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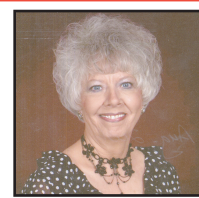
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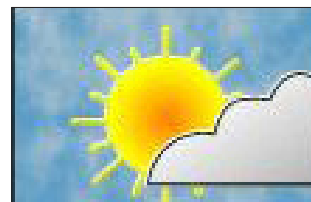
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**Mixed results on BSISD report card**

*BSHS, junior high rated Unacceptable; 3 elementaries earn Recognized status*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Two Big Spring Independent School District campus received sub-par ratings in the recently released Texas Education Agency Accountability Ratings. Big Spring High School and Big Spring Junior High both received ratings of Academically Unacceptable, the lowest such ranking, in the TEA tabulations released Friday.

TEA annually ranks districts and individual campuses based on student performance on state tests, dropout rates and high school completion rates. Ratings range from the highest,

Exemplary, to the Academically Unacceptable.

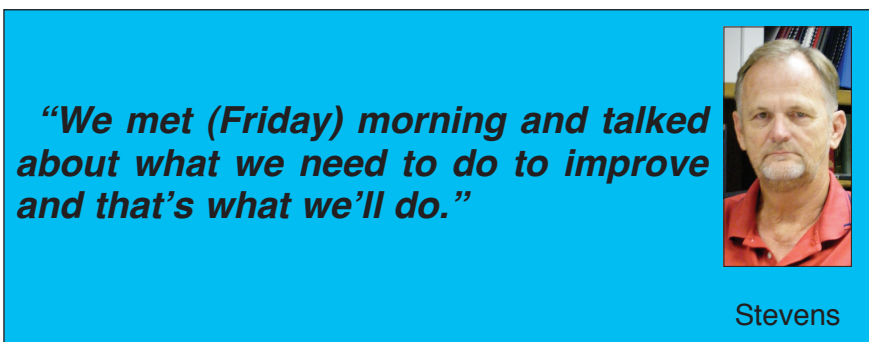
This marks the first year that a BSISD campus has received the Unacceptable rating.

Michael Stevens, BSISD interim superintendent, said the low ratings were the result of poorer-than-expected performance by students in specific socio-economic subgroups in the science portion of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). The campuses had to achieve a 45-percent passage rate in science from students in more than 20 subgroups in order to earn an Academically Acceptable rating.

Stevens said BSHS and BSJH are not subject to any state sanctions at this time. However, if the campuses are ranked as Unacceptable for five or more straight years, they could face punishments that range from assignment of a Campus Intervention Team to closure.

Two schools, Johnston High School in the Austin Independent School District and Sam Houston High School in Houston ISD were closed by the TEA commissioner this year because of multiple years of low ratings.

Although the local schools don't face penalties, Stevens promised corrective action



**"We met (Friday) morning and talked about what we need to do to improve and that's what we'll do."**



Stevens

would be taken.

"Our people are just like everyone else — they're working hard on this," Stevens said. "We met (Friday) morning and talked about what we need to do to improve and that's what we'll do."

District-wide, Big Spring was rated Academically Acceptable under the TEA rankings.

Other BSISD campuses and their TEA accountability ratings are:

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*Going gliding*



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Mike Degtoff of Round Rock assembles his hang glider for the first day of competition in the Big Spring International hang gliding event Saturday at the Big Spring Airport. About 50 pilots are expected to compete in the week-long event.

**15 indicted by grand jury**

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury handed down 15 indictments Thursday, including several related to a drug sting in early May that resulted in nearly a dozen arrests and netted quantities of crack cocaine and marijuana.

Cory Lee Harris, 28, of 2502 Cheyenne, was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony); Alisha Fay McGee, 30, currently in Howard County Jail, was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony); and Angela Ann McGee, 25, currently in Howard County Jail, was indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony), delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony) and a second charge of possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).

All three were arrested May 2 when Big Spring Police Department nar-

cotics officers and SORT team members executed a search warrant at 710 E. 15th St. Inside the residence, officers discovered quantities of crack cocaine and marijuana, along with more than \$5,000 in cash.

Also arrested during the sting on charges of possession of a controlled substance over 4 grams and under 200 grams were Ray Carl McGee Jr., 31; Jennifer Deleon, 20; Salena Marie Taylor, 28; David Terrel Ward, 17; James Parker, 27; Christi Coker Grant, 38; and Quincey Henry, 19.

Another person, James Paul Baty, 41, was arrested outside the residence and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Child Protective Services personnel were called to care for two small children at the residence. Officials said the residence had been under surveillance for some time.

"The investigation revealed that crack

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**US frees 10,000 Iraq detainees this year**

By **SELCAN HACAUGLU**  
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military said Saturday it has released more than 10,000 detainees in Iraq so far this year — more than in all of 2007 — as it continues to try to phase out its running of Iraqi prisons.

The military said about 21,000 people remained in custody, and it is currently releasing about 45 detainees and detain-

ing 30 a day.

The United States wants to transfer the detainees to Iraqi control. Reaching that goal has been slowed partly by the lack of adequate Iraqi prison space and trained guards. More than 8,900 people were released from detention last year.

The U.S. military separated moderate detainees from extremists and instituted religious, educational and vocational programs over the past

year to try to rehabilitate less dangerous prisoners. It also increased releases under amnesty programs.

"Due to changes in the conduct of detainee operations and programs to prepare detainees for reintegration into society, we have not only gone over 10,000 releases, but our reinternment rate is less than 1 percent," said Gen. David

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**Coming Monday**

**Big Spring Police Cpl. Wayne Wright may not consider himself a hero, but others are singing a different tune after he helped rescue a girl trapped by rising waters in Ruidoso, N.M. last week. Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins profiles the reluctant hero.**

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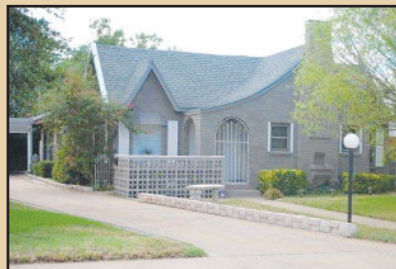
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# Rogge: 'Magic of games' will take over in Beijing

By **STEPHEN WILSON**  
AP Sports Writer

BEIJING — Despite the thorny issues of politics, pollution and media freedoms, IOC president Jacques Rogge said Saturday he has no regrets about holding the Olympics in China and predicted the “magic of the games” will take over once the competition begins.

Less than a week before the opening ceremony, Rogge addressed a number of the issues which have made the Beijing Games among the most politically contentious in history.

The International Olympic Committee has come under fire for failing to get China to live up to promises to improve its human rights record, clean up Beijing's noxious smog and provide unfettered Internet access to the media.

But Rogge compared the situation to the rocky buildup to the Athens Olympics four years ago, when there were last-minute concerns over whether the venues would be ready on time.

“It's a totally different ball game,” he said at a news conference. “Today we have absolutely

no concerns about the organization. No regrets. Come the 9th of August (the opening day of competition), the magic of the games and the flawless organization will take over.”

Rogge already hailed the athletes' village as the “best ever.” “I've never seen a village like this,” said Rogge, who competed in three Olympics in sailing and stays in the village during the games.

Peppered with questions on China's censorship of some Internet sites, Rogge insisted the IOC had always pushed for the

“fullest access possible” and said he personally intervened to get organizers to lift some of the restrictions this week.

“I'm not going to apologize for something the IOC is not responsible for,” Rogge said. “We are not running the Internet in China. Chinese authorities are running the Internet in China.”

Rogge reiterated that athletes in Beijing will have freedom of expression, and will not be barred from criticizing China's policies on human rights, Tibet, Darfur or other issues — as long as they do so away from the

Olympic village and other official sites.

He said no political or religious demonstrations will be allowed in the village, which will house some 10,000 athletes from a record 205 countries and territories.

“If we allow political propaganda, it's the end of the harmony of the Olympic village, and the end of the harmony of the games,” he said.

Rogge dismissed suggestions that many athletes will skip See **OLYMPICS**, Page 2B

# Romo rising

QB has come long way in two years

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**  
AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — Tony Romo was still an obscure backup quarterback who had never thrown a pass in a real game.

He didn't have a celebrity girlfriend. The undrafted player from a small school could walk around the Dallas Cowboys' training camp complex and run onto the field wearing his No. 9 jersey without being noticed by the fans clamoring for autographs — or even team owner Jerry Jones.

And that was only two years ago. “Had we had a little better feel, or a little better read on that, at every step of the way ... I would have said ‘Hello’ to him walking down the hall,” Jones said.

Romo has since been to two Pro Bowls, set team records for yards and touchdowns passing, and his No. 9 jersey — like the one often worn by Jessica Simpson — is now a top seller in the NFL, not only among the Cowboys.

“It's a different world for him, and I think it should be,” Jones said. “And I think that we're going to be a benefactor of that.”

Expectations certainly have changed with Romo, one of 13 Pro Bowl players back on a team that tied a franchise record by winning 13 games in his first full season as the starter. That was before the Cowboys' playoff loss in January to the New York Giants, after which Terrell

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AP photo/Tony Gutierrez

**Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo makes a pass during drills June 11 at the Cowboys training facility in Irving. Romo was still an unknown backup quarterback who had never thrown a pass in a real game when the Cowboys were last in California for training camp. That was only two years ago. Romo has since been to two Pro Bowls, set team records for passing yards and touchdowns, and seen his No. 9 jersey, like the one worn by Jessica Simpson, become a top seller.**

# Paid to not play

Packers offer Favre large payout to stay retired

By **CHRIS JENKINS**  
AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre's reinstatement to the NFL was held up again Friday as the three-time MVP mulled getting paid not to play through a marketing deal with the Green Bay Packers that could resolve the standoff over his retirement.

The potential agreement, worth a reported \$20 million over 10 years, might end Favre's bid to return just months after retiring. It also would likely keep him from reporting to Packers training camp and a team that is not planning to start him at quarterback for the first time since 1992.

After talking to Packers president and CEO Mark Murphy about the marketing deal Wednesday, Favre confirmed he was considering it to ESPN on Thursday.

Packers coach Mike McCarthy made it clear Friday that, from the team's perspective, the agreement would be more

than a buyout to make an awkward situation go away. In fact, it's been in the works for months. He first heard about it at Favre's retirement news conference in March.

“I know Mark Murphy talked to me about it in the past, how important it was for Brett to continue to be part of the organization after he was done playing,” McCarthy said after practice Friday morning. “And frankly, it's good for Brett. Brett needs to stay a part of football. Obviously, he's a part of the Green Bay Packers.”

Meanwhile, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell sat on Favre's reinstatement letter for the fourth straight day, giving the two sides more time to resolve the situation.

“The commissioner will take no action today on Brett Favre's reinstatement request. Discussions are continuing between the Packers and Brett,” league officials said in a statement issued by NFL spokesman Greg Aiello.

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AP file photo/Thomas Kienzie

**The U.S. men's 4x400-meter relay team celebrates after winning the gold medal at the Summer Olympics in Sydney Sept. 30, 2000. From left are, Antonio Pettigrew, Calvin Harrison, Michael Johnson and Alvin Harrison. The International Olympic Committee stripped gold medals Saturday from the U.S. men's 1,600-meter relay team that competed at the 2000 Olympics in the aftermath of Antonio Pettigrew's admission that he was doping at the time.**

# 2000 Olympic relay team stripped of gold medals

By **STEPHEN WILSON**  
AP Sports Writer

BEIJING — The International Olympic Committee stripped gold medals Saturday from the U.S. men's 1,600-meter relay team that competed at the 2000 Olympics in the aftermath of Antonio Pettigrew's admission that he was doping at the time.

The IOC executive board disqualified the entire team, the fourth gold and sixth overall medal stripped from that U.S. track contingent in the past eight months for doping.

Three gold and two bronze were previously removed after Marion Jones confessed to using performance-enhancing drugs.

Saturday's decision was almost a formality after Pettigrew gave up his gold medal in June. During a trial involving former track coach Trevor Graham, he admitted in May that he used EPO and human growth hormone from 1997 to 2003.

Five of Pettigrew's teammates also lose their medals: Michael Johnson and twins Alvin and Calvin Harrison ran in the final; Jerome Young and

Angelo Taylor ran in the preliminaries.

It was Johnson's fifth gold medal of his stellar career. He has already said he was giving it back because he felt “cheated, betrayed and let down” by Pettigrew's testimony. Johnson still holds world records in the 200 and 400 meters.

Three of the four runners from the relay final have been tainted by drugs.

Alvin Harrison accepted a four-year ban in 2004 after admitting he used performance-enhancers. Calvin Harrison tested positive for a banned stimulant in 2003 and was suspended for two years. Young was banned for life for doping violations.

“We support the action taken today by the IOC,” USOC spokesman Darryl Seibel said. “Athletes who make the unacceptable choice to cheat should recognize that there will be consequences. Those consequences can be severe including the loss of medals and results. We're in

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# Celebrations That Sizzle

FAMILY FEATURES

**M**ake all your celebrations sizzle this year with salsa! Let your taste buds dance with easy to make, flavorful dishes that add zing to any party. Carry the bold, fun theme through by using bright, colorful tablecloths and centerpieces of paper flowers, or add a sprinkling of confetti for fun. Turn up your favorite Latin music for some salsa dancing — maybe even a tango or two. After all that dancing, you'll want to cool off with some refreshing sangrias or icy, fruit-flavored sodas.

### Spice Up Your Celebrations With Salsa

When you're looking to add sizzle to your party, salsas can make entertaining deliciously easy:

- **Grilled Steak Salad:** Marinate your favorite steak in Salsa Verde. Broil or grill. Slice steak and serve over mixed greens, with additional salsa and crumbled tortilla chips.
- **Mucho Queso Pizza:** Spread Mexican Four Cheese Salsa con Queso over a pre-baked pizza crust. Sprinkle with your favorite pizza toppings and bake!
- **Tequila Lime Vinaigrette Dressing:** Combine Tequila Lime Salsa with olive oil and cider vinegar. Use on your favorite combination of salad greens or cooked shrimp!
- **Fiesta Corn and Bean Salad:** Add corn, black beans, diced red peppers and mangos to Tequila Lime Salsa for a colorful side dish.
- **Bulgur Salad:** Add Pico de Gallo to cooked bulgur, black beans and corn. Toss and chill. Sprinkle with cilantro.
- **Shrimp & Avocado Salad:** Toss Pico de Gallo with cooked shrimp and sliced avocado; serve on a bed of mixed greens.
- **Shrimp Diablo:** Sauté shrimp with sliced peppers. Toss with Triple Pepper Salsa and serve with rice.

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### Tequila Lime Chicken Wraps

Prep: 15 minutes

Makes: 4 wraps

- 1 cup Pace Tequila Lime Salsa, divided
- 2 cups diced, cooked chicken
- 1 large red pepper, diced (about 1 cup)
- 1 large ripe avocado, diced (about 1 cup)
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 4 flour tortillas (10-inch), warmed
- 2 cups shredded lettuce

1. Stir 1/2 cup salsa, chicken, pepper and avocado in large bowl. Stir remaining salsa and sour cream in small bowl.
2. Spread 1/4 cup sour cream mixture onto each tortilla. Top each with 1 cup chicken mixture and 1/2 cup lettuce. Fold sides of tortillas over filling and then fold up ends to enclose filling. Cut each wrap in half before serving.

### Triple Pepper Papaya Shrimp Salad

Prep: 15 minutes

Makes: 4 servings

- 1 pound peeled, cooked large shrimp
- 1 papaya, peeled, seeded and diced
- 1 cup whole kernel corn
- 4 green onions, chopped (about 1/2 cup)
- 1 cup Pace Triple Pepper Salsa
- 1 tablespoon lemon or lime juice
- Mixed salad greens

1. Combine shrimp, papaya, corn and onions in large bowl. Add salsa and lemon juice and toss to coat.
2. Serve over salad greens.

Tequila Lime Chicken Wraps



Pico De Gallo Tortilla Soup



Triple Pepper Papaya Shrimp Salad

### Pico De Gallo Tortilla Soup

Prep: 15 minutes

Cook: 15 minutes

Makes: 4 servings

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Pace Pico De Gallo Salsa
- 2 cups Swanson Chicken Broth (regular, Natural Goodness or Certified Organic)
- 1 large zucchini, diced (about 2 cups)
- 1 cup diced, cooked chicken
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 3 corn or flour tortillas (6-inch), cut into thin strips

1. Heat salsa, broth, zucchini and chicken in 4-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook 10 minutes or until zucchini is tender.
2. Stir cilantro and tortilla strips into saucepan.

**Tip:** To cut tortillas into thin strips more easily, roll them up first, then cut them crosswise into strips.

### Salsa Verde Pork & Pepper Stew

Prep: 15 minutes

Cook: 5 hours

Makes: 6 servings

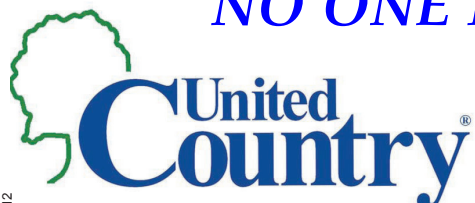
- 2 pounds boneless pork shoulder, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 jar (16 ounces) Pace Salsa Verde
- 2 large red and/or green peppers, diced (about 2 cups)
- 3 large carrots, thickly sliced (about 1 1/2 cups)
- Chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- Hot cooked rice

1. Place pork in large bowl. Add flour and toss to coat.
2. Heat oil in 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add pork and cook in 2 batches until well browned.
3. Stir pork, salsa, peppers and carrots in 6-quart slow cooker.
4. Cover and cook on HIGH 4 to 5 hours or until pork is fork-tender. Sprinkle with cilantro and serve with rice.



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NEW LISTINGS



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**A 44-pound cat who is in need of a loving home is seen, Monday, July 28 in Sicklerville. The cat was found outside, without a collar, in Voorhees, and is being cared for at the Camden County, N.J., Animal Shelter.)**

## Fat N.J. cat's origins uncovered: He was abandoned

BLACKWOOD, N.J. (AP) — A 44-pound cat found lumbering around New Jersey was abandoned by a woman who said her home was foreclosed, an animal shelter official said Thursday.

The porky white cat found Saturday became a local media sensation and was dubbed "Princess Chunk."

But the animal is really a male whose name is

Powder.

Jennifer Anderch, director of the Camden County Animal Shelter, said Thursday that the cat's owner came forward to describe the animal's background.

Anderch said she's received hundreds of calls from people seeking to adopt Powder.

The cat appeared Thursday on "Live With Regis and Kelly."

A veterinarian on the show examined it and determine he was indeed a male.

