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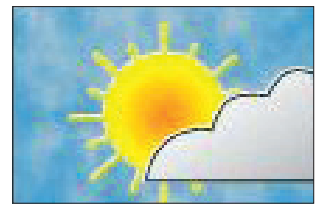
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Heather Schafer, a designer with Faye's Flowers, puts together a floral bouquet at the business Saturday morning. Valentine's Day orders had employees busy through much of the weekend.

YMCA seeks new director

Pete Thiry bound for San Angelo

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Big Spring is looking for a new YMCA director.

Pete Thiry, who has guided the local Y for more than a decade, has left to take a similar position at the San Angelo YMCA.

He assumes his new duties immediately.

"I started my career 27 years ago in San Angelo and it's been kind of like home for me," Thiry said Friday, his last day at the



Big Spring Y. "My kids were born there, they still live there and I probably make 100 trips there a year ... So when the position came open, I applied and was lucky enough to get it."

Thiry

Thiry assumed director responsibilities at the local YMCA in 1998 after five

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Commissioners OK change orders for new county lockup

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners approved a number of change orders to the ongoing jail construction project during a special meeting Friday morning, including changes to the facility's security fence and electronics rooms.

\$20,000 change order to widen the scope of the high-security fence that had originally been intended to stay close to the building, a measure that received support from both project architect Jeff Heffelfinger and Sheriff Stan Parker.

"One of the things the pre-

Commissioners approved a See **COUNTY**, Page 3A

Obama: Stimulus bill 'major milestone'

By DAVID ESPO
 AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama, savoring his first major victory in Congress, said Saturday that newly passed \$787 billion economic

stimulus legislation marks a "major milestone on our road to recovery."

Speaking in his weekly radio and Internet address, Obama said, "I will sign this legislation into law shortly, and we'll begin making the

immediate investments necessary to put people back to work doing the work America needs done."

At the same time, he cautioned, "This historic step won't be the end of what we do to turn our economy

around, but rather the beginning. The problems that led us into this crisis are deep and widespread, and our response must be equal to the task."

The bill passed Congress on Friday on party-line votes,

allowing Democratic leaders to deliver on their promise of clearing the legislation by mid-February.

Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown cast the 60th vote in

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Rides of Hope formed to assist Howard County cancer patients

Special to the Herald

A new project is designed to help Howard County residents when they need it most.

Rides of Hope-Big Spring is being coordinated by Donna King with the assistance of Gifts of Hope, Rides of Hope and the local RSVP program to transport Allison Cancer Center patients to and from appointments.

Rides of Hope is a volunteer program established by Anne Schwiening, a breast cancer survivor, to transport Allison Cancer Center patients who live in Midland County. Rides of Hope began serving the Midland area July 9, 2004. When other volunteer programs limit what can be done by the volunteer to help, Rides of Hope can and will fill the gap.

"There is a need not only to take the patients to their treatments, but to take them to the pharmacy to pick up medications, to lunch, shopping for needed items, to church, to the hospital for tests or treatment that is a necessary part of their recovery."

—Donna King

Rides of Hope-Big Spring came about out of a need for Donna's brother, Roy, to receive treatment for Hodgkin's

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Courtesy photo

Cancer patient Olin Bearden and volunteer driver for Rides of Hope Dean Fleharty post for a photo during a trip to Allison Cancer Center.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

The Big Spring Lady Steers basketball team celebrates after clinching a playoff spot with a 52-38 win over San Angelo Lake View Friday in Sterling City. The Lady Steers are headed to the postseason after finishing 0-28 just a year ago.

The great turnaround

Lady Steers playoff bound after finishing winless a year ago

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

STERLING CITY — It's hard to think of a more dramatic turnaround than the one the Big Spring Lady Steers girls basketball team made in the 2008-2009 season.

After finishing 0-28 just a year ago, the Lady Steers are now playoff bound, following

a 52-38 drubbing of San Angelo Lake View Friday night in Sterling City in a play-in game for the final playoff spot available out of District 4-4A.

The Lady Steers (9-19) defeated Lake View, 43-24, Tuesday in Big Spring, forcing Friday's rematch for a trip to the playoffs.

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Frenship keeps Big Spring out of postseason

Steers clinch playoff berth with victory over Plainview

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

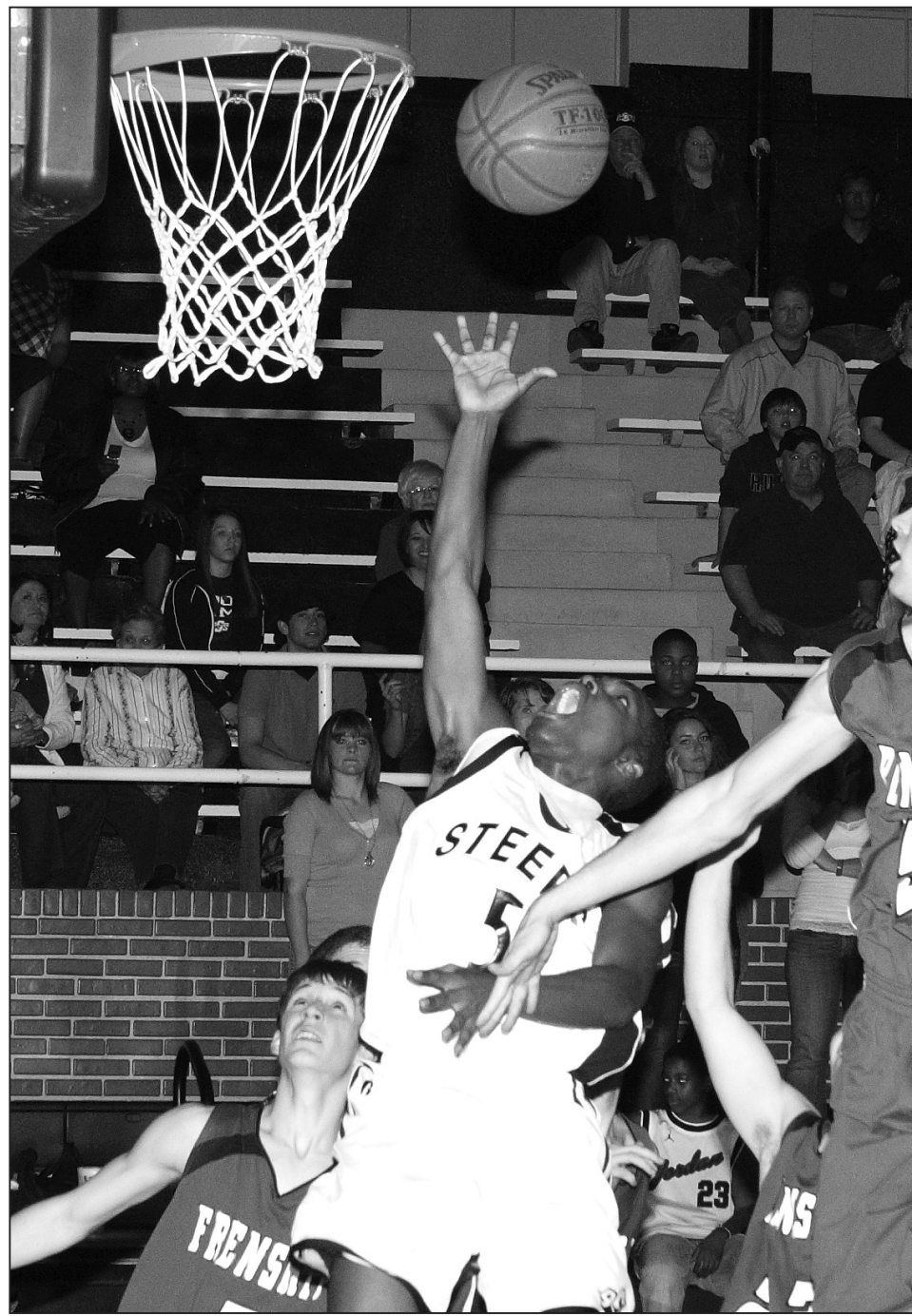
A self-destructive first period killed any hopes Big Spring's Steers might have had of clinching the third seed for the basketball postseason out of District 4-4A Friday.

The Steers struggled to get an open look at the basket and watched Frenship break down their full court press at will as the Tigers outscored Big Spring 15-2 in the opening stanza.

The early domination allowed the Tigers to coast to a 64-43 victory as they wrapped up the regular season 22-9 overall and claimed a district championship with a 7-1 record.

"We got off to a slow start and couldn't put the ball in the bucket," said Big Spring Head Coach Marcus Morris. "It wasn't a lack of effort I know that. We just didn't shoot well."

Frenship opened scoring the first nine



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring Steers guard Darius McCalister goes up for two points between three Frenship defenders at Steer Gym Friday. McCalister led the Steers with 11 points, but Big Spring fell to Frenship, 64-43.

Area roundup

Slow start costs 'Dogs

Herald Staff Report

COAHOMA — One bad quarter of basketball cost the Coahoma Bulldogs again Friday.

The Bulldogs struggled out of the gate, scoring just four points in the first period, allowing Jim Ned to take an 8-point advantage after one stanza.

The Bulldogs played with Jim Ned in the final three periods, but couldn't regain control, falling 49-38.

Jim Ned remains undefeated in District 7-2A play and clinched at least a share of the league's title with the victory.

No Coahoma player scored in double figures with Isaac Garcia leading with nine points, while Jovi Paniagua scored eight.

Jim Ned was led by Steven Morgan's 14 with Hayden Holson adding another 11.

Jim Ned 12 13 12 12—49

Coahoma 4 14 11 9—38

Jim Ned (20-9, 9-0): Hunter Lloyd 8, Destrly Bakus 4, Luke Taylor 2, Hayden Holson 11, Steven Morgan 14, Blake Allen 2, Bo Bryant 2, Jace Avery 6.

Coahoma (20-11, 2-7): Josh Paniagua 3, Mikey Mendoza 3, Braden Griffin 5, Karly Green 4, Isaac Garcia 9, Jovi Paniagua 8, Cody Sheppard 6.

3-point goals: JN 5 (Lloyd 2, Morgan 3), C 6 (Mendoza 1, Griffin 1, Green 1, Garcia 1, J. Paniagua 2). Total fouls: JN 17, C 11. Fouled out: None. Technicals: JN 1 (Bryant).

Garden City 40, Robert Lee 38

GARDEN CITY — Garden City's Bearkats finished the 2008-2009 boys basketball season undefeated in District 10-IIA, but it didn't come easy.

The Bearkats received their biggest challenge of the season

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Hawks sweep first of two doubleheaders from Lon Morris Friday

Herald Staff Report

Howard College's baseball team improved to 4-0 on the season Friday as they swept Lon Morris College, which is based out of Jacksonville, Texas, 5-2 and 13-0.

The sweep was somewhat similar to the first two games Howard played last week against McLennan College.

Against McLennan, the Hawks rolled

in Game 1, 11-1, but struggled to put away their opponent in Game 2 with a 9-8 victory.

Against Lon Morris Friday, the Hawks didn't have much luck in Game 1, but held on with strong pitching and defensive performances.

Game 2 saw the Hawks dominate its opponent and bring the contest to an early end due to the mercy rule.

Howard played a second doubleheader with Lon Morris Saturday.

Full results of the final two games of the four-game series will be available in Monday's edition of the Herald.

For more information and updates about any Howard athletic teams, call the Hawk Hotline at 264-5169.

Sports in brief

Big Spring & Coahoma Little League sign-ups continue

Big Spring and Coahoma Little League baseball organizations have merged this year and sign-ups for the community have begun at the old Athletic Supply Store in the Big Spring Mall.

Registration will last through Saturday. Available times for sign-ups are as follows:

Monday through Friday: 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost is \$60 with no raffle and parents should bring their child's birth certificate with them.

For more information, contact Robert Smith at 263-7331 or 263-3333.

Everyone wearing red or black at HC game Monday gets in free

Howard College will be hosting Odessa College in doubleheader basketball action Monday starting at

5:30 p.m.

All fans wearing red or black will be admitted free of charge.

Halftime entertainment will be SHOUT — a dance team from Odessa.

Howard College hosting practice and girls basketball playoff games

Howard College is always playing host to several different high school basketball playoff games every season and the 2009 version of the postseason is no different. Here's the schedule put in place so far:

Tuesday

Klondike vs. Water Valley, 6 p.m.

Feb. 20

Greenwood vs. Abilene Wylie, 8 p.m. (only if Greenwood wins its first round game Tuesday.)

Coahoma softball alumni needed for annual game

The 7th Annual Coahoma Softball Alumni Game has been scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday and will be played at the Coahoma High School field.

Any former player interested in participating should call Amy Dunn at 263-2228 or 394-4323.

BSCC hosting 4-person scramble Feb. 21-22

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 4-person scramble tournament Feb. 21-22 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

Entry fee is \$75 per player plus cart, although private carts are welcome.

Entry includes barbecue on the course both days and practice rounds on Friday.

The field will be flighted by first-round score. Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for information.

Smart Meal Ideas

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FAMILY FEATURES

These days, people are looking for simple ways to stretch their dollar in all facets of life, and mealtime is no exception. Dining at home is a great alternative to pricey take-out or restaurant visits and doesn't have to require long hours in the kitchen or complicated ingredients. For more than 60 years, Campbell's Kitchen has been a trusted resource for recipes that are quick, delicious and affordable too.

Campbell Soup Company recently introduced a "Recipes Under \$10 Collection" featuring family-favorite recipes designed to feed a family of four on a budget. From **Hearty Lasagna Soup** to **Easy Chicken and Cheese Enchiladas**, each of the recipes in the collection demonstrates that cutting costs does not mean sacrificing great taste. Visit www.campbellskitchen.com for additional budget friendly meal ideas.

Easy Chicken and Cheese Enchiladas

Makes: 6 servings
Prep: 10 minutes
Cook: 40 minutes

- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) *Campbell's Condensed Cream of Chicken soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free or Healthy Request)*
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 cup *Pace Picante sauce*
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 2 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese (about 2 ounces)
- 6 flour tortillas (6-inch), warmed
- 1 small tomato, chopped (about 1/2 cup)
- 1 green onion, sliced (about 2 tablespoons)

1. Stir the soup, sour cream, picante sauce and chili powder in a medium bowl.
2. Stir 1 cup picante sauce mixture, chicken and cheese in a large bowl.
3. Divide the chicken mixture among the tortillas. Roll up the tortillas and place them seam side up in 11 x 8-inch shallow baking dish. Pour the remaining picante sauce mixture over the filled tortillas. Cover the baking dish.
4. Bake at 350°F for 40 minutes or until the enchiladas are hot and bubbling. Top with tomato and onion.

Tip: Stir 1/2 cup canned black beans, drained and rinsed, into the chicken mixture before filling the tortillas.

Cost per recipe: \$8.54
Cost per recipe serving: \$1.42
Cost calculations based on December 2008 national average prices.



Easy Chicken and Cheese Enchiladas

Spicy Salsa Mac 'n' Beef

Makes: 4 servings
Prep: 5 minutes
Cook: 25 minutes

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) *Campbell's Condensed Beef broth*
- 1 1/3 cups water
- 2 cups uncooked medium shell-shaped pasta
- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) *Campbell's Condensed Cheddar Cheese soup*
- 1 cup *Pace Thick and Chunky salsa*

1. Cook beef in skillet over medium-high heat until browned, stirring to separate meat. Pour off fat.
2. Add broth and water. Heat to a boil. Add pasta. Cook over medium heat 10 minutes or until pasta is done, stirring often.
3. Add soup and salsa. Heat through.

Cost per recipe: \$8.49
Cost per recipe serving: \$2.12
Cost calculations based on December 2008 national average prices.



Spicy Salsa Mac 'n' Beef

Hearty Lasagna Soup

Makes: 4 servings
Prep: 10 minutes
Cook: 25 minutes

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 3 1/2 cups *Swanson Beef broth (Regular, 50% Less Sodium or Certified Organic)*
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes
- 1/4 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning, crushed
- 1 1/2 cups uncooked mafalda or corkscrew-shaped pasta
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1. Cook beef, onion, garlic and parsley in 3-quart saucepan over medium-high heat 10 minutes or until beef is well browned, stirring often. Pour off fat.
2. Stir broth, tomatoes and Italian seasoning in saucepan and heat to a boil.
3. Stir pasta in saucepan. Reduce heat to medium. Cook 10 minutes or until pasta is tender. Stir in cheese. Serve with additional cheese, if desired.

Cost per recipe: \$7.91
Cost per recipe serving: \$1.97
Cost calculations based on December 2008 national average prices.



Hearty Lasagna Soup



Chicken and Broccoli Alfredo

Chicken and Broccoli Alfredo

Makes: 4 servings
Prep: 10 minutes
Cook: 20 minutes

- 1/2 of a 1-pound package linguine
- 1 cup fresh or frozen broccoli flowerets
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) *Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free, 25% Less Sodium or Healthy Request)*
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

1. Prepare linguine according to package directions in a 3-quart saucepan. Add broccoli during the last 4 minutes of cooking. Drain linguine mixture well in a colander.
2. Heat butter in a 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook until well browned, stirring often.
3. Stir soup, milk, cheese, black pepper and linguine mixture in skillet. Cook until mixture is hot and bubbling, stirring occasionally. Serve with additional Parmesan cheese.

Tip: You can substitute spaghetti or fettuccine for the linguine in this recipe.

Cost per recipe: \$9.05
Cost per recipe serving: \$2.26
Cost calculations based on December 2008 national average prices.

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Obituaries

Louise Burgess



Louise Beverly Burgess, 91, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009, after a brief illness. Graveside services are 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 16, 2009, at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Carrie Annie Louise Beverly to Alton and Donie Heard Beverly in Randolph County, Ala., March 29, 1917. Webb Air Force Base brought Smokey and Louise to Big Spring in 1961, where they retired in 1964.

Smokey preceded her in death in 1978. She was also preceded in death by her parents, four sisters, one brother, and one grandson.

