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Barr: State 'reluctant' to approve fireworks ban

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Firecrackers and bottle rockets may not be an endangered species in Howard County, after all.

A day after signing an emergency order banning all fireworks sales and use through July 5, Howard County Judge Mark Barr said limited sales

and usage may be allowed, despite drought-like conditions throughout the county.

Barr signed the ban Thursday, noting that implementation would be contingent on receiving approval from state emergency management officials. Such approval had not been received as of Saturday, he added.

"I talked to a man with the

pay

agency (Friday) and he said he was reluctant to approve an extension of the state of disaster proclamation," Barr said. "He didn't say he wouldn't extend it, but he didn't say he would, either."

The reason for the reluctance on the state officials' part, Barr said, is that drought conditions in the county have not yet exceeded minimum requirements.

Currently, counties cannot ban fireworks sales and use unless the Keetch-Byram Drought Index wildfire assessment system surpasses 575. Barr said earlier this week that the index reading for Howard County surpassed the limit in some areas, and approached it in others.

Exceedingly dry conditions,

combined with plenty of dry grass and brush in the area, have prompted county officials to consider either banning or severely limiting the sale and use of fireworks for at least the next few days. County firefighters have battled more than 200 grass and brush fires so far this vear.

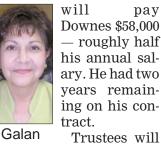
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Trustees may meet this week to mull vacancy Filling superintendent's post may take months

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

Although local school trustees say they are in no particular rush to name a new superintendent, they wouldn't mind starting the search process as soon as possible.

Big Spring Independent School District trustees



now tread somewhat unfamiliar ground in finding a new chief executive for the district. Of the superintendents who have headed BSISD in the past 25 years — Lynn Hise, Bill McQueary, Murray Murphy and Downes — only Downes came from outside the district and the others all assisted the school board in finding their replacement.



will likely meet in the next few days to begin what they believe will be a months-long process to find a replacement for Michael Downes, who resigned Thursday after six years as superintendent for the school system.

Downes has been the target of an eight-month investigation by the Texas Education Agency into alleged misconduct during a previous stop in his education career. Distractions caused by that probe led to his decision to resign, according to a statement released by the school district.

As part of the separation agreement, the district See BSISD, Page 3A

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School Board President Irene Galan said she will likely call an emergency meeting in the next few days so that trustees can discuss the search process.

"I anticipate that we will probably have a meeting

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Meliton Viera cooks burgers during a Holy Trinity Catholic Parish fundraiser outside the Wal-Mart Supercenter Saturday morning. The church is raising money for its youth group's summer trip to Hunt.

Get set for 'Pops'

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Preparations are almost complete for Pops in the Park. Big Spring's annual Independence Day celebration.

As usual, there will be plenty of good food, music and fireworks, organizers promise.

Jan Hansen, committee chairperson for the annual event, said organizers have raised slightly more than three-quarters of its stated goal of \$40,000. That money will be used to pay off outstanding debts from this year and provide "seed money" for 2009.

"We're going on as planned," Hansen said. "Everything is just about in place and looking great."

Headlining Thursday's event at the city park amphitheater, as always, will be a performance of popular and patriotic tunes by the **Big Spring Symphony and Chorale** and one of the largest fireworks displays seen in this area, Hansen



said.

Other traditional features include a wide variety of food and drinks offered by area vendors and a video

salute to U.S. military members. A few new wrinkles have been

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Sports

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Astros release Chacon after altercation

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IN BRIEF

UIL required physicals due for some athletes

UIL requires all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th grade athletes to have a physical before they are allowed to participate in any sport.

This includes practices and games. All local athletic departments are encouraging athletes and their parents headed into the listed grades above to make an appointment with their doctor and get this physical before the start of the school year.

Football and volleyball players would want to get this taken care of before the start of their two-a-days.

Contact your school's athletic department with any questions.

Big Spring QB Club meeting at ATC July 7

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is holding its first meeting of the 2008 season at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 7, at the Athletic Training Center.

The club will then meet subsequent every Monday at the same time until school starts.

All parents of junior high or high school football players are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call the ATC at 264-3662.

Coahoma Little League electing

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Shawn Chacon was put on waivers Thursday by the Houston Astros, a day after he got into a physical altercation with general manager Ed Wade.

If another team doesn't claim Chacon by Monday, the Astros say they will release the pitcher and terminate his contract for cause, which would set off a confrontation with the players' association over the nearly \$1 million that would remain on Chacon's deal.

"Based on the information we have to date, we believe the Astros'

response violates the Basic Agreement," union general counsel Michael Weiner said. "If Shawn Chacon clears waivers and is released, we will pursue appropriate relief on his behalf."

If Chacon is released Monday, \$983,607 of his \$2 million salary would be in dispute. The union also could claim lost bonus opportunities for the pitcher, who has \$1 million in available performance bonuses in his agreement, starting with 130 innings and ending with 210 innings.

Houston says Chacon violated a provision in the uniform player contract that states the player may be terminated if he shall "fail, refuse, or neglect to conform his personal conduct to the standards of good citizenship and good sportsmanship or to keep himself in first-class physical condition or to obey to the club's training rules."

Chacon's agent, Dan Horwits, said he would wait to see if his client clear waivers before he addresses whether a grievance would be filed.

"As the process unfolds there will be more facts revealed which will shed more light on the situation," Horwits said. "By no means does that mean the physical con- See CHACON, Page 4B

frontation was appropriate, and Shawn knows that."

Wade said the problems began when he asked manager Cecil Cooper to call Chacon into a meeting to discuss media reports that he was asking for a trade because he was unhappy with being bumped from the rotation.

After Chacon refused Cooper's repeated requests to come to his office for the meeting, Wade went into the team dining room to try to get him to meet.

After he said he wanted to speak in the dining room, things

Venus hits 127 mph serve in win

Defending champ Williams moves into fourth round at Wimbledon

By STEPHEN WILSON

AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England - No slow start for Venus Williams this time.

After struggling in tight first sets in her opening two matches, the defending champion moved quickly Saturday to defeat Spanish qualifier Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez 6-1, 7-5 and advance to the fourth round at Wimbledon.

Williams served out the match at love, finishing with a 127-mph delivery — the fastest recorded by a woman at Wimbledon — for her 11th ace.

The four-time champion was barely tested in the first set by the 101st-ranked player. But Williams was pushed to the limit in the second when Martinez Sanchez switched to an effective serve-andvolley game.

"I was very pleased with the performance," the seventh-seeded Williams said. "Things got close in the second set. She was really playing well, and I had to come up with something more than she was giving. Also advancing to the round of 16 was No. 2-seeded Jelena Jankovic, who rallied after dropping the first set and overcame a knee injury to down 17-year-old Danish player Caroline Wozniacki 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 on Centre Court.

The 25-year-old Martinez Sanchez had never won a Grand Slam singles match until this tournament and looked out of her depth in the first set against the six-time major winner. But the left-hander scored repeatedly with serve-and-volley winners and angled drop shots and drop volleys in the second set.

"It was a great strategy," Williams said. "In the first set it wasn't working for her from the baseline. I was impressed with the way she changed strategy and made it really competitive in the second.'

The Spaniard rallied from 3-1 down to go ahead 5-4 on serve. But she double-faulted on break point to give Williams a 6-5 lead. Williams finished with 33 winners, as well as 10 unforced errors and six double faults.

She had played erratically in her first two matches against modest British opponents on Centre Court, winning the first set in a tiebreaker against Naomi Cavaday and pressed to 7-5 in the first set against Keothavong. Also advancing to the round of 16 Saturday was fifth-seeded Elena Dementieva, who beat Gisela Dulko of Argentina, 7-6 (2) 7-5.



new officers

Coahoma Little League Baseball Association is holding a meeting at 7 p.m. July 1 at the Dairy Queen in Coahoma to elect board members for the 2009 season.

If you are interested in serving on the board, the attendance at this meeting is required.

For more information, contact Andi Schneider at 270-2892 or Leslie Tindol at 213-4207.

Tennis camp set for July 28-31 at Figure 7 courts

Crossroads Tennis Association tennis instructor Ted Olesen is hosting a camp July 28-31 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

This is the second camp Olesen has put on this summer and attendance at the first camp is not a requirement to attend the second.

The camp is for all ages and abilities, and is designed to teach the beginner the basics of the game, while helping advanced players reach their full potential.

Participants do not have to take the full week of camp.

Cost is \$100 and includes a lunch each day.

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

AP photo/Alastair Grant

Venus Williams reacts after winning her third round match against Maria Martinez Sanchez of Spain, at Wimbledon, Saturday.

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Rangers hold on, beat slumping Phillies



AP photo/Tony Gutierrez

Texas Rangers rookie Chris Davis follows through on his first Major League home run, a two-run shot, off a pitch from Philadelphia Phillies hurler Clay Condrey in the third inning of a MLB game, Friday in Arlington.

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON - Chris Davis is already giving the Texas Rangers a glimpse of their future — and helping them win.

The 22-year-old slugger hit a two-run homer to the opposite field and made some impressive plays at first base in his first major league start Friday night as the Rangers beat the slumping Philadelphia Phillies 8-7.

"He's got stupid pop, opposite-field pop," Milton Bradley said. "He got that pitch tonight, and he hit it out like it was nothing. Hopefully, it's a sign of things to come."

Or as closer C.J. Wilson referred to Davis, "The Hulk."

While Davis' homer capped a five-run outburst for Texas in the third, and he was the one drenched by the contents of a water cooler poured over his head during a postgame interview, Bradley's tiebreaking solo homer two innings later put the Rangers ahead to stay.

Texas made it to the halfway point of its schedule at 41-40, seven wins more than at the same point a year ago in manager Ron Washington's rookie season

slam for Philadelphia (43-38), whose lead in the National League East is down to one game over Florida after the Phillies' eighth loss in nine games.

After Philadelphia went up 5-1 with five runs in the third, Davis' two-run homer capped the Rangers' response in the bottom of the inning.

"Obviously the homer run felt good," said Davis, a fifth-round draft pick two years ago. "It was fun to get that and get a win."

Davis, a converted third baseman. made his major league debut Thursday night with a pinch-hit infield single at Houston. He made a nifty defensive stop against Philadelphia when he dove to his left to snag a short hopper and ran to the bag for the final out of the fifth.

"Basically me just falling over," Davis said, smiling. "It was a reaction play. It shows how much work I've put in at first base.'

The Rangers called up Davis while waiting for the return of Hank Blalock, a former two-time All-Star third baseman who is switching to first when he comes back from the disabled list. But Blalock had another setback Friday

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Schedule of Events

Pops in the Park July 3

Comanche Trail Amphitheater Featuring music by the **Big Spring Symphony and Chorus**

Gates Open at 5 p.m.; Symphony Concert at 8:25 p.m. Fireworks Display at 9:45 p.m. Food and Novelty Vendors Performance by Vocal Trash, Flag Ceremony, Military Salute Video Presentation

Coahoma 4th of July Parade July 4







Parade begins at 10 a.m. in the football stadium parking lot **Parade Marshals** Larry Truman Pherigo, Don McKinney, Wendell Shive

Highland 4th of July Parade July 4

Parade begins at 10 a.m. Begins at the corner of Robb and Highland Reception/Awards Ceremony follows parade.

Funtastic Fourth July 4

Activites begin at 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Heart of the City Park Gospel Music All Day Long Food & Novelty Vendors, Children's Games, Washer Tournament, Horse Rides for children

Shane & Shane and Crimson Soul Perform in the evening

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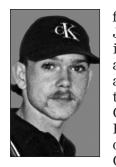
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Obituaries

Carl Robert Currie



Carl Robert Currie, 31, of Austin, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, June 26, 2008, in Corpus Christi from injuries received in an automobile accident. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 30, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Chaplain Rick Foster, of the Big Spring State Hospital, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Sept. 30, 1976, in Mesa, Ariz., and married Shawna Lea Boynt Aug. 13, 1995, in San Marcos.

Carl grew up in San Antonio. He received his bachelor's degree in history from the University of Texas at San Antonio and a master of education from Texas Tech University.

Survivors include his wife, Shawna Lea Currie of Port Aransas; his daughter, Octavia Star Currie of Port Aransas; his son, Corbin Robert Currie of Port Aransas; his mother, Diane Click Fryar of Manor; his father, Bob Currie of San Antonio; three sisters, Becky Arree Currie of Big Spring and Andrea Grace Currie and Marisa Isebel, both of San Antonio; his grandmother, Wilma Marlow of Big Spring; his grandparents, John and Ruth Currie of Big Spring; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

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

Take Note

• The Big Spring Mall will be sponsoring a blood drive Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All donors are needed. Everyone gets a opportunity to win a Vegas Trip for two. All donors gets a Vegas T-shirt.

• June is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Any group that would like to see a program on the topic can contact Bill Birrell at 263-0659. He has an 18-minute American Cancer Society VCR tape edited by Sidney Poitier.

• Ex-Students Homecoming at Forsan High School will be held Aug. 2. For more information, contact Jimmy Anderson at Professional Pharmacy at 267-2546 or at his residence, 267-6143.

• 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.

• 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.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• PRISCILLA LOPEZ, 32, 2509 Hunter, was arrested on 2 capias warrants.

• WILLIAM SCOTT, 43, Vidor, was arrested on charges of failure to identify and one warrant.

• ALEXANDER QUINTANA, 27, 813 Anna, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• RANDY MIER, 30, transient, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• KYLE REECE HALE, no age give, Forsan, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• JASON PARTLOW, 20, 1503 Lexington, was arrested

on four warrants.

• ANDRE DUGAS, 28, Port Arthur, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• EMETRIO LOZANO, 31, 446 Armstrong, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and one capias warrant.

• ACE LEE NIETO, 17, 1400 Virginia, was arrested on a charge of racing.

• VALAN GALAN, 22, 446 Armstrong, was arrested on a charge of hindering officers from discharging official duties.

• ABANDONED VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of Ohio.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1400 block of Settles.

• BURGLARY OF BUILDING was reported in the 4800 block of West Highway 80.

• BURGLARY OF VEHICLE was reported in the 2100 block of Monticello.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASSING was reported in the 1400 block of Settles.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 400 block of Aylesford.

• DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED was reported in the 800 block of South Service Road, I-20.

• EVADING ARRESTED/DETENTION USING A VEHICLE was reported in the 2700 block of Wasson.

FAILURE TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.

• FORGERY, CHECK, CREDIT CARDS was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg.

• POSSSSION OF MARIJUANA IN A DRUG-FREE ZONE was reported in the 2200 block of Wasson.

• THEFT was reported in the 800 block of I-20.

Support Groups

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.

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

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.

• Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.

• VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

• 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.

 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.

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

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

• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area

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

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

• All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.0, 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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





Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-22-27-29-36. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-6-7-8. Sum It Up: 25.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-7-9. Sum It Up: 16.



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Sports

Team USA ready to return to the top

enerally speaking, there were three responses when the U.S. men's Olympic basketball team was announced Monday: Mild interest, indifference and acute cynicism.

As it turns out, some fans and media critics

are tired of NBA players participating in international competition, but their reasons are diverse.

Some find the underachievement distasteful. Two

bronze medals

and a sixthplace finish in the past three international events is ridiculously bad.

Some could care less. Players who will make \$100 million in their careers win the Olympics?

Big deal. They lose?

Who cares?

And there is a vocal group of

detractors who, such as Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, believe NBA players in the

Olympics is all about marketing, selling shoes, t-shirts, authentic wear, etc. This group surmises that NBA players in the Olympics is all about enriching the NBA, USA Basketball, NBC and the players — not about love of country.

So how do the NBA and USAB counter what they would consider misconceptions?

By coming to Las Vegas, of course. Where better to break out into a chorus of "America the Beautiful" than Sin City?

Speaking of strange marketing moves — on Thursday, USA Basketball announced that a five-part series on ESPN will document Team USA's attempt to reclaim its basketball supremacy.

It will be called the "Road to Redemption" and it is insulting to the rest of the basketball world because it presumes that the United States team will win the gold medal at the Beiing Olympics.