The largest cat on record weighed 46 pounds, 15 ounces. That cat, who lived in Australia, died in the 1980s.

The Guinness World Records has since dropped the category, fearing cat owners might harm their animals in an attempt to break the record.

## Take Note

• Big Spring High School Class of 1998 10-year reunion will be held Sept. 12-13 during the BSHS homecoming weekend. To get details and register, visit [www.freewebs.com/bshs1998](http://www.freewebs.com/bshs1998) or contact Traci Bellinghausen at (817) 308-9845 or Jacob Cordova at (432) 935-0533.

• BSHS Class of 1978 30-year reunion is Sept. 12-13. Contact Kent Rice at 870-918-5875 or [kent\\_rice@murphyoilcorp.com](mailto:kent_rice@murphyoilcorp.com)

• Big Spring High School Class of 1988's 20-year reunion will be held the weekend of Sept. 12-13. Contact Cheri Wyrick Reibe at 432-268-9587 or [reibe1@suddenlink.net](mailto:reibe1@suddenlink.net) for information. The class still needs classmates' contact information so please contact Cheri to pass those along.

• A medical expense account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Kody Jackson, who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma in his right knee. He has no medical insurance and must start chemotherapy and radiation treatment as soon as possible. Kody is the son of Susan and Johnny Jackson. For more information, contact Cosden FCU at 264-2600.






• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is now available at First Methodist Church. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

• 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. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

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

## Your Local Weather

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## Obituaries

### Fred Carstensen Jr.



Fred Carstensen Jr., 78, of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2008, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 4, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, Big Spring, with the Rev. John Bill Hedrick, pastor of Graham Chapel in Post, officiating. Interment will follow at Westbrook Cemetery, Westbrook.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born July 19, 1930, in the Brown Community in Howard County and married Wanda Jackson July 2, 1960, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on May 15, 1996.

Fred was a lifelong resident of this area. He started working for the Flower Grove ISD in 1973 and retired as custodian at Klondike ISD in 1992 after 21 years. He served in the United States Marine Corps for 13 1/2 years and attained the rank of corporal.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Ricky and Kristi Carstensen of Lockney; his daughter, Kelli Carstensen of Big Spring; two granddaughters, Sarah Carstensen and Karis Carstensen both of Lockney; four sisters, Ruby McCarty of Sanger, Nellie Van Den Biggelaar and Myrtle Sparks, all of Sanger and Lucille Farrington of Big Spring; three brothers, Tommy Carstensen of Garden City, Pat Carstensen of Knott and Arthur Carstensen of Odessa; and numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Fred Sr. and Naoma Carstensen; and two brothers, Andy and C.J. Carstensen.

The family suggests memorials be made to Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Highway 87, Big Spring 79720.

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

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- LORENZO FERRERA YANEZ, 34, 211 Channing, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- TERRANCE HAMPTON, 31, 2605 Barksdale, was arrested a charge of assault/family violence and a local warrant.
- SHANNON LONG, 22, 504 Jeffery, was arrested on two local warrants.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton and the 600 block of Elgin.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of Owens.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 2500 block of Langley and the 200 block of Fourth.
- FAILURE TO STOP AND RENDER AID was reported in the 900 block of Andree.
- THEFT was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg.
- VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 600 block of Settles.

## Lottery

Numbers drawn in the Mega Millions jackpot Friday were: 9-13-17-18-56; MB: 2; Megaplier: 4.

Pick 3 Night: 0-5-6. Sum it Up: 11

Pick 4 Night: 7-4-1-4. Sum it Up: 16

## Bulletin Board

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

- MONDAY**
- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
  - District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
  - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 begins at 5 p.m. with weight-in 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.
  - Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffet.
  - Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
  - The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
  - Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
  - Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

## Support Groups

**TUESDAY**

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

- 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**

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# Yao welcomes addition of Artest to Rockets



AP photo/Elizabeth Dalziel

China's center Yao Ming fights to block Iran's center Hamed Hadadi during a warm up basketball game between China and Iran for next month's Olympics at the Diamond Ball basketball tournament in Nanjing, China, Friday.

## The Associated Press

BEIJING — Yao Ming has quickly squashed any potential rift that could have developed with new teammate Ron Artest prior to the volatile forward's arrival in Houston.

Earlier this week, it was widely reported that Artest would be coming to the Rockets from Sacramento for a 2009 first-round pick, guard Bobby Jackson and another player — likely rookie forward Donte Greene. However, the trade can't officially be announced yet: Greene signed a contract with Houston on July 14, and, according to NBA rules, a player can't be traded within 30 days of signing a deal.

According to the Houston Chronicle, Yao was generally excited about the move, but had some reservations as to whether Artest would be a good fit with his new club, saying, "We worry about the new attitude to the team. We are adding talent to the team and we need that, but building team chemistry is important."

But the two stars spoke this week on the phone — Yao is in China preparing for the Olympics — and the All-Star center told Houston TV station Fox 26 on Friday that he looks forward to having Artest as a teammate.

"I talked to him last night China time about (a) misunderstanding on the report," Yao said Friday during his interview with Fox 26. "It's better when we have a chance to sit down and talk face to face. "Before training camp, before the season, we have a lot of time. I think we can be good friends."

That seemed unlikely after a report in the Chronicle quoted Yao as saying, "Hopefully, he's not fighting anymore and going after a guy in the stands."

Yao, of course, was referencing the infamous 2004 brawl in Detroit when, as a member of the Indiana Pacers, Artest left the court to attack a fan.

He was suspended for the rest of that season which amounted to 73 games, a punishment

that's the most notable in a long list of negative publicity he's received via suspensions and off-the-court issues.

Apparently his recent talk with Artest has put Yao more at ease with the controversial acquisition.

"If something I said would make Ron feel uncomfortable, I apologize," Yao said. "I'm really sorry about that, because I still don't know him very well. Still, by the time we stay together, obviously I will fix it."

Yao is generally not a player to make critical comments and avoids controversy, so the development with Artest made headlines in Houston and even in his native China. However, it seems the 7-foot-6 superstar is more comfortable with Artest after their conversation and is confident he will give the Rockets a better chance to win a championship.

"Right now the Rockets made a good trade for us and we got a good player," Yao said.

Artest, a nine-year vet-

eran, averaged 20.5 points last season and added 2.3 steals per game to rank among the league's top 10 in that category for the fifth time.

He's considered one of the top defenders in the NBA, having been the Defensive Player of the Year for the 2003-04 season.

The Rockets already are one of the NBA's top teams defensively with Yao clogging the middle.

They have finished among the league's top five in scoring defense in five consecutive seasons, but have not advanced past the first round of the playoffs since Yao joined them in 2002.

Both Yao and Artest are coming off major injuries, but Yao will be playing for China in Beijing after having surgery to repair a stress fracture in his left foot in March and Artest should be ready to go after having his left thumb operated on in April.

"Ron joining us as a teammate," Yao said, "I think that can put (our) team in the next level."

## OLYMPICS

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Friday's opening ceremony because they are staying away from Beijing until the last moment to avoid the air pollution. He said he expects 7,000 to 9,000 athletes to march in the ceremony.

On other issues, Rogge said the IOC's hardline policy on doping was succeeding in weeding out drug cheats before the games through increased unannounced, out-of-competition testing across

the world.

Rogge said 15 to 17 athletes have been nabbed in recent weeks in pre-games testing.

"These are 17 cheats that will not falsify the competition," he said.

The number is actually higher: 11 Greek weightlifters were suspended after testing positive for a steroid, and Bulgaria withdrew its entire weightlifting team after 11 athletes were caught.

Several athletes in other sports have also been banned, including seven Russian female track and field athletes who were suspended this week by the IAAF

for tampering with urine samples.

"This is not a trend," Rogge said. "It's a deliberate policy."

He said the IOC would wait for more information from the BALCO steroid investigation before reallocating any of the medals that have been taken away from American athletes competing at the 2000 Sydney Games for doping.

Marion Jones was stripped of her five medals, and her teammates on two relays also lost their medals, following her admission of drug use. On Saturday, the IOC stripped the

entire U.S. men's 1,600-meter relay team of gold in the wake of Antonio Pettigrew's doping confessions.

More than 30 athletes would be affected by a reshuffle of all the medals. Rogge said the IOC was not constrained by an eight-year statute of limitations, saying the clock starts running only when an investigation is opened.

"We want to render justice when all the factors are known," he said. "In the midterm or in a few months, I'm sure everything will be finalized and those athletes who are clean will be rewarded," he said.

## STRIPPED

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full support of this action. In other matters like this in the past we've worked with the IOC to make certain medals will be returned, and we'll do so again."

The IOC also disqualified Pettigrew from his seventh-place finish in the individual 400 meters in Sydney. And the committee banned him from attending the upcoming Beijing Games "in any capacity," including as a competitor, coach or technical official. Pettigrew has retired from competition, and the U.S.

Olympic Committee said there were no plans for him to be in Beijing.

The IOC had previously tried to strip the relay team after it became known that Young tested positive before the Sydney Games.

But a decision by the Court of Arbitration for Sport said the entire team should not be disqualified, and Pettigrew and the others were allowed to keep their medals.

Saturday's move came four months after the IOC stripped the gold from the U.S. women's 1,600-meter relay team and bronze from the women's 400-meter relay squad because of doping by Jones. She admitted

last year that she used drugs at the time and returned her five medals, including gold in the 100 meters and 200 meters and bronze in the long jump.

The IOC has put off any decision on reallocating the U.S. medals until later this year when it takes into account all the files from the BALCO investigation in the United States.

No time frame for a decision on medal redistribution has been set, although an eight-year statute of limitations expires on Oct. 1.

Nigeria finished second in the men's 1,600-meter relay, with Jamaica third and the Bahamas fourth.

"That's such a shame, espe-

cially for the ones who were clean, and it's most important for the athletes who were second," Sanya Richards, who won gold on the 1,600-meter women's relay in 2004, said from training camp in Dalian. "You lose that opportunity to stand on top of the podium and feel the joy of winning the race. Those are the people who hurt the worst when there are cheaters ahead of them. Giving back the medals is just a technicality because you can't repair the hurt feelings and the hard work that went into it."

The IOC is reluctant to hand Jones' 100 gold to silver medalist Katerina Thanou, a Greek sprinter at the center of a doping scandal at the 2004 Athens

Rogge expressed satisfaction that Iraqi athletes will be competing in Beijing as a result of Tuesday's decision by the IOC to lift its suspension of the national Olympic committee. The body had been sanctioned for government interference.

Four Iraqi athletes — two rowers and two track and field competitors — are entered for Beijing. The deadline for other sports has already passed, but Rogge said one or more Iraqis could still make it if other athletes withdraw due to injuries or other reasons.

Games.

She and fellow Greek runner Kostas Kenteris missed drug tests on the eve of the opening ceremony and claimed they were injured in a motorcycle accident.

They were forced to pull out of the games and were later suspended for two years.

An IOC disciplinary panel will meet next Thursday to consider whether Thanou can run at the Beijing Games.

The 33-year-old sprinter qualified for the Greek team in the 100, but the IOC is reviewing her eligibility.

Thanou's lawyer has threatened legal action if she is barred from the games.

## FAVRE

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Despite Favre's tearful farewell to football, he now is considering a comeback.

The problem is that Green Bay hasn't been eager to bring him back,

with Aaron Rodgers taking over the starter's role. The Packers also don't want to release Favre, suspecting he would immediately sign with division rival Minnesota.

The Packers hold Favre's rights until his current contract expires after the 2010 season.

Tensions have built

between Favre and the team over the past several weeks. Earlier this week, Favre sent a letter to NFL commissioner Roger Goodell requesting to be reinstated from the team's reserve/retired list.

But Goodell has held off approving the request, hoping the two sides could resolve their differences.

Murphy flew to Mississippi to meet with Favre and his agent, James "Bus" Cook, on Wednesday. That meeting apparently rekindled talks about the marketing agreement.

Favre said in a text message to ESPN reporter Ed Werder Thursday night that the marketing deal might be the best idea.

"There isn't a perfect solution to this, but Mark Murphy is at least trying," Favre told ESPN. "We know what they want and where I stand. His solution, although awkward and unsettling for most, may be the best in the end."

Packers linebacker A.J. Hawk chuckled at the thought of being paid \$20 million not to play.

"You could hand me a billion dollars, and I'm still going to be on the field," Hawk said. "It doesn't matter to me. But

everyone has different situations, has different views on money. Money is not more important than football to me right now."

But if the deal can't be worked out, Favre still could be reinstated and report to camp, presumably forcing the team to trade him or reconsider releasing him.

Cook told The Associated Press Thursday that Favre understands he would be walking into a media frenzy by showing up for camp, but he's willing to handle that if that's the only way he can force his way back into football.

"He's prepared to deal with it," Cook said. "He's ready to go back, but he can't go back until the commissioner reinstates him."

McCarthy has said the team has a plan in place should Favre report to camp.

He'd have to pass a physical exam and a conditioning test, then likely would be limited to individual drills at first.

"He's not a part of our 80-man roster right now," McCarthy said. "And if or when he is, we'll deal with that then. And I think our team has done a great job of just staying focused."

The Packers did not practice yesterday, but players did hear from a guest lecturer: former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer.

Fleischer's lecture on media relations was scheduled before the latest Favre controversy, but McCarthy said he took advantage of the opportunity to pick Fleischer's brain on how he might handle the team's current predicament.

McCarthy said Fleischer was "very encouraging" about the team's approach.

"As popular or unpopular as it is, for as tough or as difficult as it is, I think the organization has stood strong," McCarthy said. "They're decisive, and they're continuing to work through this. Everyone wants this resolved, don't get me wrong. No one thought it would get to this point, but this is where we are."

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## Ferraro & Belew



Ceremony set for Aug 16, 2008

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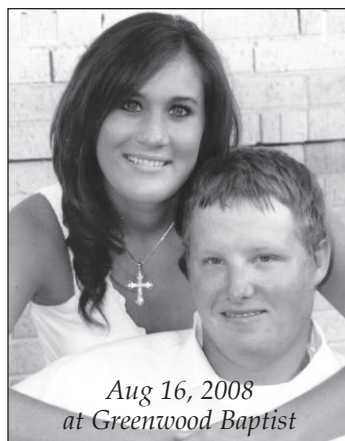
The couple, who both reside in North Richland Hills, will marry Aug. 16, 2008, in Grapevine.

Jessica is a graduate of Flower Mound High School in Flower Mound. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in special educa-

tion at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. She is employed as a special education teacher for Haltom City ISD.

Allan is a Coahoma High School graduate and earned his bachelor of science degree in criminal justice at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. He has been accepted into the U.S. Navy Nuclear Engineering program.

## Dains & Scott



Aug 16, 2008  
at Greenwood Baptist

Kymberly Dains and Taylor Scott, both of Greenwood, will marry Aug. 16, 2008, at Greenwood Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Richard and Sandy Dains of Greenwood.

The future groom is the son of Debbie and Jerry Waltrip of Greenwood and Tommy and Laura Scott of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Randall and Leota Reid of Coahoma and Larry and Bobbie Nix of Big Spring.

# Births

Moses Isiah Dehoyos, a boy, was born on 2:48 p.m. June 24, 2008, weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He is the son of Debra and Daniel Dehoyos of Big Spring. His maternal grandparents are Juan and Yolanda Renteria of Big Spring. His paternal grandparents are Joe and Dominga Dehoyos, Artesia, N.M.

Moses was welcomed home by siblings Krystal, Ashley, Nicholas and Kimberle.

## Spider found in Calif. becomes Stephen Colbert's namesake



find out Wednesday when East Carolina University biologist Jason Bond appears as a guest.

Bond specializes in spiders and millipedes. He and students study both new and known species and provide names for the new ones.

Colbert's namesake is Aptostichus (ap-TAS'tih-kus) stephencolberti. Because Colbert doesn't pronounce the "t" in his last name, it will also be silent in the spider's name.

Colbert demanded that a spider species carry his name after learning that Bond named a spider for rocker Neil Young.

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GREENVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A trapdoor spider species found along the coast of California last year is the new eight-legged tribute to Stephen Colbert.

How will the faux conservative talk show host take this news? Viewers of the Comedy Central show "The Colbert Report" will

## Legg & Fuselier



7 p.m. Saturday  
Aug. 9, 2008  
at St. Stephens

Aline Michele Legg of Midland, daughter of Robert and Debra Legg of Big Spring, will marry Christopher Paul Fuselier of Midland, son of Eric and Nancy Fuselier also of Midland, on Saturday, at 7 p.m. Aug. 9, 2008, at St. Stephens Catholic Church.

Aline is the granddaughter of Louise Jackson of Big Spring and Jimmy Samuels of Tennessee and the late Gene and Lucette Legg.

The groom is the grandson of Carroll and Olga Fuselier and Ebron and Regina Dunn of Alexandria Louisiana.

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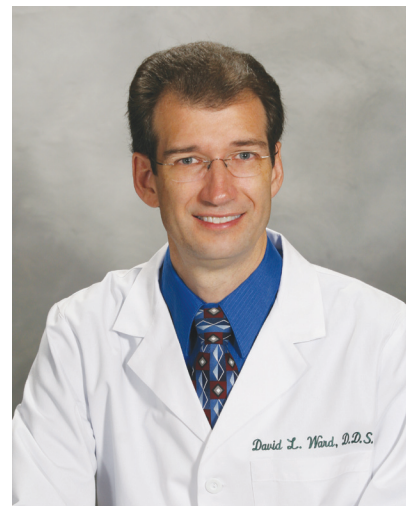


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# Museum: Civil War document no photocopy

By DAN ROBRISH

Associated Press Writer  
PHILADELPHIA — Officials at a small Civil War museum made an intriguing discovery while sifting through storage: A document long treated as a photo reproduction of the terms of Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender appears, upon closer inspection, to contain actual signatures and date to 1865.

Museum officials believe they have one of the three original documents signed by representatives of the Union and Confederacy in Appomattox Court House, Va., on April 10, 1865, a day after Lee's surrender.

The National Park Service historian at Appomattox said it's more likely a souvenir copy signed by the same men at that time — still a significant discovery, he said,

even if it's not an official copy.

The Civil War & Underground Railroad Museum of Philadelphia has held the document since the early 20th century. It was pulled out of storage and re-evaluated as officials prepared for the museum's shutdown Saturday ahead of its move to a new building.

Curator Andrew Coldren said he is certain that museum officials knew what they had when the document was donated but its significance was forgotten over time because of a lack of record keeping.

In a 1967 inventory, someone wrote "Copy?" in reference to the document.

Coldren said it had been glued to a cardboard backing and varnished, an apparent attempt to preserve it.