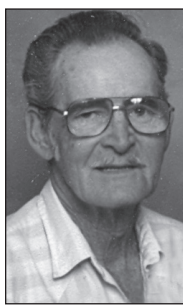
She was a talented song writer and poet and loved performing for her church and friends. She was heavily involved in the weekend jamborees of the 1970s, and she has two poems buried in the 1976 Howard County Courthouse Time Capsule.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandy Sharp and granddaughter, Marsha Sturdivant of Big Spring, grandson, Allen York, of New Braunfels; 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

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

Paid obituary

Jack Lee Bullard



Jack Lee Bullard, 79, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009, at his residence. No services are planned at this time.

He was born March 18, 1929, in Coalton, Okla., and married Cletis Wilkinson on Dec. 8, 1947, in Selma, Calif.

He worked as a truck driver, retiring in 1990. He came to Big Spring in September of 2006 from King-

man, Ariz.

Survivors include his wife, Cletis Bullard of Big Spring; two daughters, Sherry Felts and Frances Catano, both of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Anthony and Debbie Bullard of Kingman, Ariz., and William and Cindy Bullard of Big Spring;

nine grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Celia Westerman Vykukal



Celia Westerman Vykukal, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009, at Marin General Hospital. A private service will be held in Belvedere, Calif.

She grew up in Big Spring and attended Big Spring High School. She graduated from the University of Texas and married Eugene L. Vykukal. They opened a drug store in Clifton and she began a teaching

career in Central Texas. After their divorce, she moved to Odessa and taught with the Ector County Independent School District for more than 20 years.

She is survived by a daughter, Anna Vykukai (Missy) Leathers and her husband, William Randolph Leathers Jr.; a brother, Robert Cecil Westerman; and her pet dog, Frosty.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to MGH Cardiac Care Unit and/or MGH Chaplaincy Program and be sent to the Marin General Hospital Foundation, 100B Drake's Landing Road, Suite 250 Greenbrae, CA 94904.

Doris Satterwhite Vaszauskas



Doris Satterwhite Vaszauskas, 84, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009, in Weatherford. Family graveside services will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, with a Celebration of Life Service following at the First United Methodist Church in Lamesa at 10 a.m. with Beverly Titus officiating under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. The family invites you to stay after the service to tell stories and remember Doris.

Doris was born in Howard County on Oct. 9, 1924. Her parents were Bill and Roxie Satterwhite. She

went to school in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1942. She met Joseph Vaszauskas in Corpus Christi while he was in the Navy. They married on Dec. 12, 1947. They moved from Silver Springs, Md., to Lamesa in 1955.

In Lamesa, Doris worked at the First United Methodist Church for 12 years as the church secretary. She was a life member of the Medical Arts Hospital Auxiliary and Pink Ladies.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Joe, who died last April; her parents, Bill and Roxie Satterwhite; and her brother, Billy Satterwhite.

She is survived by her sister, Dorothy Stripling of Big Spring; her daughter, Vicki and her husband Dave Cummins of Lamesa; her son, Jim and his wife Cindy Vaszauskas of Weatherford; and her son, Jon and his partner Keith Granet of Los Angeles, Calif.; and five grandsons.

The family would like to request that those wishing to make donations in lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to the Medical Arts Hospital Auxiliary, P.O. Box 754 Lamesa 79331.

Ruth B. Holmes

Ruth B. Holmes, 90, of Midland, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m., Monday, Feb. 16, 2009, at Crestview Baptist Church in Midland with Dr. John Gerlach officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Survivors include a son, James C. Holmes of Midland; daughter, Belinda Pyle of Graham; son Larry Wayne Holmes of Midland; brother, W.R. Banks of Big Spring; sister, Shirley Rogers of Corona, Mich.; nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James E. Holmes; mother and father; and four brothers, Pete, Jake, Jack and Clyde.

Memorials can be made to Building Fund at Crestview Baptist Church, 3300 Thomas, Midland 79703 or Hospice Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702.

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Gordon ready to snap 41-race winless streak

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Jeff Gordon has already been to Victory Lane this season. Has a trophy and some pictures of him celebrating to prove it.

So imagine the hard time he had explaining to his Belgian-born wife why his victory in a Daytona 500 qualifying race didn't snap his 41-race winless streak.

"I went home and was talking to Ingrid and she was like, 'Oh, it's so great you won,' " he said of his victory Thursday in the non-points event. "I was like, 'Yeah, baby, that was fantastic. But don't think that that counted.' She's like, 'That didn't count?' And I was like, 'No.'"

That's not entirely accurate.

Gordon's win gave him a second-row starting spot for Sunday's season-opening Daytona 500, the biggest

event of the year. And it gave his Hendrick Motorsports team confidence it can rebound from one of the worst seasons of Gordon's storied career.

The four-time Cup champion suffered through his first winless season since his 1993 rookie campaign, and a Daytona 500 victory would ease the embarrassment of last year. Gordon has won NASCAR's version of the Super Bowl three times, but not since 2005.

But with a strong car and momentum from his Thursday victory, Gordon could be poised to end the longest losing streak of his career.

"It counted for us, the motivation and the confidence-builder, and while it was fantastic to be in Victory Lane, we realize that we've got to do it on Sunday," he said. "I think we've got what it takes to do it on Sunday."

That there's even any doubt wheth-

er Gordon can still get the job done is almost unfathomable.

He revolutionized the sport right from the start, collecting victories at an overwhelming clip while running over the competition. His 81 career wins rank fourth on NASCAR's career list, and at one point, he seemed destined to catch Richard Petty's record 200 wins.

Gordon was still at the top of his game in 2007, when he set a NASCAR record with 30 top-10 finishes in 36 races during a down-to-the-wire championship chase with teammate Jimmie Johnson.

Johnson ultimately won, and Gordon hasn't been the same since. He failed to win a race last year, and even though he made the Chase for the championship, he was never a credible title contender.

The failures put the team under intense scrutiny, even though Gordon

remained fiercely committed to his crew.

"I guess everyone was a little embarrassed, but Jeff is a guy who never complains, never points fingers," team owner Rick Hendrick said. "Maybe it might have helped if he'd raised a little more hell. But we were just not good enough for that team and I think Jeff is so used to carrying it on his shoulders.

"I think we all just gave up at one point there, but it motivated us to come back. That was the first year where I feel like we just let him down. We just killed him right out of the gate and we couldn't recover."

But as he starts his 17th season, Gordon wants it made clear that he's sharing responsibility for the team's failures. Midway through the 2007 season, when he was in the thick of

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LADY STEERS

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Both contests played out similarly with the Lady Steers outplaying the Maidens in every phase of the game. The win puts Big Spring into the playoffs for the first time since 2000.

The Lady Steers will face seventh-ranked Amarillo Palo Duro in the first round at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Lubbock Christian University.

"This is super, super, super," said Lady Steers Head Coach Mike Warren. "We won't know for a couple of years, but I think this opportunity to play a team like Amarillo Palo Duro in the postseason is going to be important to this team's development. We know how tough Palo Duro is going to be. They're going to be awesome. Just to listen to the girls in the locker room and to see how much fun they're having and how much confidence they're gaining. It's hard to describe exactly how important this opportunity is going to be."

Lake View scored the first two points of the game and that was the

only lead the Maidens would obtain in the contest.

Big Spring came right back with a 6-2 run and led by 10 at the end of the first period, 15-5. Lake View did fight back in the second, pulling within 6 by intermission.

The Lady Steers opened the second half with a 7-2 run, busting out to a 29-18 advantage with 4:57 to play in the third period. They led 39-30 heading into the final eight minutes of play.

A great start to the fourth period put the game out of reach for Lake View. Keyed by Bridgette Tuitt, the Lady Steers opened the final stanza with a 10-3 run, giving them a 49-33 advantage with 4:20 to go.

Lake View got some open looks at the basket in the final four minutes, but couldn't capitalize on the opportunities to cut into the deficit.

The Lady Steers did have a frightening moment on the court as Tuitt — their best ball handler — collapsed at mid-court with 2:06 left to play. She stayed on the floor for several minutes and was eventually assisted off the court under her own power.

"I think Bridgette was completely

dehydrated," speculated Warren. "I think she played until she couldn't go anymore. That's how hard she played. She was great."

Lake View attempted to seize the opportunity by applying a full court press with Tuitt off the court, but Valerie Ross answered the call, carefully handling the ball and leading the Lady Steers to an efficient showing in the final two minutes.

Ross and freshman Taylor Seaton went 3 for 4 from the line in the final minute to ice the game for Big Spring.

"I think we have a lot of discipline on defense," said Warren. "We're learning offensively on when to go and when not to go. We have to continue to work on that. I think our guards did an excellent job tonight. There's not a guard on our bench, so all three of them are on the court the entire game. I think that's why Bridgette collapsed. Valerie really stepped up and did a great job handling the ball."

Ross scored a game-high 13 points, while Tuitt added 12.

Jaelyn Williams led Lake View with 11.

As for taking on one of the state's best Class 4A teams Tuesday, Warren just wants to see the effort and will to compete from the Lady Steers.

"We just want to try and go compete and maybe handle a little bit of their pressure," explained Warren. "I understand they're going to pressure us from start to finish. I've heard they don't call off the dogs. Hopefully, playing Frenship and Plainview can help us deal with what Palo Duro is going to throw at us. If we can break their press, then I think we have a chance to compete because they're going to have five athletes on the floor who are going to run, run, run and run."

Lake View	5	11	14	8-38
Big Spring	15	7	17	13-52

Lake View (7-21, 1-7): Jaelyn Williams 5 1-5 11, C-Anne Bendanillo 2 2-4 7, Allyson Frost 3 0-0 6, Mercedes Reyes 1 0-1 2, Priscilla Guzman 2 0-0 4, Yvonne Montalvo 0 2-4 2, Bri Portillo 1 0-0 2, Christina Moses 1 0-1 2, Mitzi Salgado 1 0-0 2. Totals 16 5-15 38.

Big Spring (9-19, 1-7): Linzee Yarbar 3 0-0 6, Taylor Seaton 3 3-4 9, Valerie Ross 4 4-6 13, Bridgette Tuitt 5 2-2 12, Cerbi Ritchey 4 0-3 8, Desiree Anderson 2 0-0 4. Totals 21 9-15 52.

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Club News

TOPS Club Tx No. 21

TOPS met Monday evening in the First Christian Church fellowship hall at 10th and Goliad.

The meeting was called to order by Frank Sickles in the absence of Leader Laura Sickles. He called for the TOPS cheer and all present responded with enthusiasm.

Linda Stapel then led the TOPS pledge. The KOPS pledge was not given, due to our KOPS being out of town.

The welcome song was then led by Olnee Menges and sung by all members. Roll call was then answered with a loss of 10.25 pounds by the members and Frank Sickles was recognized as the best loser of the week with a loss of 5 pounds. He was awarded with a certificate and \$1. There were nine TOPS present.

The business began with the read of the minutes by Linda Stapel and they

were approved as read. We were then reminded of State Recognition Days April 17-18 in Wichita Falls. Hotel rooms are rapidly filling up, so make your reservations soon. Registration for SRD is due to Frank Sickles by Feb. 16 to take advantage of the early registration discount.

The program was then presented by Carol Smith. Her comments emphasized the importance of members to: 1. Think about losing weight daily; 2. Members need to make a plan to lose weight; and 3. Do it!

If you slip up with your plan one day, re-evaluate the plan and put it in to action the next day. You can do it. Members should recite the TOPS pledge during each day to help themselves stay on course.

TOPS Club meets each Monday at 5:30 p.m. at First Christian Church. Visitors are welcome. For more information, contact Frank Sickles at 213-

1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819.

Obesity is a serious health problem and difficult to overcome but TOPS Club can help. We need you and you need us. Call now.

Big Spring Art Association

The BSAA met Jan. 20 for its monthly meeting. A short business meeting was held, discussing the upcoming area-wide art show to be held in May at Howard College, and another art studio tour May 8. Upcoming workshops were announced: Mike Mahoney will give a workshop for the Odessa Art Association Feb. 25-27, and Doug Walton will give a workshop at Displays of Splendor March 23-27.

Bruce Schooler showed a video on digital photography and discussed it afterward, answering questions on photography. Adam Hernandez (Ackerly artist and caterer) provided the refreshments for the evening.

Our next meeting is Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. Our featured program artist will not be able to give the presentation this month, but will at a later date. We are going to have an excellent video on

watercolor painting and there will be watercolor artists at the meeting who can answer any questions on this medium. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Ruby Bruns (president) at (432) 664-1943 or Belle Schooler (secretary) at (432) 466-3315. We encourage all artists/photographers or those just interested in art/photography to come and visit with us.

Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association will meet at Howard College's Cactus Room Monday, Feb. 16, after a Dutch treat lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Carol Horton, Odessa, will speak on "Disposition of Untitled Property." The public is welcome to attend. Our meetings are short and informative, and we try to conclude by 1 p.m.

Plans to attend the State Retired Teachers Association Convention will be discussed. The convention will be held March 29-31 in Dallas.

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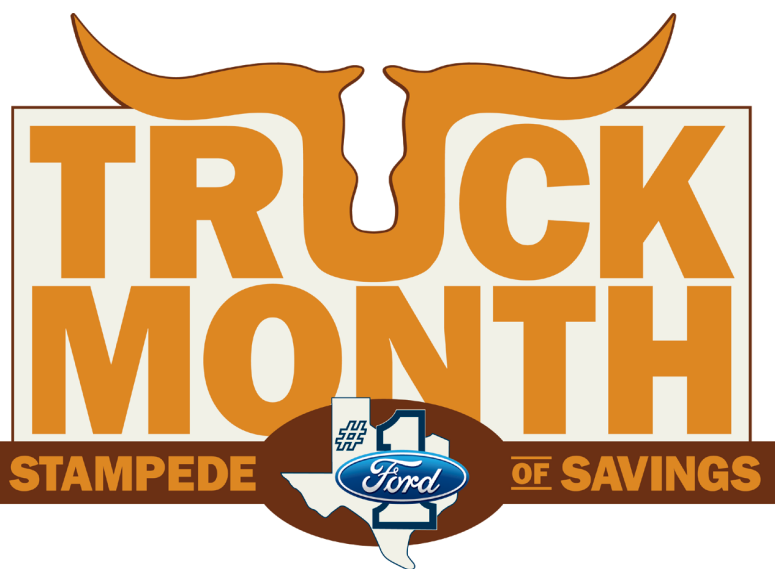
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YMCA

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years as a branch manager for the El Paso YMCA system. During his time here, he is credited with helping enlarge both the facility's membership and services.

"Pete helped us make a lot of progress while he was here,"

said Ron Shafer, vice president of the YMCA board of directors. "The building got a pretty good facelift (in 2000) and program membership increased during his tenure. He's done a great job for us."

Thiry deflected some of that praise, saying the progress was a result of more than one man's efforts.

"I'll always remember the cooperative spirit of working

with people here," he said. "The renovation, the skate park collaboration with the city, assuming supervisory duties at the city pool, all of that was the result of a lot of people working together."

In Thiry's absence, David Hodges, a retired YMCA administrator, will run the local facility on an interim basis until a full-time replacement is found, a process

expected to take two to three months.

Shafer, who is heading the local search committee, said Joe Casado, resource director for the Y, will post the job and screen applications before presenting candidates for the local board's approval.

Shafer said the board is looking for someone with managerial experience, as well as someone well-versed

in fund-raising, child care and other activities available at the YMCA.

To submit an application, contact Casado in writing at 3312 Omar Lane, Plano 75023.

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COUNTY

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vious sheriff (Dale Walker) wanted was for the jail to not look like a jail," said Heffelfinger. "That's why these fenced areas are so small. However, in talking with Sheriff Parker, there's some concern over this area here," he said, pointing to a drawing of the property, "and the level of access the public will have to the jail."

Parker said he was concerned the areas would be travelled on, both by foot and with vehicles.

"If you just leave that area open, it's just a matter of time," said Parker.

The court gave the go-ahead to have the fenced area extended to cover the area. According to Heffelfinger, the fence will be 10 feet tall with barbed wire and razor wire at the top.

"This is what's called a high-security fence, not a prison fence," said Heffelfinger. "There won't be the two fences with the concertina wire at the bottom like you see at the prisons."

The court also approved a change in the allocation of room within the jail, in an effort to provide more space for the facility's computer system.

"We have one electronics room allocated now. However, we'll barely be able to fit all of the electronics in it, and it will leave no room at all for

expansion. With the old computer system, it would have been fine. However, with the SMART jail computer system the court purchased, there is a much larger rack of servers."

Heffelfinger suggested the court convert another room within the facility into a second electronics room, complete with a self-contained cooling unit to keep the computers from overheating.

The change would also call for an additional 200 feet of cables to be pulled through the jail's attic-type area, as well as the addition of several CAT-6 boxes and electrical outlets.

The court approved the measure on a 3-1 vote, with Commissioner Gary Simer absent and Commissioner Jimmie Long the lone dissenter.

"Based off the figures he (Heffelfinger) gave us, I felt it was overpriced on the electrical side of it," said Long. "The HVAC portion of it seemed to be inline, but a little more than \$4,000 in electrical assets when we already had some of them pulled — and I know he explained we would get a credit on some of that — I just felt like it was presented to the court as an oversight, and as far as purchasing goes, it was priced too high.

"We're looking at 20 outlets for \$4,000, and I understand they have to pull the wire, but we can get that done quite a bit cheaper. That's \$200-

plus per plug, and I thought it was too much."

The court also approved \$4,755 to sod and irrigate an area that would serve as a parking lot if the jail was expanded to a 144-bed facility in the future, but had been overlooked in the current 96-bed configuration.

A change was also necessary to bring the jail's exercise yard into compliance with local fire code by placing emergency sprinkler heads 12-18 inches from the ceiling. When asked by commissioners if the measure could be challenged, Heffelfinger was cautionary.

"With something like this, you have to pick your battles," said Heffelfinger. "And this isn't a battle I would pick."

