South, Forsan NO. 16
Hugh Hale and Cheryl Hale Lots 1-22, Blk 54, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
200-210 E. 3rd, Forsan NO. 17
Margarita Hernandez Lot 14, Blk 5, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
1216 Lindbergh, Big Spring NO. 18
Temple Isreal Lots 5, 6 & 7, Blk 8, Washington Place Addn., Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

1305 Settles, Big Spring NO. 19
Zelma Lavina Jenkins E/137' of Blk 3, Hathcock Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
107 E. 12th, Big Spring NO. 20
Jimmie D. Jones Lot 5, Blk 5, Porter Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
508 Owens, Big Spring NO. 21
Robert C. Jones Lot 4, Blk 6, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
202-B E. 9th, Forsan NO. 21
Robert C. Jones S/100' of Lots 4, 5 & 6, Blk 46, Government Heights to Bauer Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
1106 N. Bell, Big Spring NO. 22
Shirley Jowers Lot 2, Blk 2, Mesa Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
4203 Birch, Big Spring NO. 23
Nancy Kelly N/2 of Lot 10, Blk 19, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
309 Runnels, Big Spring NO. 24
Peter L. Larko S/40' of Lot 23, Blk 3, Wright's First Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
1209 Frazier, Big Spring NO. 25
E. S. Lewis Lots 11 & 12, Blk 60, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
407 Rex, South, Forsan NO. 26
A. B. McDonald Lot 20, Blk 56, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas S. Lewis
403-E 2nd, Forsan NO. 27
J. N. Malone and John Durham Lot 22, Blk 4, Cedar Crest Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
810 W. 7th, Big Spring NO. 28
Louis Magin Lot 12, Blk 44, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
207-B S. Rex, Forsan NO. 29
James Martin Lot 20, Blk 2, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
308-W. 8th, Forsan NO. 30
Martha Martinez Richard Flores A tract of land out of a 5.03 acre parcel which is in the West portion of Section 25, Blk 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas
813 Timothy Ln., Big Spring NO. 31
Mabel Maxey E/15' of Lot 2, and all of Lot 3, Blk 45, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
107-B W. 4th, Forsan NO. 32
Janie Juanita Mendez Lot 5, Blk 4, Cedar Crest Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
815 W. 6th, Big Spring NO. 33
Andy Marx Miller Lot 5, Blk 2, Cedar Crest Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
811 W. 4th, Big Spring NO. 34
Helen Fay Miller Lot 6, Blk 2, Cedar Crest Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
815 W. 4th, Big Spring NO. 35
Leola Miller Nelda Miller Bertha Reece Lots 12 & 13, Blk 1, Cedar Crest Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
806 W. 4th, Big Spring NO. 36
Nona Jean Miller George C. Fraser, Jr. Lot 15, Blk 1, Cedar Crest Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County,

Texas
808 W. 4th, Big Spring NO. 37
Leola Miller, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the C. A. Miller Estate Lots 3 & 4, Blk 28, William B. Currie Extension to Government Heights to Bauer Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
105 NW 9th, Big Spring NO. 37
Leola Miller, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the C. A. Miller Estate Lots 7, 8 & 9, Blk 4, Jones Valley Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
900 W. 2nd, Big Spring NO. 37
Leola Miller, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the C. A. Miller Estate The S/100' of the SE/4 of Blk 30, Bauer Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
901 N. Scurry, Big Spring NO. 37
Leola Miller, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the C. A. Miller Estate N/2 of Lot 10, Blk 19, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
910 N. Gregg, Big Spring NO. 37
Leola Miller, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the C. A. Miller Estate The S/50' of the NW/4 of Blk 30, Bauer Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
906 N. Gregg, Big Spring NO. 38
Jim T. Miller Lot 16, Blk 38, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
207-E 4th, Forsan NO. 39
L. W. Moore Lots 10 & 11, Blk 36, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
104-A S. Rex, Forsan NO. 40
E. M. Nash Lot 10, Blk 18, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
301-B W. 7th, Forsan NO. 40
E. M. Nash Lot 11, Blk 18, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
301-A W. 7th, Forsan NO. 41
Earl J. Newell A tract of land out of the SW/4 of Sec. 4, Blk 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas
1706 E. Marcy, Big Spring NO. 41
Earl J. Newell A tract of land out of the SW/4 of Sec. 4, Blk 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Surveys, Howard County, Texas
1714 E. Marcy, Big Spring NO. 42
O. W. Patterson Lot 1, Blk 1, Parker Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
1207 W. 6th, Big Spring NO. 43
Lila E. Pilon Lot 14, Blk 15, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
212 Mesquite, Big Spring NO. 43
Lila E. Pilon Lot 15, Blk 15, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
210 Mesquite, Big Spring NO. 44
C. S. Powell Lot 15, Blk 2, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
302-B W. 8th, Forsan NO. 45
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Mrs. Mary Rhodes