"Old photostat copies from the '20s and '30s are shiny like that, so this is why you'd think this is not a real document," he said.

Coldren said museum officials examining the document recently noticed that the indentation of pens into the paper was visible. He said they also noticed that the ink on the document was darker and lighter in places, as would be expected with the pens used at the time. The lines on a photostat would be of consistent darkness.

"You can see where they're dipping the pen in to get more ink," he said.

Details of the terms and conditions of the surrender were worked out by six men the day after Lee and Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant agreed on the broad terms of the surrender.

Three copies were made, according to the memoir

of Union Gen. John Gibbon, whom Grant put in charge of working out the details of the surrender.

Gibbon kept one copy, according to his memoir and a letter he wrote to the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore when he donated his to the society. Another copy was sent to Grant's headquarters and is now in the National Archives.

By process of elimination, museum officials believe they have the Confederate copy.

Patrick A. Schroeder, historian at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park, said that while there were three official copies, "it doesn't mean that there weren't more copies made."

Schroeder, who saw a photograph of the document, said the stationery

looks more like the paper soldiers used to write letters to their loved ones than the paper used for legal documents.

He suggested someone may have made a personal transcript of the document as a souvenir — a common practice at the time — then asked the six men to sign it.

"I would say it's probably a souvenir copy done at the time and signed at the time," Schroeder said.

Without knowing where the donor got the document, he said, it is hard to determine whether it is the official copy provided to the Confederacy. But he said it would be wonderful if that were confirmed.

"I hope it is," he said. "That would be great to have another mystery solved."

The document was donated to the museum by Bruce

Ford, a wealthy businessman and son of a Union veteran. He joined the veterans' group that formed the museum around 1917, and the document was noted in an inventory in 1935. How Ford got the document is unknown.

New York memorabilia dealer Keya Morgan said if the document is indeed the missing third copy, what he called a "holy grail to Civil War collectors," it would be worth \$500,000 to \$700,000 at auction.

The museum hopes to receive a grant to pay the estimated \$6,000 cost of restoring the document, said Sharon A. Smith, the museum's president and chief executive. Its new home, the former First Bank of the United States, the nation's central bank until the early 19th century, is scheduled to open in 2010.

# State parks commission rejects border fence offer

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission rejected a \$105,000 donation from the federal government in a nixed deal that would have surrendered 2 1/2 acres of state-owned land for the border fence.

The rejection effectively adds the commission to the list of border fence opponents, and federal officials say they will now go to court to take the South Texas land.

"Construction of a border fence has impacts to fish and wildlife resources that could not ade-

quately be compensated for by the offer of compensation," said Ted Hollingsworth, an official with the land conservation program at the state Parks and Wildlife Department.

The rebuffed deal was reported Saturday by the Austin American-Statesman.

Federal officials sought land in the Las Palomas Wildlife Management Area, located in Cameron County. The real estate division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers first proposed a land-for-cash swap in May.

In exchange, the federal gov-

ernment offered to donate money to a McAllen nonprofit land trust, which could buy other land to mitigate the taking of the Las Palomas land. But the Parks and Wildlife Commission voted 6-0 against the offer in a meeting last month.

The proposed wall route would cut through the 139-acre Anacua Unit South of Las Palomas, leaving 48 acres on the Mexico side of the fence.

The Anacua land, farming fields at one point, is now primarily reforested white-winged dove breeding habitat and is

open for hunting.

The Corps of Engineers will take the Anacua case to federal court next, said Randy Roberts, a real estate officer with the Corps.

"We have to go ahead and move forward through these projects," he said.

Earlier this week, the University of Texas at Brownsville and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security came to an agreement in which the government won't condemn any university land.

In exchange, the school will

enhance an existing fence that is in disrepair, invest in additional cameras and allow the Border Patrol to install its cameras and sensors on the fence.

It is a far cry from the 15- to 18-foot steel fence originally proposed that could have disrupted the university's access to its golf course, threatened plans for expansion and harmed the school's binational reputation and mission.

U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen accepted the deal in principle and ordered both sides to submit it in writing by Tuesday.

## IRAQ

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Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq.

The U.S. military says its detention system is authorized by a U.N. resolution under which the Iraqi government allows U.S. troops to arrest people at will. U.S. military attor-

neys say it also complies with international laws covering warfare and was created in "the spirit" of the Geneva Conventions.

Commanders say they are entitled to hold any prisoner until the detainee is no longer considered a threat to U.S. forces. Local law and court rulings do not apply, they add.

Rights groups have criti-

cized U.S. detention policy as a misrepresentation of international law, which they say requires some form of legal process to detain someone.

The right of the U.S. to detain Iraqi citizens has been one of the contentious areas of debate with the Iraqis over a new security agreement that would keep U.S. forces in the

country after a U.N. mandate expires at year's end.

Many Iraqi officials want the country's courts to have sole responsibility for arresting and detaining Iraqi citizens.

The average detention time is 330 days, the military said on Saturday. About 17,000 of the inmates, including some of the most dangerous, are held at

Camp Bucca — a facility in southern Iraq.

The military has increased control over prisons to correct widespread U.S. prison abuses that sparked international criticism.

Allegations of abuse at U.S. prisons escalated in 2004 with the release of pictures of grinning U.S. soldiers posing with

detainees at the Abu Ghraib facility west of Baghdad. Some were naked, being held on leashes or in painful and sexually humiliating positions.

That prison has since been closed, and 11 U.S. soldiers were convicted of breaking military laws. Five others were disciplined in the scandal.

## JURY

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cocaine and marijuana were being sold from the residence," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for BSPD. "The residence was also being used for prostitution (and) it was learned that numerous subjects were selling from the house ... with several subjects delivering curb side to vehicles."

Everett said some of the arrested individuals are suspected members of the a local street gang known as TBH (Texas Born Hustlers), whose main source of revenue is drug sales.

Also indicted Thursday were a pair of Big Spring men believed to have been involved in the May 3 drive-by shooting of a busi-

ness in the 3200 block of W. Highway 80.

Reynaldo Nava, 26, of 1306 Mesa, was indicted on a charge of deadly conduct (third-degree felony). Also indicted for the incident was Ernesto Trevino, 24, of 509 N. Goliad, also on a charge of deadly conduct (second-degree felony, enhanced).

"The report of shots fired wasn't immediately reported," said Big Spring police Department Lt. Terry Chamness. "The incident occurred near Cantu Hydraulics. The report doesn't specify how many shots were believed to have been fired, but there were no injuries. The only thing that is believed to have been hit during the shooting was C&M Garage's building, which is located across the street. The owner of the garage

said he heard something hit the building."

According to officials with the Big Spring Police Department, Nava is a known member of the Latin Kings street gang. Trevino was also named as a "person of interest" in the BSPD's investigation into the May 4 shooting that claimed the lives of Valerie Garcia, 20, and Michael Cardona, 21, both of Big Spring. No arrests have been made in the May 4 shooting.

Also indicted were:

- Billy Wayne Aldridge Sr., 48, currently in Howard County Jail, two counts of delivery of a controlled substance (first-degree felonies, enhanced).
- Latoysa J. Gibson, 21, of 210 S. Carver, two counts of delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree

felonies).

- Epifanio Hinojosa Jr., 24, currently in Howard County Jail, deadly conduct (second-degree felony, enhanced).
- Cedric Jefferson, 36, currently in Howard County Jail, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).
- Christina Mae Taylor, 21, of 1213 E. Chesnut in Midland, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).
- John Paul Wilbon, 36, address unknown, possession of a controlled substance (first-degree felony, enhanced) and three counts of delivery of a controlled substance (one third-degree felony, enhanced, and two first-degree felonies, enhanced).
- Joel Adrian Flores, 26, of 2522 Langley, aggravated

sexual assault of a child (first-degree felony, enhanced) and burglary of a building (state jail felony).

- Ricky Allen Robertson, 45, of 603 Bucknell, five counts of insurance fraud (state jail felonies) and a charge of theft — more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000 (state jail felony).
- Alejandro (Alex)

Ramirez, 59, of Hereford, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

- Tyler Urbina, 18, of 2107 Grace, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second-degree felony).

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- Goliad Intermediate — Academically Acceptable.
- Kentwood Elementary — Recognized (the second-highest ranking).
- Bauer Elementary — Academically Acceptable.
- Moss Elementary — Recognized.
- Marcy Elementary — Academically Acceptable.
- Washington Elementary — Recognized.
- The three Recognized campuses received praise from Stevens.

"That's quite an accomplishment," he said. "Our goal is for all our campuses to be Recognized, but they did a great job and deserve to be patted on the back."

Coahoma ISD received a district-wide ranking of Academically Acceptable. Individual campus ratings were:

- Coahoma High School — Academically Acceptable.
- Coahoma Junior High School — Academically Acceptable.
- Coahoma Elementary — Recognized.
- Forsan ISD received a district-wide rating of

Recognized. Individual campus ratings were:

- Forsan High School/Junior High — Recognized.
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# Strahan's visit to Cowboys' camp not a 'Favre moment'

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**  
AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — Michael Strahan was on the field with the Dallas Cowboys at training camp Friday.

No, Strahan isn't having his own "Favre moment" and doesn't already want to come out of retirement. And he wasn't there to show off his Super Bowl championship ring won last season with the New York Giants, after beating the Cowboys in the playoffs.

Instead of spying on a division rival, Strahan — who left his title ring at home — visited the Cowboys as "an observer" for his new role as part of Fox's NFL pregame show.

"It's good to be back at training camp where I don't have to participate," Strahan said with a wise grin. "For about 30 seconds, I was like,

"Um, I kind of miss it.' I had my Favre moment, then realized that I'm not going to do that. I'm done."

Still, it was a strange to see Strahan at camp with the Cowboys, who the seven-time Pro Bowl defensive end played against in the NFC East for 15 seasons.

"It makes me sick looking at him. At least he didn't wear his Super Bowl ring out here," tight end Jason Witten said, half-jokingly. "I told him I didn't know if I'd let him in here. He's still got buddies over there."

Strahan watched the morning practice from between the two fields, briefly speaking with Cowboys coach Wade Phillips, other coaches and some players. Pro Bowl safety Roy Williams stopped after completing his turn in a drill to hug Strahan.

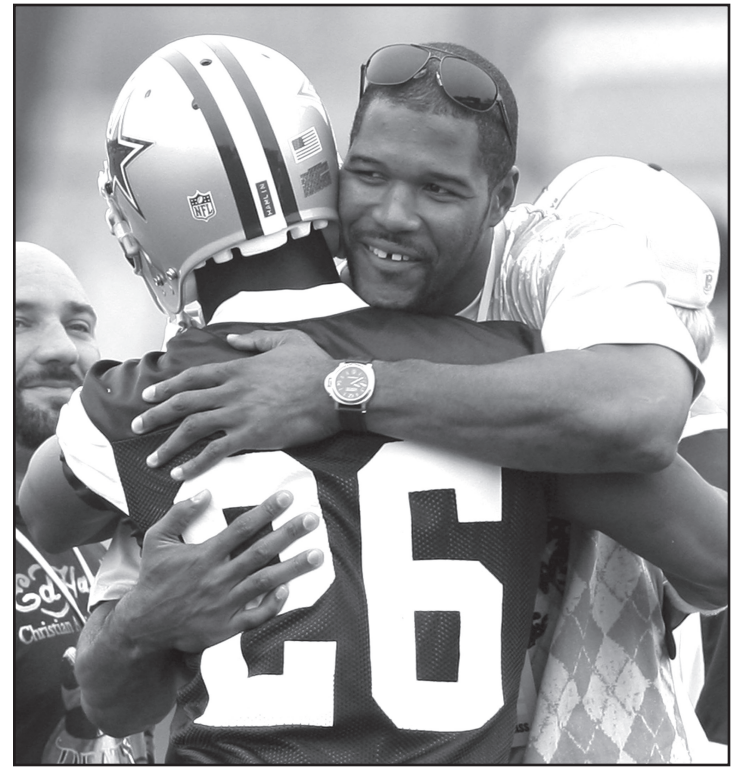
"Every time I looked over, he had a lot of people around him. That's just the perks of being a Super Bowl champion," receiver Terrell Owens said. "He's taken on a new role being part of the media, so I don't really talk to the media that much."

The 36-year-old Strahan announced his retirement in June, four months after the Giants' stunning Super Bowl victory over the previously undefeated New England Patriots. Strahan spent his entire career with New York.

Strahan pondered not playing last season, but returned days before the opener. That led to a perfect ending, and he says he's staying retired.

"I enjoy waking up when I want to. I enjoy saying, 'Do I feel like working out?' Nah." This is going a lot

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AP photo/Ron Jenkins/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

**Former New York Giants player Michael Strahan, right, is greeted by Ken Hamlin, of the Dallas Cowboys, during practice at Cowboys' training camp Friday in Oxnard, Calif. Strahan, 36, visited the Cowboys as "an observer" for his new role as part of Fox's NFL pregame show.**

## ROMO

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Owens tearfully defended the quarterback.

Dallas is now a legitimate Super Bowl contender, going into 2008 as a favorite in the NFC — with the quarterback who was backing up Drew Bledsoe in 2006 when the Cowboys broke from their last California camp. Romo is the 10th starter in Dallas since Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman played his last game in 2000.

"I feel like I'm the same as I've always been," Romo insists. "Try to throw the ball to the guy who's open. That usually helps."

Despite the constant attention that comes with being the starting quarterback of America's Team and Simpson's boyfriend, the \$67.5 million contract he got midway through last season and how different people perceive him, Romo really hasn't altered how he sees himself.

Not from when he was quarterback on the scout team during practice and would sit in the locker room and read books without interruption while the media interviewed other players. Not when he was the undrafted player out of Eastern Illinois in 2003 who got a \$10,000 signing bonus.

"Honestly, I don't think I'm that important anyway," Romo said while circled by reporters and cameras on the field after a camp workout.

"His personality is very much the same," said tight end Jason Witten, one of Romo's closest friends. "Obviously his life's changed 100 percent, but he's the same guy. A little bit more guarded maybe, but for the most part, he's the same guy."

Romo played the entire preseason opener in 2006, the only time former coach Bill Parcells ever used one quarterback in a game before the regular season. Romo was 19-of-25 for 235 yards, but Parcells was firmly committed to Bledsoe, the veteran he had drafted No. 1 overall while with New England 13 years earlier.

But in the seventh game that season, in a move that not even Jones was convinced would work, Romo took over the starting job.

Romo won five of his first six starts, including a victory over Peyton Manning and eventual Super Bowl champion Indianapolis, and got the Cowboys into the postseason. Then came the playoff loss in Seattle when Romo, still the holder, as he had been before becoming the quarterback, flubbed the hold of a short field goal.

In the locker room that night, Romo cried and apologized to his teammates.

Last season ended with more tears. Owens' bottom lip quivered and his voice wavered while he defended Romo after a 17-13 loss to the Giants. It came a week after the quarterback's well-documented bye weekend getaway to Mexico with Simpson and a couple of teammates.

"At that point in time, it was a situation where I felt like I had to have his back," Owens said.

The loss was a bitter ending to a season in which Romo set team records with 335 completions for 4,211 yards and 36 touchdowns, including the team-record 15 receiving by Owens. Romo had seven more 300-yard passing games, giving him 10 already — three short of Aikman's career mark.

Linebacker Bradie James, the team's leading tackler who came in as a rookie with Romo, enjoys watching the quarterback do to other teams what he's done on the practice field since he was running the scout team.

"He had been tearing us up since we've been here," said James, who never imagined it would translate as well as it has to Sundays. "I don't think anybody would have. That's why it's been such a phenomenon."

Jones committed about \$70 million this offseason on multiyear contracts for Owens and four other Pro Bowl players. Offensive coordinator Jason Garrett got \$3 million to stay after he was interviewed for two NFL head coaching jobs.

Romo, who has started only 26 regular-season games, was a primary factor in those moves.

"There's no question that having a competitive quarterback does inspire you if you're in my shoes and you're trying to make those decisions," Jones said. "The

closer you feel like you're getting, then the more you're motivated to go ahead and extend."

The five-time champion Cowboys have gone 12 seasons since their last Super Bowl.

Since three-time champion Aikman retired, the likes of Quincy Carter, Ryan Leaf, Chad Hutchinson, Vinny Testaverde and Bledsoe have been their starting quarterback. None ever generated the kind of excitement and optimism that Romo has in less than two full seasons.

Back in the California sun for camp, it's easy to compare how far Romo has come since the last time the Cowboys were here. Except he says his approach is the same as it was then, before he was a two-time Pro Bowler or even the starter.

"There is always a little nostalgia in some ways about the process and what it took to get where you are. It's funny, you still have a long way to go," Romo said. "I'm trying to play. I'm trying to get on the field and get better. ... The exciting thing really about the game is just improvement."

Despite his still-rising stardom, Romo is trying to convince people that nobody will remember him when he's done playing. And he acts like he really believes that, often repeating that sentiment.

Reminded that Roger Staubach and Aikman are both still widely talked about, along with other former quarterbacks, Romo responds, "They're a little better than I am. There's good reason for that."

Yeah, Staubach and Aikman both won Super Bowls, which is exactly what people are expecting Romo to do — maybe even this season.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**Guaranteeing the Contract**

South dealer.  
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♠ A 5  
♥ Q J 9 6 3  
♦ A J 9  
♣ 8 4 3

**WEST**  
♠ K Q 9 7 6 2  
♥ 5  
♦ 8 7 4  
♣ K Q 6

**EAST**  
♠ J 10 8 4 3  
♥ 8  
♦ K Q 6 2  
♣ 7 5 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ —  
♥ A K 10 7 4 2  
♦ 10 5 3  
♣ A J 10 9

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ 1♠ 3♥ 3♠  
4♥ 4♣ Pass Pass  
5♥

the serious student of the game.

To demonstrate, take this case where South finds himself in five hearts and gets a chance to display his wares. After a spade lead, how should declarer play the hand?

If we examine the East-West cards, it seems South is destined to go down regardless of what he does. He takes two club finesses, both of which lose, and, since a diamond loser is inescapable, he finishes down one.

This result can be attributed to bad luck, of course, but actually, South should not rely on the hope that one of the club finesses will win. He should adopt the line of play that guarantees the contract regardless of how the defenders' cards are divided.

The issue can be settled at trick one. On the king-of-spades lead, he plays low from dummy and discards a diamond from his hand! West's next play does not matter. Let's assume he leads another spade.

Declarer discards another diamond on the ace, cashes the ace of diamonds and ruffs a diamond. He then crosses to dummy with a trump and ruffs dummy's last diamond.

The stage is now set for the sure-fire endplay. Dummy is entered with a trump, and a club is led and finessed. West wins, but whatever he returns gives declarer the contract.