"It makes sense, it's just a bitter pill," said County Judge Mark Barr.

The 96-bed jail, which was approved by voters in 2006, will replace the current facility located in the Howard County Courthouse.

Barr said the early completion date — the original completion date for the facility was April — should have jail officials and inmates ready to move in sometime in March.

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins
Jeff Heffelfinger, the architect in charge of the construction of the new County Jail facility, explains a number of change orders necessary to finish up the project, which is expected to be completed by the end of March.

STIMULUS

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favor in a nearly deserted Senate, hours after the roll call began. He arrived after a flight aboard a government plane from Ohio, where he was mourning the death of his mother earlier in the week.

Obama "now has a bill to sign that will create millions of good-paying jobs and help families and businesses stay afloat financially," said Sen. Max Baucus, a Montana Democrat who was a leading architect of the measure.

"It will shore up our schools and roads and bridges, and infuse cash into new sectors like green energy and technology that will sustain our economy for the long term," he added in a statement.

Hours earlier, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell offered a different predic-

tion for a bill he said was loaded with wasteful spending.

"A stimulus bill that was supposed to be timely, targeted and temporary is none of the above," he said in remarks on the Senate floor. "And this means Congress is about to approve a stimulus that's unlikely to have much stimulative effect."

In a struggle lasting several weeks, lawmakers in the two political parties both emphasized they wanted to pass legislation to revitalize the economy and ease frozen credit markets. But the plan that the administration and its allies eventually came up drew the support of only three Republicans in Congress — moderate Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania.

Their support was critical, though, in helping the bill squeak through the Senate on a vote of

60-38, precisely the number needed for passage. The House vote was 246-183.

The legislation, among the costliest ever considered in Congress, provides billions of dollars to aid victims of the recession through unemployment benefits, food stamps, medical care, job retraining and more. Tens of billions are ticketed for the states to offset cuts they might otherwise have to make in aid to schools and local governments, and there is more than \$48 billion for transportation projects such as road and bridge construction, mass transit and high-speed rail.

Democrats said the bill's tax cuts would help 95 percent of all Americans, much of the relief in the form of a break of \$400 for individuals and \$800 for couples. At the insistence of the White House, people who do not earn enough money to owe income taxes are

eligible, an attempt to offset the payroll taxes they pay.

In a bow to political reality, lawmakers included \$70 billion to shelter upper middle-class and wealthier taxpayers from an income tax increase that would otherwise hit them, a provision that the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office said would do relatively little to create jobs.

Also included were funds for two of Obama's initiatives, the expansion of computerized information technology in the health care industry and billions to create so-called green jobs the administration says will begin reducing the country's dependence on foreign oil.

Friday's events capped an early period of accomplishment for the Democrats, who won control of the White House and expanded their majorities in Congress in last fall's elections.

Since taking office on Jan. 20, the president has signed legislation extending government-financed health care to millions of lower-income children who lack it, a bill that President George W. Bush twice vetoed. He also has placed his signature on a measure making it easier for workers to sue their employers for alleged job discrimination, effectively over-

turning a ruling by the Supreme Court's conservative majority.

RIDES

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Lymphoma. Donna is employed full-time as a nurse and realized the hardship placed on co-workers by frequent absence, and so, set out to find other means of transportation for Roy. Rides of Hope was advertised at Allison. A call was placed to Schwiening, to seek assistance and the idea was born out of that conversation to work toward a resource for Howard County residents

Anne's vision of Rides of Hope corresponds with the same idea that Donna felt would be necessary to meet the needs of her brother. More was needed than a "taxi" ride to and from treatments. The need for someone who would treat him like family was apparent.

"There is a need not only to take the patients to their treatments, but to take them to the pharmacy to pick up medications, to lunch, shopping for needed items, to church, to the hospital for tests or treatment that is a necessary part of their recovery," said Donna. "Sometimes just to take someone for some fun time out of the house!"

Retired Senior Volunteer Services (RSVP) is sponsoring the new ministry. Volunteers are being sought to drive patients to and from Allison Cancer

Center for treatment. To sign up, call Donna at 264-7523 and leave a message.

Rides of Hope was established to serve the patients and to meet more than just a basic need. Their motto is: Enjoy your time with them-so they will enjoy their time with us. Remember a smile given is a smile received! 1 Peter 5:2-4.

A meeting is planned to discuss this volunteer opportunity, Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Fourth and Scurry. The meeting will be in the Youth Hall.

"We are excited about this program. We hope to be able to provide this service to any citizen of Howard County in need of transportation for cancer treatment," said Donna.

Mavs' Terry hoping for speedy return

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Mavericks standout sixth man Jason Terry, his broken left hand still heavily wrapped after surgery, hopes to be shooting again as early as next week.

What remains unclear is when he will again be the first man off the bench for Dallas.

"Well, I can go tonight, but I don't think the doctor is going to let me," Terry said with one of his characteristic grins Thursday night before the Mavericks' home game against Boston. "It's going to be sooner than later. We'll come out after the (All-Star) break and see how I am next

week and hopefully start shooting, get back out there."

After getting hurt in the second quarter Saturday night against the Chicago Bulls, Terry optimistically said he hoped to be back in three weeks.

The Mavs haven't put a timetable on his return since the surgery Monday to stabilize the break in his non-shooting hand.

Terry, the Mavs' second-leading scorer (19.9 points a game), said he got hurt when his hand got caught up in the jersey of teammate J.J. Barea, or maybe a Chicago player, while going for a loose ball.

Terry described the injury as "a twist fracture" where his hand twist-

ed and snapped, though he played the rest of the half.

"It was just an unfortunate play. It sounds like a freak accident," Terry said. "I knew something was wrong. I felt a sharp pain. ... You could feel it throbbing. It didn't swell up too bad but it was a red mark, which I knew something was wrong."

With Terry out, coach Rick Carlisle is being forced to use several different players to fill the void.

"A guaranteed 20 points off your bench, that's like gold in this league. ... We've got to have a lot of guys step up," Carlisle said. "You're losing not only a terrific player, but you're losing one of the real compelling personalities on our team."

Terry smiled while greeting teammates in the locker room.

Including the two games this week, Terry has missed only 14 games in his 10 NBA seasons. Only Philadelphia's Andre Miller (five) has missed fewer games in that same span.

"It's tough. This is the first time it's happened in my career that I've had injury that's been major," Terry said. "I call this major, but I don't think it's going to be that serious. I haven't missed this much time. It's obviously an adjustment for me, but just staying positive, staying around the guys is going to help me."

DAYTONA

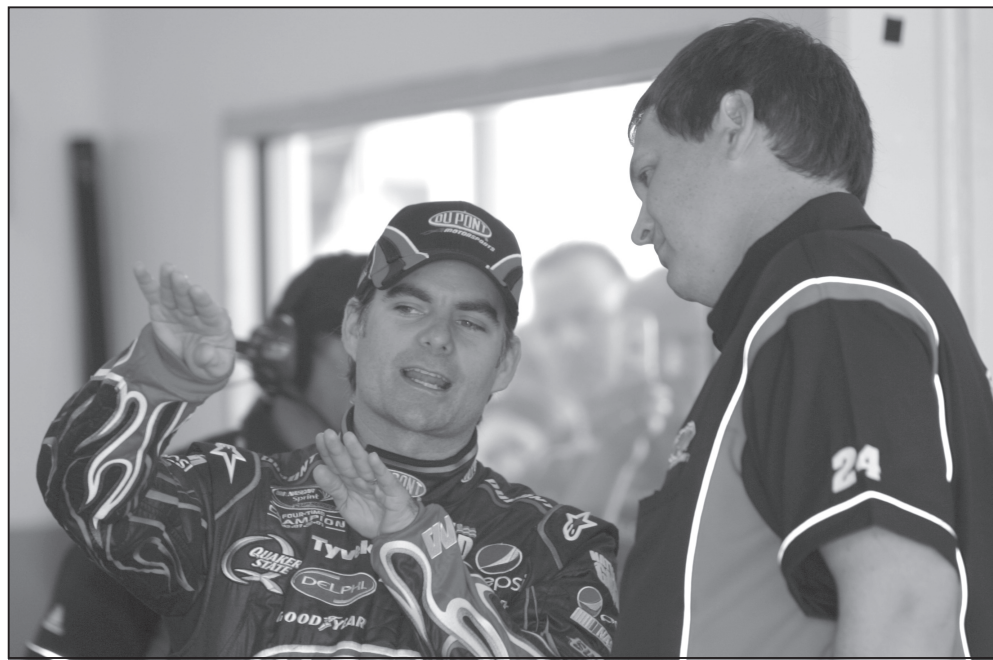
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the title hunt, he said his back began bothering him and he failed to properly address it.

His wife urged him to see a personal trainer and make physical fitness a priority, but the genetically thin Gordon was too stubborn to listen. His back issues continued — tightness and spasms he said sometimes affected his concentration while in the race car — and it complicated his already-slow adjustment to NASCAR's full-time use of its new car.

"I'm not making excuses," Gordon said. "People seem to think I can't drive a loose car, and I admit it took time for me to get comfortable with this car, but it had nothing to do with it being too loose. Between my back, and the adjusting to the new car, we just didn't have the season we're accustomed to."

So Gordon is now in the gym, and has someone at the track helping him with his back to make sure he's properly stretched before each race.



AP photo/Jim Topper

Driver Jeff Gordon, left, talks to crew chief Steve Letarte, right, during practice Saturday for Sunday's Daytona 500 NASCAR auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. Gordon is attempting to win his first race in 41 attempts.

And he's also getting quite comfortable in his car, which is bad news for

the competition.

For as frustrating as last season

was for Gordon, he said 2000 was actually his worst year. He won three races that year and finished ninth in the final standings, but said he struggled with a new spring package in the car and it prevented him from challenging for the championship.

But one year later, he was back on top, winning nine races while capturing the last of his four titles.

"We tend to bounce back rather well," he smiled.

Gordon was still smiling after Saturday's final practice session before the 500, when he posted the ninth-fastest speed during a quick run. His car was so good, Gordon spent most of his time on the track out front, giving him a strong feeling for Sunday's race.

"I haven't been this excited about a Daytona 500 in a long time," he said. "It's anybody's race. But I just feel like this team, and all of Hendrick Motorsports come very well prepared. I know we've got all the pieces in place there, now we've just got to go out and execute."

"We showed what we can do on Thursday. Now we've got to do it for 500 miles."

STEERS

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points of the game and kept the Steers off the board until the 3:13 mark in the first period. Jerrell Williams scored Big Spring's only basket in the opening stanza.

The Steers made a run to cut the Tigers' deficit to 8 early in the second period, using a 7-0 rally to pull within 17-9 with 6:11 left in the first half.

"There were a few times we took two quick of a shot, but we got a lot of looks we wanted," noted Morris. "We were limited to one shot and that always hurts. It was one of those nights. Our effort was good the second half. It's hard to explain what happened early."

However, the Steers didn't score another bucket for three minutes and Frenship finished the second outscoring Big Spring 23-10, giving the Tigers a 40-19 advantage at the break.

The Tigers opened the third with a 7-2 run, breaking out to their biggest lead of the night, 47-21, with 5:30 to play in the period.

Big Spring was able to cut the deficit to 16 points with a 12-2 run, but couldn't sustain to pull any closer.

Frenship was led by Lance Ratliff, who scored 12 of his game-high 14 points in the first half.

Four other Tigers reached double figures in scoring with Kyler Pool knocking down three treys as a part of an 11-point performance, while Jordan Merchant and Zach Kittley had 10 apiece.

Scott McInnes added 12 more points from the post.

The Steers were led by Darius McCalister, who scored 11 points. Tyrone Clemons hit for nine.

The loss drops the Steers to 3-4 in district play, just a game ahead of Lake View and Plainview. Big Spring travels to Plainview (13-16, 2-5) at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and can clinch the third seed in the post-season out of 4-4A with a victory.

"I feel good if we'll play the way we're capable of. If we have a copy of last night's game then it's going to be hard to beat anybody," Morris said. "We should be excited about playing especially with hopes of extending the season. There's no reason we should go up to Plainview and not put up a good performance."

However, a Big Spring loss combined with a Lake View win would place the Steers in a three-way tie with Plainview and the Chiefs, leaving Big Spring's postseason hopes in the hands of a tiebreaker system.

"I'm not even sure of all the tiebreaker scenarios," said Morris. "I don't know if our head-to-head tiebreaker against Lake View would count or if we would just go to a coin flip or a combination of a coin flip and mini-playoff series. I'm going to have to go over the district minutes with the other coaches and figure it out. Of course, we're hoping it doesn't come to that. We'd rather just take care of business Tuesday and avoid the confusion."

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Frenship (22-9, 7-1): Kyler Pool 4 0-0 11, Lance Ratliff 6 1-2 14,

Scott McInnes 6 0-1 12, Jordan Merchant 1 8-8 10, Zach Kittley 3 4-5 10, Ryan Whaley 1 0-0 2, Scooter Williams 0 0-2 0, Chas Quisenberry 1 1-2 3, Jade Hughes 1 0-0 2. Totals 23 14-20 64.

Big Spring (10-17, 3-4): Darius McCalister 4 3-7 11, Jerrell Williams 3 0-0 6, Tyrone Clemons 2 4-7 9, Chris Brooks 1 0-0 2, Matt Ritchey

1 2-5 4, Sidney Parker 1 0-0 2, Xavian Parnell 2 3-5 7, John Benavides 1 0-0 2, Sam Segundo 0 0-2 0, Pavel Plakhotny 0 0-2 0. Totals 15 12-28 43.

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Raul and Sara Rubio

50th Wedding Anniversary

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The celebration was hosted by Raul and Sara's children, their spouses and grandchildren.

Raul was born in Marfa while Sara Ochoa was born in Big Spring. The couple first met at

a local teenage hang-out called Corinna's on Valentine's Day of 1958. They married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on April 19, 1958.

Their children are Pat Mendoza and Lacy Mendoza of Big Spring, Raul R. and Brenda Rubio of Austin, Tony and Sally Rubio of Midland, and Marvin and Leslie Rubio of Austin. Raul and Sara have 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

They have lived in Big Spring for their entire



50-year marriage. Raul is employed at Citizen's Credit Union and Sara is retired. She is a homemaker. They attend Church at Immaculate Heart of Mary. The couple enjoys golfing, traveling and spending time with their children and grandchildren.

Their comment about marriage: Always be there for each other and have faith in the Lord.



Brandon and Mandi Rodgers announce the birth of their daughter Blakely K. Rodgers, born at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 25, 2008, weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces and was 17 inches long.

She is the maternal granddaughter of Lonnie and Vernetta Hill of Big Spring, Paul Lance Jr. of Big Spring, the late Paul Lance Sr. and the late Jessie Lance of Jal., N.M. and the late Edmond Stewart and the late Mary Edith Stewart of Jal., N.M.

She is the paternal

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to find they aren't real;

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but I know he must be sorry;

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And it wasn't Valentines Day or any other

special day;

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OUR VIEW

Be sure to join in our first ever spring challenge

Make a New Year's resolution to lose weight, but really haven't gotten started yet?

Well, chances are you're not alone. And we here at the Herald, in cooperation with the Big Spring YMCA, may be able to offer a little added incentive.

That's because the Herald and the YMCA are co-sponsoring the 2009 Best Loser Fat to Fitness Spring Challenge. Perhaps you've already noticed the advertisements we've been running in the paper. Maybe you haven't.

One thing's for certain. We here at the Herald know from personal experience that losing weight is a little easier when you've got somebody working to lose weight along with you. It's even better when you've got a support group.

That's why the challenge is looking for teams — four people of any sex and any age — to take part during March, April and May. Entry fees are \$40 per team — \$10 per team member.

Those teams will be competing for not only bragging rights, but some cold, hard cash — like all the entry fee money. The grand prize could be worth \$500 or \$1,000, it just depends on how many teams enter.

There will be three official weigh-ins at the YMCA — March 9-13, April 6-10 and May 11-15 — where teams' progress will be monitored and recognized. In addition, team photos will be taken, both before the contest and after.

Only a team's weight loss percentage will be noted, not the individual's, so nobody is going to be embarrassed.

So, we're encouraging readers to take part in the challenge. Be sure to sign up no later than March 6, and we suggest that you be sure — like all responsible people who sponsor such programs — that you make sure your doctor says it's all right to take part.

It is not necessary to join the YMCA or be a subscriber to the Herald to participate.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

The best things in life are free, Lord. Thank You.

Amen

Family farmers need credit help

The restructuring of housing loans is thought to be a way to help millions of Americans to stay in their homes that are threatened with foreclosure. But those of us in agriculture ask, "Where is the assistance to family farmers, with both land and houses, who also need loan assistance and loan restructuring?" This has been a glaring oversight in the Congressional debate.

Like most Americans, farmers are suffering from the economic downturn. As we enter the 2009 growing season, prices for farm products continue to decrease, while the cost of producing a crop increases. To complicate matters, farmers depend on credit to operate but with stricter credit regulations, it is harder and more expensive to get loans. Because farmers are often required to list their home as security against their loan, those who fall behind in their payments face losing not just their farm operation, but their home as well.

For 41 years, from our office in South Georgia, we at the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund have pro-

vided a wide range of assistance to farmers including marketing, technical assistance and alternative financing. Yet, we have never seen a time like this when our assistance alone may not be enough to keep many farmers on the land, especially small farmers and farmers of color. The current crisis is compounded by the fact that farmers in most of the south have suffered from years of drought and most do not have irrigation.

To make matters worse, farmers who have loans with banks are extremely vulnerable because under the current rules those banks are less likely to renegotiate delinquent loans. This is why the Treasury Department must include in their implementation of the Economic Emergency Stabilization Act (EESA, formerly known as TARP), a provision that would assist farmers.

The Treasury Secretary should include in the rules that banks with EESA money, and hold mortgages on farms, be required to restructure loans for farmers who are at least 60 days delinquent. This would be similar to the Congressional mandate of 1987 that requires the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency to offer loan restructuring to farmers who qualify and are delinquent.