No doubt, the U.S. should win. And perhaps with the Boston Celtics winning the NBA title, it is appropriate to figuratively light the victory cigar before the Olympics.

But there is a danger. Another

loss in the medal round might force the documentary to be renamed and it seems unlikely that anyone will want to watch "Boulevard to the Bronze."

Besides, "redemption" is so 2004. That's when the U.S. was trying to redeem itself after a sixth-place finish in the 2002 World Championships.

This is about pride and in this Shaquille O'Neal era of free styling, it's important to rhyme, which is why we've tried to help by suggesting the Olympic team has evolved from the Dream Team to the Self-Esteem Team.

T-shirts would help.

The 12-man Team USA squad will practice here as a unit for the first time and despite the extraordinary talent on the team, there are questions.

1. What are the roles? A: The starting lineup will be Jason Kidd and Kobe Bryant at guards, LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony at forwards and Dwight Howard at center. Dwyane Wade, Chris Paul and

Deron Williams are backup guards. Carlos Boozer and Chris Bosh are reserve forwards.

Michael Redd is the designat-

ed shooter and Tayshaun Prince is the defensive stopper and leading candidate for 12thmost minutes played.

2. Why isn't there a backup center to Howard?

A: Because managing director Jerry Colangelo and head coach Mike Krzyzewski believe the international game is won on the perimeter.

"I think ball-handling and defending the point — that's where it all starts," Krzyzewski said. "We learned that in the 2006 World Championships. We didn't have the strength or the bodies at the point guard position."

3. Who will play center if Howard gets in foul trouble?

A: Chris Bosh, but the U.S. might put its premier players in the game.

"We have a lot of versatility," Krzyzewski said. "We could have LeBron, Carmelo, Dwyane and Kobe on the court at the same time."

4. Are there enough shooters on the team?

A: The 3-point shot is a huge part of the international game and the committee that selected the 2004 team apparently didn't know that. None of the players

on that team were in the NBA's top 50 in 3—point shooting the next season.

On the current team, only Deron Williams was in the top 50 this past season.

He was 37th with 39.5 percent from the field.

In the 2007 Olympic qualifying games, however, the U.S. team made 47 percent from 3—point range.

James (62.2 percent), Anthony (57.8), Williams (50), Bryant (45.9) and Redd (45.3) were outstanding.

"We think we have really good overall shooting on the team," Colangelo said.

It's easy to be cynical about NBA players in the Olympics and the league and USA Basketball actually make it worse sometimes with the marketing blitz.

Yet if you consider yourself a basketball purist, you should be fascinated not only that the U.S. has assembled a group of great players on one team, but also to see if those players can be a team and succeed as they should.

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after taking some swings in the batting cage. He felt soreness in his surgically repaired wrist and was told by team doctors not to pick up a bat for a week.

Bradley, the American League's top hitter at .330, started for only the second time in nine games since sustaining a left quadriceps strain. His 16th homer, a solo shot off Clay Condrey (1-1), hit about halfway up the right-field pole in the fifth to snap a 6-6 tie.

Ian Kinsler went 3-for-4 and

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scored three times, the last on Josh Hamilton's sacrifice fly in the eighth that proved vital. Kinsler led off the first with his 13th homer before adding two doubles, a walk and his 20th stolen base.

"Kinsler set the stage and the rest of them followed," manager Ron Washington said.

Wilson worked the ninth for his 17th save in 19 chances, after giving up a 437-foot homer to Jayson Werth on his first pitch. Josh Rupe (3-1) pitched 2 1-3 innings in relief.

The Phillies, the last of the other 29 current teams to ever visit Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, scored more runs in one inning than they had in any of their previous eight games. And that still wasn't enough.

Hamilton, who left Thursday night's game after getting hit by a pitch on the left hand in the first, had two RBIs to increase his majors-best total to 78.

Kinsler had a leadoff double in the third and came home after consecutive infield singles by Michael Young and Hamilton. Brett Myers was relieved after walking the next two batters, including David Murphy with the bases loaded.

Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said Myers could soon find himself out of the starting rotation.

"First, you have to get somebody to do the job. When things go bad, those are things we discuss," Manuel said. "I told you two a few outings ago, we'd try to get him right and go from there."

The Phillies are 1-11 in the last 12 games started by Myers, who is 1-8 in that stretch.

Condrey coaxed a double play grounder from Marlon Byrd before the homer by Davis, who had 27 homers and 77 RBIs in 77 minor league games this season

Philadelphia led 5-1 after its first hit of the game, the Feliz grand slam coming off left-hander Kason Gabbard. All of those

runs were unearned because of an error by Gabbard when he didn't catch Werth's soft comeback liner.

After the Rangers responded, Gabbard didn't hold the lead long, allowing a leadoff homer to Chris Coste in the fourth that tied the game at 6-6. Gabbard lasted only three more batters, then Rupe got Jimmy Rollins to ground into an inning-ending double play on the first pitch the reliever threw.

Notes: Kinsler leads the AL with 104 hits and 69 runs scored. ... Feliz's last grand slam was also in Texas, in Houston on May 16, 2006.





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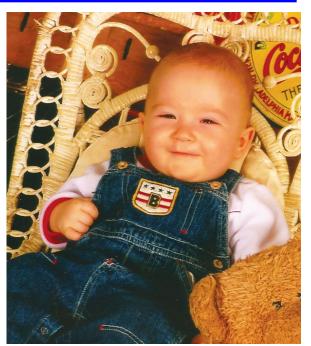


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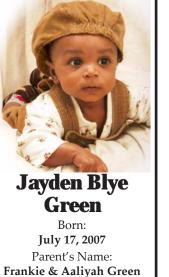
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ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS



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Officers for the Big Spring Rotary Club are, from left, front row, Past President Pete Thiry, President Elect Hollis McCright, Shirley Lee, Tim Green and Tamera Barber, and back row, President Jim Little, Van Foresyth, Jerry Grimes, Clarance Hartfield Jr. and George Leatham.

BAN

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So, instead of an outright ban, Barr will likely meet with fireworks vendors in the next day or two to discuss a limit on sales through the upcoming July 4 holiday.

"(The state official)

wants us to sit down with the fireworks people and reach some sort of agreement," he said. "And that's something I'm willing to do."

A limited ban would apply only to the sale of fireworks, Barr said. Private use, on the other hand, would be allowed, although officials said they would show very lit-

tle tolerance to private citizens violating local and county fireworks ordinances.

Persons setting off fireworks within Big Spring city limits are subject to fines of up to \$200, while anyone using them on county roads or private property without the owner's permission can be fined \$500.

Barr, for one, promised strict enforcement of the ordinance.

"Anyone who violates it will be fined \$500 - it's that simple," he said.

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Bush praises faith-based groups for helping needy

WASHINGTON (AP) – President Bush said Saturday that religious charities, partly financed federal with money, helped have reduce homelessness, found jobs for former inmates and helped combat malaria and HIV/AIDS overseas.

Bush used his weekly radio address to trumpet the "remarkable difference these groups have made over the past eight years." The president said he wants to level the playing field so religious charities and secular charities compete for government money on an equal footing. His White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives survived a legal challenge from a group of atheists and agnostics last year when the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that ordinary taxpayers cannot sue to stop conferences that help religious charities apply

for federal grants.

The faith-based program isparticularlypopularwith Christian conservatives, whose support is seen as crucial for the campaign of Republican presidential candidate John McCain, ally of Bush's. an Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama also is reaching out to evangelicals.

Praising the work of faith-based groups, "Through Bush said: their partnerships with the government, these organizations have helped reduce the number of chronically homeless by nearly 12 percent getting more than 20,000 Americans off the streets. They have helped match nearly 90,000 children of prisoners with adult mentors. And they have helped provide services such as job placement for thousands of former inmates.

Stilt-walker completes 830 miles

IRONWOOD, Mich. (AP) - A 24-year-old man has completed an 830-mile trek on aluminum stilts across Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas to make people aware of cerebral palsy.

United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan reports that Neil Sauter ended his eight-week journey Friday in Ironwood, Mich., on the Upper Peninsula border with Wisconsin. He began walking in early May from southeast Michigan.

Sauter has raised \$16,000 for United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan. A 3-to-1 matching federal grant pushes that total to \$64,000.

Sauter has mild cerebral palsy and used three pairs of stilts on the walk.

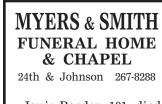
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AM Saturday at Myers &

Smith Chapel with burial

at Trinity Memorial

Park.

POPS

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added, however, Hansen said.

The musical group Vocal Trash, well-known for its much anything else that's lying around."

There will be a surprise attraction, as well.

"We're going to have some special activities, too, but the public is going to have to come out to the park to see them," Hansen

said in describing the event's appeal. "From the vendors to the music to the fireworks, there's something for just about everybody. People can come out to the park and enjoy a night with family

give people of just what they're doing and what their lives are like."

Those interested in making a donation to the project can do so by contacting Debbye ValVerde at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, 263-7641, or by

humor as well as its musical prowess, will open the event at 6:30 p.m.

"They're a lively group and they really get the crowd involved," Hansen said. "They play regular musical instruments, but they also play on trash cans, bottles and pretty

said cryptically. "It's a and friends, while also secret."

This is Hansen's third year as chairperson of the Pops committee and she promised the event would appeal to the entire family.

was unsure how that

"Will it effect us?

Probably, to a point," she

said. "How much will it

effect us? I really don't

district is in good hands

Superintendent Steven

Saldivar, who assumed his

duties two weeks ago after

a similar stint in Lamesa.

superintendent who can

take care of things," Galan

said. "He's an experienced

administrator and I think

things are looking good

Saldivar said he does not

anticipate his duties

changing much during the

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"We've got an assistant

Regardless, she said the

Assistant

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either Tuesday or Wednesday," Galan said. No formal notification of a meeting had been received as of Saturday morning.

Galan said she anticipates the district hiring an interim superintendent and a search committee similar to the process Coahoma ISD is undertaking this summer — to find a new school chief in the near future.

She admits the board is heading into unknown territory, but added that's not necessarily a unique situation.

"I've been on the board for 14 years," she said, "and I don't think I've seen the same thing twice in all that time."

She conceded the district is starting a search relatively late in the year, but



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paying tribute to our soldiers who safeguard our freedoms.

"For several years, we've had a video tribute to our local men and women in the service," she said. "This year we want ... to

"As of right now, I'm just

performing the duties of

an assistant superinten-

dent," he said. "I've not

been told anything differ-

ent ... I'm just proceeding

the same way I have for

While he admits he has

landed in a unique situa-

tion, Saldivar said there is

only one way to approach

the best we can and move

forward — that's all we

can do," he said. "There's

no need to dwell on things

... there's still a lot of work

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Mavs select sharp-shooting Foster in draft*

Bv DAVID JIMENEZ

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS – The Dallas Mavericks selected Vanderbilt guard Shan Foster with the 51st pick of the NBA draft in hopes of adding depth to their backcourt.

The Mavericks were without a first-round draft pick for the fifth time since 2001. Dallas sent its first-rounder to the New Jersev Nets in February as part of the package to acquire Jason Kidd.

This was the lone pick the Mavericks made Thursday night in their first draft with new head coach Rick Carlisle.

"It was a long wait, but we are very happy with what we got," Carlisle said.

Foster, who finished as Vanderbilt's all-time leading scorer, had 2,011 points in his four collegiate seasons. The 6-foot-6 guard was named Southeastern Conference Player of the Year his senior season after averaging 20.3 points and 4.9 rebounds per game.

Foster also hit 134 3-pointers as a season.

"Coach Carlisle felt like shooting was the hole in this team and wanted to get a shooter to put around Jason," Mavericks president of team operations Donnie Nelson said. "We feel very fortunate Shan fell to us this late in the draft."

The Mavericks went 51-31 last season and lost in the first round of the playoffs for the second straight year.

Dallas was not able to trade up to acquire another team's firstrounder. Nelson said the right deal didn't present itself.

"We were trying to be active at the end of the first round," Nelson said. "But we didn't feel the price was right."

In the Kidd trade, the Mavericks sent what turned out to be the 21st overall pick to New Jersey. The Nets used this to take forward Ryan Anderson from California.

The Mavericks last had a firstround pick in 2006 when they selected Michigan State guard Maurice Ager, who was also dealt to the Nets as part of the Kidd trade.

Foster will have a good chance to make the Mavericks roster. Dallas only has eight players under contract and they have a maxed out salary cap.

Two of the team's secondround picks from last season, Reyshawn Terry and Renaldas Seibutis, played in Europe last season and Nelson said they will have a chance to make the team next season.

Rockets trade their way through the draft **By CHRIS DUNCAN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON – The Houston Rockets took French forward Nicolas Batum with the 25th pick in Thursday's NBA draft, then traded him to Portland and acquired forwards Donte Greene and Joey Dorsev.

The 6-foot-11 Greene was taken by Memphis with the 28th overall pick and the 6-9, 265-pound Dorsey was picked 33rd overall by Portland.

The Rockets traded Batum to the Blazers for the rights to the 27th and 33rd overall picks. Darrell Arthur was Portland's selection at No. 27 and Houston immediately sent the rights to him to Memphis for Greene and the Grizzlies' second-round pick in 2009.

"Pretty much went according to plan, what we wanted to come out of the draft with," said Rockets general manager Daryl Morey. "We wanted a balance of future players who could help the Rockets at two different positions. We felt like both were the best players on the board."

Later, the Rockets selected Oregon's Maarty Leunen with the 54th overall pick.

Houston went 55-27 last season, including a 22-game winning streak, but lost to Utah in the first round of the playoffs. The Rockets have lost their last seven postseason series and haven't advanced out of the opening round since 1997.

Morey has said the team will continue to build around All-Stars Tracy McGrady and Yao

Ming and the two newest Rockets should help both of them.

Greene played one season at Syracuse and averaged 18 points and seven rebounds per game. A versatile scorer with perimeter touch, Greene could eventually share the offensive load with McGrady, who averaged 22 points per game last season. McGrady missed 16 games with injuries and the Rockets' offense usually sputtered without him.

Morev said Greene was a "great future bet," a player the Rockets were happy to acquire so late in the draft.

"A lot of talent to get (him) where we got him," Morey said. Dorsey was a powerful inside force for national runner-up Memphis last season, leading Conference USA with 9.5 rebounds per game. He was twice named the league's top defensive player in his four college seasons.

"He can jump, he's a great finisher at the basket," Morey said. "He anchored the best defense in the country in Memphis and he also was the player on that team, the best defensive team, who made the largest impact through steals, through shot-blocking, through his ability to guard nearly every position on the floor.'

The Rockets were looking for a strong frontcourt player to help Yao, who's missed chunks of the last three seasons with injuries. Yao sat out the last two months of last season after breaking his left foot in late February.

Morey said Dorsey could make an immediate impact next season.

"He only takes good shots. He only takes dunks and athletic finishes," Morey said. "He can run the floor, he can anchor a transition lineup, he's someone who is a top-5 rebounder in the country on both ends. Offensively, his impact is very big through offensive rebounds and athletic finishes.'

Morey said Leunen would play overseas for the short term, but the Rockets would retain his rights. Morey envisions Leunen in a similar role to Steve Novak,

Spurs select IUPUI guard Hill **By ELIZABETH WHITE**

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO – The San Antonio Spurs felt lucky that by the time their selection came late in the first round of the NBA draft. George Hill was still there.

The Spurs took Hill, a 6-foot-2 guard, with the 26th selection Thursday night. The 22-year-old averaged 21.5 points a game last season for Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Hill was a redshirt junior last season after playing only five games his junior season after breaking his foot in the second game of the season.

"George Hill is a really solid player at both ends of the court. He adds to our team and I honestly believe he'll make our team better right off the bat," said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich. "We really thought he'd be gone, we were thrilled that he was there."

Spurs general manager R.C. Buford said the Spurs were worried that Hill's impressive play in pre-draft camp in Orlando would mean he'd be gone by No. 26.

"There were some things that broke our way and allowed us to come away with a guy who really impressed us in workouts," Buford said.

The Spurs lost to the Los Angeles Lakers in the Western Conference finals last season as they tried unsuccessfully to defend their 2007 NBA title.