**The Winning Way**

Hallelujah Day  
Greetings dear friends!  
My surgery is now two months past and I am delighted to report that all is well. Thanks to the Lord and to my three wonderful doctors who took such good care of me during my hospitalization at Methodist Dallas Medical Center.



**JERRIE STOCKS**

My thanks to all of you who called, e-mailed, inquired, sent cards and kept me in your prayers over the past two months during my recuperation time. How do I adequately express my thanks to you?

A special thanks to Springcreek Fellowship Church for the wonderful home-cooked food sent for two weeks to our home after my return from Dallas. My dear husband, Joe, truly devoured the food. God bless each of you!

So many of you have inquired as to when I

would begin my new column, The Winning Way. I am running just a little behind on my original schedule, but hopefully the first column will appear in the Big Spring Herald in early August. This column will be inspirational and will encourage all of us to aim higher.

Life. Even with all its problems, disappointments and set backs, it's still one of God's greatest gifts to mankind. Without God, none of us would be here. He gave His life so that you and I might have an abundant life. Often times, we don't realize how beautiful life is until we have been very close to the other side. I realized this during my recent surgery and hospital confinement, when my doctors explained to me how one miracle after another had occurred, just in the nick of time.

So, windy days, stormy days, good news or bad news, it's great to awaken to a new day... a day that I can choose to be happy and grateful for God's abundant life.

God bless!

Send your e-mails to the winningway@suddenlink.net

**When a Painful Past Intrudes on the Future**

**Dear Margo:** I am a 23-year-old Catholic male. The last serious relationship I was in ended when I was 17. Even though we dated for three years, we never went "all the way." Now I am intimidated by women who have more sexual history than I do. I have always believed that one sexual partner for one's entire life is the ideal. Recently, a 20-year-old woman whom I care for deeply told me in explicit detail about a sexual experience she had with a 45-year-old man she met on the Internet.

She did not mean to have sex with him, she told me, and the circumstances as she explained them sounded like borderline rape. She only met him that one time and does not want me to ask her about the experience anymore because she wants to forget what happened.

I am having trouble dealing with this because part of me wants to find that man and have him thrown in jail, and the other part of me wants to leave this woman. I am afraid that if I stay involved with her, the knowledge of that experience will eat away at me. It is hard for me to understand why she put herself in such a position to begin with. I think the only way I can stay with her is if I fully understand the circumstances of what happened. But I know this is very difficult for her, and if she was raped, I do not want to cause her more psychological harm by endlessly interrogating her. I have felt sick since she told me this, and I do not think I can stay with her if I can't come to terms with it. — *Heartsick*

**Dear Heart:** Your newest romantic friend did not engage in "TMI" (too much information), but rather told you something of her sexual history that I believe was important for you to know. I encourage you to move away from your instinct to "fully understand" or to find and punish this man. It would be a shame to end the relationship because of something basically out of this woman's control. Many people develop online

friendships and then decide to meet; she misgauged and picked the wrong person. Because you say you are intimidated by women more experienced than you are, perhaps a few sessions with a mental health professional will help you over this hurdle. If you cannot get past this unfortunate incident, then, to be fair to both of you, you will have to end it. — *Margo, regretfully*

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**Who's Who**

**Academic Honors**

Area residents named to the 2007 fall semester President's List at Lubbock Christian University are: Rita A. Ornelas of Coahoma and Cindy Kelly and Stephanie Castillo, both of Big Spring.

The three are organizational management majors.

The criterion for President's List is a student taking a minimum of 12 semester hours must achieve a 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

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Matthew Hillman, a marketing major, and Amber Nichols, a nursing major, both from Big Spring, were named to the spring 2008 distinguished students list at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Distinguished students include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum of 3.25 GPR and no grade lower than a C and juniors and seniors who have a minimum 3.5 GPR with no grade lower than a C. All must be in good standing with the university.

**Spring Graduates**

Matthew James Hillman of Big Spring earned a bachelor's of business administration in marketing from Tarleton State University in Stephenville. The spring commencement ceremony was held May 9-10, 2008.

**Acceptance to Program**

Tiffany D. Roberts of Big Spring has been accepted to and will be attending The International Air and Hospitality Academy in Vancouver, Wash., in August. She is the daughter of Mike and Laura Holm. Tiffany graduated from Cleveland High School High School in 2004.

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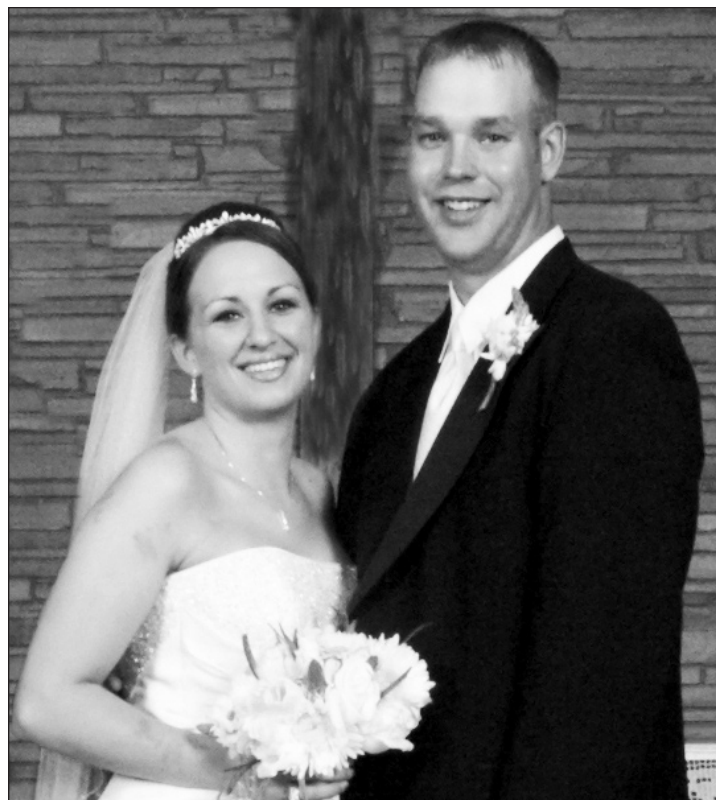
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*Mr. & Mrs. Machacek*

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The bride is the daughter of Tommy and Karla Hoelscher of St. Lawrence. She is the granddaughter of Leon and Jo Ann Halfmann of St. Lawrence and Magdaline and the late Elo Hoelscher of San Angelo.

The bridegroom is the son of Joe and Mary Machacek of Shiner. He is the grandson of the late Elmer and Nellie Fouchaux and Monica Machacek and the late Joe Machacek all of Shiner.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a one-piece, satin, strapless, A-line, corset back gown. The dazzling encrusted bodice highlighted the asymmetrical soft pleated waist. Embellishments were delicately sprinkled on the front and back of the skirt.

Wearing peony one-piece, strapless, A-line, tea length dresses with asymmetrical soft pleated waist lines that complimented the bridal gown were Matron of Honor Jill Phillips of Uvalde, best friend and sister of the bride. Maid of honor was lifelong friend of the bride, Morgan Hoelscher of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were sister of the groom Rebecca Haynes of Ann Arbor, MI, sister-in-law of the bride Tara Hoelscher of Kearney, Neb., cousin of

the bride Brianne Lee of Fort Worth, and friends of the bride Anna Williams of Houston and Amy Bryant of Joshua. Flower girl was niece of the groom Sloan Machacek of Hallettsville.

Best man was John Simmons of Dallas. Groomsmen were friends of the groom Tyler Coats of Dallas, Jeremy Burrell and Brent Smith of Houston, Tyne Tiller of Robstown, Henry Ostermann of College Station and John Picha of San Antonio. Ring bearer was nephew of the groom, Max Machacek of Shiner.

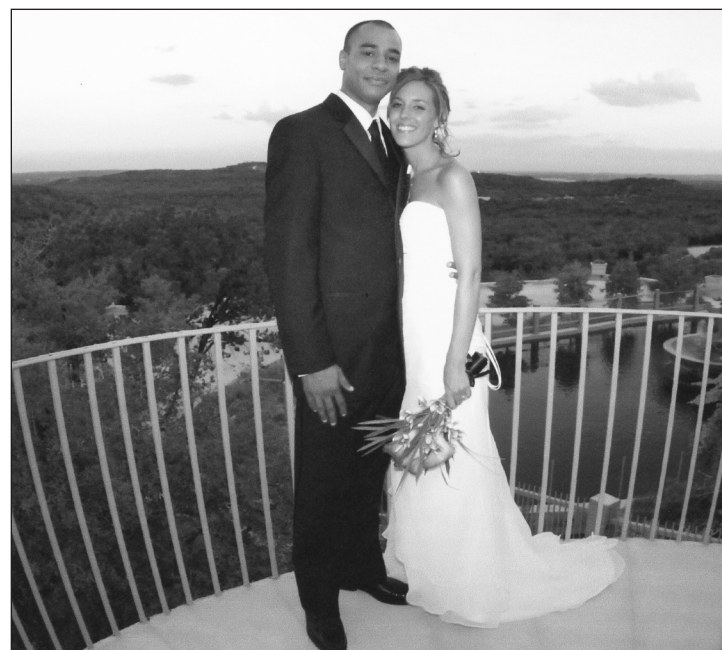
Official witnesses for the couple were brother and sister-in-law of the groom, Tony and Crissy Machacek of Shiner. Ushers were brothers of the bride Landon Hoelscher of Midland and Craig Hoelscher of Kearny, Neb., and friends of the groom, Lee Vrana of Shiner and Patrick Hebert of Austin.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Garden City High School and earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural leadership and development from Texas A&M University in 2006.

The bridegroom is a 2002 graduate of St. Paul High School and earned a bachelor's degree in rangeland ecology and management from Texas A&M University in 2006. He is currently employed as a rangeland management specialist with Natural Resources Conservation Service in Junction.

Following a honeymoon in Lajitas, the couple resides in Junction.

**Poston & Smith**



*Mr. & Mrs. Smith*

Susan Poston and John Smith, both of Big Spring, were united in marriage on July 18, 2008. Friends and family gathered in Austin at Villa Antonia to share in this joyous occasion. The couple spent their honeymoon in Negril, Jamaica.



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I'll track you down and find you, even if it takes years and I'll kill you, you'll never be able to live in peace never knowing when it will happen...

If you leave me I'll kill myself and you'll have to explain to the children why their dad is dead and it'll be on your conscience for the rest of your life ...

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## OTHER VIEWS

## College students and credit cards: reform is needed

Oh, the solicitations sound so good ... easy money, free T-shirts, free meals. Apply Instantly!

But when it comes to credit cards and college students, Congress is right to focus some of its industry reform efforts on questionable tactics used to lure new card-holders.

Bills pending in both the House and the Senate are attempting to better regulate firms soliciting students.

Certainly, 18- to 21-year-olds should have some access to credit. Many in that age range are working and raising families.

Establishing a good credit history can help them as they buy their first homes or start businesses.

And having a credit card for emergencies is smart for many college-age people — especially if they are at a campus far from their hometowns and families.

But many university students are also operating on tight budgets or still financially dependent on their parents.

Those students should not fall victim to unscrupulous credit card companies trolling for easy marks.

And their parents do not deserve to be saddled with debt they did not accumulate.

Some firms are clearly not seeking credit-worthy people when they sign up some students without doing credit checks.

Such practices can lead to debts that the young people can ill afford.

People of all ages can benefit from greater financial literacy. Programs that educate at the middle and high school levels could be very effective in instilling sensible spending habits before credit problems occur.

Credit card issuers should do their part by clearly and fairly explaining policies and ratcheting back costs and fees that have increased while billing periods shortened.

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## A SHORT PRAYER

Lord help us to remember, nothing is going to happen to us today that we can't handle without your help. Amen

## Love thy neighbor, Hal did

We have no way of knowing how many "Hal Rows" there are on the planet. Hopefully, there are more than might be guessed. Had his recent donation been made a couple of millennia earlier, it might have made the Bible as an example of Jesus' "Love Thy Neighbor" admonition.

In this case, the donee is a long-time casual friend — a retired music minister named Randy Parsons. The "Rowe/Parsons" story is the "buzz" of Lubbock, and it was the centerpiece of Dr. Jerry Joplin's recent sermon at Bacon Heights Baptist Church, where Rowe is a long-time deacon.

Hal has always been a "give back" kind of guy, but now he's gone and given away a kidney. Not many 67-year-old Alzheimer's patients do such things.

Rowe, known for his work behind the scenes, this time decided to drop-kicked his "bushel" to shed light on a strong conviction. Simply stated, he wants to show others that Alzheimer's patients still can help others.

Joyce, his wife of 46 years, knew that any objections would be fruitless. And children Melissa and Kevin soon came around. "I've got some extra 'parts' that I don't need, and I told Randy last year that if he ever needed a kidney, he could have one of mine," Hal said, smiling.

Medical tests, conferences with doctors and psychiatrists and "prayer meetings" with Rowe family members followed. Blood types matched, and soon, all "caution lights turned to green."

For the 72-year-old Parsons, it was his second time to be a donee. Fifteen years ago, a liver transplant was successful.

Anti-rejection medication finally got the best of his kidneys, however. He was told that dialysis would one day be needed. When his kidneys shut down a few months back,

Parsons scheduled surgery for the implantation of a shunt, anticipating home dialysis.

Rowe intervened, reminding Parsons of the offer he'd made last year.

In 2008, Rowe is batting .500 on donor offers. A blood donor during most of his adult life, he was turned down last year.

They can't accept blood from persons who are on Alzheimer's medication.

"So, I crossed 'blood donation' off my list, and I'm tickled that my medication doesn't contaminate kidneys," Rowe said with a smile.

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Rowe is the prototype of a "good ol' boy."

He is a 1959 graduate of Temple High School, where he and Joyce started dating during their junior years. They then enrolled at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, where he was awarded a football scholarship. A lineman, he quietly worked in the trenches — as he has in life since.

Hal was the kind of player who'd help the other fellow up, even if he'd been the one who sent him to the turf.

In Lubbock, he managed a furniture store for several years. Joyce was a decorated teacher in the public schools, where she signed off on a 24-year career in June.

Along the way, they've accumulated several rental properties.

He's one of the city's most popular landlords, always smiling, extending due dates and unfailingly forgiving. And to widows in his church, his handiwork in home repairs is legendary. They call him "Mr. Fix-It."

Quick-witted and ever eager to find humor in unlikely situations, Hal is "so far, so good" with his disease.

"My memory slips now and then, like it always has," he grinned.

"But Joyce'll know that it's plumb gone if I try to give away my other kidney."

Doctors and others are nothing short of amazed at the goings-on.

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It's all happened fast. Hal's offer was made May 5. The medical transplant committee was "thumbs up"

on June 17, and the next available date for surgery was July 10.

"My prayer all along has been that if this were not the thing for Hal to do that God would shut the door at some point," Joyce said. "There was never even a window closed; it was a 'go' from the beginning. Throughout the procedure, God gave me a perfect peace about everything."

"To see Hal's determination and joy—and how strongly he felt about donating the kidney—makes us very proud of him."

As Hal and Randy were wheeled into surgery, some of the doctors and nurses blinked back tears as they completed God's miracle. The four-hour surgeries began at 7:30 a.m. (Randy's creatin level was at 10, well into the dialysis range, since normal is 0.5 to 1.5. Hours later, it was down to 3.0. When he was dismissed three days later, it was 1.0.)

The kidney began functioning immediately, and he's had no pain medication since the day of surgery. Soon, his vision was markedly improved. Doctors say that the toxicity of his system was the reason he could no longer see to read.

The First Baptist Church deacon is reading again — even piano music, his rhythm of life restored.

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What about Hal? His report is A+, too. He's armed with new topics to joke about.

He's bragging about having something in common with Adam. "We both gave up ribs, but Eve's old man did it without pain medicine!"

Hal's a case, isn't he? I've known that since we were in college together at Howard Payne. He was a decent football player, a good student and one whose life merits modeling. Maybe others can "go to school" on what he's done. Just don't try to mimic his humor. I mean, who else would claim kidneys so healthy you'd have to beat 'em to death with a boat oar?

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## Food police have impossible task

What I want to know is who's going to stop the young mother who takes her precious little 2-year-old into the 7-Eleven for breakfast, grabs a banana and a package of vanilla creme cookies and then hands her daughter a bag of Cheetos?

How is government going to regulate that?

You can ban certain food additives as nutritional pariahs. You can require that fast-food vendors strike fear in their customers' hearts by reminding them how noxiously they're eating.

You can even outlaw TV ads that pitch yummy junk directly to kids.

But how do you counter the bad eating habits that parents teach by rote and example?

Lawmakers from coast to coast are trying to stop the blimping of America.

New York City health inspectors have started enforcing a requirement that restaurants post calories for food "in a font and format that is at least as prominent as the name or price of the menu item."

The Los Angeles City Council has voted to put a one-year hold on any new fast-food places in 32 square miles in South L.A., with the goal of attracting more sit-down eateries with healthier offerings.

New York and the entire state of

California now require restaurants to phase synthetic trans fats (which bump up bad cholesterol) out of their cooking.

But how much of a dent can the food police really make in the growing obesity of our society?

I'm skeptical not because of any kind of libertarian objection to forcing people into better habits — but because it's so complicated to change behavior, even when it's self-destructive.

I argued several years back that lawsuits against the fast-food industry had made an impact by pressuring companies to be more forthcoming about the ingredients they were serving — and getting rid of some of the worst additives.

And I fully support getting sugary sodas and junk food out of public school corridors, whether it's a result of government restrictions or collective parental demands.

And I think that Federal Trade Commissioner Jon Leibowitz wasn't out of line when he got on his soapbox this week and told food and beverage marketers that they should ramp back their appeals to kids or the next administration might be inclined to do it for them.

The FTC reported Tuesday that 44 companies spent \$1.6 billion to promote their products to kids younger than 17 in 2006, largely through ubiquitous TV ads but also through toy tie-ins, movie-themed limited-edition foods, free ring tones and Webisodes.

Ads for carbonated sodas alone accounted for \$492 million.

More than a dozen of the largest food and drink companies already have started limiting their child-targeted ads and developing healthier kid-friendly foods, but the agency recommended that they do even more.

And, of course, they should, both in the public interest and in their own interest in cultivating consumers who actually would choose the apple slices over the onion rings sometimes.

But even if we aren't bombarded with ads and we know what we're eating, where's the incentive to go for the better-for-you items when it's cheaper not to?

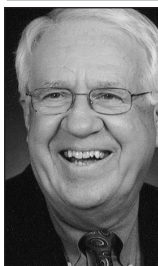
The crispy chicken sandwich at Wendy's for 99 cents (330 calories/14 grams of fat) or the Mandarin Chicken Salad (180 calories/2 fat grams before dressing) for \$4 more?