Assisting farmers, will also save money for banks and the

government. In fact, the enactment of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 saved farms and taxpayers money because when this restructuring for farmers' loans took place it cost the government less than either foreclosure or bankruptcy.

We depend on our farmers and ranchers for a safe, affordable and plentiful food supply. For that reason they are invaluable. But farmers also create jobs, revive and strengthen local economies, support local churches, serve on civic and community boards and committees, reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, protect our natural resources and increase our national security. In other words, farmers are the catalyst for keeping rural communities and our nation strong. When they fail, the community struggles to survive.

Farmers are often considered our first line of defense. Whenever there's a crisis, farmers are expected to grow food regardless. So it is to the nation's benefit that during these difficult economical times, or any time for that matter, all care is taken to insure that not one more family farmer is lost.

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SHIRLEY SHERROD

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

It looks like the citizens of Howard County are getting into the drug business — like it or not.

We are enlisting in the war on drugs after it has already been lost. Prohibition does not work. This we know. Not for us it doesn't. It works great for drug dealers. It keeps the price of a worthless crop at a premium. If we would just start a war on cotton, I would join up.

If we allow it, we will soon have a task force of unlicensed, unsupervised, most probably drug dealers themselves, prowling the county. How long it will be before we have a killing or drive-by shooting out here?

On the bright side we might — just might — get a share of some hoped for drug bust. I wonder if it will pay for the lawsuits and funerals we can look forward to.

Please think this over and talk to your commissioner and judge.

MARCELLOUS (BOOSIE) WEAVER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Every once in a while I see the need to write again, so here goes.

What is America? Is there really freedom? When do we get upset and fight for the right? What is right?

Well, here's a poem that might help understand just what we have in this great nation called

the United States of America:
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Merging with other cultures. Energizing our resources.

Righting the wrongs. Instigating reform.

Catching the dream. Always putting God first.

This is America.

DR. LILLIAN BOHANNAN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

History is set to repeat itself, again. The American Recovery

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The worst of all worlds...

At the risk of beating a very live horse, the worst of all the horrible things about President Barack Obama's "stimulus" bill is that even if it worked to stimulate the economy beyond the president's wildest expectations, it would cause a further explosion of the national debt, which would become a worse "catastrophe" than the one this bill promises to alleviate.

Yet the president is so eager to start spending the people's money he can barely be trifled to acknowledge the growing debt as a concern. When backed into a corner, all he can do is attack the credibility of his critics on the issue, as if pointing fingers at the other kid in the schoolyard either exculpates him or addresses the problem.

Twice during his tightly controlled prime-time marketing infomercial, billed as his first presidential news conference, he aimed partisan fire at Republicans for daring to raise the issue.

He said: "When it comes to how we approach the issue of fiscal responsibility ... it's a little hard for me to take criticism from folks about this recovery package after they've presided over a doubling of the national debt. I'm not sure they have a lot of credibility when it comes to fiscal responsibility."

He used the same specious argument to deflect another objection to the bill: that it's long on pork and short on stimulus. He said, "First of all, when I hear that from folks who presided over a doubling of the national debt ... I just want them to not engage in some revisionist history. I inherited the deficit ... and the economic crisis that we

have right now."

The Bush administration is certainly vulnerable to the charge that it spent way too much. Unfortunately for the always-campaigning President Obama, however, this is not a valid response to the question of whether he should spend more now.

The relevant question is not which party is guiltier but what is the right thing to do. Even if the Republicans were the worst hypocrites in the history of the universe, would that make it any more prudent for President Obama to embark on a mission to trump them? Indeed, that he is citing GOP fiscal profligacy as an excuse and license for more just confirms that debt is not on his mind; government debt is never on a liberal's mind except as a tactic to win arguments or elections.

Another argument Obama often invokes to divert attention from the debt elephant in the room is that he has a mandate to proceed.

But did 53 percent of the electorate sign on to the expenditure of trillions of more dollars we truly don't have and probably can't get in our lifetimes just so he and his fellow social planners could finally get a crack at cranking out their mad-scientist experiments to perfect society through confiscation and redistribution of the people's private property and income? Looking at recent polls and market trends, it would appear not.

Folks, the proponents of this boondoggle can't even point to an obscure theory to suggest this bill might pay for itself, even if it miraculously catapulted the economy into robust growth mode.

We couldn't have afforded the readily visible costs of this bill, not to mention the hidden ones experts have identified, even before the separate trillion-dollar bailout fiascos. How much less can we tolerate them now?!

And that's without factoring in the looming entitlement quagmire that one party, for purely political reasons, has refused to address. It's also without considering the other horrors in Obama's grab bag that could reduce America to Third World financial straits all by themselves, such as global warming mandates, socialized medicine, open-borders-driven entitlements, doubling our foreign aid commitments, and reversing welfare reform.

Adding insult to injury, contrary to the falsely claimed economic consensus, this legislation, with its emphasis on non-stimulative spending and non-stimulative demand-side tax cuts, has not been optimally crafted to stimulate the economy. Even if Obama's neo-Keynesians were correct that government spending is the answer, this bill wouldn't come close to fitting the bill and, in the long run, probably would have a counter-stimulative effect.

So this plan is the worst of all worlds — unless you are a once-closet socialist trained in the grand academic tradition of Chicago street organizing who finally sees an opportunity to "come out" and work your wonders on the poster nation for greedy and decadent capitalism, the United States of America. It involves incomprehensible spending in aggravation of an already dangerous national debt load; a possible net retardant effect on economic recovery; greater government control over the economy, with a consequent diminution of our liberties; and a necessary reduction of essential government services.

Frankly, I think it's just about time to panic here — and the market apparently shares that sentiment.

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New witness against Bonds emerges

By PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Federal prosecutors plan to call Barry Bonds' former personal shopper to testify at his trial next month that she saw the slugger's personal trainer inject him.

Prosecutors also said in a court filing Friday that former teammate Bobby Estalella will testify Bonds told him about using performance-enhancing drugs.

Defense attorneys and prosecutors also sparred in court documents over whether to ask potential jurors if they were aware of Alex Rodriguez's admission that he used banned substances. Bonds' lawyers want to ask potential jurors about their opinion of Rodriguez, while prosecutors objected.

Bonds' former personal shopper, Kathy Hoskins, is the sister of the home run king's former business partner, Steve Hoskins. She is expected to testify she saw personal trainer Greg Anderson inject the San Francisco Giants star. The filing did not say whether she believed the syringe contained steroids.

Bonds has pleaded not guilty to charges that he lied to a grand jury in 2003 when he said he never knowingly used steroids.

Prosecutors also said they plan to call Jason Giambi of the Oakland Athletics, his retired brother, Jeremy, and five other former baseball players: Benito Santiago, Armando Rios, Randy Velarde, Marvin Benard and Estalella.

Prosecutors said former Bonds girlfriend Kimberly Bell also will testify Bonds told her he used steroids. They also want her to testify about physical changes that allegedly occurred to Bonds, including shrunken testicles, hair loss and back acne. The government then plans to call a scientist to testify that those physical changes could be attributed to steroid use.

Bonds' attorneys said in their filings Friday that they will ask a judge to bar Bell's testimony about the slugger's body.

Prosecutors also said they intend to call Anderson, who is alleged to have supplied Bonds with steroids, and will try to have him jailed if he won't testify.

Anderson's attorney has said the

trainer will refuse to testify. Anderson already has spent more than a year in prison for refusing to testify in front of a federal grand jury investigating Bonds.

A judge could jail Anderson for the duration of the trial, which is expected to begin March 2 and last about a month.

Also on Friday, Bonds' lawyers said in a court filing they may introduce the 2006 grand jury testimony of Giants general manager Brian Sabean and interviews former 49ers Jerry Rice and Terrell Owens gave to investigators in June 2003.

Sabeen testified in 2006 before the grand jury investigating Bonds, and the two wide receivers had connections to Steve Hoskins, who is expected to testify against Bonds at trial.

Rice and Owens had no connection to the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative and have never been linked to steroid use.

The court filing did not detail how the testimony of Sabean, Rice and Owens could help Bonds.

Steve Hoskins secretly taped a conversation he had with Anderson in front of Bonds' locker in San Francisco

in March 2003 during which they appeared to discuss injecting Bonds with steroids. A few months later, Bonds accused Hoskins of stealing money from his memorabilia business, which Hoskins managed.

The government plans testimony from workers at the UCLA lab who handled Bonds' 2003 urine sample that tested positive for a designer steroid.

That urine sample originally was tested by a lab used by Major League Baseball for its pilot testing program in 2003. The MLB test returned negative, but federal agents seized the sample in 2004 and the UCLA lab detected the designer steroid THG in Bonds' urine.

U.S. District Judge Susan Illston said she may toss out three other urine samples positive for steroids that prosecutors said belong to Bonds. Those samples were seized in a September 2003 raid of BALCO. But the judge said there is no way to prove the samples belong to Bonds without direct testimony from the person who collected the urine. Prosecutors say that person was Anderson.

At Miami, they're still celebrating A-Rod

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Saying he had a responsibility to give back, Alex Rodriguez briefly addressed the drug scandal that has enveloped his life for the last week Friday night when Miami formally renamed its baseball field in his honor.

With his name affixed to the scoreboard in left field, Rodriguez — who was greeted by a 45-second standing ovation — spoke in public for the first time since acknowledging he took banned substances as a member of the Texas Rangers from 2001-2003.

"I have been so fortunate to have received so much from a game I love so much," Rodriguez said. "That doesn't mean I haven't made mistakes, and unless you've been in a cave under the ocean this last week, you know that I've made some. What it does mean is that I understand only in America can you dream big, work hard, and be rewarded beyond your wildest dreams."

The New York Yankees' third baseman spoke for about seven minutes, opening his remarks by acknowledging the dozens of cameras there for his appearance — his "dysfunctional family," Rodriguez called that group — and closing by men-

tioning the scandal that shook baseball.

He asked this year's Miami baseball team to stand, and had a brief message for them.

"There will be adversity along the way," Rodriguez said. "But regardless of the challenges that lie ahead, move forward, address your errors and right your path."

Even after the dramatic week, which began with a Sports Illustrated report that Rodriguez was on a list of 104 players who tested positive in 2003, the Hurricanes' annual baseball banquet had a festive air.

Miniature bats and popcorn centerpieces adorned the round tables scattered around the infield dirt, and tiny bags of Cracker Jack were at each place-setting.

The way Miami coach Jim Morris saw it, there were no shortage of reasons to celebrate.

"For me, it's a great night," Morris said. "It's a great day for our program because we're getting a beautiful ballpark, of course named after Alex Rodriguez. ... For me, it's been a long time waiting and a great day."

The event was built around the \$3.9 million gift for stadium renovations that Rodriguez made to the program in 2003, and having the field renamed "Alex Rodriguez Park at Mark Light Field" in his honor.

In 2004, government officials seized the list of 104

names who tested positive and they remain under seal, but Rodriguez's name was leaked.

"It's not fair to Alex to pinpoint one guy," Morris said. "I'm afraid I wouldn't want to see the list, but at the same time, I don't think it's fair to pinpoint one guy."

Rodriguez did not speak with reporters at the \$75-a-seat event.

School officials said a few alumni have complained about Rodriguez's name attached to the park, but Morris said the overwhelming majority of boosters and others support the gesture.

"It's obviously a hot issue right now. It's been a hot issue in baseball for a while," student body president Brandon Gross said. "But what's different about Alex Rodriguez is he came out and admitted that he did something wrong and took personal responsibility for his actions."

The 12-time All-Star selection has a long relationship with Miami, even though he never played for the Hurricanes.

Rodriguez committed to Miami when coming out of South Florida's Westminster Christian High, but didn't enroll.

Only a few hours before fall classes began at Miami in August 1993, Rodriguez signed his first professional contract with the Seattle Mariners, who lured him away from the Hurricanes with a \$1.3 million deal.

AREA

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in the league as rival Robert Lee gave them all they could stand in a 40-38 overtime victory.

The Bearkats held a 13-12 lead at intermission, but went into the final stanza with a 27-19 advantage.

However, the Steers fought back and tied the game up in the fourth, outscoring Garden City 14-6 in the period.

Aaron Long and Hayden Halfmann played clutch minutes in the extra session, giving the Bearkats the 2-point victory and a perfect 10-0 record in the district.

Long scored 13 points to lead Garden City, while Halfmann and Brett Chudej each added nine apiece.

Garden City receives a first round bye in the post-season, but will play a practice game against Ropes at a time and date to be decided.

Robert Lee 8 4 7 14 5-38
Garden City 9 4 14 6 7-40
Robert Lee (6-4 in district): Gallegos 19, Phillely 7, Brosh 6, Nesbit 4, Dillard 2,
Garden City (16-8, 10-0): Aaron Long 13, Brett Chudej 9, Hayden Halfmann 9, Cole Shortz 6, Brian Hurt 3.
3-point goals: GC 1 (Long). Free throws: RL 2-4, GC 11-22.

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By Steve Becker
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♥ A K J 10 3 2
♦ Q 10 5
♣ K J

WEST **EAST**
♠ 8 4 ♠ 9 3 2
♥ Q 9 6 ♥ 8 5
♦ 8 4 3 ♦ A K J 9
♣ Q 8 6 5 4 ♣ 10 9 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 7 6 5
♥ 7 4
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A 7

The bidding:
North East South West
2♥ Pass 2♠ Pass
3♥ Pass 3♣ Pass
4♠ Pass 5♣ Pass
5NT Pass 7♠

I doubt that many readers will understand the bidding on this hand — in fact, I'm not sure I understand it myself. However, I'll explain the bidding the best I know how.

The deal occurred in the final of a Swedish team-of-four championship. North-South were playing Acol, a system very popular in Europe. North opened two hearts, indicating a hand of intermediate strength. South responded two spades and rebid them at his next turn. North thereupon bid four spades.

At this point, confusion set in. South, expecting a better hand from North for a two-bid, said five clubs to show the ace. North misinterpreted this call. He thought South was asking about second-round club control, and so bid five notrump to show the king.

It was now South's turn to misunderstand his partner's bid. He thought five notrump was the grand-slam force, asking him to bid seven spades if he had two of the three top trump honors. South had them, so he bid seven spades.

All of which goes to show that if you saddle yourself with too many gadgets, you increase the risk that something may go wrong at any time.

However, there was a happy outcome — at least from North-South's point of view. West, on lead with no clear-cut choice, led a club. Declarer won with the ace, drew trumps, established dummy's hearts by ruffing the third round and disposed of his three diamond losers on the J-10-3 of hearts. So South scored 2,210 points for making the grand slam instead of going down 300 with a diamond lead.

At the other table, South got to four spades and made only four when West chose a diamond as his opening lead. The moral seems to be that it sometimes pays to misbid!

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

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Energy Watch



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

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



Wal-Mart recently gave Girl Scout Troop 473 a donation of \$1,000. Pictured from left are Amy Ogle, volunteer; Tim Walsh, Wal-Mart store manager, Erica Partlow Melton, troop leader; and Brenda Medlock, community services director.

Courtesy photo



Startups offer some new ways to fix your computer

By TROY WOLVERTON

San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Getting help for a problem PC can be a confusing and frustrating process.

Tech support can be costly and impersonal. And often it doesn't fix the problem, or it requires consumers to call multiple times before getting help.

A growing number of startups think they have a better idea. Instead of asking consumers to call the typical customer support line, they are offering virtual marketplaces that aim to pair — over the Internet — consumers experiencing particular technology problems with experts who specialize in those issues.

Think of it as an eBay for tech support. You can choose among multiple technicians for the highest-rated one who offers what you need at the right price — and then get help from that person right

away. In some cases, the services provide software that allows technicians to remotely diagnose and fix the computer problem.

In addition to allowing consumers to shop around for the best person to address their problems, the services also allow them to deal with the same individual technician in the future if they need to.

The idea behind CrossLoop, a Campbell, Calif., company that offers one of these marketplaces, is to connect consumers to “a real person whose business is dependent on how they solve your problem,” said Mrinal Desai, the

company's co-founder and vice president of sales and business development.

As computers have become more complex and more pervasive, the business of supporting them has become more challenging and often more costly. Tech research firm IDC estimates that the broad U.S. market for support services, including the sale of extended warranties and subscription packages, will grow from about \$2 billion in 2007 to \$3.6 billion in 2012.

Ironically, one of the factors likely to drive that growth is the economic downturn, analysts say.

“With the economy (in recession), consumers will choose first to look at fixing their computer problem or optimizing the performance of their PC before

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Get defensive with fire safety

AMARILLO — This fire season, perhaps landowners should take a “defensive driving” perspective on fire prevention and control.

Tommy Yeater, AgriLife Extension agricultural and natural resources agent in Howard County, said in most cases the people traveling down the highways and county roads are not going to be worrying about the landowner's grass.

“So as landowners with something to protect, you need to take a lesson from the defensive driving courses,” Yeater said. “You need to be watching out for them, and taking evasive actions.”

“With the drought conditions that have set in across much of the state, that means thinking in terms of mitigation, fuel management and prescribed burning,” he said.

AgriLife Extension range management and beef cattle specialists said land owners need to think about fuel management — shred it, graze it, burn it down — to keep from getting in a situa-

tion where fire can do significant damage.

As a tool in fuel management, removing that fuel is important, Yeater said.

Whether it's a welding spark, thrown cigarette or hot box on a railroad, if the fuel is not there, the fire won't have a chance to grow and spread.

The Texas Forest Service has urged citizens across the state to be aware of heightened wildfire danger due to a low pressure fronts that drop humidity levels and produce high winds.

Tom Spencer, Forest Service predictive services department head, said these conditions could lead to wildfires that spread quickly, pose containment problems and endanger public safety.

Spencer warned that while some precipitation has fallen, prolonged drought conditions have not improved, and freezing temperatures only cause drought-cured grasses to become even drier.

The Forest Service's Predictive Services Department forecasts that through the month of February, fuels, such as grasses and trees, are expected to remain

critically dry.