Lots 4 & 5, Blk 1, Tennyson Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
301 N.E. 1st, Big Spring NO. 47
Arthur Frank Ridings Lot 5, Blk 39, Cole & Strayhorn Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
1108 E. 15th, Big Spring NO. 48
Darrell R. Roberts Lot 4, Blk 47, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
606 Nolan, Big Spring NO. 49
V. F. Roberts Lot 6, Blk 45, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
200-B S. Rex, Forsan NO. 50
Annie L. Sadberry Lots 1 & 2, Blk 43, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
200-E 4th, Forsan NO. 51
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206-A S. Rex, Forsan NO. 51
Mrs. L. H. Savings Lot 12, Blk 45, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
206-B S. Rex, Forsan NO. 52
Hubert Sherman Lots 10, 11 & 12, Blk 21, City of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
204-N Rex, Forsan NO. 52
Hubert Sherman Lots 13 & 14, Blk 21, City of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
202-N Rex, Forsan NO. 53
L. T. Shoults Lot 9, Blk 44, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
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S. S. Sipes N/2 of Lots 7 & 8, Blk 12, Jones Valley Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
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907 Ohio, Big Spring NO. 56
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202-A S. Rex, Forsan NO. 59
Harry David Weeg, Jr. Lot 6, Blk 1, Tennyson Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
305 NE 1st, Big Spring NO. 59
Harry David Weeg, Jr. Lot 7, Blk 1, Tennyson Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
307 NE 1st, Big Spring NO. 60
Robert Wilson Lots 17 & 18, Blk 56, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
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Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.
Witness my hand this 28th day of April, 2008.
Dale Walker
SHERIFF OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
#5768 May 4, 11 & 18, 2008



Courtesy photo

Elbow Elementary teachers Amanda Olson, left, and Ellie Miller show their school spirit by wearing Texas A&M and Texas Tech visors on "Hat Day" to raise funds for Chloe Scroggins' medical fund. Chloe is a kindergartener who is facing pancreas surgery. Other fund-raisers planned for May 17 are a yard sale at 3611 Tingle St. and bake sales at the Big Spring Wal-Mart Supercenter and Little Sooper in Coahoma.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Students in Mrs. Spence's second-grade class at Washington Elementary take a moment to cheese things up Wednesday during a special presentation by Herald reporter Thomas Jenkins, who spent time answering the children's questions about a career in journalism.

LOCAL FOLKS



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Lee Canales, left, and Harvey Trevino grill some food for sale at their booth during the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration, held Friday and Saturday in the Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring.

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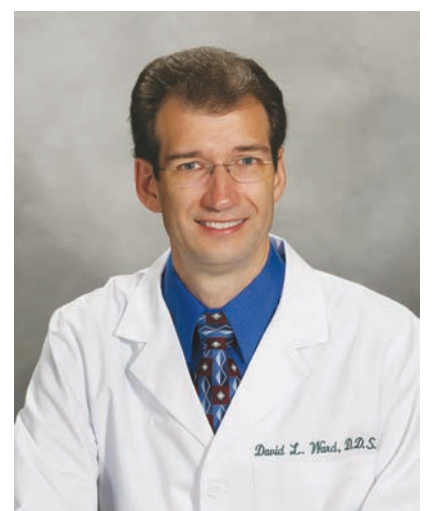
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We feel very proud of you; your accomplishments these years have been wonderful and your hard work and dedication have paid off. You have been selected Valedictorian in your 2008 High School Class.

Your achievements in music, in school are impressive and we as your parents feel extremely happy for you. We share the same sensation since we also were Valedictorians when we were in High School.

At this time we want to thank your teachers, mentors and all the people involved at the Big Spring High School and private tutors that guided you all the way to attain this award.

With Love,
Manuel, Rina and Karla Carrasco
Big Spring, TX

LOCAL FOLKS



Courtesy photo/Gloria McDonald

Marcy Elementary first grader Kloe Mata poses with Pat Simmons, Keep Big Spring Beautiful's coordinator for the Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off, after having participated in the beautification clean up effort on April 12. Mata told KBSB officials the program they presented at her school prompted her to volunteer for the event.



Courtesy photo

Marcy Elementary's Second Grade Education Partner, H-E-B, recently sponsored an essay contest on healthy eating, with 100 students participating. Pictured are the winners of the contest, front row, from left, Angel Hernandez, Madison Sandell, Grand Champion John Ibanez and Joseph Montemayor. Not pictured was Courtney Myers. Also shown are H-E-B store representatives, from left, Kenda Jones, Fred Griego, and Jerry Bills.



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