The \$2.69 Chick-fil-A sandwich (410 calories/16 fat grams) or the chargrilled chicken sandwich (270 calories/3 fat grams) for \$3.39, wheat bun 20 cents extra?

Slimming America is a collective, necessary project.

But let's face it, until egg-white omelets are cheaper and tastier than doughnuts, it will remain a gargantuan challenge.

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# Smith clocks teammate at Panthers' camp

By MIKE CRANSTON

AP Sports Writer

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Carolina Panthers receiver Steve Smith was sent home from training camp Friday after he punched teammate Ken Lucas at practice, leaving the starting cornerback holding an ice pack to his left eye before he was carted to the locker room.

Panthers coach John Fox said Smith and Lucas returned to Charlotte, about 80 miles away, after the fight. Neither player was present for the team's second practice Friday night.

The Panthers didn't provide an update on the extent of Lucas' injuries and club officials declined to say if the volatile Smith, the team's top receiver, would be suspended.

"We're going to handle this matter internally," general manager Marty Hurney said.

While training camps often include shoving matches between teammates, this melee occurred on the sidelines and after both players had taken off their helmets in a break for starters during a special teams drill. It was unclear what provoked the fight. While the two have routinely jawed at each other in

practice since Lucas signed with Carolina in 2005, they've never come to blows in view of reporters.

"When that happens on the field, usually guys have helmets on," quarterback Jake Delhomme said. "But this happened on the sidelines, so it probably wasn't a good idea."

When attention turned from the field to the fight, several players and Fox rushed to the scene. Fox tried to separate the two, but it took linebacker Jon Beason to pull Smith off Lucas.

Lucas walked to a tent, holding a hand to his face while accompanied by a trainer. Smith was then escorted there by receiver Muhsin Muhammad to talk to Lucas.

"Steve was probably a little remorseful for what happened," Muhammad said. "He was trying to apologize, so I was walking with him just to be there."

After being treated for several minutes, Lucas walked to a nearby cart and was taken to the locker room.

Smith spent several minutes talking to kicker John Kasay on an adjacent field before he was escorted to the locker room by Hurney as practice continued.

"Anytime something like that happens you're obviously disappointed," Fox said. "It's part of football and you deal with it."

The coach had an extended talk with the team after the workout. Delhomme said Fox warned the players not to retaliate against Smith.

"I don't anticipate this having any lingering effect on this team," Delhomme said. "We were talked to and things were squashed. That's it. That's the way it is. It happened. There will be no retaliation by anybody on anything. When you look at the schedule we don't play the Panthers this year. So we need to be smart when we're out there."

A three-time Pro Bowl pick, Smith has had trouble controlling his temper. He was suspended for a game in 2002 after punching teammate Anthony Bright during a film session. Smith received counseling for anger management, and a lawsuit filed by Bright was eventually settled out of court.

Despite a history of poorly timed penalties following angry outbursts, Smith signed a contract extension last year through the 2012 season that makes him

one of the NFL's highest-paid receivers.

Smith's agent, Derrick Fox, did not return phone calls seeking comment.

On the second day of training camp Smith complained that reporters have dwelled on his past, and that he's a different person now.

"When I was 22 I was a different guy, so I'm not trying to spin anything," Smith said Sunday. "You spend two hours with somebody and now you know them, that's not the case."

Under terms of the collective bargaining agreement, Smith could be suspended without pay for up to four games for conduct detrimental to the team.

A possible suspension to Carolina's top playmaker cast a shadow over the team Friday.

"Obviously everybody is going to be waiting to see what the repercussions are from this event," Muhammad said. "I'm just praying that we rally together as a team, because obviously there's going to be some adversity here. The focus is not where it needs to be right now."

"I'm hoping we can all come together as a team, as a family, and are able to put this behind

us."

## Peppers speaks: DE stronger, fitter

After his worst season as a pro, Julius Peppers enters the final year of his contract with the Carolina Panthers feeling stronger, fitter and more comfortable after his move to right defensive end.

But as negotiations continue on a new contract, Peppers is making no promises he'll be a Panther long-term.

Sporting a longer, thicker beard, Peppers spoke to reporters after practice Thursday in his first interview in more than seven months. After failing to make the Pro Bowl for the first time in four years following a miserable 2½-sack season in 2007, Peppers said he spent the offseason reflecting and working.

"It's not a secret that it was disappointing, not only stats-wise, but even to my personal standards," Peppers said. "I did some evaluating and I think I made the necessary adjustments as far as conditioning and getting myself ready to come back this year and make improvements."

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# Rangers dismiss pitching coaches

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers fired pitching coach Mark Connor and bullpen coach Dom Chiti after Friday night's 9-8 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Andy Hawkins, who had been the pitching coach at Triple-A Oklahoma since 2006, will replace Connor. Jim Colborn, formerly the director of Pacific Rim operations, is the new bullpen coach.

The move was announced

about 45 minutes after the Rangers won.

Connor was in his second season as pitching coach after spending three seasons as the team's bullpen coach. Chiti was in his second season as bullpen coach.

The Rangers came into Friday's game with a 5.24 ERA, the worst in the American League.

"This is not about scapegoating either guy," Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said. "These

are two excellent baseball men, class acts. But we thought we needed a change. We feel Andy Hawkins has been in the organization a long time, knows our young pitchers. That's clearly the direction we're headed.

"We felt we needed to try a different direction with the pitching staff, a different voice, a different message. Not that anything they were saying was wrong. But sometimes players respond to differ-

ent voices and we're going to take that chance."

Daniels said Hawkins and Colborn would fill the positions for the rest of the season and would receive consideration to retain the jobs in 2009.

Rangers manager Ron Washington called the firings "the toughest thing I've ever had to be a part of. But sometimes you've got to go in a different direction."

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## STRAHAN

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better or just as well as I expected," Strahan said. "You can't beat winning the Super Bowl and playing the way that we played. There is just value in the way that we ended."

"I won the ring, that's good enough. I'm not going to push my luck," he said.

Dallas beat the Giants in both regular-season games last season, when the Cowboys tied a team record with 13 victories, won the division title and had the NFC's No. 1 seed. New York won three road games in the playoffs, the

second came against the Cowboys, en route to the Super Bowl.

When Strahan saw Jerry Jones in Arizona before the Super Bowl, Strahan offered his unsolicited opinion about the Cowboys to the team owner.

"That was the toughest team and the best team in the league that we played," Strahan said, relaying what he told Jones. "After that game, we did feel like we could win it all. That was the real challenge for us, playing against the Cowboys. And I let Jerry know that."

Strahan said his visit to Southern California to see the Cowboys marked the first time he's been in a

different NFL camp.

Yet, he was already preparing for his new TV role, easily offering his opinion about Brett Favre when asked about the Green Bay Packers quarterback who also retired after last season but now says he wants to play again.

"Brett's a phenomenal player and person so it's hard now to see all the things that are happening because I think it takes away from his legacy," Strahan said. "You just don't want to see anybody like that tarnished in any way because of what they've done for the game of football."

As for Strahan, he's retired from playing — and staying that way.

"When I said I was done," he said, "I was done."

Notes: LB Greg Ellis was at practice but limited Friday, held out of contact drills because of a sore back. "Maybe living in a new place with a new bed," coach Wade Phillips said, when asked the cause. ... The Cowboys had to do some minor restructuring to the five-year contracts of first-round draft picks Felix Jones and Mike Jenkins to satisfy NFL policy. Several teams had to make such adjustments. For Jones and Jenkins, some language in incentive clauses had to be changed. It was all cleared up quickly and neither player missed any practice time. ... After a morning workout with pads, the Cowboys came back out in shoulder pads for the afternoon session, which then went almost 30 minutes longer than scheduled. ... The Cowboys have two workouts set for Saturday, the first time they've had consecutive two-a-days.

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## MEETING THE NEW GUY



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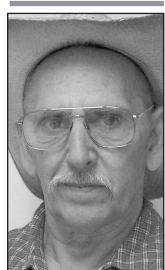
Steven Saldivar, left, the new assistant superintendent for Big Spring Independent School District, talks with Big Spring High School Assistant Principal George Bancroft during a reception in Saldivar's honor in the high school library Thursday afternoon.

## Enjoy the fruits of your labors

The dog days of summer are upon us and it's time to enjoy the fruits of your labors. There is not a lot

that needs doing this month, but it is important to do it now when it will pay dividends later rather than put it off and get less favorable results from your work.

Spring flowering plants such as Iris, Shasta daisy, Gailardia, Cannas, Daylilies, Liriope and Ajuga may be divided now. Plant fall perennials from transplants like Salvia, mums, fall Aster and Sedums. Also plant fall annual flowers from transplants like celosia and marigolds. Plant wildflower seeds toward the end of the month. If you are planting Bluebonnet seeds, they must germinate in late summer or early fall to develop a good root system and be ready to grow in spring when the weather warms. Warm season grass seed can still be planted this month but be sure to keep the seed moist in order for germination to occur.



WALTER WARD

Pruning trees and shrubs is probably not a good idea this month. Pruning promotes new growth which may not have sufficient time to harden up before freezing weather hits. Spring flowering shrubs should have been pruned back in July. If you failed to get that job done it is still possible to do it in August but hope for a late winter.

Additionally, summer pruning is not recommended, due to the transmission of the Oak Wilt fungus spores by sap eating beetles, which are still active. The spores are not as plentiful in August, but why take a chance on giving it any inroad into your trees? A better procedure is to mark the branches that need pruning with flagging tape so you can easily recognize them in early winter after the trees have gone dormant and the beetles are no longer active. Pruning paint is not needed if you prune correctly as the proper cut will trigger the trees natural defenses which generally work better than anything you can apply.

To learn the correct procedure visit [http://www.na.fs.fed.us/Spfo/pubs/howtos/ht\\_prune/htprune.pdf](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/Spfo/pubs/howtos/ht_prune/htprune.pdf) or contact the Howard County Extension office at 264-2236 or any

master gardener.

To keep your annual flowers blooming well, ensure they have sufficient water and keep the old spent flowers picked off. Along those lines, don't allow any fruiting plants with green fruit or berries to suffer from lack of moisture as they will frequently drop their fruit under stress.

This is also important for maximizing your Pecan crop as this is kernal filling time. For any plants with yellowed chlorotic foliage, an application of iron or sulfur should correct the problem. For most of the packaged chemicals, follow the directions closely as too little does little good and too much can kill the plant.

If you haven't already done so, start a compost pile to recycle all your household and garden waste. If done correctly, there is no offensive odor and the end product will benefit your garden many times over the small amount of effort it takes.

For more information, call Walter Ward at (432) 935-6455 or visit the Howard County Master Gardeners Web site at [www.howardcountymastergardener.org](http://www.howardcountymastergardener.org)

## Sheep and goat field day coming up

Factors facing the sheep and goat industry, both pro and con, will be the focus of the 35th annual Sheep and Goat Field Day at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at San Angelo.

The event will start with registration at 8 a.m. Sept. 4 at the center, located just north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87, according to Dr. John Walker, AgriLife Research resident director of research at the center.

This year's field day is dedicated to Dr. Billy Warrick, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agronomist headquartered at the center, who

retires effective Aug. 31 after a 32-year AgriLife Extension career, Walker said.

Key topics to be covered include:

- New Tools for Reducing Predation, Michael Bodenchuk, state director, Wildlife Services, San Antonio.
- Comparison of Dorper and Rambouillet Sheep, Dr. Dan Waldron, Texas AgriLife Research geneticist, San Angelo.
- Mid-morning break featuring a lamb tasting from animals fed a diet of 30 percent juniper.
- Juniper as an Alternative Roughage Source in Sheep Rations, Jillian Benavidez, AgriLife Research assistant, San Angelo.
- Poor 2008 Lamb/Kid Crops – Why?, Dr. Frank Craddock, AgriLife Extension sheep and goat specialist, San Angelo.

• Targeted Grazing, Dr. Erika Campbell, postdoctoral AgriLife Research associate and Walker.

• Controlling Pricklypear with Fire and Herbivory, Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, AgriLife Research superintendent, Sonora.

A catered lunch will be served, followed by Dr. Hudson Glimp, University of Nevada, Reno, professor emeritus, speaking on changes in the U. S. sheep industry and making the transition from tradition.

The field day will conclude with industry updates and an optional field tour scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available for those with a private applicator's license.

For more information, contact the center at (325) 653-4576.

## Energy Watch



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Demand for energy in this country has been steadily falling. It is the same in many developed countries around the world as record high prices have led to slowing growth, high inflation and conservation. Perhaps nowhere is the demand erosion more evident than in the usage of gasoline.

In its weekly Petroleum Status Report on Wednesday, the Department of Energy stated that gasoline demand this week was more than 3.7 percent lower than the same week last year. What's more, this was the 12th consecutive week that demand has been below year-ago levels. In fact, in the 28 weeks of 2008, only four have shown a year-over-year growth in gasoline demand. To compare, gasoline demand typically grows at a rate of 1.5 percent to 2.0 percent due to simple population growth. The magnitude of this demand erosion is unprecedented in the past two decades.

This demand erosion story was set up nicely Tuesday as Federal Reserve Chairman Bernanke testified before congress that the financial system was still in crisis. Over the weekend, the FDIC had to take control of IndyMac Bancorp after a run on the bank where its customers withdrew \$1.3 billion. In the same weekend, the U.S. Treasury, along with Congress and Chairman Bernanke mulled a plan to takeover, recapitalize, or otherwise guarantee both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac as huge credit losses continued to pile up at the quasi-public government-sponsored enterprises. With these huge failures and without government intervention, argued Chairman Bernanke, the U.S. could fall into a deep recession where the credit markets become even more illiquid and more bank failures occur.

It seems strange to those people who have been following the energy demand story for quite some time, but it wasn't until Tuesday that energy traders really got their first dose of reality. As the Chairman's testimony moved on throughout the morning, crude oil prices started to fall. As the price fell through key support levels, automatic sell orders fired and triggered a full-blown rout of energy futures. At one point on Tuesday, the August crude oil contract came within just a few cents of being temporarily halted by the exchange — a move that is automatic after a loss of \$10 on any one day.

Wednesday's energy inventory report reinforced the bears' argument. Inventories rose across the board. Crude and gasoline inventories showed surprise increases while distillates rose much more than expected. On the same day, news out of China revealed that China's second quarter GDP growth came in at just over 10 percent. While this is still a huge number by developed country standards, it was the slowest growth seen in China in three years. Even if bulls had to accept the fact that demand was eroding in the U.S., they were always able to look at developing countries, especially China, and make the argument that their fast growth rate would more than make up for the slowdown in the U.S.

If fast Asian growth is no longer a given, then much of the fundamental strength that had pushed traders into buying crude is gone. These two news pieces pushed prices down even more on Wednesday. The selling continued into Thursday's natural gas inventory report. The report showed a build of 104 billion cubic feet in natural gas inventories — a huge number and far higher than expected at this time of year. The bears had officially hit the trifecta of weekly reports — economic weakness, builds in petroleum-based inventories, and builds in natural gas inventories. By the time the carnage was settled on Thursday, crude oil had lost 10.9 percent since Monday. Gasoline was lower by 11.1 percent and natural gas was off by 11.9 percent in the same timeframe.

The demand erosion story isn't going away any time soon. What will be interesting to see though is whether demand falls even further in the fall, in-line with the typical seasonal pattern. It could be argued that the drop in demand this summer is simply a reflection of the number of people who skipped a summer vacation. If this is the only reason, demand would stay flat from its current level for the remainder of the summer and only fall by about 100,000 barrels in the fall.

However, if consumers have truly started to shift their consumption patterns towards smaller cars, more carpooling, more walking and more public transportation, demand should follow the year-end trend by falling by another 400,000 barrels per day between now and October. If this occurs, the bears may finally gain the upper hand in the energy markets and prices may give back much of the gains they've seen since the beginning of the year.

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**YOUR VIEWS**

**Heroic deed**

**TO THE EDITOR,**  
Everyday it seems we hear, read about and see bad news and events locally and nationally. I don't know about you, but I feel inundated with all the negativity. I know that good things happen and I am writing to let you know that one of your own may have saved a young girl's life by his selfless act of heroism witnessed by myself and a couple dozen others in Ruidoso, N.M., on Sunday morning, July 27.

A young girl in her teens was swept away by the raging waters resulting from a 6-inch rain in the upper canyon area. The 20-year-old friend who was trying to cross the swift current with the girl was swept away and his body was found the next day. The young lady was able to catch on to a fence and pull herself to some large rocks approximately 40 feet from safety. The Ruidoso Fire Dept. was called and they responded via the only route passable, but they could only get to a second-floor balcony of a house across the main body of the raging water. They were twice as far away from the young lady as we were. They left to find a better route to her.

Meanwhile with the rushing water possibly undermining the rocks where the girl was located, many of us were concerned that her safety might be in jeopardy of washing away, thus forcing her into the water again. If this happened, she would have again been washed through the eroded path within a few feet from the rocks back into the main body of the raging water. This would have been a certain death unless there was divine intervention.

At this time a man standing by me said that something had to be done quickly and he left. It was a few minutes later that all of us saw him across the flooded roadway and approaching the young lady. He ushered her to a safer

area upstream where the rest of us gathered ropes and prepared to pull them back to the safety of higher ground.

The heroic man put a life preserver and safety rope on her, held her close and assisted her to safety. There were tears of joy that both were safe. It was then that I introduced myself to the man and thanked him for his actions. I asked him his name and where he was from. He said his name was Wayne Wright and that he was a Police Officer from Big Spring.

Several of us decided that you folks in Big Spring needed to know about his heroic deed. Although I didn't know Mr. Wright previously, I got the impression that he was not the type to make a big deal out of doing what needed to be done. In our opinion, you needed to know. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Big Spring Chief of Police. Thank God for good folks like Corporal Wayne Wright.

**KEN RILEY  
MIDLAND**

**It's not your dumpster**

**TO THE EDITOR,**

A few weeks ago someone wrote to the "Love It or Leave It" column about the greed of people in Big Spring. I would like to say that I have lived here all my life and for the most part find most people to be honest. However, there are some who will take advantage of others, which is what I would like to address at this time.

We have an RV park in the Sand Springs area. We are trying to be fair with the prices we charge and to operate the business and make a little bit of profit each month without ripping the refinery workers off in the process. We aren't even making a profit at this time because we have spent thousands out of our pockets to get this thing started. Anyway, we rent trash dumpsters from Duncan Disposal for our own personal use as

well as for the use of our tenants. These dumpsters are sitting within the RV park on private property. My property. Not on a public road where they might be mistaken for a community dumpster, which anyone who lives in this area knows would not be the case anyway.