The wildfires on the winter-cured grasses in the High Plains can spread up to 2 ½ mph with flames reaching six to 10 feet in length

Yeater said some tools that land owners can use to mitigate and lower the risk are:

- Make sure the roadside ditches are mowed adequately along their property line. Contact the highway department if necessary.
- Prescribed burning can be an option to manage brush and high grasses, where burn bans are not in effect.
- The Forest Service has an updated list of counties enacting burn bans at <http://tfsfrp.tamu.edu/wildfires/decban.png>.
- Establish fuel breaks (fire lanes) along fences, roadways and between buildings and fields.
- When welding, be sure the work area is free of grass and debris, have a spotter and a water source handy.

More information about protecting against and preventing wildfires can be found at <http://texas-help.tamu.edu/>



Yeater

4-H spotlight: FW stock show winners

The Howard County 4-H Club met Monday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library basement. Kathy Weldon, dean of students at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, talked to us about being deaf, types of sign language and how to interact with the hearing impaired. She showed us art work that hearing impaired artists had created to express

their thoughts visually. We are gaining more insights on how it is to be deaf though our study at 4-H meetings this year.

Our congratulations were extended to winners from the Fort Worth Stock Show. They were Logan Gaskins, fifth place barrow and sixth place market goats; Sloan Miller, 11th place short-horned steer; Jess Brooks, 10th place exotic steer; and Brynn

Workman, second place rabbit. Way to go 4-Hers!

The dates for the San Antonio Stock Show are Feb. 11-20. We hope our club will bring home some ribbons. The Houston and Austin stock shows will be held next month..

Sign-up sheets were passed around for the following projects — photography, wildlife and fisheries, livestock judging, 22, and clothing. Interested

members will be notified of the times these mini-meetings will be held. We still need an adult leader for the dog project.




Ali Knight led us in a group activity and popcorn and drinks were provided by the Miller, Gomez and Chevalier families.

Look for our 4-H table at the Health Fair Feb. 21. We'll have samples and recipes of healthy snacks for kids.

Molly Walker

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Your Local Weather

Sun 2/15	Mon 2/16	Tue 2/17
 65/39 Mostly sunny skies. High near 65F. Winds N at 10 to 15 mph.	 64/45 Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun.	 76/43 Windy with a few clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- COREY HOFFPAUIR, 32, 207 E. Ninth, was arrested on four local warrants.
- DEBORAH LEWIS, 43, 1312 Park, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- CRUZ LUCERO, 18, Lamesa, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.
- WILLIAM WARNER, 32, 1902 Winston, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- CYNTHIA YBARRA, 46, 1208 Mulberry, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and failure to identify, using false or fictitious information.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of 11th and 1200 block of Gregg.
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT/INDECENT EXPOSURE was reported in the 1600 block of Sycamore.
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY was reported in the 1500 block of Wasson.
- THEFT was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell.

Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Mega Millions lottery: 25-36-37-40-51, Mega Ball: 20.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-20-3-25-18. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-1-0-1. Sum It Up: 3.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-1-5. Sum It Up: 12.

Take Note

• The Big Spring High School Key Club will be having a barbecue fundraiser at Wal-Mart from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Barbecue sandwiches will be sold for \$3, brisket burritos and sausage wraps for \$2 and a limited number of "award winning" smoked ribs for \$8 a half-rack and \$16 a full rack. Profits will help club members attend the spring conference in Dallas. Donations are welcomed.

• Due to the recent migration of bats at the Sacred Heart Church building, mass is being moved to Immaculate Heart of Mary on Hearn Street until further notice. These include 3:30 p.m. confessions, the 5 p.m. mass and the 11:30 a.m. mass. The celebration for Msgr. Gully is still scheduled for 12:45 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Youth Center.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

• West Texas Opportunities Inc., through a Job Access Reverse Commute project with the Texas Department of Transportation offers transportation to employment in Midland on a limited schedule, Monday through Friday each week. This route currently leaves Big Spring at 7 a.m. and makes a stop at the EZ Rider bus connection in downtown Midland. The route leaves Midland for the return to Big Spring at 4:15 p.m. As a promotional introduction, no fare is charged. Beginning April 1, the daily fare will be from \$3 to \$8, round-trip, depending on the number of passengers using the service. For more information, call Victor Enriquez, JARC coordinator, at West Texas Opportunities, (800) 245-9028.

LETTERS

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and Reinvestment Bill of 2009 that is being debated in Washington has all the hallmarks of a classic *deja vu*.

Last year the federal government sent out rebate checks in an attempt to stimulate the economy. They also dumped huge sums of money into failing Wall Street banks and insurance firms. Both had no effect.

It's long passed time that central planners learned that throwing good money after bad will not stimulate the economy. We must instead cut taxes, reform burdensome regulation and eliminate government waste.

It is not until we pay attention to our past history of stimulus failures, that we can begin to move toward the future.

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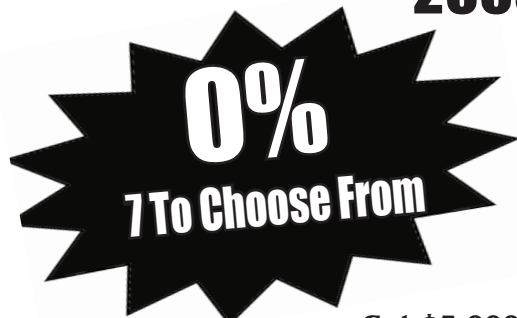
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2007 Chevrolet Cobalt L4 Stk# J151 - Silver Was \$12,995..... NOW \$11,995
2005 Chevrolet Impala V6 Stk# K002 - Dark Blue Was \$12,995..... NOW \$11,995
2007 Saturn Ion 2 Sedan 4D Stk# J098 - Red Was \$13,995..... NOW \$12,495
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2006 Hyundai Sonata V6 Stk# J184A - Light Blue Was \$14,495..... NOW \$13,495
2007 Pontiac Grand Prix V6 (2 TO CHOOSE FROM) Was \$15,995..... NOW \$13,995
2007 Chrysler Sebring 4 Cyl. Stk# J152 - Red Was \$15,995..... NOW \$13,995
2008 Chevrolet Cobalt L4 4DR Stk# J234 Was \$15,495..... NOW \$13,995
2007 Pontiac Grand Prix V6 (2 TO CHOOSE FROM) Was \$14,995..... NOW \$13,995
2007 Chevrolet Impala V6 Stk# J182 - Silver Was \$15,995..... NOW \$14,995
2007 Pontiac Grand Prix V6 (3 TO CHOOSE FROM) Was \$15,995..... NOW \$14,995
2007 Pontiac Grand Prix V6 (2 TO CHOOSE FROM) Was \$16,995..... NOW \$14,995
2005 Buick Park Avenue V6 Stk# J249 - Sandstone Was \$17,995..... NOW \$14,995
2005 Cadillac Deville V8 Stk# H143A - Silver Was \$18,995..... NOW \$15,495
2006 Buick Lucerne CXL Sedan 4D Stk# H020 - Sand Stone Was \$23,995..... NOW \$19,995
2007 Cadillac DTS V8 Stk# H181 - Glacier White Was \$31,995..... NOW \$25,995
2005 Chevrolet Corvette Coupe 2D Stk# H195 - Black Was \$39,495..... NOW \$32,995

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2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer Stk# J167 - White Was \$12,995..... NOW \$9,995
2002 Toyota Sequoia SR5 Stk# J066 - Green Was \$17,995..... NOW \$12,995
2006 Buick Rendezvous V6 Stk# J259 - Silver Was \$13,995..... NOW \$12,995
2006 Buick Rendezvous V6 Stk# J270 - Red Was \$14,995..... NOW \$13,995
2003 Chevrolet Suburban 1500 Stk# H281 - Brown Was \$18,995..... NOW \$13,995
2008 Chevrolet Uplander V6 Stk# J134 - Dark Cherry Was \$18,995..... NOW \$14,995
2008 Chevrolet Uplander V6 Stk# J244 - White Was \$17,995..... NOW \$15,495
2004 Chevrolet Tahoe Stk# H161 - White Was \$25,495..... NOW \$17,995
2006 Chevrolet Suburban V8 Stk# J274 - White Was \$20,995..... NOW \$19,995
2007 Chevrolet Trailblazer V8 Stk# J276 - Black Was \$20,995..... NOW \$19,995
2005 Cadillac Escalade V8 Stk# J221 - Sports Red Was \$24,995..... NOW \$23,995

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2005 Chevrolet Truck Silverado 1500 V8 Stk# K004A - Black Was \$15,995..... NOW \$14,995
2005 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Stk# J133 - Black Was \$18,995..... NOW \$15,995
2005 Ford Truck F150 Supercrew V8 Stk# J228 - Gray Was \$17,995..... NOW \$16,995
2006 Chevrolet Truck Silverado 1500 V8 Stk# J032 - Light Blue Was \$20,995..... NOW \$16,995
2006 GMC Sierra 1500 Crew Cab Stk# J073 - Pewter Was \$21,995..... NOW \$16,995
2005 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 V8 Stk# J054 - Red Was \$22,995..... NOW \$17,995
2005 Chevrolet Truck Silverado 1500 V8 Stk# J254 - White Was \$21,995..... NOW \$18,995
2006 GMC Sierra 1500 HD Crew Cab Stk# J007 - Pewter Was \$23,495..... NOW \$21,995
2008 Chevrolet Truck Silverado 1500 V8 Stk# K001 - Gray Was \$25,995..... NOW \$24,995
2006 Ford F250 Super Duty Crew Cab Stk# H275 - Light Blue Was \$30,995..... NOW \$25,995

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Bryan Layton Allison, 1108 College Circle, Ranger
Christine Avalos Bara, 1405 N. Sixth Street, Lamesa
Sonia M. Barlow, 4209 Parkway, Big Spring
Toby Barnett, 1713 Dwayne Barnett, Lubbock
Casey D. Bernal, 901 Grand, Hereford
Vern Black, 329 W Tennessee, Floydada
Jeremy Bolton, 506 N. Avenue L, Lamesa
Dave Bracken, 2720 42nd Street, Lubbock
Richard Henry Burk, PO Box 171933, Arlington
Latonya Campbell, 5948 Callaston, Fort Worth
Michelle Marie Carrasco, 1704 Yale Avenue, Big Spring
Leonard Carson Jr. 102 S. Peach, Pecos
Scott S. Carter, 3223 Cornell, Big Spring
Krishna Nicole Castillo, 905 Walnut, Colorado City
Jared Wendell Coby, 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
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Hilda L. Fuentes, 502 S. Seventh Street, Lamesa
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Naomi Gonzales, 1606 E. Fifth, Big Spring
Jeffrey M. Grams, 224 Lelon Lane, Springtown
Gabriel Guerrero, 411 N.E. 10th Street, Big Spring
Nora Gutierrez, 606 N. Eighth Street, Lamesa
Dana L. Holguin Havink, 600 Star Linda CT. Unit B, Arlington

Kristin Hawkins, 405 N. Moss Lake Road, Big Spring
Rickie L. Henderson, 205 Providence Road, Big Spring
Gerald R. Hodges, 4312 Crane 1104, Houston
Allan J. Hoey, 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. 1502, Big Spring
Jeanie Renee Ivey, 5326 Old State Hwy. 7, La Grange
Brandy Johnson, 24327 Pleasonton, San Antonio
Rene M. Johnson, 9205 W. County Road 174, Midland
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Alana Marie Lee, 2711 66th Street, Lubbock
Patricia Luttrell, 2726 Redwood, Odessa
Joshua David Mackenstein, 414 Hickory/3417 N. Midland Drive, Midland
Shawn G. McKay, 3107 Bonham Ave, Odessa
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Betty Jane McWilliams, 2503 Fairchild, Big Spring
Ebaline Flores Mendoza, P. O. Box 291, Mertzon
Mari Montemayor, 627 State Street, Big Spring
Anna Marie Moreno, 4656 St. Frances Ave., Dallas
Michael Todd McClinton, 1003 S. Midkiff, Midland
William Leslie Neal, 2100 Alabama, Big Spring
Katherine Hardin Perez, 4908 Parkway Rd, 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
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Alfredo Riojas Jr., 255, S. 11th St., Lubbock
Gustavo Alfredo Rios, 1804 Scurry, Big Spring
Robert Christopher Rosamond, 801 Lancaster / 1501 E. Sixth Street, Big Spring
Jennifer Ann Rositas, 1420 E. Sixth Street #10, Big Spring
Blanca L. Saenz, 1202 N. Sam Houston Ave., Odessa
Rudy Salazar, PO Box 1275, Stanton
Monica Serbine, 304 E. 20th Street, Big Spring
Stephanie Serrato, 1203 E. Mobile, Big Spring
Harl Bradford Shaffer, 5603 Gail Hwy., Big Spring
Curtis W. Shelton, 3714 Mill-

brook Road, Big Spring
Janie Spurgeion, 1212 Wadley, Midland
Shawn Spurgeon, 106 N. Adams, Denver City
Robert Lee Summers, 2404 S. Monticello, Big Spring
James Sutton, 2225 Oakland, Abilene
Tonya D. Conner Taylor, 1111 Moseley Circle, Hobbs, N.M.
Jimmy Vasquez, 4000 W. Illinois #16, Midland
Brenda Vera, 1901 Ave M, Snyder
Alicia M. Vernon, 9614 Dover Ridge, San Antonio
Tyler J. Voss, Fannin Co. Rd 4925, Leonard
Christina Williams, 400 Macarthur, Odessa
Jerry Lee Wrightsil, 2816 Ridge Road, Ft. Worth

County Court Decisions:
Probated Judgment: Gary Lee Moore, driving while license invalid, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Christopher O. Gutierrez, driving while license invalid, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Garry Montel Stephenson, driving while license with a previous conviction, \$2,500 fine, \$358 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Preston Wayne Savell, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$2,500 fine, \$443 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Preston Wayne Savell, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,000 fine, \$378 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Armando Juan Salcido, evading arrest or detention, \$1,000 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Katheryn Diane Williams, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Jeremy Gomez, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Richard Lee Olivias, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving

false information, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 70 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Alexander Burciaga, evading arrest or detention, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail.

District Court Filings:
Laura Ornelas vs. David Ornelas, protective order.
Merrill C. Campbell vs. Traci L. Campbell, divorce.
The estate of Sally Beam, civil suit.
Christy M. Rutherford vs. John C. Rutherford, divorce.
Isabel L. Calderon vs. Yeidro Villarreal III, protective order.
The estate of Michael Lynn McDaniel, civil suit.
Devoun Blount vs. Jeremy Blount, divorce.
Alma Jean Gonzales vs. Eugene Adam Mendoza, divorce.
Grace Marie Tolison vs. Herbert Wayne Tolison, divorce.
American State Bank vs. Michael V. Creel and Joye Jayne Creel, accounts, notes and contracts.
Cody L. Wells vs. Marie D. Wells, divorce.

Marriage Licenses:
Ben T. Gonzales, 38, and Joann Hilario, 34, both of Big Spring.
Sisto Herrera Jr., 19, and Linda Ann Brito, 22, both of Big Spring.
Adam Herrera, 26, and Sylvia Moreno, 25, both of Big Spring.
Cody James Nall, 25, and Athea Rynne Darrow, 24, both of Big Spring.
Manuel O. Iturralde, 44, and Mary Ann Hernandez, 46, both of Big Spring.
Amitkumar P. Pandya, 34, and Neha Harishchandra Katri, 28, both of Big Spring.
Robert Adam Mata, 22, and Victoria Diane Mendez, 17, both of Big Spring.
Jay Chancellor, 27, and Shanna M. Piercefield, 28, both of Big Spring.
Alexander Burciaga, 19, and Linsa Angelica Ramirez, 18, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: Albert Eugene Kelley
Grantee: Jenna Lynn Ware and Edward Myers III
Property: The S/45 feet of Lot 4, Block 33, Original Town of Big Spring
Date: Feb. 5, 2009
Grantor: Chad Warren
Grantee: Sandy Castillo
Property: Lot 2, Block 9, Stanford Park
Date: Feb. 5, 2009

Grantor: Ovis D. James and Doris James
Grantee: Billie Christie Morgan
Property: A tract of land out of Section 1, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Feb. 6, 2009

Grantor: Rayford H. Gillihan
Grantee: Lonnie Gillihan and Christie Gillihan
Property: A .5-acre tract out of Section 12, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Feb. 10, 2009

Grantor: Chase Home Finance LLC
Grantee: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Property: A 10-acre tract out of Section 36, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Feb. 11, 2009

Grantor: Louise C. Arnett
Grantee: Louise C. Arnett Trust Agreement
Property: A 1/10 interested in a 65.5 acre tract out of Section 46, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Feb. 11, 2009

Grantor: Garry L. Sikes
Grantee: Johnny Mize and Jill Mize
Property: The S/47 feet of Lot 7, Block 2, Wright's Second Addition
Date: Feb. 11, 2009

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:
Grantor: Barbara Enos
Grantee: Esther F. Teichchroeb
Property: Lots 35-40, Balch Subdivision
Date: Feb. 6, 2009

Grantor: Harold H. Raney Jr. and Nancy Petty-Raney
Grantee: Michael Mendez and Angela Mendez
Property: Lots 4 and 5, Block 12, South Haven Addition
Date: Feb. 9, 2009

Grantor: Jesse D. Mendoza
Grantee: Craig Dunnam
Property: Part of Lot 2 and Lot 3, Block 6, Highland South No. 2
Date: Feb. 10, 2009

Grantor: Jo Posey
Grantee: Robert Creelman
Property: Two tracts out of Section 41, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Feb. 11, 2009

SERVICE

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buying a new computer," said Kurt Scherf, vice president and principal analyst at Parks Associates, a technology consulting firm.

But while demand for technical support is growing, consumers frequently don't get the help they need.