Last season, the quick and versatile Hill hit 54.5 percent from the field and 45 percent from 3-point range. Besides scoring, he led the team in rebounds, despite his size, with 6.8 per game, assists with 4.3 and steals with 1.8.

Hill said he's played both shooting guard and point guard, and will wait to see what his role could be for the Spurs.

"I'll do whatever is necessary

a wing forward who's one of the team's needs," Hill told reporters over the phone. "I'm going to sit back and understand and learn from (point guard) Tony Parker and then whatever the team needs me to do I'm going to try to do it to the best of my ability."

The early entry candidate was the 2008 Summit League player of the year and led IUPUI to a 26-7 record last season. Hill was also named an Associated Press honorable mention All-American.

"You couldn't tell that I went to IUPUI rather than Duke because I didn't let that show," Hill said. "I just played my game and I stayed focused and I think it turned out well."

Later, the Spurs acquired the draft rights to Malik Hariston, who was picked 48th overall by the Phoenix Suns; Golden State's 2009 second-round pick; and cash for the draft rights to Goran Dragic of Slovenia, whom the Spurs picked 45th overall.

Hariston, a 6-foot-6 guard-forward, averaged a team-high 16.3 points and 4.8 rebounds in his senior year with Oregon. The 21-year-old got honorable mention All-Pac 10 honors his sophomore and senior seasons.

"Malik has had a great career at Oregon, a really versatile player," Buford said. "It gives us an opportunity to, I think, add a guy to our team that probably will make it."

Popovich said "we think he's (Hariston's) got a great shot to make our team. He's going to really surprise some people.'

Finally, with the 57th overall selection, the Spurs picked James Gist, a 6-foot-9 forward for Maryland.

In his senior year, 21-year-old Gist was named to the All-ACC Second Team and ACC All-Defensive Team after averaging 15.9 points and 7.9 rebounds.

"We're thrilled with James Gist from Maryland. He's a heck of a rebounder, he's a good scorer ... does a fine job," Popovich said. "So all three guys together having an opportunity like that is what really pleases us at this point."

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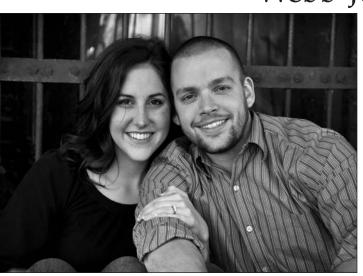
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Natalie Rae Webb of Lumberton and Jason Lee Johnston of Madras, Ore., are pleased to announcement their engagement and pending marriage.

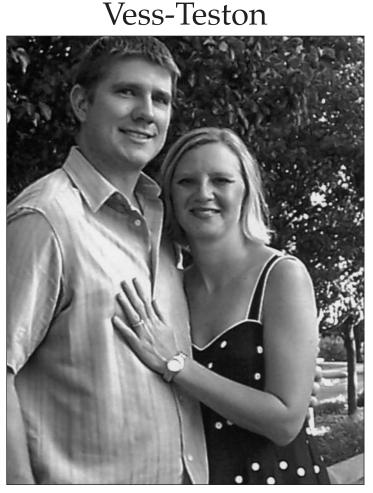
Natalie is the daughter of Bob and Dianne Webb of Lumberton. She is the granddaughter of Raford and Jeneva Dunagan of Big Spring, and the late Darwin and Laverne Webb.

She graduated from Howard Payne University with a bachelors degree in Christian studies and will attend Truett Seminary at Baylor University in the fall.

Jason is the son of Phil and Kathy Johnston, of Madras, Ore. He is the grandson of Larry and Maxine Johnston, and Donna Mooney, of Madras, Ore., and the late Victor Mooney. He is also a graduate of Howard Payne, with bachelors degrees in Christian studies and kinesiology, and will continue his education to become a physician's assistant.

They will be married at 7 p.m., July 12, 2008, in a beach ceremony on Crystal Beach in Port Bolivar.

Gray-Hale



Timothy Teston and Tonya Vess

Tonya Lee Vess and Timothy Boyd Teston, both of Brownwood, will unite in marriage at 11 a.m. Aug. 2, 2008, at the Clark Botanical Gardens in Weatherford.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Troy and Tricia Vess of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Evelyn and the late Dale Fox of Big Spring and the late Sam and Audrey Vess.

The future groom is the son of Kyle and Lynne Teston of Bangs and the grandson of Virginia Ligon



Kevin Hale and Brittany Gray

Brittany Chanelle Gray and Kevin Lynn Hale, both of Big Spring, have announced their engagement and upcoming wedding.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Troy and Tina Gray of Abilene.

The future groom is the son of William Hale and wife, Toma of Big Spring and Tammy Gore and husband, Alvis, of Round Rock.

Brittany and Kevin have planned their wedding for 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring with Bro. Jess Colgrove officiating.

Shaw-Jackson



Brionne Jackson and Jessyca Shaw

Gary and Chanda Tedder Carter are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessyca Annette Shaw to Brionne Shalako Jackson, son of Bill and Denise Jackson of Vealmoor.

Grandparents of Jessyca are Jerry and Annette Tedder of Brady.

Grandparents of Brionne are Bill and Juanita Briley of Luther.

Jessyca is a 2004 graduate of Central High School in San Angelo and a 2007 graduate of Howard College in Big Spring. She is a self-employed cosmetologist at Techno Salon in Big Spring.

Brionne is a 2003 graduate of Borden County High School in Gail and is employed by Fiberod in Big Spring.

The couple are planning a September wedding and will reside in Big Spring after the wedding.



of Brownwood, the late Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Teston and the late Don Ligon.

Tonya graduated from H a r d i n - S i m m o n s University with a degree in elementary education and is employed with Early ISD.

Timothy graduated from Howard Payne University with a degree in youth ministry and is employed with AT&T.

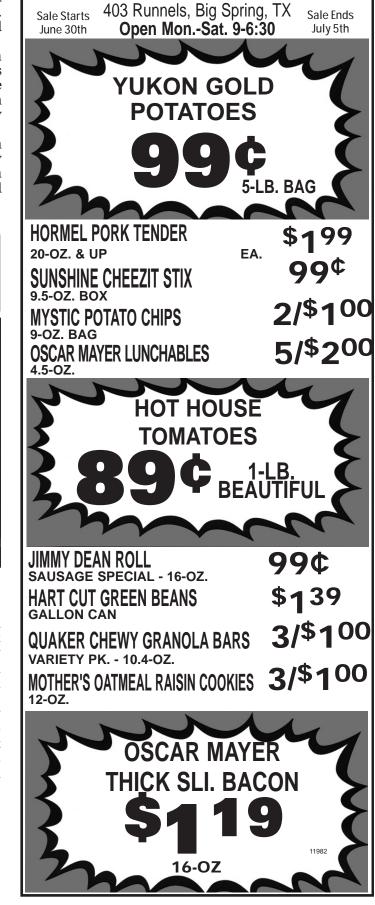




Smith

SPC Sandra G. Smith, U.S. Army, completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and is now prevention attending health school at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. She will graduate on July 29, 2008. Her next duty stawill be Fort tion Leonardwood, Mo. She is the daughter of Gwen Smith of Big Spring.





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Elder abuse is a term referring to any knowing, intentional, or negligent act by a caregiver or any other person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to a vulnerable adult. The specificity of laws varies from state to state, but broadly defined, abuse may be:

- **Physical Abuse** Inflicting, or threatening to inflict, physical pain or injury on a vulnerable elder, or depriving them of a basic need.
- **Emotional Abuse** Inflicting mental pain, anguish, or distress on an elder person through verbal or nonverbal acts.
- Sexual Abuse Non-consensual sexual contact of any kind.
- Exploitation Illegal taking, misuse, or concealment of funds, property, or assets of a vulnerable elder.
- Neglect Refusal or failure by those responsible to provide food, shelter, health care or protection for a vulnerable elder.
- Abandonment The desertion of a vulnerable elder by anyone who has assumed the responsibility for care or custody of that person.

Although there are variations across the country, in most states there are several laws that address criminal penalties for various types of elder abuse. Laws vary state to state. Some states have increased penalties for those who victimize older adults. Increasingly, across the country, law enforcement officers and prosecutors are trained on elder abuse and ways to use criminal and civil laws to bring abusers to justice.

Each one of us has a responsibility to keep vulnerable elders safe from harm. The laws in most states require helping professions in the front lines -- such as doctors and home health providers -- to report suspected abuse or neglect. These professionals are called mandated reporters. Under the laws of eight states, "any person" is required to report a suspicion of mistreatment

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Abuse of a senior who is not in a health care facility can be reported to Adult Protective Services at (800) 252-5400.

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If the victim is a resident of a long-term care facility that receives Medicaid funding, report the criminal abuse, neglect or exploitation to the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit at (512) 463-2011 (Austin), toll-free at (800) 252-8011 or by e-mail at mfcu@oag.state.tx.us.

Locally contact: Victim Services 432-263-3312

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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The corruption of our political system continues

nergySolutions Inc. That name has a nice ring to it, doesn't it? But whose energy problems is this company trying to solve? It's, for one. That country has 20,000 tons of nuclear waste that it wants to dump somewhere, so this Salt Lake City corporation says that, for several million dollars, it will gladly import its waste and bury it in Western Utah. Great. Our country can't figure out what to do with our own nuclear nasties, yet this corporate huckster would throw open our borders



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to everyone's trash. Send us your tired, your poor, your nuclear waste! Not wanting America to be turned into a global dumpster, some lawmakers are trying to ban the importation of radioactive foreign waste. EnergySolutions has responded by applying the handy, dandy solution used for wiping away all corporate problems in Washington: money. In the last four years, company executives and investors have upped their political giving tenfold, dumping nearly \$400,000 into congressional campaign coffers. They've also ramped up the corporation's

spending on Washington lobbyists, top-

ping a million bucks last year.

When confronted with the obvious charge that they are trying to buy votes, Energy Solutions asserted that it is merely buying "access" to lawmakers. As a corporate spokesman explained, campaign cash "gives us the opportunity to participate with elected officials."

In other words, the opportunity to participate with elected official "requires a major cash transaction" -a corruption that shuts out ordinary citizens, perverts the public interest and mocks our democracy. This is a bigger, more toxic problem than nuclear waste, and one solution is to take the corrupt money out of the system with public financing of congressional elections. Learn more at www.publiccampaign.org

Why the sudden food crisis?

he world has witnessed with concern the sudden increase in food prices and decrease in availability of food staples, especially in lowincome, food-short countries.

Rising prices hit hard at the world's poorest people, who are spending as much as 80 percent of their income on food. These

price increases are sentencing as many as 100 million more people to hunger and poverty. Arrows are being slung back and forth about the cause of the "food crisis." Some place the blame on more affluent emerging countries, particularly China and India. Others blame

weather disasters, particularly drought in the wheat-

growing regions of China and Australia. And now the nation and the world must cope with the disastrous floods hitting the heart of corn and soybean country in the United States.

What is the truth? Will we ever sort out what brought on the "silent tsunami" – a term used recently by World Food Program director Josette Sheeran? One thing is for sure: It's doubtful that rising food prices will come back down soon, if ever. In our human way, we want to find reasons and blame those responsible. Let us not forget: At least 35 million Americans (12 million households) were short of food in 2002, even though our food was still cheap compared to prices in Europe.

The basis of the problem lies with us, a society that assumes food

comes from a grocerv store and that we could easily feed everyone who comes in the door. We believe we can always push the pump handle harder by improving the genetics of our crops, growing on more acres by using land now protected for conservation, increasing irrigation and moving to highly "efficient" farming methods that rely on nitrogen and other fertilizers. pesticides and genetically engineered crops. But without good weather, these technological fixes wither in the wind. And the challenges are far different in countries struggling to feed their own.

From 1798 to 1826, British economist and demographer Robert Malthus produced a series of essays on the relation between population and food supply. In essence, he said that the rate of population growth would be exponential, while food supply will increase linearly. In other words, sooner or later there will be more people than food. Of course, in 1800 he had no concept of the ability of technology to increase the supply of food, so the "Malthusian hypothesis" has not yet hit the Earth. But many think it is only a matter of time, while others feel we can still work through this with technology.

Few are ready to talk about the carrying capacity of Earth and whether we are exceeding it. Perhaps the time has come to realize that Earth is close to being stressed beyond its ability to support the people inhabiting it. It is not just the food we grow, but the damage we are causing to the land by over-farming, the addition of pollutants to the atmosphere bringing on rapid climate change and the now-generation approach

that we must have it all. We have not grasped the concept of sustainability.

There are ways to work out of this trap, but the going will be tough. Local foods must be emphasized worldwide. We must find ways for people in poor countries to again grow their own food -- and make enough extra to earn a respectable income.

Climate change is with us, so we must learn to address it while finding ways to slow the use of the atmosphere as a common dumping ground. And rather than blaming developing nations that try to be more like us, we should turn our lifestyles around. If the United States can show ways to live sustainably, "more like us" will be a more sustainable world.

This lifestyle must include markedly less use of fossil fuels. The wise development of unused natural resources for fuels and materials for a sustainable lifestyle would help take us off the path of peak oil and toxic chemicals.

Even if all goes well, it will be a long climb back to the happy, comfortable world we knew just a few years ago.

For more than 200 years scientists, demographers and policymakers have been dismissing Malthus. Now we must take him seriously.

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YOUR VIEWS

Thank yous

TO THE EDITOR,

I want to express my deepest thanks to everyone who has offered concern, prayers, gifts, ect for my grandson, Chase Pierce.

Thank you to all the churches who have included Chase and his family on their prayer chains. Thank you Family Medical Center and to the

hospital for all you have done for Chase and Kelly. Chase is in the Dallas Children's Hospital. God has blessed him. He is slowly coming back to us, and how thankful we are. There are many great prayer warriors in Big Spring, Lubbock, Granbury and places I'm not aware of

Chase. Thank you again. May God bless you and keep you in His care.

DEAN KRAUS BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR,

OK, Big Spring, enough griping and complaining. other Let's do some bragging and pat some people on their who have asked the Lord's backs to say thank you for was being helped by a what you do.

my oldest daughter was thrown from her horse while riding at the arena down the road from where I live. My youngest daughter called me and informed me of the accident. I went to the arena, thinking she had probably hurt her pride more than her body. When I arrived at the arena, she

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we be willing to pull back and let You make the call, Lord. Amen

blessing my Chase, and He is answering by healing

A few

months ago, See LETTERS, Page 5A

Barack Obama is wrong to distance himself from the Muslim community

t is not difficult to understand why Barack Obama has a fear of scarves.

In the 17 months he has been pursuing the presidency, the senator has faced a crude and shameless campaign from conservative pundits, GOP functionaries and

assorted ignoramuses in the peanut gallery to prove him a secret Muslim - a "Manchurian candi-

date," as one put it trained from birth to subvert America from within and, I don't know, make us all eat falafels or something.

On about a half-second of intelligent

reflection, the flaw in that theory is apparent: If unfriendly forces had indeed inserted a "secret" Muslim among us, said Muslim would have blond hair, blue eyes, flag pins out the wazoo and a name like Joe Smith. Too bad intelligent reflection is a stranger to the people in question. With a grim fanaticism, they seize upon every perceived crumb of Obama's "Muslim-ness" to press their case, using everything from his middle name to his disdain for the cheap patriotism of the American flag lapel pin to a photo of him wearing native dress on a trip to Somalia.

So it's easy to see why workers for his campaign barred two women wearing hijabs, Muslim head scarves, from sitting behind him, within range of TV cameras, at a June 16th rally in Detroit.

When someone is throwing at you, you don't hand him rocks.

But that doesn't make what the workers did right.

Yes, Obama apologized profusely. Good for him. It would be easier to take the apology seriously, though, if: a) somewhere in the last year of manifold denials that he is a Muslim, Obama had found the time, space or guts to point out that there's nothing wrong with being a Muslim, particularly in a nation that enshrined religious freedom in its founding documents; b) he hadn't spent so much time treating the American Muslim community as one does the carrier of a contagious disease.