We pay for these dumpsters out of our own pocket and do not charge our tenants extra for the use of the dumpster. The cost of the dumpsters each month comes out of our profits. In the past there have been a few people who "lost their way" and drove through our driveway late at night and "accidentally" put their trash in our personal dumpster! Not too big of a deal. Annoying, but not a big thing since it happened only occasionally.

However, since we have added two more dumpsters this has become a big problem. Every night, after midnight and in the early morning hours, someone drives through our driveway and dumps their trash in one of our dumpsters. They know this is not a public dumpster, but they think it is OK to use it because they are either too cheap to rent their own like the rest of us, or too lazy to take their trash to the dump or to a public dumpster. I pay almost \$400 a month for these dumpsters so if they want to start paying me \$80 a month to use the dumpster I'll be more than happy to let them do so!

Until then, please stop sneaking onto my property and dumping your trash in my dumpster. It is against the law to dump your trash in someone else's dumpster, and you are trespassing on my private property! You know who you are and we know who you are.

**LILLIE POLLOCK  
BIG SPRING**

**Ode to Wal-Mart**

**TO THE EDITOR,**

I am sure that everyone is aware and seen the trash up and down FM 700

from Wasson Road to Go-liad. Driving by and noticing that most of the trash is Wal-Mart plastic bags and cardboard blowing and stuck to the grass and weeds, and since we have a southwestern wind most of the year ... I want to suggest an idea and encourage everyone to do the same.

I feel that Wal-Mart should Adopt-A-Spot to keep it clean. Don't get me wrong, Wal-Mart does a lot for the community, but most of the trash is from patrons of Wal-Mart and I feel Wal-Mart should be responsible for the clean-up and keeping it clean. Once a week trash pickup should make a difference in the cleanliness of the area.

Wal-Mart is no different than other businesses and companies that operate in Howard County and they should be held responsible for keeping that stretch of roadway clean.

**CHARLES SMITH  
BIG SPRING**

**TO THE EDITOR,**

My beef is with Wal-Mart. Yes, The only discount store in this town. Wal-Mart has practically run off most of the small businesses. I am kind of wondering if this store is something from hell. Every time I go into this store it is like contending with demons from hell. No joke.

Sam Walton would be rolling in his grave if he knew some of the not-so-nice things that are going on in that store. I shop there because it is the only store in

this town besides Midland and I have met some very nice folks, however some of the cashiers are rude (I am including some of the managers).

This store no longer has the friendly atmosphere that it was known for. If anyone feels this way besides me I suggest writing a letter to the corporate office.

**BILL SCOTT JR.  
BIG SPRING**

**Step back and take a good look**

**TO THE EDITOR,**

My wife and I have been really put off lately by the "customer service" we have been receiving from local businesses. It seems as though the businesses have forgotten who their real bread and butter is.

We have been dining at a couple of local restaurants and the service was horrendous.

The establishments' excuses were that they had large orders from Alon. Well guess what, these very disrespectful workers who are here temporarily will be gone shortly (thank goodness) and they will be left with us, the real customers.

Alon has not paid their taxes and yet we are catering to them. Not just the restaurant industry, all businesses need to take a step back and look at their customer service skills. We do not have them. Get real, Big Spring!

**DAVID BAIRD  
BIG SPRING**

**Ryan was right on**

**TO THE EDITOR,**

'Enlightened' comments made by Mr. Brint Ryan, manager of the Settles Hotel Development Company and owner of Ryan Inc., at Big Spring's quarterly City Council meeting Tuesday, July 29, 2008, heartened those of us who want to see Big Spring live up to its economic potential.

Too many times we have heard how one business entity or another has passed on relocating here, or that substantial businesses, such as Solitaire and StarTek, are pulling up stakes. Some speculate that inept development strategies on the part of the former Moore Board have caused outside companies to turn away from Big Spring. Others say that a lack of leadership and sound economic development strategies from both city and county officials have caused this situation. It really doesn't matter why anymore, except that our representatives need to know where the problems are and diligently seek the solutions; and there are solutions.

The fact is, it's time for city and county representatives to get out of the 40s and 50s and join the 21st Century. In the Herald's July 31, 2008, issue, Thomas Jenkins accurately quoted Mr. Ryan's blunt and concise presentation concerning his offer to help the Big Spring

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**Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase**

The Howard College will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 13.64 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 11, 2008 at 12:30 PM at Board Room in The Dora Roberts Student Union Bldg on the Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas.

The second public hearing will be held on August 15, 2008 at 12:30 PM at Board Room in The Dora Roberts Student Union Bldg on the Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

**FOR:** Dr. John Freeman Murray Murphy  
Ms. Marie Ethridge Dr. Charles Warren  
Harold Davis Dr. Don McKinney

**AGAINST:** None

**PRESENT and not voting**

**ABSENT:** Michael Flores

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Howard College last year was \$31,870. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.289083 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$92.13.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Howard College this year is \$34,942. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.244624 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$85.48.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.278000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$97.14.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

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► **Public Records**

**Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:**

Irene Lopez Alaniz, 774 E. Highway 80 Apt. 230, Abilene  
Bryan Layton Allison, 1108 College Circle, Ranger  
Christine Avalos Bara, 1405 N. Sixth Street, Lamesa  
Sonia M. Barlow, 4209 Parkway, Big Spring  
Casey D. Bernal, 901 Grand, Hereford  
Vern Black, 329 W Tennessee, Floydada  
Jeremy Bolton, 506 N. Avenue L, Lamesa  
Sheli Lynn Buck, 1101 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Big Spring  
Richard Henry Burk, PO Box 171933, Arlington  
David Canales Jr., 803 E. 15th Street, Big Spring  
Michelle Marie Carrasco, 1704 Yale Avenue, Big Spring  
Leonard Carson Jr. 102 S. Peach, Pecos  
Krishna Nicole Castillo, 905 Walnut, Colorado City  
Jared Wendell Cob, 901 S. High Street, Longview  
Doyce Ray Coyle, 3301 Auburn, Big Spring  
Patrick C. Criss, 8030 Catalpa, Texas City  
Wesley Wayne Crow, 2400 Robb Lane, Big Spring  
Susan Cuellar, 2301 N. Pecos #238, Midland  
Wanda Cunningham, 1505 Avion, Big Spring  
Corey D. Dancer, 2605 Alamesa Drive, Big Spring  
Ramona Davila, 2143 Texas Ave, San Antonio  
Brandee A. Eberhardt, 197 Briarwood Lane, Big Spring  
Wesley Allen Edmondson, 505 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Big Spring  
Randy James Ellis, PO Box 391, Syder  
Curtis R. Flewellen, 405 Regina Drive, Buda  
Hilda L. Fuentes, 502 S. Seventh, Lamesa  
Aldo Gustavo Galindo, 922 Jeter, Odessa  
James Randal Gardner, PO Box 1490, Lyons, Colo.  
Claudet Garza, 3106 E. Elm, Laredo  
Naomi Gonzales, 1606 E. Fifth, Big Spring  
Raul Gonzales, 2106 Johnson, Big Spring  
Jeffrey Grams, 224 Lelon Lane, Springtown  
Nora Gutierrez, 606 N. Eighth Street, Lamesa  
Dana L. Havink, 600 Star Linda Ct., Arlington  
Kristin Hawkins, 405 N. Moss Lake Road, Big Spring  
Gerald R. Hodges, 4312 Crane, Houston  
Allan J. Hoey, 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. 2, Big Spring  
Jeanie Renee Ivey, 5326 Old State Hwy. 7, La Grange  
Sharon Annette James, 1215 Cedar, Colorado City  
Brandy Johnson, 24327 Pleasonton, San Antonio  
Rene M. Johnson, 9205 W. County Road 174, Midland  
Robert Michael Kleck, P.O. Box 35, Rotan  
Lynda Kynam, 2503 Central, Big Spring  
Alana Marie Lee, 2711 66th Street, Lubbock  
Patricia Lutrell, 2726 Redwood, Odessa  
Joshua David Mackenstein, 414

Hickory/3417 N. Midland Drive, Midland  
Shawn G. McKay, 3107 Bonham Ave, Odessa  
Carol Lee McNeil, 2601 Westridge, Snyder  
Betty Jane McWilliams, 2503 Fairchild, Big Spring  
Ebaline Flores Mendoza, PO Box 291, Mertzon  
Melissa Merket, 402 W. Eighth, Colorado City  
Anna Marie Moreno, 4656 St. Frances Ave., Dallas  
Angela Moreno, 1712 N. Third Street, Lamesa  
Michael Todd McClinton, 1003 S. Midkiff, Midland  
William Leslie Neal, 2100 Alabama, Big Spring  
Katherine Hardin Perez, 4908 Parkway, Big Spring  
Lisa M. Portillo, 1200 Stanford, Big Spring  
Richard Wayne Rains, 4501 Parkway, Big Spring  
Patricia Ramos, 538 Westover Road Apt. 226, Big Spring  
Alfredo Riojas Jr., 255, S. 11th St., Lubbock  
Williard M. Robinson, 1600 S. Lancaster #405, Big Spring  
Anna Alicia Robles, 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. 304, Big Spring  
Jose Antonio Rodriguez, 1309 Wright, Big Spring  
Veronica Rodriguez, 3010 Cherokee, Big Spring  
Blanca L. Saenz, 1202 N. Sam Houston Ave., Odessa  
Rudy Salazar, PO Box 1275, Stanton  
Stephanie Serrato, 1203 E. Mobile, Big Spring  
Harl Bradford Shaffer, 5603 Gail Hwy., Big Spring  
Curtis W. Shelton, 3714 Millbrook Road, Big Spring  
Janie Spurgeion, 1212 Wadley, Midland  
Shawn Spurgeon, 106 N. Adams, Denver City  
James Sutton, 2225 Oakland, Abilene  
Tonya D. Conner Taylor, 1111 Moseley Circle, Hobbs, N.M.  
Jimmy Vasquez, 4000 W. Illinois, Midland  
Brenda Vera, 1901 Ave M., Snyder  
Alicia N. Vernon, 9614 Dover Ridge, San Antonio  
Tyler J. Voss, Fannin Co. Rd 4925, Leonard  
Christina Williams, 400 Macarthur, Odessa  
Jerry Lee Wrightsil Jr., 2816 Ridge Road, Fort Worth

County Court Decisions  
Probated Judgement: Tedric L. McAllister, possession of marijuana – less than two ounces, \$300 fine, \$207 court costs, 180 days in jail (judgement suspended, six months probation).  
Probated Judgement: Anthony Eugene Trevino, driving while license suspended, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (judgement suspended, twelve months probation).  
Probated Judgement: Jorge Garz, driving while license suspended, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (judgement suspended, twelve months probation).  
Judgement Sentence: Ruben Cisneros, possession of marijuana – less than two ounces, \$247 court costs, 180 days in jail (judgement suspended, six months probation).  
Probated Judgement: Maria

Hernandez, escape from custody, \$1,500 fine, \$336 court costs, 180 days in jail (judgement suspended, 24 months probation).  
Judgement Sentence: Sherrie Thompson, evading arrest, \$328 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Probated Judgement: Michael Mendez, driving while license invalid, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (judgement suspended, six months probation).  
Judgement Sentence: Theodore E. Rios, theft more than \$50 and less than \$500 \$328 court costs, 20 days in jail.  
Probated Judgement: James Labrew, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (judgement suspended, six months probation) and six months license suspended.  
Probated Judgement: Reuben Curtis Ingram, driving while intoxicated – second offense, \$750 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (judgement suspended, 12 months suspended) and 180 days license suspended.  
Probated Judgement: Luis Nava, fail to identify/fugitive/intentionally give false information, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (judgement suspended, six months probation).  
Judgement Sentence: Cecily Dominique Juarez, hinder apprehension, \$500 fine, \$228 court costs.  
Probated Sentence: Blake Ryan Lyle, driving while license invalid, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (judgement suspended, six months probation).  
Probated Judgement: Benardo Jacinto Hilario, possession of marijuana – less than two ounces, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (judgement suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgement Sentence: Roland Vargas, driving while license invalid, \$100 fine, \$345 court costs 90 days in jail.  
Probated Judgement: Jonathan Mata, theft, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (judgement suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgement Sentence: Tracy Lynn Gonzales, driving while intoxicated, \$443 court costs, 60 days in jail.  
Judgement Sentence: Mickey Ray Green, bail jumping and failure to appear, \$328 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
Judgement Sentence: Christina Martinez, resist arrest, \$278 court costs, 60 days in jail.  
Probated Judgement: Jay Lee Billingsley, driving while license invalid with previous conviction, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (judgement suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgement: Justin Andrew Plaia, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (judgement suspended, 12 months probation) 90 days license suspended.  
Probated Judgement: Michael Andrew Martinez, driving with intoxicated (open container), \$1,000 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (judgement suspended, six months probation) 90 days license suspended.  
**District Court Filings:**  
Howard County, et al vs. William Mendoza Jr., tax.  
Howard County, et al vs. Lavera Mitchell, tax.  
Howard County, et al vs. Herbert

S. Martinez and Dora Martinez, tax. Howard County, et al vs. Erica Ochoa, tax.  
Howard County, et al vs. Enrique R. Ramirez, tax.  
Howard County, et al vs. Gracie Rushing, tax.  
Howard County, et al vs. Sylvia Salazar, tax.  
Howard County, et al vs. Scott M. Tidwell, tax.  
Howard County, et al vs. Amanda Harvell, tax.  
Howard County, et al vs. Arthur Trevino, tax.  
Howard County, et al vs. Tony Uranga, tax.  
Howard County, et al vs. Kimberly G. Williams, tax.  
Howard County, et al vs. A & M Investments, Inc., tax.  
Cynthia Clinton vs. John W. Clinton Jr., family.  
Amando Bedoy Cortez vs. Merjilda Rodriguez Cortez, divorce.  
Tiana Hergert vs. Lenny Hergert, divorce.  
The State of Texas vs. Michael Roberson and \$1065 U.S. Currency, civil suit.  
Joe A. Trevino vs. Margarita C. Trevino, divorce.  
Kaci Michelle Dunn vs. Clayton Paul Dunn, divorce.  
Wendy Lee Guerrero vs. Harvey Martin Guerrero, protective order.  
Atlantic Credit & Finance, Inc vs. William P. Baumgartner, accounts, contracts and notes.  
**Marriage Licenses:**  
Victor Martinez III, 40, and Teresa Armendarez, 40, both of Big Spring.  
Kevin Lynn Hale, 21, and Brittany Chanelle Gray, 17, both of Big Spring.  
James Brian Ellison, 45, and Terri Lynn Tindol, 47, both of Big Spring.  
Kirby Wayne Caraway, 39, of Houston, and Ashanti LaKeisha Latulas, 26, of Port Arthur.  
Dennis E. Scrogger, 46, and Stephanie G. Fortenberry, 39, both of Big Spring.  
Juan Paul Garza, 44, and Khristie Christianson, 36, both of Big Spring.  
Ruben J. Moreno, 16, and Crystal M. Carrillo, 16, both of Big Spring.  
Cesar Martin Granillo, 39, of Mexico, and Letisia Loyda Hernandez, 34, of Midland.  
Tyler Judson Sheppard, 20, and Chelsea Brianne Griffin, 21, both of Midland.  
**Warranty Deeds:**  
Grantor: Ruth Robinson et al  
Grantee: Richard Thurman and wife, Linda Thurman  
Property: .228 acre tract of land out of Section 48, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co.  
Date: July 24, 2008  
Grantor: Josephine Thomas  
Grantee: Gary Gamble  
Property: Lot 10, Block 4, William Green Addition  
Date: July 24, 2008  
Grantor: Chase Home Finance et al  
Grantee: Secretary of Housing and Urban Development  
Property: W/60' and E/120' of Lot 14, Block 4, Wright's Second Addition  
Date: July 24, 2008  
Grantor: Wanda Bristo et al

Grantee: Charles D. Rosenbaum et al  
Property: 3 acre tract of land out of the SW/4 of Section 21, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co. and 2.338 acre tract of land out of the SW/4 of Section 21, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co.  
Date: July 25, 2008  
Grantor: Fred E. Arnett  
Grantee: Ronald Fred Arnett, Jesse Garrett Arnett, Spencer Rodney Arnett and Susan Arnett Rice  
Property: 65.51 acre tract of land in the W. part of Section 46, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co.  
Date: July 28, 2008  
Grantor: Erica Marie Garvin  
Grantee: Big Spring Independent School District Trustee et al  
Property: N/50' of the NW/4 of Block 20, College Heights Addition  
Date: July 28, 2008  
Grantor: Mona Lue Tonn  
Grantee: Property Pros of Texas, LLC  
Property: Lot 9, N/50' N/100' of Block 93, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: July 28, 2008  
Grantor: Yolanda S. Perez and Daniel Perez  
Grantee: Property Pros of Texas, LLC  
Property: Lot 4, Block 1, Stanford Park Addition  
Date: July 28, 2009  
Grantor: Anne Marie Beasley Fisher and James D. Fisher  
Grantee: Property Pros of Texas, LLC  
Property: Lots 7 and 8, Subdivision C, Block 19, Fairview Heights Addition  
Date: July 28, 2008  
Grantor: Jimmy R. Sherrod  
Grantee: Petra D. Valdez  
Property: W/44' of Lot 6 and E/14' of Lot 5, Block 2, Monticello Addition  
Date: July 28, 2008  
Grantor: Jackie Free  
Grantee: Hector Salinas and Teresa Lopez  
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 9, Original Town of Coahoma and Lots 4 – 6, Block 9, Original Town of Coahoma  
Date: July 29, 2008  
Grantor: Lela Thompson  
Grantee: Charles Kennedy and wife, Barbara Kennedy  
Property: 19.75 acre tract of land out of the SW/4 of Section 34, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co.  
Date: July 29, 2008  
Grantor: Gary Wayne Lee  
Grantee: Tierra Group LLC  
Property: Lot 9, Block 31, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: July 30, 2008  
**Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien**  
Grantor: Adolfo Perez and wife, Rosario Perez

Grantee: Gustavo Marquez  
Property: Lot 9, Block 32, Cole & Strayhorn Addition  
Date: July 24, 2008  
Grantor: Garry Lynn Kinard and Barbara Kinard  
Grantee: Abel Lopez, and wife, Sara Lopez and Louis Beville and wife, Elaine Beville  
Property: 6 acre tract of land out of the SW/4 of Section 46, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co.  
Date: July 24, 2008  
Grantor: John Kelley et al  
Grantee: Juanita Flores  
Property: Lots 7 and 8, Block 48, Except 33 1/3' on N. side of Lot 8, Original Town of Big Spring \*\*\*  
Date: July 24, 2008  
Grantor: William Reed and Katherine Reed  
Grantee: Radonia White  
Property: N/28' of Lot 11 , S/32 of Lot 12, Block 10, Washington Place Addition  
Date: July 25, 2008  
Grantor: Donna Best et al  
Grantee: Joseph Spindler and wife, Vera Spindler  
Property: 4 acre tract of land out of the NW/4 of Section 32, Block 30, T&P RR. Co.  
Date: July 28, 2008  
Grantor: Property Pros of Texas, LLC  
Grantee: TLC Property Management, LLC  
Property: Lot 9, N/50' N/100' of Block 93, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: July 28, 2008  
Grantor: Property Pros of Texas, LLC  
Grantee: MCBW Properties, LTD  
Property: Lots 7 and 8, Subdivision C, Block 19, Fairview Heights Addition and Lot 4, Block 1, Stanford Park Addition  
Date: July 28, 2008  
Grantor: Property Pros of Texas, LLC  
Grantee: MCBW Enterprises LTD  
Property: W/44' of Lot 6 and E/14' of Lot 5, Block 2, Monticello Addition and Lot 12, Block 32, Cole & Strayhorn Addition  
Date: July 28, 2008  
Grantor: Rusty Newcomb and wife, Keisha Newcomb  
Grantee: Dan Adams  
Property: 2.42 acre tract of land out of the S/2 of Section 31, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co. and 3.92 acre tract of land out of the S/2 of Section 31, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co.  
Date: July 29, 2008  
Grantor: Dillard E. Teal and Tony Castillo  
Grantee: Robert Martinez  
Property: Lot 1, Block 24, College Park Estates  
Date:  
Grantor: Bek Sue Robinson  
Grantee: Scotty Bryant  
Property: SE/4 of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co.  
Date: July 29, 2008

► **Oil and Gas Production**

**RRC PRODUCTION STATISTICS AND ALLOWABLES FOR AUGUST 2008**

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of July 18 was 912, representing about 50 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 341 million barrels of oil and 6.7 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Texas natural gas production represents approximately 29 percent of total U.S. natural gas demand. The Commission's estimated final production for May 2008 is 29,633,573 barrels of crude oil and 545,220,800 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas. The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary May 2008 production totals of 27,733,807 barrels of crude oil and 452,841,196 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.0685 for crude oil and 1.2040 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.) Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for June

2008 is 276,638,124 MCF compared to 372,580,511 MCF in June 2007. The July 2008 gas storage estimate is 280,783,715 MCF. The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial August 2008 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 18,311,736 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial August 2008 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for August 2008 is reported.