Consumers who called their computer's manufacturer had their problems resolved only 59 percent of the time, according to a 2007 study by Consumer Reports. Meanwhile, more than half of consumers who experienced security-related problems - the second most frequently cited problem with PCs - ended up contacting technicians multiple times to try to get them solved, according to IDC.

Fortunately, consumers have a growing number of options. Services such as the Geek Squad will send technicians out to consumers' houses to examine problems in person. Others such as Peak 8, Support.com and PlumChoice offer support over the Internet.

CrossLoop and rivals such as SupportSpace and OnForce take the remote support idea a step further. In addition to allowing consumers to shop around for the best person to address their problems, the services also allow them to deal with the same individual technician in the future if they need to.

"It's like taking your car back to the same shop that you get your oil changed in," Scherf said.

One of CrossLoop's listed technicians is Bob Ward, who lives in Shelby Township, Mich. He had offered in-person support before CrossLoop, but is now trying to convert all of his customers to his online business, in part because a recent surgery has

made it difficult for him to drive around.

Through the service, Ward said, he has been able to help out a friend who now lives in Italy, and he's attracted new customers from out of state. He's found that consumers are often looking for the individualized support that he can offer.

"I get a lot of customers that are frustrated with other companies' remote support that comes from out of the country," he said.

While computer support marketplaces are still relatively new, they seem to be gaining steam. CrossLoop officially launched its support site in spring 2008 and now has 15,000 support technicians offering services through it. SupportSpace, which also launched its market last year, has now connected consumers and experts some 19,000 times.

Earlier this year, Michael Phillips, an author and marketing consultant who lives in San Francisco, contacted a technician on CrossLoop to help speed up the performance of his two computers. When Phillips had computer problems in the past, he took his machines to local repair shops. But it usually took them days to fix his problems, and charges were close to the replacement cost of his computers.

In contrast, the CrossLoop expert fixed each of his computers within an hour for \$90.

"This is such an enormous improvement," Phillips said.

Where to find help

Here are some of the companies that seek to pair independent technicians with consumers needing

help.

— CrossLoop: Based in Campbell and Monterey, Calif. Focused on building a market for remote PC support. Anyone can offer services through its site, and "helpers" can set their own fees. Customers can search for "helpers" by specialty, geographic location, language and availability. Site lists 15,000 service providers who use software the company has developed to allow them to connect to customers' computers.

— SupportSpace: Based in South San Francisco. Connects consumers to technicians on its Web site, and plans to also provide its service through partner sites. Company does a background check on technicians, seeks to verify their skills and promises to cull those who rate poorly in the market. Lists about 300 certified technicians. Offers support for gadgets like iPods and digital cameras as well as PCs.

— OnForce: Based in the Boston area. Lists more than 12,000 support professionals offering services for both PCs and consumer electronics devices. Generally focused on serving more expensive, complex and in-person service requests, such as cable wiring or device installations. Works on a request-for-proposal model.

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Former monk pleads guilty to sexual assault

JOHNSON CITY (AP) — A former monk of the now defunct Christ of the Hills Monastery pleaded guilty Friday to sexually assaulting a 16-year-old boy in 1993.

Jonathan Hitt pleaded guilty as part of an agreement expected to result in no extra prison time. He is approaching the end of a 10-year sentence for indecency with an 11-year-old boy. His latest sentence will end Oct. 26 under the plea deal.

Hitt is the last of five monks to be convicted since authorities raided the Central Texas monastery in 2006 after allegations that novice monks — which included children and teenagers — were being abused.

Prosecutor Cheryl Nelson said Hitt's victim was too traumatized to return to the stand and testify had his case gone to trial.

"Under the circumstances, we felt we did the very best we could," Nelson said in Friday's online edition of the San Antonio Express-News.

The monastery she helped shutter was "an evil place with so many evil people," Nelson said.

Sailing ship Elissa

undergoing repairs after Ike

GALVESTON (AP) — The iron-hulled vessel, the pride of the Galveston Historical Foundation and the official tall ship of Texas, came through Hurricane

Ike with relatively minor damage considering the forces it encountered, but the fierce winds shredded one of its most important sails.

Only about a half-dozen traditional sailmakers exist in the country with the skill to make a replacement for the Elissa's fore lower topsail, and Jim Brink is one of them.

Brink, 54, will use the experience gained over 30 years of sailmaking to craft a new 630-square-foot fore lower topsail, also known as a storm sail and the last of the Elissa's 19 sails to be furled in a storm.

Brink began the task recently by spreading panels of sailcloth over a pattern taped to the floor of the ballroom at the 1859 Ashton Villa, one of the historic homes maintained by the foundation.

The 33 sections cut from the patterns will be sewn together at the Texas Seaport Museum at Pier 21 in Galveston Harbor, where the Elissa is moored.

The entire process of making the sail takes about three weeks, Brink said.

He is doing the job at a cut-rate price of about \$5,000, which was raised from donations by the Elissa's volunteer crew.

Assault victim who gave birth while in coma dies

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Round Rock woman who gave birth to a daughter while in a coma caused by a beating with a 10-pound dumbbell has died at a

San Antonio nursing home.

Dana Conley, 40, died Thursday after spending two years in a coma.

She was pregnant in February 2007 when her estranged husband, Julius Conley, a Travis County corrections officer, beat her in her Round Rock home as she packed her belongings to move to California. Her friend, 38-year-old Quincy Van Johnson, was helping her pack. He was also beaten with the dumbbell and later died.

Julius Conley received two life sentences and must serve at least 30 years.

"I have never seen a more violent, just horrible domestic violence case than this one," Williamson County District Attorney John Bradley said.

Dana Conley went into a coma after the beating and gave birth to her daughter six months later at University Medical Center at Brackenridge in Austin. She was then transferred to a nursing home in San Antonio, where she remained in a coma until her death.

Her parents, who are raising her daughter and two sons at their California home, told the *Austin American-Statesman* that they didn't know the cause of her death.

"I am devastated," said her mother, Regina Foster, of Vallejo, Calif.

"I was hoping that she might get better, but from what the doctors say, it's the way she was," Foster said.

Bradley said that Julius Conley will not face additional charges because of Dana Conley's death.

"When we resolved the case with two life sentences, it was done with the understanding that, even should she die, we would not come back and file additional charges," he said.

Man pleads guilty in death of 6-year-old

CORSICANA (AP) — A man charged with killing a 6-year-old girl whose half nude body was found hanging from the rafters of her family's garage pleaded guilty to capital murder Friday and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Shaun Earl Arender, 21, entered his plea as part of a deal with prosecutors that called for him to testify about the 2007 killing of Hanna Mack. In an hour of testimony, Arender placed the blame on the former live-in boyfriend of Hanna's mother, claiming he was just going along with the sexual assault of the first-grader when she died.

Calmly answering rapid-fire questions from Navarro County District Attorney Lowell Thompson, Arender described how the other man choked the girl after she awoke during a sexual assault on a couch in the garage, then how the two decided to hang her body.

"I just stared," Arender said. "That's all I could do. After he started choking her again, she finally ended up passing out again. I just flipped out more and started hollering. ... I said, 'She's dead.'"

Hanna's body was found hanging before sunrise on a September morning in the rural town of Navarro Mills, about 65 miles south of Dallas. Arender, who lived near the Mack home, was charged a few weeks after the crime.

Thompson said Arender's testimony alone isn't enough to prosecute the boyfriend, and the decision whether to charge him will come after a separate investigation. That man is in jail on child pornography possession charges, a jail official said Friday.

The Associated Press is not naming the man because he has not been charged in the girl's death.

Before Arender's testimony, as he was entering his plea, the girl's mother began sobbing loudly. She was escorted out of the courtroom and did not return.

Thompson said he had discussed the plea deal with the girl's family, and that they agreed life in prison was acceptable. The sentence for capital murder in Texas is life in prison or death.

Man gets probation in 2003 slaying

AMARILLO (AP) — A 26-year-old man received 10 years probation for his ties to the 2003 slaying of a man whose body was buried in concrete beneath a grain elevator in the Texas Panhandle.

Michael Stocker, of Canyon, faced a capital murder charge. But he was convicted of the lesser aggravated kidnapping of Dustin Pool, the Amarillo Globe-News reported in Friday editions.

On Thursday, a Randall County jury gave Stocker a 10-year prison term and recommended it be suspended. Stocker must also pay a \$10,000 fine.

"He's been given a second chance," said Kimberly Gomez, Stocker's sister. "We're all going to go forward every day thanking God that we have the opportunity to be with Michael every day."

Stocker denied playing a role in Pool's death. Pool disappeared in March 2003. Three months later, his body was found wrapped in a tarp and buried in concrete under the grain elevator.

In all, nine people faced charges in the crime. Six accepted guilty pleas for charges ranging from kidnapping to murder. The remaining three cases, including Stocker's, went to trial, resulting in two murder convictions.



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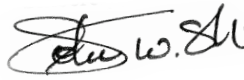
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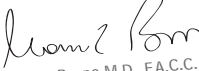
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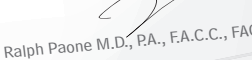

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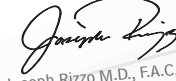

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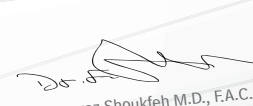

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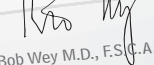

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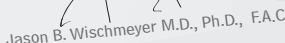

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Suspected U.S. missile strike kills 27 militants in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A suspected U.S. missile strike by a drone aircraft flattened a militant hide-out in northwestern Pakistan on Saturday, killing 27 local and foreign insurgents, intelligence officials said.

Several more purported militants were wounded in the attack in South Waziristan, a militant stronghold near the Afghan border where al-Qaida leaders Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahri are believed to be hiding.

The new U.S. administration has brushed off Pakistani criticism that the missile strikes fuel religious extremism and boost anti-American sentiment in the Islamic world's only nuclear-armed nation.

Pilotless U.S. aircraft are believed to have launched more than 30 attacks since July, and American officials say al-Qaida's leadership has been decimated. Pakistani officials say the vast majority of the victims are civilians.

Taliban fighters surrounded the compound targeted Saturday in the village of Shrawangai Nazarkhel and carried away the dead and wounded in several vehicles.

Finance ministers seek progress amid economic fears

ROME (AP) — The Group of Seven finance ministers hashed out the final details Saturday of an agreement aimed at helping to mend the global economy as some of Europe's biggest economies reported their sharpest contractions in decades.

The meeting marks the international debut of U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, who conferred with Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke as the session began at the Italian Finance Ministry. He smiled at cameras, but declined to respond, when asked if any progress was being made.

Geithner, who arrived in Rome after a week of widespread criticism for botching the rollout of the administration's new bank bailout plan, got a boost with Friday's passage of President Barack Obama's \$787 billion plan to resuscitate the economy.

But new economic data out Friday in Europe showed the continent's recession deepening, lending urgency to the ministers' task.

The ministers from Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and

the United States, along with their central bankers, are looking for agreement on common approaches to the crisis, with the United States pushing for a bold approach to match its stimulus package. The final communique is also expected to carry a strong warning against protectionism.

Residents of town worst hit by Australian wildfire disaster return to see destruction

BUXTON, Australia (AP) — Residents of the town worst hit by Australia's wildfire disaster made a brief and emotional return Saturday but were not allowed to stay because the entire village is being treated as an arson crime scene.

About 300 people from Marysville were loaded on buses with fire and police officials and driven through the town exactly one week after waves of blazes swept southeastern Victoria state, killing at least 181 people and razing 1,800 homes in a matter of hours.

One man has been arrested and charged with arson causing death and deliberately lighting a wildfire in connection to one of the fires, though not the one that destroyed Marysville. The suspect, also charged with possessing child pornography, is in custody pending a court hearing Monday.

Marysville, a picturesque village nestled in the Mystic Mountains popular with honeymooners and nature lovers, was devastated by the fires. Just a handful of buildings remain standing.

"It's all in the ground," said Ashraf Doos, owner of the destroyed Marysville Patisserie. "I just can't believe it. There is no more Marysville."

Zimbabwe: Anti-Mugabe politician headed for Cabinet held in alleged plot from 2006

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — A top aide to Zimbabwe's new prime minister was arrested because of an alleged plot from 2006 to overthrow President Robert Mugabe, a newspaper reported Saturday.

The long-discredited claim was raised again as the country's rival parties pledged to work together to reverse economic collapse.

Zimbabwe has a new coalition government in which Mugabe

remains president and Movement for Democratic Change leader Morgan Tsvangirai is prime minister. Friday's arrest of Roy Bennett — appointed deputy agriculture minister by Tsvangirai and among the MDC's most prominent members — is a reminder of the deep gulf of mistrust the coalition partners will have to bridge.

It also was a test for Tsvangirai, who had hesitated to join the government for fear he would be in the position of having to answer increasingly desperate calls by Zimbabweans for help, with little power to bring about change.

Tsvangirai presided with Mugabe Friday over the inauguration of senior Cabinet ministers, and has yet to speak out about Bennett's arrest.

7 Afghan police, government official killed in bomb attacks

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Three separate roadside bombs killed seven police and a government official in a spate of attacks around Afghanistan, officials said Saturday.

A bomb in Khost province on Saturday killed the chief government official in Nadir Shah Kot district, said Wazir Pacha, spokesman for the provincial police chief. Militants fired at the official's car after the explosion, he said.

Three others riding in the car, including one of the official's sons, were wounded, Pacha said.

Elsewhere in Khost, another roadside bomb killed three border police on Friday, said Sher Ahmad Kochi, a police commander.

In the south, a third roadside bomb hit a police vehicle and killed four policemen on Friday in Kandahar province, provincial police Chief Matiullah Khan Qatah said.

Kidnappers threaten to kill American U.N. worker seized in Pakistan, seek prisoner release

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP) —

Kidnappers threatened on Friday to kill an American employee of the United Nations within 72 hours and issued a grainy video of the blindfolded captive saying he was "sick and in trouble." A letter accompanying the video delivered to a Pakistani news agency said the hostage, John Solecki, would be killed unless authorities released 141 women it said were being held in Pakistan.

The video and the demands indicated that Solecki, the head of the U.N. refugee agency in Quetta, a city near the Afghan border, was alive and that his captors wanted to negotiate.

Solecki, who appeared blindfolded and with a shawl draped over his shoulders in the 20-second clip, said his message was addressed to the United Nations.

"I am not feeling well. I am sick and in trouble. Please help solve the problem soon so that I can gain my release," he said.

The kidnapers have identified themselves as the Baluchistan Liberation United Front, suggesting a link to local separatists who have waged a long insurgency against Pakistan's government.

Flights resume at London City Airport but many delays after crash landing of BA jet

LONDON (AP) — Flights have resumed at London City Airport a day after a plane's front wheel collapsed upon landing, but airport officials say passengers can expect delays on many flights.

Friday night's nose wheel collapse on a British Airways passenger jet arriving from Amsterdam sent the plane scraping along the tarmac. All 71 people aboard escaped by emergency slides. The London Ambulance Service says four people were treated for injuries, and one was taken to a hospital.

About 65 flights are scheduled to leave the airport on Saturday but some have been delayed by more than three hours.

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Wreckage, remains being gathered at NY crash site

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—Investigators began gathering pieces of the incinerated wreckage of a commuter airliner early Saturday in search of clues to the cause of the fiery crash that killed 50 people.

Workers also had begun the somber task of removing the remains of the victims from the crash site — a suburban house.

Recovery could take several days, said Steve Chealander, spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board. “We’re very sensitive to the families,” he said.

Investigators have been examining instrument data and have listened to the last words of the pilot and co-pilot of Flight 3407 in an effort to determine whether ice on the plane’s wings caused the crash.

Officials say the crew of the Continental Connection flight remarked upon significant ice buildup on the wings and windshield shortly before the aircraft pitched violently and slammed into the house Thursday night.

Ice on the wings can interfere catastrophically with an aircraft’s handling and has been blamed for a number of major air disasters over the years, but officials said they had drawn no conclusions as to the cause of this crash.

Chealander said early Saturday that the icing noted by the pilot of Flight 3407 is just one of several things investigators are looking at.

The NTSB has been pressing for more regulations to improve deicing, he said.



This image from television shows an aerial view of the tail section of Continental Connection Flight 3407 as it sits amid still smoking wreckage Clarence Center, N.Y. Friday. The crew of the commuter plane that fell on a house, killing all 49 people aboard and one person on the ground, noticed significant ice buildup on the wings and windshield just before the aircraft began pitching and rolling violently, investigators said Friday.

AP Photo/CTV via APTN

“We don’t like the progress that’s taken place right now,” Chealander said. “It’s something that requires constant focus.”

The NTSB had made recommendations “for several years,” he said.

The aircraft, bound to Buffalo from Newark, N.J., went down in light snow and mist — ideal icing condi-

tions — about six miles short of the airport, plunging nose-first through the roof of the house in the suburb of Clarence.

All 44 passengers, four crew members, an off-duty pilot and one person on the ground were killed. Two others escaped from the home, which was engulfed in a fireball that burned for hours, making it too hot to begin removing the bodies until around nightfall Friday.

Families of the victims remained secluded in a hotel Saturday, and police turned reporters away.

Investigators pulled the “black box” flight recorders from the incinerated wreckage, sent them to Washington and immediately began analyzing the data.

It was the nation’s first deadly crash of a commercial airliner in 2½ years.

One of the survivors from the house, Karen Wielinski, 57, told WBEN-AM that she was watching TV when she heard a noise. She said her daughter, 22-year-old Jill, who also survived,

was watching TV elsewhere in the house.

“When the ceiling first fell down, I think the first thing I said to myself was, ‘Is this real? Is this reality? Was I dreaming something?’” she told the station. “I didn’t think I was going to get out of there. I thought, this is it.”

She escaped with only a fractured collar bone, while her daughter suffered scratches to her feet.

She said she hadn’t been told the fate of her husband, Doug. “He was a good person, loved his family,” she said.

Among the passengers killed was a woman whose husband died in the World Trade Center attacks of Sept. 11; one of the world’s leading experts on the Rwandan genocide; and two musicians who played with trumpeter Chuck Mangione.