Indeed, as the New York Times reported last week, members of that community are feeling well and truly snubbed by Obama, who has visited a number of churches and synagogues, but has yet to find his way to a single mosque.

Again, the politics of this are no mystery. Obama has spent the last year and a half being pilloried as the Other, representative of something so alien and strange to American values that even greeting his wife with a simple fist bump is fodder for a week of commentary. He is required to walk an unprecedented political tightrope, to be one part John F. Kennedy, one part Jackie Robinson. More, he is required to prove his Americanness like no other candidate before him. Pictures of him speaking in a mosque would not, putting it mildly, be helpful.

But see, the thing that has made Obama a phenomenon is this sense

that he Gets It, that he won't play the same old games by the same old rules. He comes across as a man brave enough to reason and to expect that voters will do the same, a man brave enough to treat intelligent adults like intelligent adults. His campaign, more than most, is an implicit promise to never put that which is politic above that which is right.

This standoffishness toward American Muslims is a denial of all those things.

Until Sept. 11, 2001, that community was poised for assimilation, poised to submerge itself in the American mainstream like the Jews, Irish and Italians before them. The actions of a handful of their co-religionists on that fateful day wrecked that trajectory beyond recognition and unleashed something base and ugly in the American character. Muslims were snatched from the threshold of acceptance, painted once again as the alien and vaguely threatening Other. Can you imagine how that must feel? It is galling and painful to see yourself reduced to a caricature based on someone else's fears. And Barack Obama should know that better than most.

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Pony all-stars



The 2008 version of the Pony All-Stars, as well as several other area Big Spring Little League Baseball teams began tournament play this week in Midland and Odessa. The Pony All-Stars are from left (bottom row) Coach Matt Rodriguez, Lee Garcia, Brandon Portocorrero, Albert Hernandez, Brandon Gonzales, Jeremy Gutierrez, Sergio Torres, (middle row) Coach Frank Martinez, Jarred Doporto, Saul Cantu, Mark Torres, Zach Hernandez, Coach Augustine Hernandez, (back row) Coach Jaime Salgado, Matthew Salgado, Ransom Parks, Caleb Gonzales, Toby Rodgers and Coach J.R. Rodriguez.

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The tournament has been jolted by a series of early upsets that have decimated the seeding lists.

Six of the top-10 seeded men have been knocked out so far before the fourth round: No. 3 Novak Djokovic, No. 4 Nikolay Davydenko, No. 5 Ferrer, No. 6 Andy Roddick, No. 7

9 James Blake. Top-ranked Ana Ivanovic's loss Friday to 133rd-ranked Zheng Jie of China means two of the top three seeded women are already gone. No. 3 Maria Sharapova, the 2004 champion, was bounced out Thursday by 154thranked Alla Kudryavtseva.

Avoiding the upset trend so far has been No. 2 Jelena Jankovic, who was leading off play on Centre David Nalbandian and No. Court on Saturday against

17-vear-old Dane Caroline Wozniacki. Nadal, who lost to Federer in the last two finals, was paired against Nicolas Kiefer.

Roger Federer's next opponent at Wimbledon is the last man to win the title before the Swiss star began his run of five straight championships. And beyond that could be a matchup with the last player to beat him at Wimbledon six years ago. After a relatively easy

stroll through the first three rounds, things could start to get trickier for Federer as he continues his march toward a sixth championship at the All England Club.

Next up in the round of 16 on Monday will be Lleyton Hewitt, the scrappy Australian who won the title in 2002.

The two have met 20 times — with Federer winning the last 11 and holding an overall edge of 13-7.

CHACON

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became heated.

"I did not raise my voice to the player, curse the player," Wade said. "I did not make any defamatory remarks toward the player. Chacon responded with profane and threatening remarks and got up from his seat. He moved in front of me until we were chest to chest and then he shoved me to the ground. When I attempted to get to my feet, he shoved me a second time. At this point players and coaches intervened."

Wade said this wasn't the first problem with Chacon. He said he ignored pitching coach Dewey Robinson when he asked him to throw a bullpen session during Tuesday's game. Wade said Chacon also ignored Robinson when he approached him during the first inning of a game June 1 Milwaukee.

Wade said Cooper followed Chacon to the clubhouse to "settle him down" during that game, but instead had to pull him from the game. Chacon was fined for that incident.

"As an organization we believe that we have fairly treated this player," Wade said. "His pattern of disrespect and defiance to me, to the manager, the pitching coach and most importantly the organization led us to this decision."

Chacon is 2-3 with a 5.04 ERA in 15 starts and 85 2-3 innings for Houston this year.

The right-hander set a major league record for a starting pitcher with nine straight no-decisions to open the season.

Astros owner Drayton McLane said he spoke to baseball commissioner Bud Selig on Thursday and Selig supports the position the team has taken.

"It's very disappointing," McLane said of the altercation. "Our goal has always been to be very accountable and very responsible."

Astros second baseman Mark Loretta, who witnessed the altercation, said McLane met with the team Wednesday before the game to discuss what happened.

"He just told us to move forward," Loretta said. "Something happened that was unfortunate and let's put it behind us and move on."

Houston ace Roy Oswalt said he hopes the incident doesn't ruin Chacon's career.

"A lot of people said it did, but you never know," he said. "Hopefully he'll get a chance with somebody else. I don't know. You can't really judge one person on one thing.'

Rangers manager Ron Washington, in town to play the Astros, isn't sure if he'll get a second chance.

"After that with Wade, I don't know if that will happen," he said.

Astros lefty Wesley Wright, a rookie who was close to Chacon, said he helped him adjust to the majors and that he'll miss him. He's optimistic another team will pick him up.

"This is America, you always get a second chance," Wright said. "Hopefully things will work out in his favor and our favor and after ties are cut with the Astros he can move on somewhere else and be successful."



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Births



Isaiah and Abigail Diaz

Abigail Nevaeh Diaz, a girl, was born at 1:59 p.m. June 19, 2008, weighing 7 pounds, 1.5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She is the daughter of Paul and Jessica Diaz of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Jesus and Virginia Bravo, Nancy Martinez, both of Big Spring, and Danny Diaz of Midland.

Her great-grandparents are Micaela and the late Greg Parra, the late Antonio and Juanita Bravo and Mary and the late Joe Lopez and the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul Diaz.

Abigail was welcomed home by her big brother Isaiah Jadon.

Serenitee **Raevyn Eunice**

Serenitee Raevyn Eunice Velasco, a girl, was born at 5:37 p.m. June 10, 2008, weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches long.

She is the daughter of Arnold and Princess Velasco of Big Spring. Her maternal grandparents are Johnny Trevino and Estella Hughes. Her paternal grandparents are and Alonzo Eunice Velasco.

Serenitee was welcomed home by Dacia Skye Leger.



Zachariah Joel Riser

Zachariah Joel Rieser, a boy, was born at 6:14 a.m. June 4, 2008, weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was $18\frac{1}{2}$ inches long.

He is the son of Stephanie Rieser of Big Spring. His grandparents are Archie and Kelly Rieser Jr. of Virginia. His great-grandparents are Kay and Rusty Parkan Archie and Christa Rieser Sr., Pauline and Jerry Stalions, Judy Boren and the late Kenny Boren.



Elyssa Jannavisa Winters

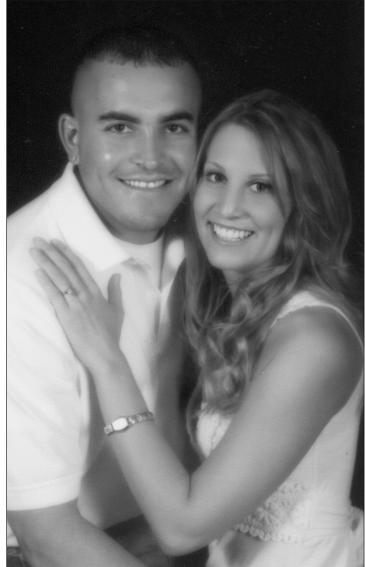
Elyssa Jannavisa Winters, a girl, was born at 9:54 a.m. June 17, 2008, weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches long.

She is the daughter of Winters from Traci Levelland and Eurvin Winters of Big Spring. She is the maternal grandchild of Marie and Patrick Gonzales of Big Spring. She is the paternal grandchild of Jackie and Bobby Winters of Big Spring.

Elyssa was welcomed home by sibling Tray Winters.

Engagements

Rodriguez-Thompson



Oscar Rodriguez and Jessica Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Pierce of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson of Plano are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Jessica Elizabeth Thompson to Oscar Rodriguez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Rodriguez.

Jessica is a 2003 graduate of Colorado High School in Colorado City. She graduated from Angelo State University in 2007 with a degree in nursing. She is employed at Community Hospitial Pediatrics in San Angelo.

Oscar is a 2000 graduate of Colorado High School in Colorado City. He graduated from Western Texas College in 2003 with an associate of science degree. He is employed by the Autoplex of San Angelo.

The wedding will be held on Aug. 8, 2008, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in San Angelo.

Herrmann-Milliken



Eric Milliken and Mariesa Herrmann

Brad and Chantal Milliken of Midland are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son Eric Milliken to Mariesa Herrmann, daughter of Joseph and Porntipa "Sam" Herrmann of Bryan.

Eric is the grandson of Lee Milliken and the late Bill Milliken of Coahoma and Robert Sharp and the late Mireille Sharp of San Angelo.

Mariesa is the granddaughter of Paul Herrmann and the late Shirley Ann Herrmann of Shabbona, Ill., and the late Tengkung and Lung Sakuay of Uthong, Thailand.

Eric is a 2000 graduate of Coahoma High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in radio-television-film. He is employed as a video editor for Major League Baseball, Advanced Media in New York.

Mariesa is a 2002 graduate of Bryan High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in economics. She is pursuing a doctorate in economics at Columbia University in the New York and received a master's degree in May.

The wedding will take place on July 19, 2008 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Klaytin Joeziah Long

Klaytin Joeziah Long, a boy, was born at 3:29 a.m. June 16, 2008, weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces and was 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches long.

He is the son of Amber Long of Big Spring and the grandson of Kathy Reyes.



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- July 1 Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Coffee at Parkplace Retirement Center, 10:00 a.m. Supper Club "Casa Blanca" 5:30 p.m.
- July 2 Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
- July 3 Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Just Peachy Café "Coffee Club," 10 a.m. Bunko, 5:00 p.m.
- July 4 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY.
- July 8 Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Supper Club, "Pizza Inn", 5:30 p.m.
- **July 9** Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 p.m.
- July 10 Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Just Peachy Cafe, Coffee Club, 10 a.m.
- **July 14** Games 1:00-4:00 p.m. (NEW TIME) (Hand & Foot Canasta) Lunch Bunch & Birthday's "Just Peachy's" - 11:30 a.m.
- July 15 Supper Club "Tx Cajun Cafe" 5:30 p.m.

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OPINION

LETTERS

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couple of men who were getting the arena ready for a play-day the next day. I probably forgot to thank them at the time, so let me say, "Thank you!" I owe y'all big time.

I didn't know how badly she was hurt so, "with her protesting all the way," I took her to the ER. As soon as I drove up to the hospital, I saw one of the ER nurses leaving the building, and I motioned for him to come help me. It didn't take very long to size up the situation before he summoned help from the ER, and he brought a wheelchair to my pickup and took her inside, staying long enough to see that everything was taken care of before he left. I would like to thank him for going out of his way to help us, as we probably made him late for his fishing tournament. Thank vou.

To make a long story short, my daughter was hurt way more than I realized. She had 8 broken ribs, punctured her right lung in two places, nicked her liver, bruised her spleen and dislocated her left shoulder. She also had a concussion and some broken bones in her lower back.

The ER staff no only took care of my daughter as they packaged her up for the helicopter ride to Lubbock, they also took care of me. By this time, I needed the little pats on the back and maybe a squeeze on the arm and a wink and a nod. I also needed the marbles that were given to me by the marble lady. I cannot thank y'all enough.

I was a fireman for almost 30 years, and I thought that a little blood didn't bother me. I was wrong. When it's your daughter, let me tell you, it will bother you. The ER staff pulled me through. I will not try to thank everyone by name, but y'all know who you are, and I will never forget what you did for me. I'm just sorry it took this long to thank y'all.

My daughter is doing fine. She's riding her horses, working, and training bloodhounds for the state. THANK YOU,

JAMES (DICK) DUBOSE BIG SPRING

Enough tyranny

TO THE EDITOR,

Please start representing the people over the administration that has whittled the Constitution down to the first two amendments. I, along with Mrs. Obama, do not feel

free in the land of the free. Enough of tyranny! JOE BIGHAM **BIG SPRING**

The dog

TO THE EDITOR,

This letter is to provide the results of an investigation after a citizen, Tonya Hilario, had written a letter to the editor complaining about how a deputy handled a dog situation. Her letter enraged many citizens. brought a lot of media attention to this incident brought much and disrespect towards this agency and especially the deputy involved. I must first comment that her letter was very slanderous in content as the incident didn't happen as she reported it. She never contacted this agency, instead, she went to the press probably because she felt it wouldn't be investigated and she could make comments that were untrue and could damage someones reputation just for the heck of it.

Many man hours were put into investigating this incident, and many attempts were made to contact Mrs. Hilario with no luck. After the event was investigated, I felt it was a waste of time and a unnecessary cost to

taxpayers. I am also very upset at the people who read something and then believe it is 100 percent the truth without giving it any second thought. I also am upset that her letter caused a lot of disrespect towards my agency and officers that was unjustified and possibly she will be liable for. For the record, the event was caught on video and I did review this video. The officer never shot the dog with a taser, the officer was never "running and chasing the dog," the officer wasn't even close when a young man walked away from the Sonic and the dog followed him.

The deputy was standing by the front doors to the business when the dog (unrestrained) ran back and forth between cars and kids, walked off the property and into the street and was run over.

The young man had volunteered to walk the dog to his home and place it in his vard. He was never ordered to do that. A deputy did tell the kids to get out of the street because there were cars driving by and they were in harm themselves of being run over.

The dog, once it was run over, was placed beside a dumpster (not inside it) by a deputy. That was done because the Big Spring Police Dispatcher refused to send animal control after receiving three calls requesting them - once at the beginning of the incident when a deputy called requesting them to pick up the loose pit bull at the business, secondly when my dispatcher requested that they come pick up the now dead dog, and thirdly when our deputy spoke to a shift sergeant on duty.

This was an unfortunate incident, and a dog was killed. The dog did not have tags, so no owner could be found. The dog was a very friendly animal and therefore apparently didn't meet the requirements to call out animal control after hours.

Perhaps the citizen who brought so much attention and wants to blame someone should have volunteered to take the animal, after all she was offered the dog by the deputy and she refused.

I assure you, the readers, that the deputy involved never meant any harm to this dog. He in fact is an animal lover just as I am.

DALE L. WALKER HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF

TO THE EDITOR,

I am writing this in reference to a letter posted by Ms. Brown on owners

who do not take care of their animals, and City Animal Control never available when needed. It is a shame that our Animal Control does not respond to calls when needed. In most other cities, dogs/cats running loose would just naturally be picked up by Animal Control with a tag or not. Then the owners — "if" they decide to try and find their dog and show up to pick it up — are given a citation and have to pay the fees to get their animal out. Is there not a "leash law" in this town? I see numerous animals running loose in my neighborhood constantly and I never ever see Animal Control patrolling anywhere. What exactly do they do?

The Humane Society has so many dogs/cats that if you ever call them they never have room to take any strays. So then what happens to these animals? They are usually dumped off on the side of the road. How fair is that to the animal? Just like the dog in the Sonic incident, where are the owners? Why did this dog not have a collar and tag? I really believe if the owner was interested in this dog then they would have tried to locate it.

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JPS IN THE PAR Thursday, July 3rd **ComancheTrail Amphitheater** Featuring Music By

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5:00 P.M. ~ Gates Open at Amphitheater

5:00 P.M. ~ Food and Novelty Booths Open

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7:45 P.M ~ Welcome Announcements

7:50 P.M. ~ Representative Joe Heflin

8:00 P.M. ~ Flag Ceremony

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Leaders, step up Leadership Big Spring enrolling now

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for the Big Spring Leadership program, set to begin Aug. 14. Deadline for applications to be turned is 5 p.m. July 21.