**TEXAS MONTHLY OIL AND GAS STATISTICS**  
JUNE PERMITS TO DRILL  
The Commission issued a total of 2,444 original drilling permits in June 2008 compared to 1,396 in June 2007. The June total included 2,111 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 107 to re-enter existing well bores, and 226 for re-completions. Permits issued in June 2008 included 433 oil, 583 gas, 1353 oil and gas, 63 injection, one service and 11 other permits.  
MAY CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION  
Texas preliminary May 2008 crude oil production averaged

894,639 barrels daily, up from the 884,924 barrels daily average of May 2007. The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for May 2008 is 27,733,807 barrels, an increase from 27,432,652 barrels reported during May 2007.

**JUNE OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS**  
In June 2008, operators reported 432 oil, 813 gas, 17 injection and three other completions compared to 477 oil, 764 gas, 23 injection and two other completions during June 2007. Total well completions for 2008 year to date are 7,759 up from 7,358 recorded during the same period in 2007. Operators reported 385 holes plugged and three dry holes in June 2008 compared to 898 holes plugged and five dry holes in June 2007.

**MAY NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION**  
Texas oil and gas wells produced 513,811,515 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for May 2008, up from the May 2007 preliminary gas production total of 486,248,686 Mcf. Texas production in May 2008 came from 138,976 oil and 83,228 gas wells.

**JUNE TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT**

RRC District: (1) SAN ANTONIO AREA  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 113  
Oil Completions: 33  
Gas Completions: 15  
RRC District: (2) REFUGIO AREA  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 81  
Oil Completions: 7  
Gas Completions: 41  
RRC District: (3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 124  
Oil Completions: 17  
Gas Completions: 34  
RRC District: (4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 165  
Oil Completions: 1  
Gas Completions: 41  
RRC District: (5) EAST CENTRAL TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 113  
Oil Completions: 0  
Gas Completions: 26  
RRC District: (6) EAST TEXAS

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 216  
Oil Completions: 11  
Gas Completions: 121  
RRC District: (7B) WEST CENTRAL TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 140  
Oil Completions: 86  
Gas Completions: 17  
RRC District: (7C) SAN ANGELO AREA  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 281  
Oil Completions: 97  
Gas Completions: 133  
RRC District: (8) MIDLAND  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 411  
Oil Completions: 50  
Gas Completions: 22  
RRC District: (8A) LUBBOCK AREA  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 127  
Oil Completions: 67  
Gas Completions: 4  
RRC District: (9) NORTH TEXAS  
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 524  
Oil Completions: 40  
Gas Completions: 280  
RRC District: (10) PANHANDLE

Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 148  
Oil Completions: 23  
Gas Completions: 79  
**MAY TEXAS TOP TEN OIL PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION**  
COUNTY - CRUDE OIL (BBLs)  
1. GAINES - 2,193,273  
2. ANDREWS - 1,970,800  
3. YOAKUM - 1,806,254  
4. HOCKLEY - 1,547,295  
5. ECTOR - 1,497,307  
6. SCURRY - 1,219,818  
7. UPTON - 1,103,449  
8. PECOS - 1,013,392  
9. MIDLAND - 854,428  
10. CRANE - 800,829  
MAY TEXAS TOP TEN GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION  
COUNTY - TOTAL GAS (MCF)  
1. FREESTONE - 24,218,494  
2. PANOLA - 23,609,109  
3. ZAPATA - 21,947,956  
4. HIDALGO - 19,792,165  
5. PECOS - 19,776,304  
6. JOHNSON - 17,329,017  
7. TARRANT - 17,017,580  
8. ROBERTSON - 15,785,987  
9. WEBB - 15,225,485  
10. WISE - 14,237,475

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# Local women raising funds to fight breast cancer

Special to the Herald

Big Spring sisters Lori Kirby and Amanda Gillespie plan to join thousands of other women and men at the Dallas/Fort Worth Breast Cancer 3-Day, an event benefiting Susan G. Komen for the Cure and National Philanthropic Trust.

After months of training and fund-raising, participants will walk 60 miles during three days to raise awareness and funds for critical research and community outreach programs.

Two years ago, their grandmother, Juanita Faulks, was diagnosed

with breast cancer. She fought to beat the disease, but lost her battle in March of this year.

"With the treatments they have now for breast cancer patients, they were able to prolong her life some, which we are so thankful for, but we want to do everything we can to help find a cure so that a life can be saved and cancer free rather than prolonged. We want to make breast cancer something that our children will never have to worry about," said Gillespie. "The Breast Cancer 3-Day is challenging and fun, and the memory of our personal accomplishment will last a lifetime."

The Dallas/Ft. Worth Breast Cancer 3-Day will start on Friday morning, Nov. 7 and end with the closing ceremony Sunday afternoon, Nov. 9. The walkers will cover about 20 miles a day, traveling at their own pace. They will be supported by hundreds of volunteer crew members who will provide meals, liquid and snack stops, gear transport, hot showers, portable restrooms, safety on the streets and 24-hour medical services.

The actual journey starts months in advance when walkers start training and raising the \$2,200 required fund-raising minimum. To help prepare for the Breast Cancer 3-Day, each walker

is supported by coaches and online assistance that aid in all aspects of training and fundraising, while clinics, meetings, and training walks provide ongoing support.

Those who are interested in helping Kirby and Gillespie reach their goal can donate online at <http://08.the3day.org/goto/lkirby> or <http://08.the3day.org/goto/agillespie>

Those who wish may also print a donation form from these sites and send a check or call 1-800-993-3DAY to make a payment by phone, participate, or volunteer with the Breast Cancer 3-Day.

Proceeds from the Breast Cancer 3-Day are used for

breast cancer research, education and community outreach programs. As the primary beneficiary of the Breast Cancer 3-Day, Susan G. Komen for the Cure receives 85 percent of net proceeds and the remaining 15 percent goes to the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund.

## About Susan G. Komen for the Cure

Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever.

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the Cure and launched the global breast cancer movement.

Today, Komen for the Cure is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cures.

Because of events like the Komen Race for the Cure® and the Breast Cancer 3-Days, the organization has invested nearly \$1 billion to fulfill its promise, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world.

## GREATER BIG SPRING ROTARY CLUB BOARD



Courtesy photo

Greater Big Spring Rotary Club board of directors for 2008-2009 include, left to right, front row, Marie Justice, Shelley Smith, Amy Vidal, Gwen Dunson, Keith Graumann and Debbye Valverde, and second row, Troy Tompkins, Mark Morgan and Carl Condray.

## LETTERS

DWAYNE D. EUKEL  
BIG SPRING

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Economic Development Corporation (BSED) with a "toolbox contract."

"The primary intent of the contract ... is to help develop a first-class approach to economic development ... not just the local incentives they rely on so heavily today ..." We say, "Three cheers for Mr. Ryan." No matter what the cost of a "toolbox contract," get somebody onboard who knows what they are doing in economic development; who possesses the "tools," and put them to work. We Big Spring taxpayers are tired of hearing how things move slow, or that we don't have enough money in the chest; yada, yada, blah, blah; like Mr. Ryan said, there is money available, it's simply a matter of the "good-ol-boys, gettin' off the porch and doin' some huntin'."

## Meeting open to the public

TO THE EDITOR,

Dear Citizens of House District 85, I am writing to invite you to attend a formal hearing of the Select Committee on Property Tax and Appraisal Reform to be held in Lubbock on Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2008, at 1 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Texas Tech University International Cultural Center, located at 601 Indiana Avenue.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide an opportunity for the committee members to listen to testimony of citizens and of professionals about your property appraisals and your property taxes.

I encourage you to attend the meeting if possible. It will give you first-hand knowledge of your government. The meeting to

be held in Lubbock is the closest hearing site to District 85 and the shortest distance to travel for my constituents who are interested.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of my offices: Austin 512-463-0604; Crosbyton 806-675-1583; or Big Spring 432-213-2897.

JOE HEFLIN  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE,  
DISTRICT 85

## Favoritism?

TO THE EDITOR,

Is it me or does it seem there seems to be favoritism in our schools' sports programs? There is a lot of talented young men and women that are not given a chance to play to the best of their full potential. Our coaches need to give everyone a chance to prove themselves, but as it stands now the coaches have what we know as "Their favorite star player" and I think that is wrong.

Our kids don't get paid to play and they are not professional players, but the coaches think winning is everything and that is when they just get tunnel vision and concentrate on one group of kids, instead of the whole team. You might even say that there is some form of racism in our school programs. We need to remember when our kids are playing sports everyone should play, be it good or bad, everyone needs a chance and winning isn't everything. No one child should be made to outperform his or her team.

In a team, everyone helps one another and there is no "I" in team. So we need to stop this coaches. You are the ones that help our children enjoy sports, but when you as the coach start to pick and choose who is going to play just based on the fact you like the kid, that is wrong and you need to bring back the true meaning of team and maybe one day we all can be proud to see our Steers go to all championships from football to softball and so on. A team is a lot stronger than one star player.

SANTIAGO FLORES  
BIG SPRING

## Purse saved

TO THE EDITOR,

My little purse lost for five days has been found, untouched, in Bealls. A big thank you to Bealls' employees, our favorite store and now even more so. Big Spring sure is a "Miracle City" ... Alleluia!

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**PUBLIC HEARING**  
CITY OF BIG SPRING  
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Big Spring will hold a public hearing at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th in regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TX-CDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TXCDBG funding available, all eligible TXCDBG activities, and the use of past TXCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TXCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for such assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. *Para residentes necesitados de interpretes, favor de comunicarse con la municipalidad antes de las audiencias publicas.*

For further information, contact Peggy Walker at the City Hall at 432-264-2500. 12654

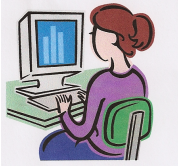
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## West Texas Centers for MHMR

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**Residential Support Technician:** Position provides services within the community and in the home to individuals with mental retardation. Must be proficient in reading and writing. High School Diploma or GED preferred but not required. Hours vary. Salary \$8.20-8.75 hr (\$17,052.00-18,192.00 annually.) Benefits.

**Training Coordinator:** Position will prepare and develop Individual Service Plans for individuals with mental retardation. Will ensure that Action Plans, Objective and Training Plans are developed in compliance with applicable standards. Will review and process data collection on a monthly/quarterly basis. Requires flexible hours. \$8.75-\$9.30 hr (\$18,192.00-\$19,344.00 annually).

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**Scientist's suicide latest twist in anthrax saga, Justice Dept. says more details to come**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seven years after anthrax-laced letters terrorized an already frightened nation, a new suspect suddenly emerged in the public eye this week. But he was gone just as quickly, committing suicide before he could be charged with murder and adding another dramatic twist to the bizarre episode.

The government's working theory — that brilliant but troubled Army scientist Bruce E. Ivins released the anthrax to test his cure for the toxin — answers some of the questions, perhaps, but many details remain unclear.

"I think the FBI owes us a complete accounting of their investigation and ought to be able to tell us at some point, how we're going to bring this to closure," said former Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, whose office received a letter containing the deadly white powder in 2001. "It's been seven years, there's a lot of unanswered questions and I think the American people deserve to know more than they do today."

Ivins' unexpected emergence as the top — and perhaps only — suspect in the anthrax attacks follows on the heels of the government's exoneration of another Army scientist in the case. Last month, the Justice Department cleared Ivins' colleague, Steven Hatfill, who had been wrongly suspected in the case, and paid him \$5.8 million.

Responding to reports about Ivins on Friday, the Justice Department said only that "substantial progress has been made in the investigation" but said it may be able to release more information about the case soon. The department is expected to decide within days whether to close the "Amerithrax" investigation now that its main target is dead.

The letters containing anthrax powder were sent on the heels of the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and turned up at congressional offices, newsrooms and elsewhere, leaving a deadly trail through post offices on the way. The powder killed five, sent numerous victims to hospitals and caused near panic in many locations.

**Parting with some black leaders, Obama argues against slavery reparations or apology**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama opposes offering reparations to the descendants of slaves, putting him at odds with some black groups and leaders.

The man with a serious chance to become the nation's first black president argues that government should instead combat the legacy of slavery by improving schools, health care and the economy for all.

"I have said in the past — and I'll repeat again — that the best reparations we can provide are good schools in the inner city and jobs for people who are unemployed," the Illinois Democrat said recently.

Some two dozen members of Congress are co-sponsors of legislation to create a commission that would study reparations — that is, payments and programs to make up for the damage done by slavery.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People supports the legislation, too. Cities around the country, including Obama's home of Chicago, have endorsed the idea, and so has a major union, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Obama has worked to be seen as someone who will bring people together, not divide them into various interest groups with checklists of demands. Supporting reparations could undermine that image and make him appear to be pandering to black voters.

**McCain depicts Obama as too close to teacher's union and against school choice for the poor**

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — John McCain, the father of private school students, crit-

icizes Democratic rival Barack Obama for choosing private over public school for his kids.

The difference, according to the Arizona Republican, is that he — not Obama — favors vouchers that give parents more school choices.

"Everybody should have the same choice Cindy and I and Sen. Obama did," McCain told the National Urban League on Friday.

Obama will address the influential black organization on Saturday.

McCain listed a variety of changes in education policies that he contended would improve a flawed system — from school choice to more local control and direct public support to parents for tutoring. In each case, he said Obama came up short.

"My opponent talks a great deal about hope and change, and education is as good a test as any of his seriousness," he said. "If Sen. Obama continues to defer to the teachers unions instead of committing to real reform, then he should start looking for new slogans."

**Woman says man arrested in 3 shooting deaths at Wisconsin river raped her the night before**

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A woman said a man suspected of opening fire on a group of young adults, killing three, had raped her the night before in the same northern Wisconsin woods where the victims were slain.

The woman said she told her parents about the assault, and they reported it to authorities. She said officers came to her home late Thursday, mentioned the shootings that occurred earlier that day along a riverbank in the town of Niagara — near the same spot where she claimed to have been sexually assaulted — and asked her to describe her attacker.

The suspect, whom the woman described as a casual friend, was arrested Friday after he emerged from the woods following an all-night manhunt.

Scott J. Johnson, 38, was being held in jail Friday night to await an initial court appearance. He had not been formally charged in the shootings.

Authorities did not return calls seeking comment on whether the reported rape was related to the shootings. Jail officials did not know whether Johnson had an attorney.

**Filthy water in parts of Baghdad raises fears about cholera; sewage comes out of taps**

BAGHDAD (AP) — Just months after Americans repaired a sewage treatment plant in southern Baghdad, insurgents attacked the facility and killed the manager. Looters took care of the rest.

Nearly three years later, the plant remains an abandoned shell. Raw sewage is still flowing freely through giant pipes into the Tigris River, ending up in some of the capital's drinking water. And those pipes are hardly the only source of contamination.

Many residents only have to sniff the tap water to know something is not right.

"I fear giving it to my children directly unless I boil it," said Enam Mohammed Ali, a 36-year-old mother of four in the New Baghdad district in the eastern part of the city.

The water crisis began as a symptom of the problems that plagued reconstruction efforts in the early years of the war. Extremists attacked infrastructure projects, including electricity stations and sewage plants, to undermine support for the U.S. and its Iraqi allies. Law and order broke down, with looters stealing pipes, power lines and other equipment.

**Canadian police identify suspect in bus attack, beheading; friends say victim was 22**

TORONTO (AP) — A man who witnesses said stabbed and beheaded his seat mate on a Greyhound bus in Canada has been jailed on a murder charge, while police offered no motive for the savage attack against a 22-year-old carnival worker.

Vince Weiguang Li, 40, of Edmonton, Alberta, was charged with second-degree murder, an indication police don't think the attack was premeditated. He shuffled into the courtroom Friday in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba with his head bowed and feet shackled.

Li, whose face was bruised and one hand bandaged, did not reply when the judge asked him whether he was going to get a lawyer, and only nodded slightly when asked whether he was exercising his right not to speak. He was not required to enter a plea.

The prosecutor asked for a psychiatric assessment, but the judge said he wanted to give Li a chance to meet with his lawyer. Li's next court appearance is scheduled for Tuesday.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said Li, who worked as a newspaper carrier in Edmonton, has no known criminal record.