Chealander said Friday that the crew of the twin-engine turboprop discussed ice buildup on the windshield and the leading edge of the wings at an altitude of around 11,000 feet as the plane was descending for a landing.

The flight data recorder indicated the plane’s deicing equipment was in the “on” position, but Chealander would not say whether the equipment was functioning.

The landing gear was lowered one minute before the end of the flight at an altitude of more than 2,000 feet, and 20 seconds later the wing flaps were set to slow the plane down, after which the aircraft went through “severe pitch and roll,” Chealander said.

The crew raised the landing gear at the last moment, just before the recording ran out. No mayday call came from the pilot.

“Icing, if a significant buildup, is an aerodynamic impediment, if you will,” Chealander said. “Airplanes are built with wings that are shaped a certain way. If you have too much ice, the shape of the wing can change requiring different airspeeds.”

But he refused to draw any conclusions from the data, and cautioned: “We are not ruling anything in or anything out at this time.”

Witnesses heard the plane sputtering before it plunged through the roof of the house.

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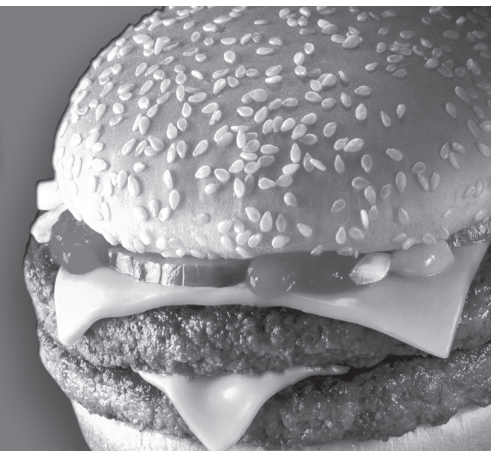
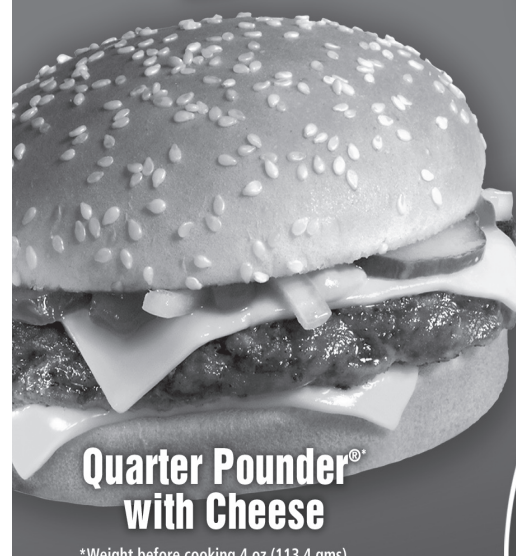
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1 Breakfast order	55 Andorra's official language	9 "I am a ___ first of all": Nin	35 Eventually
8 Binds	58 Noted	10 Racer relative	36 Slips, for instance
15 Windward Islands capital	59 Model	11 Start of a Carroll work	37 Puts to rest
16 "Piece of cake!"	60 Jabs at	12 Disinclined	39 Bond nickname
17 Assail	61 None too happy	13 China setting	41 Has
18 Going-nowhere situation		14 Ups a grade	42 It can mean "peace" or "welfare"
19 They're all bad		21 Auto debut of '04	43 Generic
20 Family nickname	DOWN	24 Type of roof	44 Wasn't
22 Surfer's hangout	1 Puck, for one	25 Quebec academy	47 Dovish deity
23 Ace's starting point	2 On its way	26 Citation recipient	50 Vacuum accessory
24 It's over your head	3 Half of an odd couple	31 British pianist	52 Figures
27 Draw upon	4 Island chains	32 Order	54 Pen filler, perhaps
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Howard College College Goal Sunday

**NEED MONEY
FOR COLLEGE?**
WE WILL HELP YOU GET IT!
FEBRUARY 22, 2009
12:00 - 4:00 PM



FREE Financial Aid Workshop

Howard College Financial Aid Department is hosting College Goal Sunday on February 22 from 12:00-4:00pm in the STEPS Lab of the Practical Arts Building on the campus of Howard College.

College Goal Sunday is a non-profit program that provides FREE assistance to families and students who are applying for financial aid for higher education.

Students and parents attending should bring their 2008 income tax returns, W2's, and driver's license in order to have needed information for the forms. If a family has not yet completed their 2008 tax returns, they can still attend and get assistance – they just need to bring their W2's and driver's license.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the federally required form for students seeking financial aid, including grants, loans and work-study throughout the nation.

Howard College is one of the few colleges in the area where College Goal Sunday is hosted and College Goal Sunday is open to anyone in the surrounding area, not just Howard County residents. In addition to the services provided, a drawing for a Howard College scholarship will be held during the day and snacks will be available. For more information about College Goals Sunday, visit www.howardcollege.edu or collegegoalsundayusa.org or contact Liz Adamson at 264-5084.

Be a part of Howard College's Department of Community Education's non-credit programs and classes.

For more information - Call 264-5131

Introduction to Computers

"I don't even know how to turn it on..." Computers are everywhere these days, but some of us have never learned how to use one - or just don't feel comfortable. This beginner class is designed to help you learn the fundamental skills you need to use a computer. Students will be able to practice and to progress at their own pace, to build confidence. Come learn the basics in a hands-on class including:

- Basic vocabulary - the most common terms you need to know
- Using a mouse
- How to find and use the software on your computer
- Learn what you can do and what a computer can do for you
- How to save files & find what you have saved
- Safely turning it on & off

January 17 & 24, 2009 Saturday 9:00am - 12:00pm

Instructor: Debra Tate

\$55.00

Basic Internet, Email and eBay

March 16, 19, 23 Monday and Thursday 6:00 - 8:00pm

Instructor: Debra Tate

Cost: \$55.00

Improving your photos with Paint.net

March 21 & 28 Saturday 9:00am - 12:00pm

Instructor: Debra Tate

\$55.00

Children's Game Workshop

February 21, Saturday 1:00 - 5:30

Instructor: Shelley Futrelle

\$10.00

College at the Mall

The Children's Games workshop focuses on teaching parents, youth leaders, pastors, teachers, etc., new educational games to play with their children. From big movement's games to paper games, this workshop focuses on children's growth and fun. In a four hour (I can't remember how long) session you will experience and study new ideas that involve adults and kids in some serious fun! This course is taught by two children's evangelists that have had lots of experience teaching kids new games. Come and join us for this intriguing new course that could be a lifesaver when you run out of ideas.



Howard College Athletic Department

Hawk Basketball- Home games

Monday February 16

Hawk Women vs. Odessa College 5:30 pm

Hawk Men vs. Odessa 7:30 pm

Thursday February 26

Hawk Men vs. New Mexico Military Institute 7:00 pm

Hawk Baseball- Home games

Saturday February 21

vs. Hutchinson Community College 12:00 pm

Sunday February 22

vs. Hutchinson Community College 12:00 pm

Friday February 27

vs. Odessa College 12:00 pm

Hawk Softball- Home games

Monday February 23

vs. Lubbock Christian University JV 11:00 am



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February 21, 2009 - 1:00pm - 6:00pm

Howard County Youth Horseman Arena

Clinic Fee \$20 per student

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Diane Hofacket - 432-267-8041

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1001 Birdwell Lane

www.howardcollege.edu

8:00am-5:30pm Mon-Thur

8:00am-3:00pm Fri

Legals

CAUSE NO. T-5648
HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS.
MARY JANE ADAMS, ET AL
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
118TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF SUIT TO
FORECLOSE TAX LIEN
PURSUANT TO PROPERTY
TAX CODE SECTION 33.57

Pursuant to Order of the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, notice is hereby given to the individuals named herein, and all other persons claiming an interest in the property the subject of this suit, that suit has been filed for foreclosure of the tax lien against such properties. A copy of the Petition filed on behalf of the various taxing entities is attached hereto, and such petition describes the properties against which foreclosure is sought, as well as the owners of record of any interest in such parcels.

Notice to all owners of an interest in such properties is hereby given as follows:

1. A petition to foreclose the tax lien against each parcel shown on the Petition was filed on the 5 day of February, 2009 commencing foreclosure proceedings;

2. The legal description, tax account number, and, if known, the street address for each parcel, is shown in the Exhibits to the Petition attached hereto;

3. This notice is addressed to each owner of an interest in each parcel as shown in the Exhibits to the Petition attached hereto;

4. Final hearing on the Petition is scheduled for the 26 day of March, 2009 at 9:00 o'clock th a.m.;

5. Each and every owner of any interest in each parcel the subject of this suit may lose whatever property interest they own in such parcel as a result of the hearing and any subsequent tax sale;

6. A person's interest in any parcel may be preserved by paying all delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, attorney's fees and court costs before the date of the scheduled hearing on the petition, or, you may contest the Petition by filing with the clerk of the court a written response to the petition not later than the seventh (7) day before the date scheduled for hearing on the petition and specifying in the response any affirmative defense. A copy of such response must be served on the taxing units' attorney of record in the manner required by Rule 21a, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure;

7. The name, address and telephone number of the taxing units are as follows:

Howard College
1001 Birdwell Lane
Big Spring, TX 79720
Howard County
300 S. Main
Big Spring, TX 79720
City of Big Spring
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720
City of Coahoma
P. O. Box L
Coahoma, TX 79511
City of Forsan
P. O. Box 714
Forsan, TX 79733
Big Spring ISD
708 11 Place
Big Spring, TX 79720
Forsan ISD
P. O. Drawer A
Forsan, TX 79733
Howard County Water Control and Improvement District
7917 N. Service Rd.
Big Spring, TX 79720
Permian Basin Underground
Water Conservation District
P. O. Box 1314
Stanton, TX 79782

The name, address and telephone number of the attorney for the taxing units is shown at the bottom of this notice;

8. Coahoma ISD may also impose taxes on one or more of the parcels the subject of this suit and may intervene in this case without further notice and set up its claims for delinquent taxes.

Respectfully Submitted,
MOUTON & MOUTON
A Professional Corporation
Attorneys at Law
P. O. Box 1030
Big Spring, TX 79721
Telephone No.: (432) 264-7465
Telexphone No.: (432) 263-8686
By: Drew Mouton
State Bar No. 14606400
ATTORNEY FOR ALL
PLAINTIFF TAXING UNITS

CAUSE NO. T-5648
HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL
VS
MARY JANE ADAMS, ET AL
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
118TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PLAINTIFFS' ORIGINAL
PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Now comes THE COUNTY OF HOWARD, which brings this action for itself and as agent for HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT, CITY OF BIG SPRING, BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CITY OF COAHOMA, CITY OF FORSAN, FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, HOWARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1, and PERMIAN BASIN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, hereinafter called Plaintiffs, whether one or more, and for cause of action would show the Court the following:

Defendants are those persons and legal entities named and described in the attached Exhibits "1-83" if living, and if any or all of the named Defendant(s) be deceased, the unknown heirs of each of such deceased Defendant(s); the unknown owner or owners of any of the property the subject of this suit; the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representa-

tives, legatees, devisees of the any Defendant; and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon any of the property the subject of this suit, on which property there are delinquent taxes, penalties and interest, assessed and justly due, owing, and unpaid to Plaintiffs in the amounts and for the years shown on the Tax Statement(s) made a part of each Exhibit attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as if repeated verbatim, on each property separately assessed for all delinquent years up to and including 2007.

All of the property is located in Howard County, Texas, and all volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, are to the Deed Records, Howard County, to which instruments reference is made for a more complete description of each tract.

The total amount of delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney's fees owed exceeds the appraised value of each parcel, or, in the alternative, there are ten (10) or more years for which delinquent taxes are owed on each such parcel.

All taxes were authorized by law, and each political subdivision in whose behalf this suit is brought was legally constituted and authorized to levy, assess, and collect ad valorem taxes on property, and all of the taxes were legally levied and assessed against the property and the owners thereof; that Plaintiffs now have and assert a lien on each separately described property to secure the payment of all taxes, penalties, interest; and recover costs and expenses in accordance with the provisions of Property Tax Code § 33.48; and all things required by law to be done have been legally performed by the proper officials.

All of the above described property was, at the time the taxes were assessed, located within the boundaries of the Plaintiffs and of each political subdivision in whose behalf this suit is brought, and the tax was imposed in the county in which this suit is brought.

The attorney whose name is signed hereto is legally authorized to prosecute this action on behalf of Plaintiffs.

Plaintiffs have incurred certain expenses for procuring data and information as to the name, identity, and location of necessary parties and in procuring necessary legal descriptions of the property, which expenses are reasonable abstractor's costs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against all Defendants for foreclosure of the tax lien against the above described property securing the amount due against each tract which is the total amount of delinquent taxes due and owing on each such parcel at the time of the filing of this petition, as well as all taxes becoming delinquent thereafter up to the date of judgment, all interest, penalties, costs and expenses in accordance with the provisions of Property Tax Code § 33.48 accruing up to and including the day of judgment, plus attorney's fees of 20% of all tax, penalty and interest as provided by law, an order of sale, post judgment interest at the maximum rate allowed by law; and for such other relief to which the Plaintiffs may be entitled; provided, however, that personal judgment for such taxes, penalties, interest and attorney fees is not sought against any Defendant named herein.

Respectfully Submitted,
MOUTON & MOUTON
A Professional Corporation
Attorneys at Law
P. O. Box 1030
Big Spring, TX 79721
Telephone No.: (432) 264-7465
Telexphone No.: (432) 263-8686
By: Drew Mouton
State Bar No. 14606400
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS

EXHIBIT 1
Property and Amounts Owed
Lts 1 & 2, Bk 9, Jones Valley Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE: \$742.90
Years owed: 1988-2007

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Mary Jane Adams
The following are lienholders and may be notified at:
City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan Big Spring, TX 79720
EXHIBIT 2
Property and Amounts Owed
E/80' of Lt 12, Bk 6, Earles Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
W/50' of Lt 12, Bk 6, Earles Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$701.90
Years owed: 1988-2007

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Encarnacion Alarcon
Apt. #20
4223 Jennifer
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
Irene Alarcon
Apt. #20
4223 Jennifer
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

EXHIBIT 3
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt 12, Bk 108, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$454.39
Years owed: 1988-2007

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Joe Arnold
Joe C. Arnold, Jr.
227 David Rd.
Big Spring, TX 79720
Joe Clement Arnold
227 Davis Rd.
Big Spring, TX 79720

The following are lienholders and may be notified at:
City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 4
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt 7, Bk 4, Government Heights to Bauer Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$789.47
Years owed: 1988-2007

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

James C. Baine
The following are lienholders and may be notified at:
City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 5
Property and Amounts Owed
Lts 1, 2 & 3, Bk 11, Jones Valley Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$1,114.20
Years owed: 1988-2007

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

M. T. Baker
The following are lienholders and may be notified at:
City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 6
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt 21, Bk 4, Cedar Crest Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$1885.44
Years owed: 1988-2007

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

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

Jaime A. Baldwin and
Mary F. Baldwin

The following are lienholders and may be notified at:
City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 7
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt 14, Bk 7, South Haven Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$1,126.69
Years owed: 1988-2007

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

J. W. Barclay

EXHIBIT 8
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt 6, Bk 2, North Park Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$1,083.50
Years owed: 1988-2007

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Georgia Mae Baucham

EXHIBIT 9
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt 9, Bk 7, Bauer Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$1,108.80
Years owed: 1988-2007

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Louisa Bauer aka Louise Bauer and Pedro Fierro
The following are lienholders and may be notified at:
City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 10
Property and Amounts Owed
E/2 of Lt 13, Bk 99, Original Townsite to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Lt 14, Bk 99, Original Townsite to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
E/2 of the SW/4 of Lt 21, Bk 99, Original Townsite to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
W/2 of the SW/4 of Lt 21, Bk 99, Original Townsite to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Lt 8, Bk 24, Bauer Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
E/25' of Lt 5, Bk D, Moore Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

NW/4 of Lt 19, Bk 99, Original Townsite to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
N/40' of Lts 1 & 2, Bk 102, Original Townsite to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Lt 7, Bk 112, Original Townsite to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Lt 6, Bk 1, Adell Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Lt 11, Bk 22, Government Heights to Bauer Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Lt 12, Bk 9, Brown Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Lt 4, Bk B, Moore Heights Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Lt 5, Bk B, Moore Heights Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Lt 5, Bk F, Moore Heights Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Lt 4, Bk 2, Rice Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$9,704.85
Years owed: 1988-2007

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shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

John N. Beck, II
2200 Central Ave. #210
Alameda, CA 94501

The following are lienholders and may be notified at:
City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 11
Property and Amounts Owed
All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Howard County, Texas, and being 20 acres a part of Survey #18, T1S, Howard County, Texas, (two 10 acre tracts) and being described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit

TOTAL DUE:\$2,749.28
Years owed: 1988-2007

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

C. N. Bills

EXHIBIT 12
Property and Amounts Owed
Lts 7 & 8, Bk 17, Jones Valley Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$749.17
Years owed: 1988-2007

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Daniel E. Birdwell
The following are lienholders and may be notified at:
City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 13
Property and Amounts Owed
N/60' of Lt 9, Bk 10, Jones Valley Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$154.38
Years owed: 1988-2007

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Kelly R. Britt
EXHIBIT 14
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt 17, Bk 5, Cedar Crest Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$1,745.06
Years owed: 1988-2007

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Earnest Bruner

EXHIBIT 15
Property and Amounts Owed
A tract of land out of Sc. 32, Bk 33, T1N, &P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas described by metes

and bounds on the attached exhibit
TOTAL DUE:\$1,419.01
Years owed: 1990-2007

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Mary V. Burcham

The following are lienholders and may be notified at:
City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 16
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt 12, Bk 4, Bowser Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$68.31
Years owed: 1988-2007

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Retta Caldwell aka
Retta Moore Caldwell
2807 E. Hwy. 350
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 17
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt 3, Bk 1, Parker Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$701.71
Years owed: 1989-2007

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

M. K. Carson
Marvin K. Carson
800 S. Lancaster
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 18
Property and Amounts Owed
Being a strip of land 50' eastward and westward by 140' northward and southward out of the SE/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, &P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas and being out of Tract 24, Wm. B. Currie Subdivision, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit

TOTAL DUE: \$789.84
Years owed: 1988-2007

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Andres A. Ceniceros, Jr. and
Rachel C. Ceniceros

EXHIBIT 19
Property and Amounts Owed
A tract of land being out of the E/2 of a certain 6 1/2 acre tract of land out of the SE/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T-1-N, &P Ry. Co. Survey in Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit

TOTAL DUE:\$347.14
Years owed: 1988-2007

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

Are you ready for a **NEW!** Challenge?