This program is designed to increase leadership skills and learn more about the community.

"We are anticipating another successful year. Employers, if you have new employees or administration personnel new to the community, this would be a good program for them to learn more about Big Spring and Howard County and get involved," said Debbye ValVerde



employee will be promoting your business and will get involved in the different organizations in the coming year and

will keep your business informed as to what is going on in the community and how you as a business can get involved."

Applicants must be willing to commit to one full day on the second Tuesday of the month for 10 months. Individuals who have demonstrated management and/or leadership ability, have shown an interest in com-

executive munity affairs and have time and talent to offer the community are invited to apply.

> Tuition fee is \$400 for chamber members and \$600 for all others. Tuition includes transportation for tours, meals, a leadership skills book and binder and information.

> Applications are available at the Chamber Office or can be faxed or e-mailed upon request. The program is limited to 25 participants.

> "We are certain someone in your organization or in your acquaintance will be able to profit from this excellent opportunity," said ValVerde.

> For more information, the Chamber office at 263-7641.



Energy Watch



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

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



In Jeddah, producers and consumers are preparing to come together to discuss the run-up in crude prices and coordinate a solution. Energy Intelligence reports the Saudis are now looking to up their production by 500 thousand barrels per day. Previous estimates suggested they would be willing to offer 300,000 at the meeting. Riyadh has signaled to the market that today's high prices are concerning for OPEC. However, the cartel's general lack of spare capacity limits the Saudis' capability to dampen prices in an environment where demand is increasing.

Ahead of the summit, the consuming nations are responding to the kingdom's gesture. United States officials are revisiting proposals to boost domestic output. Additionally, the Chinese have made a significant move. At the fourth-annual U.S.-China Strategic Economic Dialogue this week in Annapolis, the American team expressed concern about China's artificially low fuel prices. The Chinese use subsidies and price-caps in hopes of taming inflation. Timing their move such that they won't face criticism in Jeddah, today Beijing Jcache Energy Information Services reported the Chinese will raise domestic gasoline and diesel prices 17-18 percent from Friday. The price hike would be the first in seven months. On diesel, the hike is roughly 46 cents per gallon. The gasoline increase is about 41 cents.

The Chinese had previously postured they would not raise their prices. We thought they would wait until after the Olympic Games. Nonetheless, the move will be welcomed by OPEC and the U.S. since developing nations underpin the demand growth story in the crude oil market.

Though Chinese prices aren't going to be as high as free market pricing would dictate, they are removing some of the insulation from record prices their consumers have enjoyed.

• In India, officials in Maharashtra are calling for government employees to cut their fuel bill 5 percent, asking them to avoid unnecessary travel and encouraging four officers to single car rather than the traditional one-to-one ratio.

• According to the Canadian Association of Petroleum

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Wilma and Terri Heckler, with scissors, are joined by Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce officials for ribbon-cutting ceremonies Friday marking the grand opening of By The Spring Nightclub. The club is located at 3101 S. Highway 87.

Workforce board changes name

Special to the Herald

The Permian Basin Workforce Development Board (PBWDB) will be known as Workforce Solutions Permian Basin beginning July 1.

Workforce Solutions Permian Basin serves 17 counties including Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell Upton, Ward and Winkler. Its mission is to offer strategic and operational planning, oversight and evaluation of federal and

in the 17-county region. Services are comprised of employment development, education and training, child care and business related support services.

The Texas Workforce Commission's initiative to change the name resulted from an attempt to provide a common brand name for the 28 local boards in Texas. TWC conducted a survey in 2007 among board area staff and found that only 11 percent of local employers can name their boards, while only 38 percent recognize the name of their board. As

state workforce programs a result, all 28 workforce of the Board including boards across the state will adopt the title, Workforce Solutions.

Willie Taylor, PBWDB/ Workforce Solutions Permian Basin, chief executive officer, said "The name change will allow the citizens and employers of any city in Texas to have an inclusive, common place to go for job seeking assistance, career preparedness and employment development."

Business services are administered through the four Workforce Centers that operate under the aegis Midland, Odessa, Big Spring and Fort Stockton.

Business services are: Recruitment and placement assistance, Information on tax incentive programs, Applicant pre-

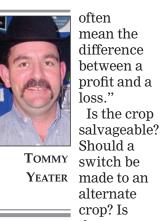
screenings, Interview scheduling, Interview facilities equipped with fax, telephone and computers with Internet access, On-the-job employee training customized to fit the employer needs,

Information about unemployment insurance claims.

Late-season replanting guide

Farming on the Texas South Plains is risky business at best, but the region's wild weather can make management decisions all the more difficult.

"Hail is a very real threat that's all too common this time of year," said Dr. Calvin Trostle, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agronomist at Lubbock. "After a hail or other disaster occurs, the decisions a producer makes concerning the remainder of the season



there even time before cold weather arrives to make a crop? These are questions Trostle said often must

be answered soon after disaster strikes.

To address these and other crop management issues for the current season, Trostle and other AgriLife Extension personnel have released the guide, "2008 Alternative Crop Options after Failed Cotton and Late-Season Planting for the Texas South Plains."

The on-line publication, also available through county AgriLife Extension offices, details replant and late-planting

alternate crop options typically implemented following a failed cotton crop.

The guide includes seeding rates, hybrid maturity and lastrecommended planting dates for grain sorghum, sunflower, guar, sesame, summer annual forages, black-eyed peas and other short-season vegetable crops.

To find the guide go to: http://www.lubbock. tamu.edu/cotton/pdf/ cropreplantoptions08.pdf Producers, labor and material bottlenecks will limit production from the Alberta oil sands. Their estimate for oil sands production now calls for 3.5 million barrels per day by 2020 from last year's 1.2 million.

• Across the nation, school districts are being forced to hike their fuel budgets for the 2008-09 school year. Domestically, diesel prices are at record levels. According to the American School Bus Council, while class is in session, more than half the nation's youth use buses.

There are roughly 475,000 that transport over 25 million kids. The buses travel 4.3 billion miles per year.

• Senator McCain continues to push for nuclear energy, yesterday calling for the U.S. to build an additional 45 reactors by 2030. The hurdles to reach such a lofty goal seem high considering the political opposition nuclear energy faces and the unresolved issue of how to dispose of the waste byproduct.

• In Europe, more than 20 offshore wind farms exist. Domestically, there is not a single offshore turbine.

• President Bush has called on Congress to lift the offshore oil and gas drilling moratorium. The U.S. leader outlined a four-point plan designed to help increase domestic production.

Besides reversing the offshore drilling regulations, he called for development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, higher domestic refining capacity, and oil shale projects in the Mountain West. Seemingly the election-year energy debate will be intense this summer.

• A critical bottleneck in the oil industry remains a global shortage of drill ships. Asian shipbuilders have raised their prices as much as \$100 million per vessel because of the crunch. In 2002, daily rig rates in the Gulf of Mexico were around \$150,000; today they are as high as \$600,000.

• One day following an offensive launched by local and NATO forces in the southern Arghandab district in Afghanistan, government officials are claiming quick victory. The Kandahar Province Governor said the joint offensive had removed Taliban fighters from the targeted villages.

• The U.S. airlines project they could lose up to \$10 billion this year because of soaring fuel bills.

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So I am going to say to Ms. Tonya Hilario, who was so interested in this loose dog incident at the Sonic, maybe the one she really needs to blame is the City Animal Control and the owner of the dog, because I promise you if she had an emergency of any kind I am sure that when she is on "911" wanting an officer to respond the last thing that is going to be on her mind is the dog incident at the Sonic. Thank you!

> KAILA THOMPSON BIG SPRING

Customer satisfaction

TO THE EDITOR,

Recently, I went to the Big Spring Wal-Mart and had my 10-month-old baby with me. While paying the cashier, she proceeded to tell me that they are no longer allowed to place our bags in our baskets; it's a "new rule." While my 10-month-old is trying to climb out of the basket, I am expected to put my own bags in my basket. A little difficult, but I managed.

I sure hope they make considerations for the elderly, the handicapped and, oh! what about the pregnant women who shouldn't be lifting over 20 pounds? Who's going to help them? Not the cashiers, because they have a "new rule."

That sure does take the service out of customer service (and a bit un-American). What's next a ladder at the end of each aisle so we can get our own products from the top shelves?

Synonyms for the word service: benefit, assistance, help, use. How does this "new rule" help, assist, or benefit the shoppers of Wal-Mart?

This is not the only store in Big Spring with poor customer service; however, if I mention any names they are likely to send a rebuttal to the Big Spring Herald!

Excellent or superior customer service is vital to the success of any business. Studies show that companies lose more customers as a result of poor customer service than for any other reason.

What happened to the excellent customer service that small towns are known for? If a problem arose, they used to go out of their way to resolve it with grace and a positive attitude. Excellent customer service professionals take responsibility for problems

that are presented to and will follow them through. Most customers understand that problems do happen occasionally. As long as they resolve the issue quickly and efficiently, customers will likely continue to do business with the company, and positive experiences promote positive comments.

Good customer service is where the basic needs of the customer are met. For example, you walk into your local grocery store and the items you require are available and your cashier is friendly. Superior customer service is when your basic needs are met and then some. You walk into your grocery store looking for the product. You notice that there aren't any out on the shelf but a stocker notices your perplexed look and asks if they can help you. You explain your situation and they go back to the stock room and find what you are looking for.

You head to the checkouts and see that there is a checker standing at the end of one of the aisles who asks you "are you ready to check out? I can get you right here." She's nice and friendly and your bagger isn't so bad either (and they put your bags in the basket for you).

Superior customer service is going above and beyond the norm or basic requirements of the job. FYI to those below average businesses in Howard County — Tips to achieve Above Average Customer Service: The difference between good and superior customer service is remembering the Golden Rule, treat others as you wish to be treated ... and add a 100 percent to it. Remember that without the customer, you would not have a job. Because of this, each customer who walks in the door is your

employer in a sense. Studies show that companies get 85 percent of their business from repeat customers, SO it's important to keep these individuals happy and coming back. (This is especially helpful in keeping Big Spring money in Howard County instead of going out of town to shop or eat.)

It usually takes much less effort to keep a current customer than to attract a new one.

Offering a discount or providing a special service to calm an irate customer

is often a good business move. Customers with bad customer service experiences will spread the word. Statistically, customers who have a negative experience will tell an average of 50 people about it. This bad publicity can quickly hurt your bottom line.

Smile! Whether you feel like it or not.

STACY ARMSTRONG BIG Spring

LETTER TO THE EDITOR,

Recently, I went into our Sears Store at the Big Spring Mall to replace some Craftsman tools bought from Sears that are lifetime warranty tools.

For all the years I have lived in Big Spring we have all heard our local business talk, beg and plead for the citizens of Big Spring to shop in Big Spring keep our money in our town.

On this visit to Sears to replace three screw drivers and a socket that are covered under Sears lifetime warranty, I was told that Sears no longer did an in-store swap. I was handed a catalog and was told to call the 800 number and the replacement \rightarrow tools would be sent to my residence.

My problem was I was in the middle of a project and needed these tools today.

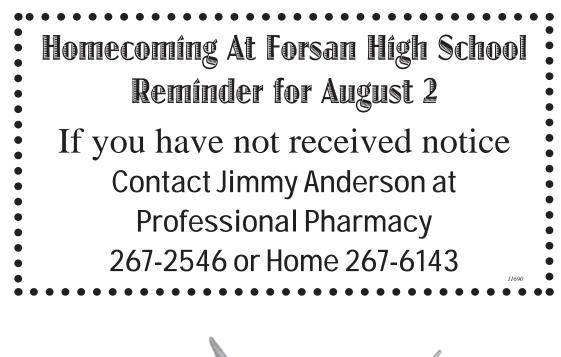
I went across the street to Higginbotham Lumber and bought what I needed to finish my project.

The same day my wife and I went to Midland where I also took my Craftsman tools into the Midland Mall to their local Sears and without any questions or hesitation my tools were replaced.

I asked about the Sears in Big Spring telling me about the 800 number, and was informed that my complaint was not the first complaint heard about the Big Spring store policies. So obviously it is only the Big Spring store that has opted to inconvenience their customers.

I am sick and tired of hearing the slogan "support your local merchants." I think the slogan should be "support your local patrons." I'm not sure what others think but my experience was not one to make me return to

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Krishna Nicole Castillo, 905 Walnut, Colorado City Doyce Ray Coyle, 3301 Auburn, Big Spring Wesley Wayne Crow,

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Spring B. Nicole Foust, 2505 Chanute, Big Spring James Randal Gardner,

PO Box 1490, Lyons, Colo. Brad Ray Gillihan, 1705 Thorpe, Big Spring

Naomi Gonzales, 1606 E. Fifth, Big Spring Kristin Hawkins, 405 N. Moss Lake Road, Big

Spring Patrick Kyle Heckler,

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Anna Marie Moreno, 4656 St. Frances Ave., Dallas William Leslie Neal, 2100 Alabama Big Spring

Alabama, Big Spring Lisa M. Portillo, 1200 Grantee: Bob Wegner Property: Tract NE quarter, section 6, block 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Company Survey. Tract SW quarter, section 36, block 31 T-2-N, T&P Railroad Company Survey Date: June 17, 2008

Grantor: Clay Harris Grantee: Linda Schafer Property: Tract 31, Silver Heels Division, Section 18, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Company Survey Date: June 17, 2008

Grantor: Royce Walker Grantee: Bob Wegner Property: 6.034 acre tract of land in the SW/4 of Section 31, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Company Survey Date: June 17, 2008

Grantor: Mattlind, LP, a Texas limited partnership Grantee: H&H Consulting, Inc. Property: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 17, 18 and 22 of Tract 2A, Foster Subdivision, Section 46, block 31, TSP 1-North, T&P Railroad Company Survey Date: June 18, 2008

Grantor: Mattlind, LP, a Texas limited partnership Grantee: H&H Consulting, Inc. Property: Lots 2, 3, 16, 17, 18 and 25 of Tract 2B, Foster Subdivision, Section 47, Block 31, TSP 1-North, T&P Railroad Company Survey Date: June 18, 2008

Grantor: Mattlind, LP, a Texas limited partnership Grantee: H&H Consulting, Inc. Property: Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Tract 4, Foster Subdivision, Section 47, Block 31, TSP 1-North, T&P Railroad Company Survey Date: June 18, 2008

Date: June 18, 2008

Date: June 20, 2008

Grantor: Jean Broughton et al Grantee: Clay Ingram and wife, Mary Beth Ingram Property: 69.51 acre tract, Section 24, Block 33,

T-1-N, T&P Railroad Company Survey Date: June 20, 2008

Grantor: Hayes Stripling, Jr et al Grantee: Four Seasons

Insulation and Siding Inc. Property: 1 acre tract of land, Section 24, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Company Survey Date: June 20, 2008

Grantor: Megan Molina et al Grantee: B&B Investments et al Property: Lot 21, Block 29, College Park Estates No 5

Date: June 20, 2008

Grantor: Trevino E. Tapia and wife, Sandra Tapia Grantee: RLS II Properties Management, Inc. Property: Lot 1, Block 6, Replat of Lots 1 thru 7, the N/2 of Lot 8, the S/71.13' of Lot 10, Block 6, Amended Muir Heights Addition Date: June 23, 2008

Grantor: Bert Sheppard Grantee: Burt Sheppard and wife, Kathy Sheppard Property: 10.84 acre tract of land, Section 40, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Company Survey Date: June 23, 3008

Grantor: Roy Jacques Grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum Property: Lot 16, Block 10, Monticello Addition Date: June 24, 2008

Grantor: Matthew Thomas Bagwell Grantee: James Bruce and Elizabeth Bruce Grantee: Matthew Fowler Property: Lot 9, block 1, Monticello Addition Date: June 16, 2008

Grantor: Susan Gibbs Smith et al Grantee: Phillip Burchett and Linda L. Buchett Property: North 50' of the West ½ of Block 25, Amended College Heights Addition Date: June 19, 2008