**Lawyer: Brazilian man confesses to murder of British teen who was later dismembered**

GOIANIA, Brazil (AP) — The Brazilian man accused of killing and dismembering a British teenager and stuffing her torso in a suitcase confessed to the murder in a deposition to police, his lawyer said.

"He confessed," Odair de Meneses said Friday, referring to Mohamed D'Ali Carvalho Santos. "But he is not fully responsible for his acts because he was taking drugs nonstop during the four days prior to the killing."

After the four-hour deposition, a British reporter asked Santos if he had anything to say to the girl's mother.

"Tell her I am sorry," Santos responded in English. "I did not know what I was doing."

**Activists angered by zoo's plans to ship elephant to Mexican park**

DALLAS (AP) — Jenny the elephant lazily poked her trunk into a bucket of fruit as her keepers at the Dallas Zoo hosed her during her morning bath, seemingly oblivious to the fact that she could soon be shipped far from her home of 22 years. She's also certainly unaware of the debate her possible departure has stirred.

Zoo officials plan to send Jenny, who became the zoo's lone elephant when her companion died in May, to a drive-through wildlife park in Mexico because

African elephants become unhappy when left alone. Activists call the idea terrible and say Jenny is a nervous 9,000-pounder who fears cars and would be miserable there.

"It would be inherently cruel to move her to Mexico," said Margaret Morin, who leads a group called Concerned Citizens for Jenny. "We've grown up with Jenny. She's our family. She deserves better than getting sent to a drive-through tourist attraction in Mexico."

The group and dozens of other activists gathered in front of the zoo last weekend to protest the possible move, which City Councilwoman Angela Hunt criticized this week in a commentary in The Dallas Morning News. They want Jenny to go to a much larger park in Tennessee.

Hunt said she's concerned because the Mexican facility is not subject to annual inspections and regulations by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and because elephants in Mexico are not protected by the U.S. Animal Welfare Act.

**Lohan fires back at police the day after chief said she'd 'gone gay'**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lindsay Lohan says that police have no business getting involved in her personal life.

Lohan made the assertion Friday, a day after the Los Angeles police chief explained that the paparazzi were no longer an issue — in part because the 22-year-old actress had evidently "gone gay."

"Police chiefs shouldn't get involved in everyone else's business when it comes to their personal life. It's inappropriate," Lohan said in a video shot by paparazzi Friday and posted on TMZ.com. In the footage, Lohan and gal pal Samantha Ronson are trekking through the Los Angeles Airport on their way to catch a flight to Chicago.

The day before, Chief William Bratton said the paparazzi have become less of a problem thanks to Britney Spears, Paris Hilton and Lohan leading more moderate lifestyles.

"If you notice, since Britney started wearing clothes and behaving; Paris is out of town not bothering anybody anymore, thank God, and evidently, Lindsay Lohan has gone gay, we don't seem to have much of an issue," he told KNBC-TV.

Bratton was speaking about his refusal to participate in a meeting called to discuss new laws to curb paparazzi.

**2 die in warehouse shooting; fired worker held**

BRISTOL, Pa. (AP) — A worker recently fired for absenteeism showed up outside a book warehouse in suburban Philadelphia on Friday, fatally shooting a veteran employee and a temp before being arrested.

The victims worked for Simon & Schuster's distribution center in Bristol, company spokesman Adam Rothberg said. The shooting happened around 3:30 p.m. during a shift change at the warehouse, which employs 125 full-time workers, Rothberg said.

The gunman was identified as Robert Diamond, 32, of Bristol Borough, Bucks County District Attorney Michelle Henry said. He surrendered at the scene without a fight, authorities said.

Diamond told authorities he had been harassed by co-workers and was upset after getting a severe reprimand in March for calling a black co-worker "boy."

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# Theater villain charged in real-life whodunit

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SEATTLE (AP) — In the small-town dinner-theater mystery, Bruce Hummel had no trouble admitting he was the killer: "I got my revenge," he told the audience. "Tell that to the sheriff."

Now he faces a murder charge in real life.

Whatcom County Prosecutor Dave McEachran charged the handyman and amateur actor with first-degree murder this week in the disappearance

of Hummel's wife, Alice, from the couple's Bellingham home 18 years ago.

McEachran has no body, blood or other physical evidence in the case — only Hummel's bizarre behavior since his wife vanished. Detectives say Hummel told his children their mom had abandoned them, sent them gifts purporting to be from her and, only after being questioned by police years later, wrote them a rambling, implausible letter acknowledging she had been dead all along.

He also continued to cash her disability benefits from the Alaska Teachers Retirement System — for which he is serving a 27-month federal prison sentence — and led police on a yearslong cat-and-mouse game that ended last year in Westport, a small fishing village on Washington's coast.

There, the 66-year-old Hummel tutored children at a low-income housing complex, drove senior citizens to doctor appointments and starred as the

**"It's a bittersweet moment. I so want some kind of resolution for my aunt."**

killer in a dinner mystery put on by a local theater group, the Grayland Players.

"Oh my gosh, it's so long coming," Hummel's niece, Laura Keithley, said Friday of the murder charge. "It's a bittersweet moment. I so want some kind of resolution for my aunt."

Hummel's lawyer, public defender Jon Komorowski, said he had not spoken with Hummel in a year and could not comment on the charges. Hummel is being transferred to Bellingham from a Minnesota prison.

After teaching in remote parts of Alaska for more than a decade, Bruce and Alice Hummel moved to Bellingham. Alice Hummel disappeared one day in October 1990.

According to charging papers, Bruce Hummel told their three children their mother left to take a job in California, and for the next few years he sent them letters and gifts — with fictitious return addresses — so they would believe she was alive.

One typewritten letter to the younger daughter said her mom "had found another man and he did not want to have any kids around," McEachran wrote in charging papers.

The children, then ages 13, 17 and 21, had suspicions, he wrote. It seemed strange that their mother would have no contact with them, that she would skip her son's high school graduation and that they were unable to locate her.

There was another troubling fact, the charging

papers say: Two weeks before Alice Hummel disappeared, the younger daughter told her she had been molested by her father. Alice Hummel promised it would never happen again.

"Alice Hummel disappeared, never to be heard from again, after agreeing to confront her husband, Bruce Hummel, about his molestation of their 13-year-old daughter," McEachran wrote. "The evidence clearly shows that Bruce Hummel had the motive and opportunity to murder Alice Hummel and in fact did so in October 1990."

The children did not report their mother missing until August 2001. Bellingham police detectives spent the next six years tracking down Bruce Hummel and contacting state, federal and foreign authorities, looking for any trace of Alice Hummel.

Bruce Hummel was living in Billings, Mont., with a new wife. The only sign Alice Hummel was alive was that someone was cashing her disability checks.

During an interview with investigators in 2004, Hummel insisted he had last seen Alice alive when he took her to the airport in October 1990. He denied cashing her checks until confronted with evidence, they wrote in interview reports.

Hummel fled after being questioned by police and made his way to Westport. Police found him there after he registered his van

to a P.O. box; he pleaded guilty last year to stealing the disability payments.

While on the lam, Hummel wrote a letter to investigators claiming his wife slit her wrists in the bathroom of their home. He insisted he disposed of her body by towing it in a makeshift raft into Bellingham Bay, and that he invented the story that she had run off to keep the children from learning she had killed herself.

"I rowed and bailed for an hour and a half at least but the wind got worse and I had to let her body go," the letter said. "I was too tired to cry but I remember saying a silent prayer."

Bellingham Detective Glenn Hutchings said there's no way Hummel could have handled his wife's corpse as he described; there was no wind on Bellingham Bay that night, and there was no trace of blood in the bathroom when detectives processed it for evidence.

Neither cadaver-sniffing dogs nor ground-penetrating radar turned up any indication of a body buried on the Bellingham property, McEachran said.

Keithley, 50, said that for years after her aunt disappeared, Bruce Hummel — her father's brother — continued to attend the family's annual picnic and behaved as if nothing was wrong.

"It was sort of an unspoken thing; our family didn't talk about it at all," she said. "But the circumstances of what we heard — that she left without saying goodbye to her own children — we knew she would never have done that. A mother would never go off without saying goodbye to her own children."



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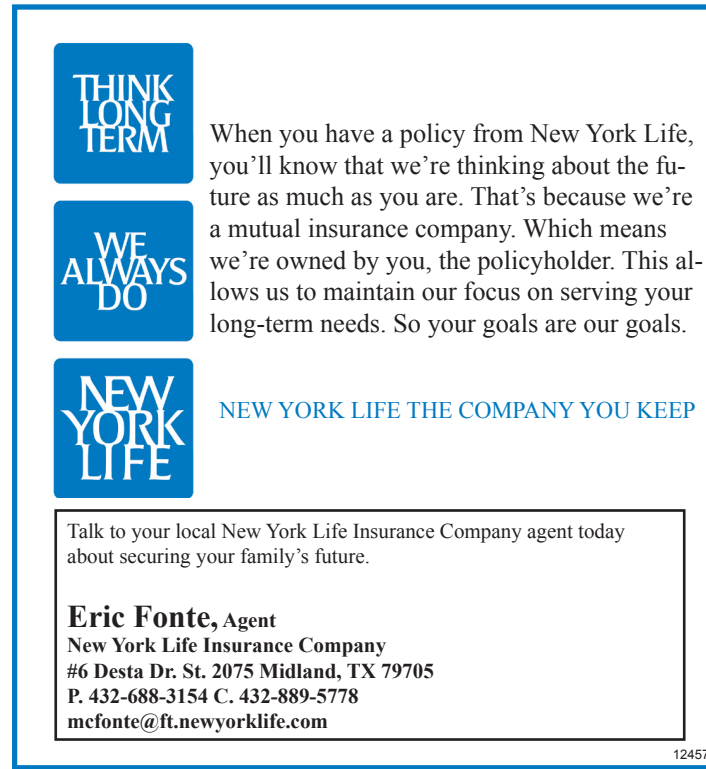
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
Today's encouraging Virgo moon gently suggests moving forward on all the little things we've been putting off today for tomorrow. Like starting that diet, organizing paperwork or going to the gym. If we've been procrastinating, we'll recognize it, which is of course the first step in doing anything about it. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your spirituality has a certain pitch and you now resonate and harmonize with those who play the same spiritual tone. Other than your similar energy level, you may have very little in common with one another. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's one of those rare times when your relationships are almost completely void of complication. There's a deep simpatico with those you hold dear. You're even starting to look like the one you love. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've got the goods, and now you've got to get them out there. Don't be a one-person team. Get others on your side, doing the work with you. It's been said that a wise man knows everything; a shrewd one, everybody.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's important to say the right thing and fit in to a point. Getting in agreement with those around you is a crucial step, but don't stop there. Once you're in, let your true personality shine. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Take every opportunity to unleash your free spirit. Take your turn as a paint slinger, a fire dancer, and a loudmouthed rabble-rouser. Better to get it all out now in more or less artistic ways than to become a worker gone wild next week. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You want to know that you can trust the people around you and also that they understand and support your quirky needs. Instead of seeking validation from the outside, provide it for yourself on the inside. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Diving into a new relationship can feel as risky as jumping from a plane. You're already falling, so you may as well do as any sensible parachuter would -- enjoy the ride and anticipate your landing. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a way of putting things that makes people's ears perk up. It's seductive, this attention you get from being knowledgeable, funny or just plain wise. Don't let it go to your head. Know when to be quiet. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have the highest ambition and the confidence that you will make it. But do you have the tenacity to keep going even when things are not looking so good? Tonight brings a test. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You sometimes get torn between what you want to do and what you ought to do, so today's astral gift is particularly pleasing; you actually want to do what you're supposed to do! AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a lot going on with the characters in your private soap opera, so it's easy to think too long and too anxiously about things that ultimately do not have to affect you. It's calming to focus on yourself instead. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's the right time to deliver the communication you need to make. You are eloquent and persuasive. You're coming from a pure intent and so you are received that way.

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FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Midway between two eclipses, it seems progress waits for no one. This week, two forces fold into the mix: a contentious pair, Mars and Uranus, with a secondary desire to keep things pleasant -- as amiable Venus newly enters Virgo. Uranus is an independent, contrarian spirit who absolutely dislikes being told what to do; Mars is a rogue in rogue's clothing. Both are boldly obvious, so the challenge is harnessing our own independent streak. We may be possessed by the urge to punctuate our desires when old patterns of self-restraint fly out the window. Uranus acts like a match to any restrictions, igniting tempers and willfulness among some, and inspiring others to break through inhibitions to finally take action on matters of importance. Align with change. Uranus is a backward genius after all, so what looks and acts like a problem poses radical new solutions, too. People may appear to shoot from the hip this week, but with Venus' realistic, earthy appraisal, may we all distinguish the rabble-rousers of distraction from the change makers of progress. The kindness and grace we demonstrate to each other may just separate the wheat from the chaff.

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386 acres - Runnels County  
Near Miles, 202 acres native vegetation and brush, 184 acres of farmland, 3 water wells and Willow Creek, Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, excellent hunting. Some minerals available.

510 acres - Coke County  
Nice ranch, good cover of native vegetation, 2 wells, 1 spring and 1.4 miles of Colorado River. Excellent hunting. Small house and other improvements. Conveying all minerals owned.

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# Dear Annie: Advice for those in need

**Dear Annie:** My adult son, "Nick," has been hospitalized more than a dozen times and treated in emergency rooms nearly 100 times over the past 18 years. He has shot himself, stabbed himself in the liver (both "accidental") and has had innumerable bouts of undiagnosed pain and illness. He has had pointless exploratory surgeries and now he is in constant pain.

Several years ago, in a rare moment of introspection, Nick admitted that most of his accidents, surgeries and hospital visits had been unnecessary. He said he enjoyed being able to fool doctors, who he feels are arrogant and smug. Several doctors suspected Nick was intentionally injuring himself, but because doctors today have to be so careful, they continue performing tests and treating him.

Nick is now in the hospital with esophageal ulcers due to vomiting and coughing. I have seen this before and am sure it is self-inflicted. Of course, the doctors are concerned and baffled. Nick now needs a blood transfusion. I called the hospital and asked a nurse to tell his doctor to call me, but I haven't heard back.

Nick has no health insurance and cannot hold a job due to his chronic health problems. His wife and children rely on friends, community assistance and family for financial help.

If Nick knew I was attempting to contact his doctor, he would never speak to me again. I am so worried he will one day accidentally kill himself. What can I do? — *A Brokenhearted Mother*

**Dear Mother:** It sounds as if Nick suffers from Munchausen syndrome, a type of mental illness in which a person deliberately

creates or exaggerates physical symptoms in order to get sympathy and attention. It is extremely difficult to treat, and you are right to be concerned. Yes, you should talk to his doctor, and if he doesn't call you back, leave a message with the information. Nick needs to see a psychotherapist, and the entire family might benefit from counseling to learn how best to deal with this.

**Dear Annie:** My daughter has been married for two years and has never invited her father or me to her home. My husband and I are divorced and he lives in another town. However, when he visits, she meets him somewhere for dinner. I once asked her about this, but she refused to discuss it. Don't you find this strange? — *Dallas Dilemma*

**Dear Dallas:** Yes. Does she think you'll criticize her housekeeping? Is her husband unemployed and staying home in his underwear? Is she afraid you might see something she wants to hide (drugs, alcohol, dead bodies)? You can ask her again, but if she still refuses to address it, there's nothing more you can do. Sorry.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Gift Horse," whose mother buys her presents she doesn't need instead of what she could really use.

We are a young couple with two young children and could use a little help. My mother, who lives paycheck to paycheck with no savings and bad credit, still feels the need to buy every single toy she sees. She gives gifts we don't need and knows we don't want. She does this to everyone in the family. She also compulsively buys tons of stuff for herself, like DVDs and

cosmetics. I could pretend to appreciate this junk, but Mom is practically destitute.

We've told her to save her money, but she won't listen and gets upset when I insinuate that I don't want to feed and house her when she's out on the street some-

day. How can we make her understand? — *Over-Gifted Daughter*

**Dear Daughter:** Your mother has an obsessive-compulsive disorder, and unless she is willing to address it, there isn't much you can do. If she buys you anything that you can

return, do so, and put the refund in a bank account that can be used to help support her if she becomes indigent.

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## Military News

Army Spec. Laura Fierro has been mobilized and activated for deployment overseas to a forward operating base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy.

Fierro, a squad leader with three years of military service, is normally assigned to the 404th Aviation Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Killeen.

She is the daughter of Catalina Salazar of Stadium Way, and Raymond Fierro of N. Bell, both of Big Spring.

The specialist is a 2004 graduate of Big Spring High School.

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Army Pvt. Kaunica L. Byrd has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

She is the daughter of Kim Byrd Grand Prairie and granddaughter of Laura Pollard of Big Spring, Texas.

Byrd is a 2007 graduate of Mansfield Timberview High School in Mansfield.

Army Sgt. Lucas R. Gonzales, a member of the 225th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Stryker Brigade "Warrior," 25th Infantry Division, Multi-National Division, Baghdad, is one of three soldiers who assisted a staff of doctors, nurses and physicians at the Taji Health Clinic, Iraq.

The Stryker Brigade health care soldiers provided the health clinic staff with hands-on training on some of the newest health care equipment. The new equipment included the electrocautery devise, used to cut tissue and coagulate blood; the intermittent cervical and lumbar traction, used to relieve pain in the back and neck; and the I-stat blood analyzer, used to better test and analyze patients' blood chemistry.

Gonzales, a physical therapy specialist, has served in the military for four years.

He is the son of Johnny L. and Linda S. Gonzales of S. Convent St., Stanton, Texas.

The specialist is a 1999 graduate of Stanton High School.

## Menus

### Spring City Senior Citizen's Center

Monday: cheeseburger, fries, lettuce/tomatoes, cookies, ice cream, milk.

Tuesday: barbecue chicken, beans, potato salad, ambrosia/milk, cornbread.

Wednesday: spaghetti/meat sauce, tossed salad, bread sticks, milk, cake

Thursday: smoked sausages, sauerkraut, baked beans, Texas toast, pineapple slices, milk.

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Was \$18,995
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- 2004 Chevrolet C1500 L.S. - Short Wheel Base, Pewter w/Cloth, 6 Cyl., Automatic, Air, One Owner w/58,000 Miles. **Sale Price \$13,995**  
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- 2004 Ford F250 Crew Cab XLT Powerstroke - Blue/Silver, CFloth, All Power, Local One Owner. **Sale Price \$20,995**  
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- 2003 Cadillac DeVille - Tan w/Leather, All Power, One Owner. **Sale Price \$12,995**  
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