Grantor: Troy Koening and Cindy Pittman Grantee: Samuel R Myers and spouse, Margaret E. Myers Property: Lot 21, Block 26, Monticello Addition No 7

Date: July 19, 2008

Grantor: Jonanna Cormas Teeters White Grantee: Jesse Aguilar Property: Lots 11 and 12, Block 1, Central Park Date: June 19, 2008

Grantor: Jean M. Higginbotham et al Grantee: C&L Solutions Inc and Buzzard Roost Farms Inc. Property: 319.94 acre tract of land, North part of Section 6, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Company Survey Date: June 20, 2008

Grantor: Daniel Shadix and wife, Carolyn Shadix Grantee: Kaleb Hill and wife, Amber Hill Property: Lot 4, Block 19, College Park Estates Date: June 20, 2008

Grantor: Mary Joann Sullivan Knox Grantee: Jameson L. Billingsley Property: Lot 3, Block 2, Kentwood Unit No. 1 Date: June 20, 2008

Grantor: W. A. McQueary and Barbara W. McQuaery Grantee: Amanda Gillespie Property: Lot 10, Block

15, Kentwood Addition No 2l Date: June 23, 2008

Grantor: Donnie R. Reid Grantee: Dale Coates and wife, Daphne Coates Property: 5.824 acre tract of land, NE/4 of Section 6, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Company Survey Date: June 24, 2008

Grantor: Billie Rene Gilbert et al Grantee: Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp et al

Property: Lot 22, Block 6, Monticello, Corrected replat of S/2 of Block 6 and N/2 of Block 26 Date: June 24, 2008

Grantor: Kyle W. Nichols and Kayla J. Nichols Grantee: Blaine Henderson , Eddie Henderson and Lana Henderson Property: E/5' of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3, Block 5,

Hathcock Heights Addition Date: June 24, 2008

Grantor: Bob Coffee and Jeanie Coffee

Grantee: Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp et al Property: Lot 19, Block 5, Worth Peeler Addition,

Section 3

L. Date: June 24, 2008

Grantor: Calvin Gaston and wife, Becky Hughes Gaston

Grantee: Peggy Christian Property: 1.65 acre tract of land, NW/4 of Section 34, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Company Survey Date: June 25, 2008

District Court filings: Vanderbilt Mortgage & Finance, Inc. vs. Robert E. Gang a/k/a Eric Gang and Alicia Gang, accounts, notes and contracts

FIA Card Services N.A., formerly known as Bank of America Corp. vs. Rory D. Worthan, accounts, notes and contracts

Charles Kuykendall vs. Todd Kuykendall and Leslie Kuykendall, civil

Michelle Queen vs. HEB, Inc., injury or damages other than motor vehicle

Jeanie Nicole Plaia vs. Joshua Aaron Plaia, divorce

Dora Cervantes vs. Ernesto Rodriquez, protective order

State of Texas vs. Chad Warren and Victoria Lozano, civil

State of Texas vs. Melvin Mark Stiles, civil

Tina Marie Cunningham vs. Nathan Henry Baker, protective order

Kathryn Mitchell vs. Travelcenters of Amerca d/b/a TA Operating Corp. and Linda Mitchellk, injuries or damages other than motor vehicle

Krr Management, Inc. vs. United National Insurance Co., accounts, notes and contracts



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County Court Decisions:

There were no County Court decisions filed this week.

Warranty Deeds:

Grantor: Lynda L. Elrod Grantee: Lynda K. Elrod Property: Lot 41, block 6, Highland South Addition Date: June 16, 2008

Grantor: Van A. Barton Grantee: Forsan Development Company, LLC Property: Lot 21, 22 Block 31, Original Town of Forsan Date: June 17, 2008

Grantor: G. C. Broughton

Grantor: Jimmy Minnick Grantee: Chad Warren Property: Lot 2, Block 9, Stanford Park Addition Date: June 20, 2008

Grantor: Donnie Reid Grantee: Eugene Bennett Property: 5.061 acre, Tract 10, NE/4 of Section 6, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Company Survey Date: June 20, 2008

Grantor: Jean Broughton et al

Grantee: Clay Ingram and wife, Mary Beth Ingram Property: 211.87 acre tract, Section 23, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Company Survey Property: 4.356 acre tract, NE/4 of Section 41, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Company Survey Date: June 24, 2008

Grantor: Catherine Crow Johnson

Grantee: Sandra R. Crow and Larry W. Anderson Property: N/2 Section 16, Block 31 and NE/4 of Section 24, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P Railroad Company Survey Date: June 24, 2008

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lein:

Grantor: Tierra Group LLC



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Ask AP/OPINION

Ask AP: Car buying incentives, European gas prices

By The Associated Press

Gas prices have long been sky-high in Europe. So given what's happened to prices at the pump in America recently, has a gallon of gas in Paris or Rome gone from expensive to ridiculous?

Curiosity about European gas prices inspired one of three questions in this edition of "Ask AP," a weekly Q&A column where AP journalists respond to readers' questions about the news.

If you have your own news-related question that vou'd like to see answered by an AP reporter or editor, send it to newsquestions@ap.org, with "Ask

AP" in the subject line. And please include your full name and hometown so they can be published with your question.

I would like to know how Chrysler new car dealerships can afford to offer the \$2.99 gas incentive, with gas prices so unpredictable and no end in sight for further increases. They don't know how many people will take advantage of the promotion, which subsidizes drivers' fuel costs over \$2.99 a gallon for three years. Are they counting on gas prices dropping to a more affordable level?

> **DANIEL HEGARTY** SAUGERTIES, N.Y.

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Chrvsler LLC is picking up the tab for the difference between \$2.99 and the rising price per gallon of gasoline, not the dealers. Chrysler says money for the subsidy is coming out of its regular incentive budget. The company purchased oil futures to hedge against the rising cost of gasoline, but it would not say how much it spent or its estimates of gasoline prices.

The offer is becoming increasingly attractive as gas prices continue to rise. But if you're thinking of signing on, remember: It's limited to 12,000 miles per year for three years.

People who buy or lease eligible Chrysler vehicles can pick between the gas

subsidy, cash rebates or zero-percent financing or, with some vehicles, a combination of the subsidy and rebates. You need to do the math to see which option makes the most sense for you.

Actual savings depend on what happens to gas prices during the next three years, of course. But here's an example, based on today's average national price of \$4.079 for a gallon of regular:

Let's say you're buying a 2008 Dodge Durango fourwheel-drive sport utility vehicle with a 5.7-liter V-8 engine. For this vehicle, you have three incentive choices: \$6,000 in cash, zero-percent financing for three years or the gas subsidy deal plus \$2,000 in cash.

Based on the Durango's mileage, the gas subsidy would save you about \$871 per year. Multiply that by three years and add \$2,000, and you end up with a total savings of \$4,613 — far less than vou'd save by just taking the \$6,000 rebate in the first place.

Again. those numbers are based on gas prices staving where they are right now — which is hardly guaranteed.

TOM KRISHER **AP AUTO WRITER,** DETROIT

We continue to hear that the increase in gas and oil prices is a global issue. If this is the case, why are

we not hearing about tremendous increases elsewhere in the world? If our prices have doubled in the past year or so, should this not be happening worldwide?

Europe has been paying twice (or more) what we have for years. They should now be paying \$12 to \$15 per gallon. Is this happening?

BRIAN SULLIVAN GLEN, N.H.

JEROLD P. SPIVEY

BIG SPRING

Europeans are indeed suffering from higher fuel prices. In fact, fishermen and truck drivers have staged protests over the rising cost of the fuel they need to operate their

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if we don't.

LETTERS

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our local Sears; if I need or want something from Sears I will drive to Midland even at \$4 a gallon gas.

> **RON PHILLIPS BIG SPRING**

Gangs

TO THE EDITOR,

As a former member of the law enforcement family, I know how difficult their task is. I applaud you on the fine men and women you have serving people of Big Spring for the most part.

Unfortunately, it has come to my attention that the gangs (slime) have been seeping into Big Spring. My grandson (19) and his two young cousins (16 and 15) made the choice to go to their friend's house at 0200 on June 22, 2008, for pizza. Not a good choice, but teens are notorious for making bad choices, and that is not a crime. So they were walking on Birdwell at Alabama avenue when a car load of thugs (they called themselves Latin Kings) pulled up in front of them, got out and demanded money. When they said they had none, they proceeded to beat the three of them. My oldest grandson, Richard, ran, not getting far, thinking they would follow him, (which they did), and got them away from his younger cousins. They beat Richard unconsciousness, to

stomping him and leaving him laying bleeding in the road only when another approached. They car were intent on killing him for no reason other than he did not have money.

kicking,

Our officers responded, and one officer brought my two other grandson to my home. But at the hospital one of the officers made the remark that it "just didn't sound right," that the boys must have done something to start it. That, Sir, is an unacceptable remark. None of the victims, (and yes, they are victims), knew any of these people, do not associate with them and had never seen them before until they pulled up in front of them. My grandsons were not good witnesses, the two younger boys were very frightened, thinking their cousin was getting killed; but Sir, that does not make them liars nor guilty of association. Our officers need training

in dealing with gangs and with developing empathy for a victim. Because the victim happens to be a young person does not make them less of a victim.

Gangs are violent and do not need reasons to terrorize people, they do it for fun. They are the worst type of plague on society today and should be dealt with as any terrorist group is. Because that is what they are, home grown terrorists. That is why Oceanside, Calif., has a rule that any known gang member cannot even speak with anyone know to associate with gangs or they are off to prison (state type) for years. And guess what? It's been working and is now being adopted by cities across the nation. They enforce what they say and got these thugs off the street — the ones that had taken over their city. We need to address the gangs here in a very

aggressive manner and get rid of the problem before it becomes rooted. When we have young people, and the old and disabled being terrorized, being killed or injured simply because we walk in our town it is time to get action and take care of the problem.

Thank you for hearing me out.

> JOAN OWENS **BIG SPRING**

Furthermore

TO THE EDITOR,

Goof up or Goof off? The county tax assessor has really done it this time. Last year he stated he had to raise our county taxes or lose state funding. I just read in last Wednesday's Big Spring Herald, dated June 25, "BSISD" that the county residents are now paying too much property tax and the state revenue is being reduced. Should we. Howard County residents, live with incompe-

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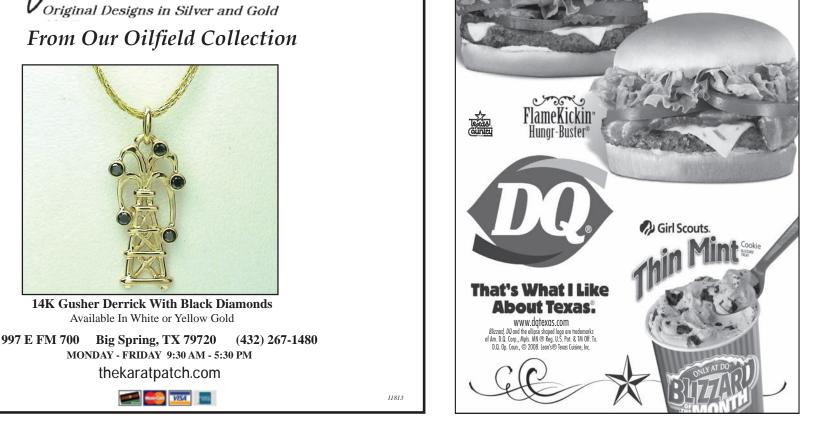
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Eddy Jameson

County Road Administrator.

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vehicles. Motorists in Paris, for example, get their gas for about 1.60 euros per liter — or more than \$9.50 per gallon.

However, a strong euro blunts the rise in gasoline prices somewhat for Europeans since oil is priced in U.S. dollars. Also, most of the price at the pump in Europe is taxes, so an increase in the cost of crude has less of a percentage-based impact on the price of a gallon of gas — making it less likely to double (or triple).

DAVID MCHUGH BUSINESS EDITOR, AP EUROPE & AFRICA DESK LONDON

The Washington story on Texas Gov. Rick Perry comparing boots with the Prince of Bhutan says that buildings on the University of Texas-El Paso campus were built in Bhutan-style architecture. I always heard dating to when the school was the Texas College of Mines and later Texas Western College of the University of Texas — that the style was Tibetan.

Who's right?

JOSEPH BENHAM KERRVILLE, TEXAS

Since 1917, the university has built its campus in the style of Bhutanese dzongs, or fortresses.

Kathleen Worrell, wife of the school's first chancellor, urged her husband to build the campus's first building in this style after seeing a 1914 photo essay about Himalayan architecture in National Geographic, according to the school's Web site. Since then nearly every building on campus has been built in the Bhutanese style.

ALICIA CALDWELL **AP CORRESPONDENT EL PASO**

Have questions of your own? Send them to newsquestions(at)ap.org.

Carry music in your pocket

By KATHY ANTONIOTTI

Akron Beacon Journal

Fifty years ago, a transistor radio was a revolutionary way to hear music when people were away from home. A small, battery-powered radio was just the thing for a summer day at the beach. For the first time, people could pack their favorite Beach Boys tunes into beach bags along with tanning oil and towels.

People happily accepted the poor, tinny sound and static that came with their favorite California summer surfin' songs.

Times have changed since engineer and inventor, Masaru Ibuka, and his friend, Akio Morita produced Japan's first transistor radio in 1955. Their company, Tokyo **Telecommunications** Engineering Corp., was renamed Sony Corp. in 1958. The company also produced the first tape recorder in 1950, the first videocassette recorder for home use in 1975, and the world's first compact-disc player in 1982.

Today, people can listen to music of their choosing with a digitalaudio player, more commonly called an MP3 player. It's a device that stores, organizes and plays audio files. Some even provide imageviewing, double as cell phones and are portholes to the Internet.

This MP3 player holder is a lowtech way to transport the high-tech devices with your favorite tunes

to the pool. It is easy to make and definitely a cool accessory for your beach look.

I found directions for the tune tote at the National Geographic Kids Web site http://kids. at nationalgeographic.com. Type MP3 player holder in the search box. I modified the directions for our use.

Find an old pair of jeans with back pockets that your MP3 player will fit in snugly. I found

a pair at a resale shop for a couple of dollars. The pocket already had a flower and leaf decoration embroidered on the pocket. I added a few more embellishments to give it some sparkle.

Supplies you will need:

—An old pair of jeans.

-Scissors. -Decorative

patches, beads. buttons or transfers.

-Glue.

-Needle and thread. -Cord.



Phil Masturzo/Akron Beacon Journal Find an old pair of jeans with a back pocket that your iPod will fit in snugly.

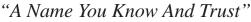
> Cut around the seam along the bottom and sides of the pockets, but leave the waistband of the jeans intact.

> Carefully remove two belt loops from the waistband. Reposition the loops on the outside edges above the pocket and sew them back on to the waistband.

Decorate the holder with iron-on transfers (with help from an adult), embroidered pictures or stickybacked scrapbook decorations. Glue beads or buttons on the belt loops and pocket.

Insert a cord or belt through the loops to carry.

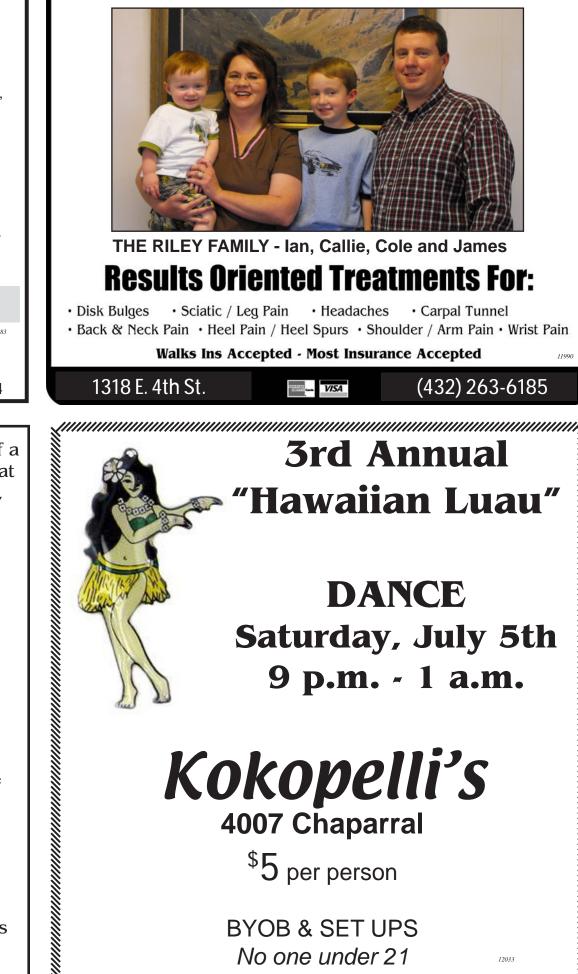








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Credit scores hit by card limits⁺

By RACHEL BECK

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Just as Americans grow more reliant on credit cards to help pay monthly bills, they're being hit with a one-two punch: Card companies are reducing borrowing limits for tens of thousands of consumers, which then can lead to lower credit scores.

Those facing this predicament might not even know it until they apply for a loan or another credit card, and then get denied because their credit score has dropped.

This is an unintended consequence of the financial world's widespread ratcheting down of risk. Banks and other card lenders are trying to better protect themselves from more massive losses like those they've seen from subprime mortgages.

As a result, they are looking for ways to reduce their exposure to cardholders more likely to default. That's why they are lowering credit limits, which means they are reducing the maximum amount of credit extended to an individual, along with boosting card interest rates and allowing fewer balance transfers.

"This is what they have to do at this time," said John Hall, a spokesman for the American Bankers Association, a Washingtonbased trade group.

Such moves come as consumers are increasingly using their

credit cards as a source of consumers, according to liquidity, especially since it's becoming harder to tap their home equity as much to pay for everything from renovations to vacations to trips to the mall. As the housing and mortgage markets have collapsed, lenders have also reduced the limits on what are known as home equity lines of credit, or HELOCs.

Net home equity extraction fell nearly 60 percent from a year earlier to \$205 billion in the first quarter, according to Merrill Lynch. The investment bank also notes that some \$1.2 trillion in equity and housing wealth was wiped out in the first quarter alone because of plunging home values.

At the same time. revolving credit usage — which includes credit — accelerated cards sharply to a year-overyear growth rate of about 8 percent in recent months. That's the fastest rate in seven years and well ahead of the 2 to 3 percent rate of growth from 2004 through 2006 when home equity lines of credit were a bigger source of cash for

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But as credit cards are used more frequently, that often results in bigger balances left on the cards. What's worrisome is that consumers who are faced with a number of ugly economic scenarios hitting at once — falling home prices, surging commodities costs and a weak job outlook — won't be able to pay their bills. American Express warned Wednesday that more of its customers were falling behind on

their payments. That led some Wall Street analysts to forecast that the card company may soon lower predicted earnings its growth for 2008.

conditions "Business continue to weaken in the U.S. and so far this month we have seen credit indicators deteriorate beyond our expectations," American Express' CEO Kenneth Chenault said in a statement.

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"In the purest sense, it is the better way to manage the risk of a cardholder," said Linda Sherry, director of priorities for Consumer Action, a national nonprofit consumer rights and education group. "But a low credit limit can also unknowingly hurt a credit score." Here's how that happens:

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Pakistan launches military operation against Taliban

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KHYBER AGENCY, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani forces bombarded suspected militant hideouts with mortar shells Saturday as the government launched a major offensive against Taliban fighters threatening the main city in the country's volatile northwest. officials said.

The offensive in the Khyber tribal region marked the first major military action Pakistan's newly elected government has taken against the militants operating in the tribal areas along the border with Afghanistan.

The government had said it preferred to try to defuse tension with the groups through negotiations, but with threats by Islamic militants to the city of Peshawar growing in recent weeks, the military decided to take action. Khyber also is a key route for moving U.S. military supplies into neighboring Afghanistan.

By Saturday afternoon, the paramilitary Frontier Corps began shelling suspected militant hideouts in the mountains in Khyber, said local official Muhammad Siddiq Khan.

Fasih Ullah, a police officer in Khyber, said 700 Frontier Corps. troops moved into Khyber late Friday for the operation.

Obama, Clinton appear together in N.H.; call for **Democratic unity**

UNITY, N.H. (AP) Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton sought Friday to turn the page on their bitter, history-making fight for the Democratic presidential nomination. declaring the next chapter isaboutbeatingRepublican John McCain.

Choosing a small New Hampshire community aptly named Unity for their first joint appearance since the campaign ended, Obama and Clinton stood on a platform before thousands of cheering, shouting supporters and took turns praising each other and urging party solidaritv.

She called the nomineein-waiting a standup guy and he declared: "She rocks. She rocks."They came together in this hamlet where each won 107 votes in January's primary. Body language rivaled campaign rhetoric as attention-getter of the day.

And a pair rendered distant by a marathon campaign acted like teammates, alternately exhorting the rank-and-file to put any recriminations behind them.

Clinton noted that they had stood "toe to toe"

against each other in a primary season fight that began almost two years ago and declared the time has come to "stand shoulder to shoulder" against the GOP.

They seemed equally determined to regain a White House that their party hasn't seen since her husband, Clinton, left at the start of 2001.

"To anyone who voted for me and is now considering not voting or voting for Sen. (John) McCain, I strongly urge you to reconsider," said Clinton, beseeching her supporters to join with Obama's "to create an unstoppable force for change we can all believe in."

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Steven Tyler sought the "safe environment" of rehab last month to recover from more than just surgery — the Aerosmith frontman now says was fighting a dependency on pain and sleep medication.

"To have your feet done, to have your leg done, you have to be on narcotics." Tyler told The Associated Press on Friday. "You have to be on sleep aids at night. I don't know about Joe (Perry) but I was off and running and I didn't like the me that was me."

Tyler released a statement in late May saying he checked into a rehab facility in search of a "safe environment" to recover from several foot surgeries and physical therapy. Tyler said the procedures were to correct longtime foot injuries resulting from his physical performances as the singer for the blues-rock band.

"This was a month ago, so I just put the brakes on and checked into detox and just pulled the plug on all of it," he told the AP on Friday night at the Hard Rock Cafe in Times Square, where he and bandmates were promoting "Guitar Hero 3: Aerosmith."

The 60-year-old was known for heavy drug and alcohol abuse in the 1970s and early 1980s, but completed rehabilitation in 1986, after which Aerosmith enjoyed a successful revival.

San Francisco gay pride festivities gear up for wedding march

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Move over Dykes on Bikes. Here come the brides — and grooms. Given San Francisco's sizable role in initiating the lawsuits that led California's highest court to strike down the state's bans on same-sex marriage, the city's 38th annual gay pride festival and parade is expecting huge crowds this weekend.



By Steve Becker A Topsy-Turvy Play

East dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH **•** K 9 3 ♥752 ♦ K 10 7 3 **♣**K Q 4 WEST EAST **♦** J 5 2 **♥** K 10 8 6 3 **♦**Q 10 7 6 **♥**94 ♦Q52 ♦ A 4 **♣**J 10 5 3 **\$**962 SOUTH **A** 8 4 ♥AQJ ♦ J 9 8 6 **♣**A 8 7 The bidding: South West East North Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT Opening lead — six of hearts. It is sometimes necessary to make an unusual play in order to accomplish a particular purpose. For example, assume you're in three notrump and West leads a heart.

It seems perfectly normal to win East's nine with the queen and lead the jack of diamonds, hoping to find West with the queen. In that case, you'd be sure of making at least 10 tricks. In the actual deal, however, if you led the jack and finessed, you'd soon find yourself down one after East took the queen and returned a heart.

But the fact is that if West has the queen of diamonds, you can make the contract by playing the hand in an entirely different way - and at the same time almost certainly make the contract if East has the queen.

You have to make a peculiarlooking play to accomplish your purpose, but it is nonetheless a very sound play. All you have to do is to lead a club to dummy's queen at trick two and return a low diamond!

It is true that in the actual deal East can defeat you by putting up the queen of diamonds instead of following low, but how many players do you know who would make that play? East would almost surely play low from the Q-x, Q-x-x or Q-x-x-x of diamonds, and after he did, you would have the contract all wrapped up regardless of how West proceeded.

Of course, it's been drilled into all of us that, with the diamond combination shown in this deal, declarer should always initiate the suit by leading toward the K-10-x-x. But standard practice should be willingly violated when the appropriate occasion arises, and there is no doubt that this deal is one of those rare times.

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Scientists: Nothing to fear from atom-smasher +

By DOUGLAS BIRCH

Associated Press Writer MEYRIN, Switzerland The most powerful atom-smasher ever built could make some bizarre discoveries. such as invisible matter or extra dimensions in space, after it is switched on in August.

But some critics fear the Large Hadron Collider could exceed physicists' wildest conjectures: Will it spawn a black hole that could swallow Earth? Or spit out particles that could turn the planet into a hot dead clump?

Ridiculous, say scientists at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, known by its French initials CERN some of whom have been working for a generation on the \$5.8 billion collider, or LHC.

"Obviously, the world will not end when the LHC switches on," said project leader Lyn Evans.

David Francis, a physicist on the collider's huge ATLAS particle detector, smiledwhenaskedwhetherhe worried about black holes and hypothetical killer particles known as strangelets.

"If I thought that this was going to happen, I would be well away from here,' he said.

The collider basically consists of a ring of supercooled magnets 17 miles in circumference attached to huge barrelshaped detectors. The ring, which straddles the French and Swiss border, is buried 330 feet underground.

The machine, which has been called the largest scientific experiment in history, isn't expected to begin test runs until August, and ramping up to full power could take months. But once it is working, it is expected to findings. Scientists plan to hunt for

signs of the invisible "dark matter" and "dark energy" that make up more than 96 percent of the universe, and hope to glimpse the elusive Higgs boson, a sofar undiscovered particle thought to give matter its mass.

collider could The find evidence of extra dimensions, a boon for superstring theory, which holds that quarks, the particles that make up atoms, are infinitesimal vibrating strings.

theory could The resolve many of physics' unanswered questions, but requires about 10 dimensions — far more than the three spatial dimensions our senses experience.

The safety of the collider, which will generate energies seven times higher than its most powerful rival, at Fermilab near Chicago, has been debated for years. The physicist Martin Rees has estimated the chance of an accelerator producing a global catastrophe at one in 50 million $-\log$ odds, to be sure, but about the same as winning some lotteries.

By contrast, a CERN team this month issued a report concluding that there is "no conceivable danger" of a cataclysmic event. The report essentially confirmed the findings of a 2003 CERN safety report, and a panel of five prominent scientists not affiliated with CERN. including one Nobel laureate, endorsed its conclusions.

Critics of the LHC filed a lawsuitinaHawaiiancourt in March seeking to block its startup, alleging that there was "a significant risk that ... operation of Collider may have the

produce some startling unintended consequences of cosmic rays. which could ultimately result in the destruction of our planet."

> One of the plaintiffs, Walter L. Wagner, a physicist and lawyer, said Wednesday CERN's safety report, released June 20, "has several major flaws," and his views on the risks of using the particle accelerator had not changed.

> On Tuesday, U.S. Department Justice lawyers representing the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation filed a motion to dismiss the case.

> The two agencies have contributed \$531 million to building the collider, and the NSF has agreed to pay \$87 million of its annual operating costs. Hundreds of American scientists will participate in the research.

> The lawyers called the plaintiffs' allegations extraordinarily speculative," and said "there is no basis for any conceivable threat" from black holes or other objects the LHC might produce. A hearing on the motion is expected in late July or August.

> In rebutting doomsday scenarios, CERN scientists point out that cosmic rays have been bombarding the earth, and triggering collisions similar to those planned for the collider, since the solar system formed 4.5 billion years ago.

And so far, Earth has survived.

"The LHC is only going to reproduce what nature does every second, what it has been doing for billions of years," said John Ellis, а British theoretical physicist at CERN.

Critics like Wagner have said the collisions caused by accelerators could be more hazardous than those

Both may produce micro black holes, subatomic versions of cosmic black holes — collapsed stars whose gravity fields are so powerful that they can suck in planets and other stars.

But micro black holes produced by cosmic ray collisions would likely be traveling so fast they would pass harmlessly

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Micro black holes produced by a collider, the skeptics theorize, would move more slowly and might be trapped inside the earth's gravitational field — and eventually threaten the planet.

Ellis said doomsayers assume the collider will create micro black holes in the first place, which he called unlikely. And

even if they appeared, he said, they would instantly evaporate, as predicted by the British physicist Stephen Hawking.

As for strangelets, CERN scientists point out that they have never been proven to exist.

They said that even if these particles formed inside the Collider they break would quickly down.

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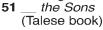
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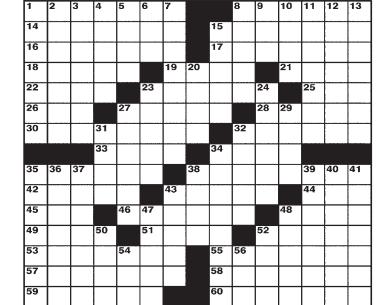


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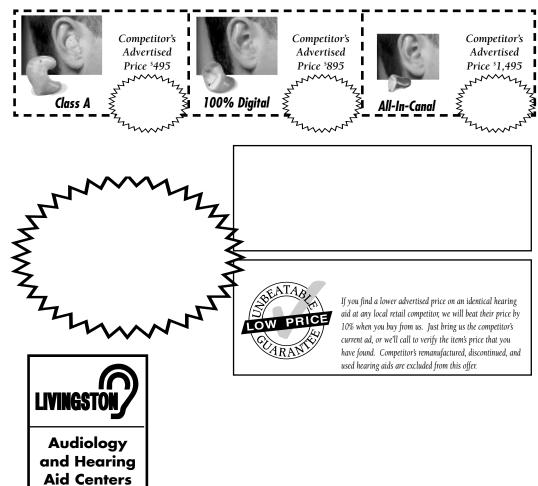
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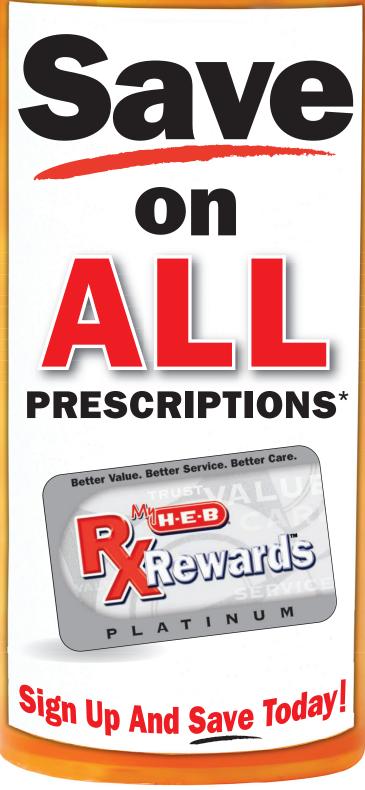


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For more information call the superintendent's office at 432-354-2230 or write PO Box 9, Garden City, Texas 79739. For technical information on the proposals call Steve Long, superintendent or Tony Gomez, maintenance director, or Kay Chandler, cafereria director, at 432-354-2230. Proposals must be received by12:00 p.m. July 14, 2008. Glasscock County ISD reserves the right to accept, reject, or postpone any or all proposals. The district will consider each proposal's advantages to the district and will act in a manner that the board considers most advantageous to the district. All applicable laws, rules, and regulations take precedence

#5829 June 29 & July 6, 2008

Forsan Independent School District will be accepting proposals for the painting of the competition gym and the original gym, located at the Forsan campus. Sealed proposals will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2008. Proposals must be clearly marked on the envelope: SEALED PROPOSAL -PAINTING GYMS. Please mail or deliver your proposal to: Forsan ISD Attn: Business Office 411 W. 6th Street PO Drawer A Forsan, TX 79733 Forsan ISD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Requests

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#5824 June 22 & 29, 2008

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subsurface depth interval from 2758 to 3075 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

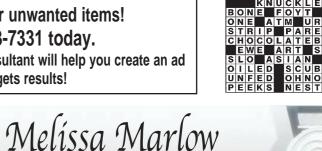
Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). #5836 June 29, 2008

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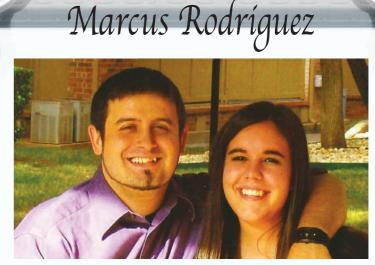
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News in brief

Odessa and state says goodbye to longtime lawmaker

ODESSA(AP) - A crowd of nearly 1,000 people gathered to say goodbye to state Rep. Buddy West, the longest-serving state representative in Odessa's history.

West, 71, died earlier this week at an Odessa hospice.

He was key in securing Odessa's funds for Presidential Museum and Leadership Library and was instrumental in passing legislation which called for a new University of Texas of the Permian Basin student services building, the Odessa American reported on its online edition Friday.

Mourners sang two stanzas of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and viewed a slideshow filled with photos of the lawmaker. West's wife, Shirley, was one of the speakers at the funeral. Fellow state Rep. Huey McCoulskey drew laughter when he shared stories about his time in the Legislature with West, the newspaper reported.

Local pastor Bob Bratcher was last to speak at the lawmaker's service. "You can't walk with somebody for 52 years and not miss them," he said.

West's casket was draped with a Texas flag and a bouquet of yellow roses. He was buried at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

Reporters, ADA don't have to discuss relationships

TYLER (AP) – Two news reporters will not have to answer questions about their alleged relationship with the state's lead prosecutor in a case involving an East Texas swingers club, a judge ruled Friday. KLTV reporter Danielle Capper, Tyler Morning

Telegraph reporter Casey Knaupp and Assistant District Attorney Joe Murphy don't have to hand over their cell phone records or e-mails. Judge Jack Skeen Jr. also ruled that they can be questioned during a hearing on Monday, but they cannot be asked about their personal lives.

"The questions are limited to what I see as legit," Skeen said.

Patrick Kelly, 41, is set to be the third alleged member of the so-called "Mineola Swingers Club" to stand trial. He and five others are accused of teaching children as young as 5 to have sex with each other and dance provocatively for crowds as large as 100 people.

The first two defendants to stand trial were both sentenced to life in prison. Thad Davidson, Kelly's lawyer, says his client passed a lie-detector test and is innocent.

Court rules exorcism protected by law

FORT WORTH (AP) -The Texas Supreme Court on Friday threw out a jury award over injuries a 17-year-old girl suffered in an exorcism conducted by members of her old church, ruling that the case unconstitutionally entangled the court in religious matters.

In a 6-3 decision, the justices found that a lower court erred when it said Pleasant Glade the Assembly of God's First Amendment rights regarding freedom of religion did not prevent the church from being held liable for mental distress triggered by a "hyper-spiritualistic environment."

Laura Schubert testified in 2002 that she was cut and bruised and later experienced hallucinations after the church members' actions in 1996, when she was 17. Schubert said she

was pinned to the floor for of how he voted this week hours and received carpet burns during the exorcism, the Austin American-Statesman reported. She also said the incident led her to mutilate herself and attempt suicide. She eventually sought psychiatric help.

But the church's attorneys had told jurors that her psychological problems were caused by traumatic events she witnessed with her missionary parents in Africa. The church contended she "freaked out" about following her father's life as a missionary and was acting out to gain attention.

The 2002 trial of the case never touched on the religious aspects, and a Tarrant County jury found the Colleyville church and its members liable for abusing and falsely imprisoning the girl. The jury awarded her \$300,000, though the 2nd Court of Appeals in Fort Worth later reduced the verdict to \$188,000.

Justice David Medina wrote that finding the church liable "would have an unconstitutional 'chilling effect' by compelling the church to abandon core principles of its religious beliefs.'

But Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson, in a dissenting opinion, stated that the "sweeping immunity" is inconsistent with U.S. Supreme Court precedent and extends far beyond the Constitution's protections for religious conduct, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

Cornyn loses backer over Medicare vote

AUSTIN (AP) — The large and powerful Texas Medical Association, whose backing is coveted by politicians, said Friday it is withdrawing its endorsementofRepublican Sen. John Cornyn because on Medicare spending.

Cornyn voted against a House-passed bill Thursday night that would have canceled a scheduled cut in payments to doctors who treat Medicare patients. In doing so he "chose to protect insurance companies' profits instead of protecting our patients' health," said TMA president Dr. Josie R. Williams.

A 10.6 percent reduction in doctors' Medicare payments, triggered by Medicare spending levels surpassing targets, is scheduled to take effect Tuesday.

The 43,000-member association issued a stern statement containing Williams' comments and confirmed the group's political arm was withdrawing its endorsement of Cornyn in his re-election bid against Democrat Rick Noriega.

The medical group endorsed Cornyn in May at its annual meeting.



In observation of Independence Day The Big Spring Herald Will Be Closed Friday, July 4th

Early deadlines are are as follows:

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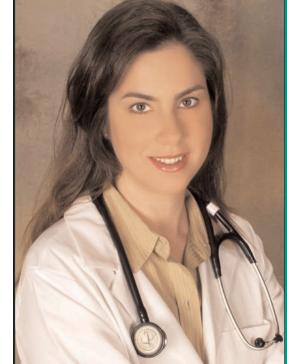
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Friday, July 4th, Sunday, July 6th & Monday, July 7th Deadline - Wednesday July 2nd, 3:00 p.m.

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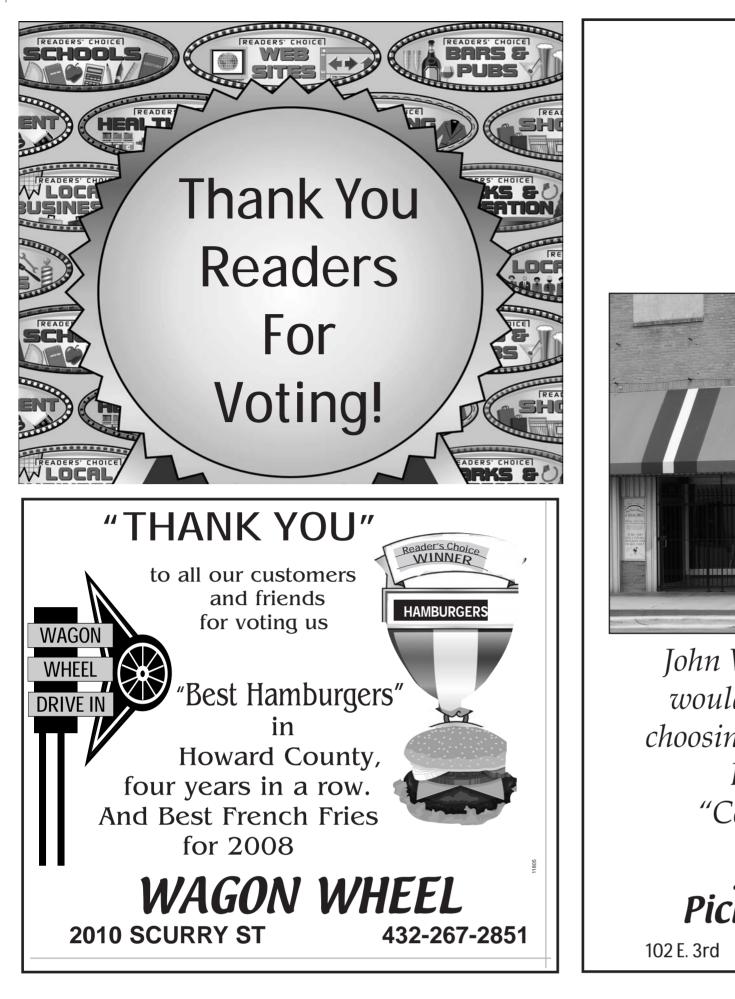
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Fish_Dell's	_ Drinking Water Co. <u>Water Water</u>	Teller Karen Wingert
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Margaritas La Posada	_ Fencing Company <u>B & M Fencing</u>	City Employee Brandi Johnson
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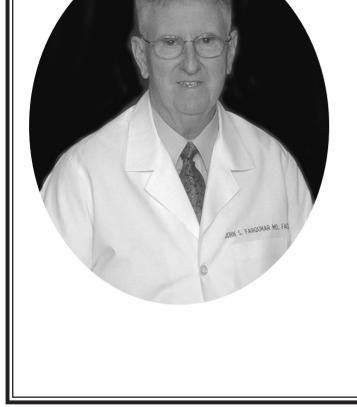
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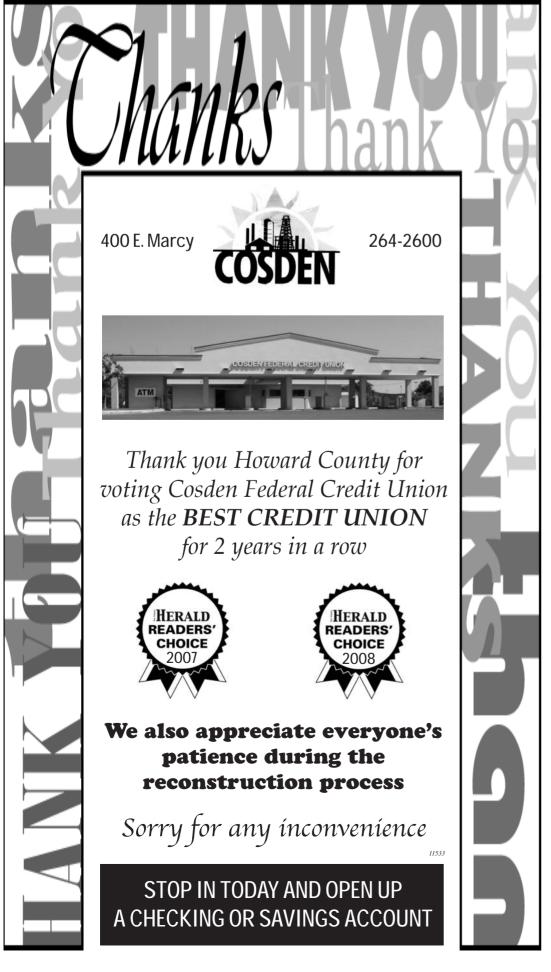
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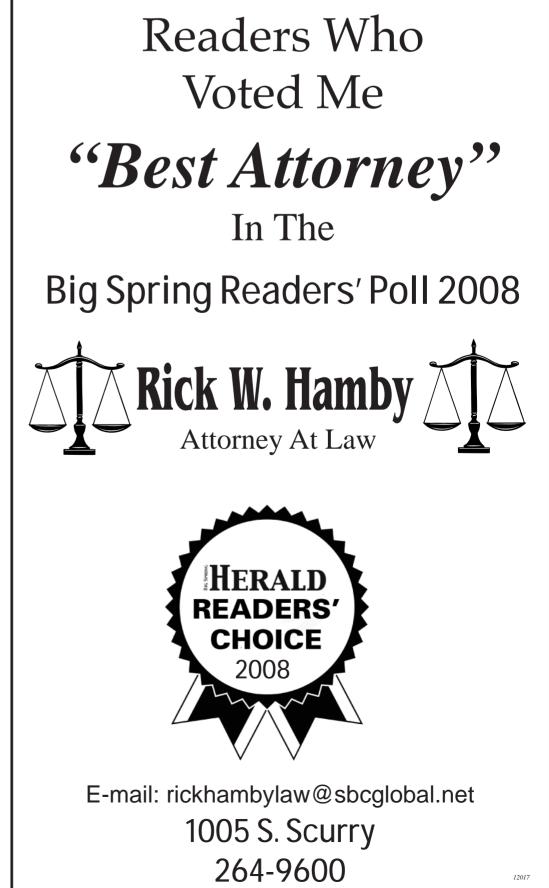
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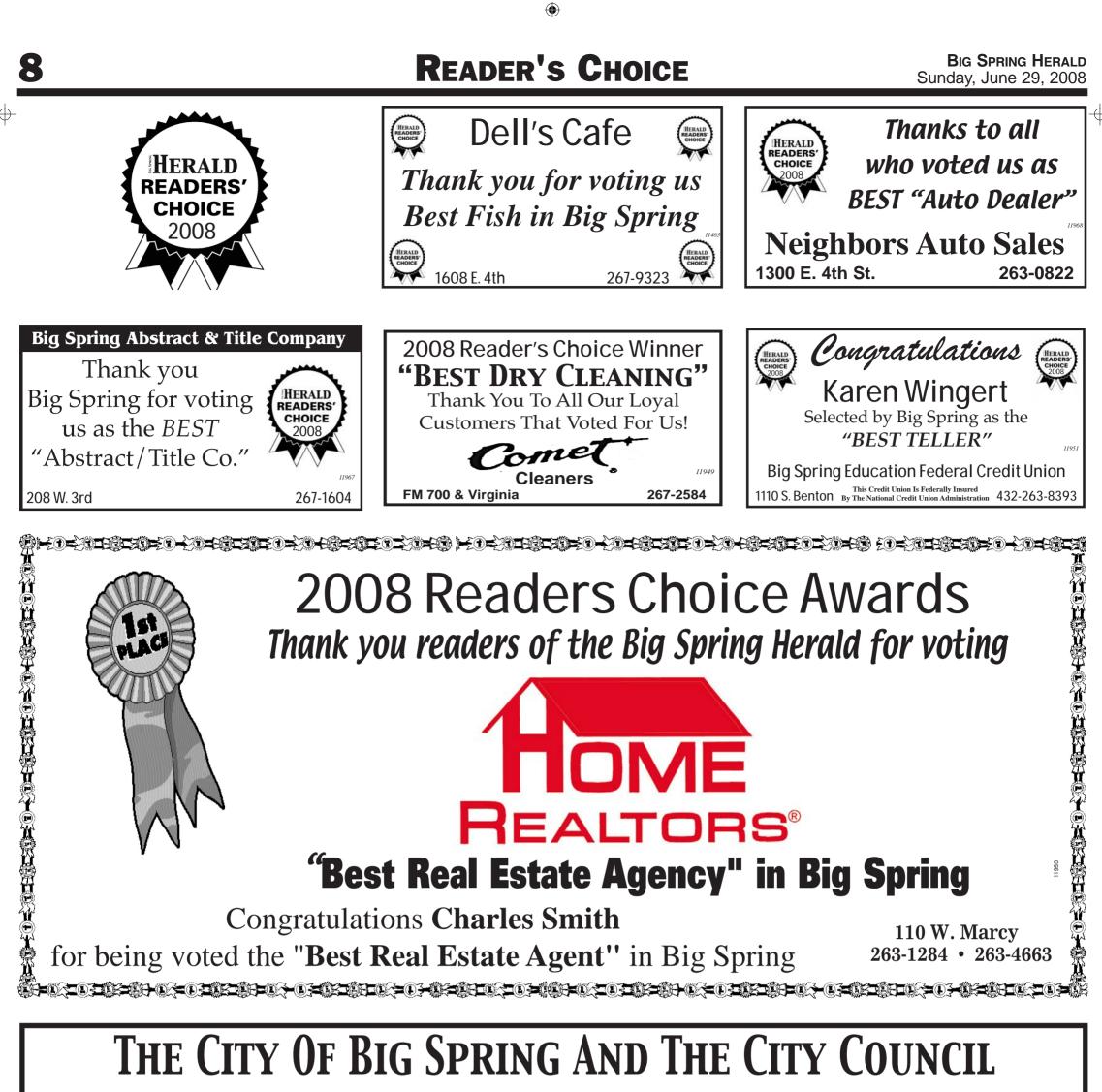
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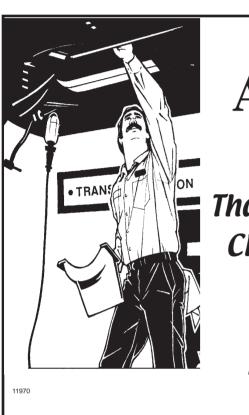
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