2009 Best Loser Fat to Fitness Spring Challenge!



We are seeking teams (of 4 people any age) ready to take part and lose weight in March, April and May competing to claim

“The Best Loser” Spring Title and A Grand Prize Worth \$500 - \$1,000*!

If you are ready to start losing weight, sign up for **The Best Loser Spring Challenge!**

We are seeking teams (of 4 people any age) ready to take part in this fitness/lifestyle change, and compete for a Grand Prize Package!
Team fee: \$40 (Only \$10 per person any age). Individuals or corporate sponsor

- Three official weigh-ins with the professional at YMCA where your progress will be monitored and recorded.
Weight-In Dates: First March 9-13, Second, April 6-10 Third, May 11-15

- Team photos and updates will be published. Here you'll be able to follow along with the progress of each team, and see how your team measures up.

- We will only provide your team's **total percentage** of weight loss not individuals.

- At the end of the 3-month program, the winning team will be determined by the highest percentage of weight lost, and receive the "Grand Prize."

- Contest prizes determined on number of teams.

- To join the Best Loser Spring Challenge, fill out the form below and return to us with a check or money order for \$40 no later than March 6, 2009.

Questions? Call 432-263-7331.
Ask for Rick.

Team Photos must be taken at The Big Spring Herald
Prior to March 9th
FINAL PHOTO MUST BE TAKEN BY MAY 15TH
(TEAM PHOTOS MUST BE TAKEN TO QUALIFY FOR PRIZES)

Mail form or drop off along with \$40 team fee to:
The Best Loser
C/O Big Spring Herald
P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79721

**1st • 2nd • 3rd
Prize
\$500 to
\$1,000***



Sign us up for the Best Loser Challenge!

Team Name (Be Creative) _____
Team Captain 1: _____ **phone:** _____
Team Member 2: _____ **phone:** _____
Team Member 3: _____ **phone:** _____
Team Member 4: _____ **phone:** _____
Corporate Challenge
Business Name: _____

Sponsored by



*Grand Prize Predicated on number of teams

Legals

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

Norma Lee Puga aka
Norma Lee Lujan

The following are lienholders and may be notified at:

City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720
EXHIBIT 77

Property and Amounts Owed
Lt 4, Bk 4, Jones Valley Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$74.90
Years owed:
1988-2007

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

G. O. Rice

EXHIBIT 78

Property and Amounts Owed
W/37.5' of Lts 11 & 12, Bk 6, Mountain View Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$231.62
Years owed:
1992-2007

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Norma Thurman,
Robert Cornelius Grider,
Donald M. Thurman and
Samuel Lawrence Thurman, Jr.

Norma Thurman
2702 Crockett
Midland, TX 79702
Sam L. Thurman
P. O. Box 1198
Ruidoso, NM 88345
Robert C. Grider
1701 Fir
Pampa, TX 79065
Donald M. Thurman
Rt. 1, Box 231-5
Quitman, TX 75782

EXHIBIT 79

Property and Amounts Owed
E/90' of Lot 5, Bk 3, Earles Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$1,718.80
Years owed:
1988-2007

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Bertha Turner
Bertha Thomas Turner
2502 Rebecca
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 80

Property and Amounts Owed
A tract of land 50' by 150' out of and part of Tract No. 16, Wm. B. Currie Subdivision of the SE/4, Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Surveys, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit
TOTAL DUE:\$212.19
Years owed:
1992-2007

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit. If no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone

directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, nor, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Clara Lee Watson and
Charles Watson

The following are lienholders and may be notified at:
City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720
EXHIBIT 81

Property and Amounts Owed
All of Lt 4, Bk G, Moore Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$521.61
Years owed:
1988-2007

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Nathaniel Williams and
Doshie Williams

The following are lienholders and may be notified at:
City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720
EXHIBIT 82

Property and Amounts Owed
Lt 9, Bk 6, Bauer Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:\$433.96
Years owed:
1988-2007

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Defendant Woodmen of the World may be served with citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested to its registered agent for service:
CT Corporation System
350 N. St. Paul Street
Dallas, TX 75201
Amado Nervo

EXHIBIT 83

Property and Amounts Owed
Being a parcel 50' Eastward and Westward by 150' Northward and Westward out of Tr 17, of the Wm B. Currie Subdivision of the SE/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit
TOTAL DUE: \$730.00
Years owed:
1988-2007

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

Lawrence Oliver and Jean Oliver
Jean Oliver
400 NW 9th
Big Spring, TX 79720

The following are lienholders and may be notified at:
City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720
#6046 February 15 & 22, 2009

Legals

ATTENTION
PROPERTY OWNERS

Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden.

HOMEOWNERS

Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2009, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2008, or has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district which appraised the property in question and complete an application.

DISABLED PERSONS

Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons now received all benefits on their home that are available to over 65 persons (see below)

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE

Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they become 65 during 2009. Over -65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their area. Over -65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from any appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

Persons who have been declared disabled by the Veteran's Administration are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes.

DISABLE VETERANS

Farmers and ranchers may be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by the farm income to the property. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops, livestock, or is used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from your appraisal district. Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the Chief Appraiser or if ownership has changed.

FARM AND RANCH OWNERS

Exemption applications for all property tax exemptions including total exemptions for charitable, religious, and other total exemptions may be obtained from an appraisal district nearest you or through the State Comptroller's Office at 1/800-252-9121.

ATENCION CONTRIBUYENTE DE IMPUESTOS SOBRE LA PROPIEDAD

Duenos de propiedades tienen ci-

ertos derechos que pueden reducir sus impuestos

DUENO DE HOGAR

Usted califica para una exención general, si es dueño de su hogar el día primero de enero, 2009. La solicitud para la exención es necesaria si el dueño de la residencia cambió de hogar efectivo el primero de enero, 2008, o califica para exenciones adicionales desde el año pasado. Un dueño de hogar mayor de 65 años puede aplazar el pago de una porción de sus impuestos si el valoracion de su hogar de residencia aumento mas de 5% que el valor del año anterior. Un aplazamiento de impuestos sin embargo, solo pospone su deuda impositiva. Se aplica un interés de 8 por ciento al año y se mantiene una garantía sobre la propiedad. Para aplicar por el aplazo, contacte al distrito de valoración de su condado y complete la aplicación.

PERSONAS INCAPACITADOS

Personas incapacitadas bajo la Administración del Seguro Social califican para las exenciones de dueño de hogar. Personas incapacitadas deben aplicar con su distrito de valoración con su prueba de incapacitado del Administración del Seguro Social. Personas incapacitadas reciben todos los beneficios en su hogar igual que personas mayor de 65 años.

PERSONAS MAYORES DE 65 AÑOS

Personas mayores de 65 años o deshabilitados pueden aplicar para mas exenciones. Usted tambien obtiene un tope de impuestos para el total de sus impuestos escolares si usted cumple 65 años de edad durante 2009. Personas de 65 años o mas tienen que registrar una solicitud por la exencion en su distrito de valoración en su area. Usted puede aplazar algunos de sus impuestos sobre su hogar de residencia si lo desea. Los impuestos continúan a pesar del aplazo con interés de 8% anual, pero no se hace esfuerzo de abrir un juicio hipotecario durante el aplazo. La Contraloría de Cuentas Públicas de Texas le podrá dar más información.

VETERANOS INCAPACITADOS
Usted puede calificar para una exención de los impuestos sobre su propiedad. Debe tener documentos del Administración de Veteranos que muestran el porcentaje de su incapacidad relacionada a su servicio militar. El distrito de valoración solamente necesita documentación el primer año de calificación o si su porcentaje de su incapacidad cambia.

TERRENOS AGRICOLAS O GANADEROS

La valoración/tasación como terreno agrícola disminuye el valor imponible del terreno. Se valora el terreno basándose en su capacidad para producir cultivos, ganado, o vida silvestre en lugar de su valor en el mercado de bienes y raíces. Obtenga un formulario de solicitud en la oficina local de su distrito de valoración. El tasador principal puede requerir que usted someta una nueva aplicación. También el dueño del terreno cambia, el tasador principal puede requerir una aplicación nueva.

SOLICITACIONES PARA EXENCIONES

Copias de solicitudes se pueden conseguir en el distrito de valoración mas cerca de usted o del La Contraloría de Cuentas Públicas de Texas, en el 1/800-252-9121 También se incluye solicitudes para exenciones totales para organizaciones religiosas.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of the State Property Tax Code, Section 33.06 styled:

DEFERRED COLLECTIONS OF CERTAIN TAXES

(a) An individual is entitled to defer or abate a suit to collect a delinquent tax if he is 65 or older; or disabled Person and he owns and occupies as a residence homestead the property on which the tax subject to the suit is delinquent.
(b) To obtain a deferral, an individual must file with the Chief Appraiser for the Appraisal District in which the property is located an affidavit stating the facts required to be established by Subsection (a) of this section. The Chief Appraiser shall notify each taxing unit participating in the District of the filing. After an affidavit is filed under this subsection, a taxing unit may not file suit to collect delinquent taxes on the property until the individual no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.
(c) To obtain an abatement, the individual must file in the court in which suit is pending an affidavit stating the facts required to be established by Subsection (a) of this section. If no controverting affidavit is filed by the taxing unit filing suit or if, after a hearing the court finds the individual is entitled to the deferral, the court shall abate the suit until the individual no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.
(d) A tax lien remains on the property and interest continue to accrue at a rate of 8% per year during the period collections of taxes is deferred.
(e) NEW LAW ENACTED BY 1997 LEGISLATURE SENATE BILL 841 SEC. 33.065: DEFER PAYING TAXES ON THAT PART OF THE

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APPAISED VALUE OF THEIR HOMES THAT IS MORE THAN 5% ABOVE THE PRECEDING YEARS APPRAISED VALUE, EXCLUDES THE VALUE OF ANY IMPROVEMENTS MADE: Application forms are available at: Howard County Appraisal District Courthouse Annex, 315 Main Street P.O. Box 1151 Big Spring, TX 79721-1151 Authorized by 1989 Texas Law Section 33.06 #6058 February 15 & 22, 2009

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE (REAL ESTATE)

The State of Texas
To any Sheriff or any Constable Within The State of Texas-Greetings:
Whereas John G. Kelley on the 4th day of December A.D., 2008 in the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, in Cause No. S2612J11 and S2613J11, John G. Kelly, Plaintiff, VS. Nancy J. Fields Defendant recovered a judgment against Nancy J. Fields for the sum of \$6,788.00 and \$788.00 with interest from the 4th of December 2008 A.D., at the rate of five percent (10%) per annum,

and all costs of suit.
THEREFORE, you are commanded that out of the property of said Nancy J. Fields subject to execution by laws, you cause to be made the sum of \$6,788.00 and \$788.00 with interest thereon from the 2nd day of October, 2008 A.D., at the rate of five percent (10%) per annum, together with the sum of \$188.00 cost of suit a each, and also the cost of executing this writ and you will forthwith execute this writ according to laws and the mandates thereof.
BY VIRTUE OF A Writ of Execution issued out the Court of Howard County, Texas, in a certain cause

numbered: S2612J11 and S2613J11; Issued December 4, 2008 A.D.; John Kelley versus Nancy Fields writ was delivered to me, as the Sheriff and directed and delivered, I will levied upon 7th day of April, 2009 A.D. at 10:00 in the morning at the north court house doors at 300 Main Big Spring, TX 79720, of said Howard County, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all rights, title and interest if any, which defendant: had on the 4th day of December, 2008 A.D., or at any time thereafter, of in and to the following described property.
Property Legal Description:

E/92 of LT 2& S/10 W/48 of LT2 BK 40 Original Town IRR 0704 LT 6 BK 4 Porter 50x140 402 BLK/Tract 40.161 Acres ACQ 060606
LT 5 BK 38 Cole & Strayhorn 50x140 738 BLK/Tract 380.161 Acres ACQ 060606
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND on this day of December 23, 2008
Dean Restelli, Civil Investigator
Howard County Sheriff Office
Big Spring, TX 79720
Deputy Dean Restelli
432-264-2244
#6045 February 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 2009

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of WILLIAM BURTON JENNINGS, Deceased, were issued on February 4, 2009, in Cause No. P-13713, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: MARY

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

c/o: MARY JENNINGS
619 Colgate
Big Spring, Texas 79720
DATED the 6th day of February, 2009.
Joshua Hamby
Attorney for MARY JENNINGS
State Bar No.: 24034471

306 Scurry Street
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Big Spring, Texas 79721-2199
Telephone: (432)263-8395
Facsimile: (432)263-4798
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BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNERS

State law now requires the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50% penalty is man-

dated. A rendition can be obtained from the appraisal district office where the property is located. A 30 day filing extension is available by written request.
This is a public service announcement by the following appraisal district:
Howard County Appraisal District

315 Main Street
Big Spring, Tx 79720
432/263-8301
DUENOS DE PROPIEDAD PERSONAL
La ley ahora requiere que Usted haga una declaración de propiedad personal. Debe hacer uan declaración de propiedad personal - por

ejemplo, el inventario y equipo utilizado en un negocio. Si usted no declara a tiempo, o si presenta una declaración incompleta o falsa, se le pueda imponer una multa de 10 a 50 por ciento. La declaración se puede obtener en el distrito de valoración local.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, AAA Mini Storage which is located at 3301 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on February 16, 2009, at AAA Mini Storage, 3301 East FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants, with brief description of contents in each space.
Bobbie Rainwater
Rosa Jones
Kerry Carpenter
Anderson Home Repair
#6041 February 15 & 22, 2009



Going Green ... The Irish Way

(Family Features) No blarney! We're all a little bit Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Across America we celebrate the patron saint of Ireland every March by going green, Irish style — holding grand parades, dying rivers green, drinking green beverages and wearing green clothing.

This year, celebrate with your own fun, festive, colorful (green, of course) St. Patty's party created by the celebration experts at Wilton. In addition to the traditional corned beef and cabbage, set out a shamrock-shaped "bread and spread" to set the mood. Just start with a hot roll mix.

Prepare the dough according to package directions, kneading in some shredded Cheddar if you like. Press it into the three leaf clover-shaped Shamrock Pan, let it rise, then bake. Once cooled, cut a hole in the center and spoon in your favorite spinach dip.

Since green is the color of the day, serve a variety of green vegetables such as celery sticks, cucumber slices and broccoli as dippers along with the bread. (The pan also doubles as a cake pan...just in

case!)

Every party needs sweets and this one's no exception — they're better than the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow!

A variety of cookies and cupcakes are guaranteed to keep those Irish eyes smiling. Cut cookies with shamrock-shaped cutters — use refrigerated cookie dough to save time.

Kids and grown-ups can have fun embellishing the cookies with green sparkle gel, icing tinted Kelly Green and shamrock sprinkles. Continue the theme with cupcakes (made from a mix), baked in shamrock-printed baking cups. Spatula ice, then top with Foil Fun Pix, icing decorations and more sprinkles. No advanced decorating skills required!

For a little sweet and salty mix, offer pretzel rods adorned with jaunty leprechaun hats and shamrocks.

Wilton's unique Pretzel Molds and Candy Melts make it easy to create these yummy crispy-creamy treats.

To learn how to make and decorate the Shamrock Cookies, Cupcakes and Pretzel Molds shown in the

photo, or to order decorating and baking supplies for all occasions, visit www.wilton.com.

Shamrock Bread with Spinach Dip
Recipe Courtesy of Wilton Enterprises
Makes 1 loaf

1 package (16 ounces) hot roll mix
Water, butter and egg to prepare mix

3/4 cup finely shredded cheddar cheese (optional)
Favorite homemade or purchased Spinach Dip

Spray pan with vegetable pan spray. Prepare hot roll mix following package instructions; if desired, knead in shredded cheese. Press dough into prepared pan. Cover with a clean cloth and let rise in warm place until doubled, about 30 minutes

Preheat oven to 375°F. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from pan and cool on wire rack.

When completely cooled, cut hole in bread, almost completely through; spoon in Spinach Dip.

Wilton Product:
Shamrock Pan

Not All Mothers Are in Their Right Minds

Dear Margo: I am the stepmother to two children whose mother is nuts. This woman acquired a lot of money in her third marriage and is raising these children to worship the dollar.

The tween daughters are lavished with Vuitton and Chanel purses. They are taught to befriend only the wealthy kids at their school.

The topper is that even though they are under 14, they have been subjected to cosmetic surgeries (one having a nose job, the other fixing a scar that the kid "didn't like" in an inconspicuous place).

Their father and I adamantly opposed these surgeries, as one occurred when the child was 7!

The doctor admitted it was unnecessary, but said the mom made the final decision and it "wouldn't hurt the child."

Anytime we discuss beauty being on the inside, the kids respond as though we just don't want to pay our share and it's all about the money.

Their mother has had several plastic surgeries and in my opinion is addicted. We are never told of these procedures until after they have occurred, and then we receive the bill for half. How do we combat this?

How can we get it through to these children that they don't need to be enhanced? — *Exasperated*

Dear Ex: This is kind of pathetic. Between the designer bags and the plastic surgery, these kids don't stand a chance of growing up with values that matter.

All you can do for the children is keep beating the drum that they are fine as they are and that your values are different from their mother's. Ironic that Mrs. Got Rocks (in her head) would be ahead of the game if she spent her time and money on a shrink instead of a plastic surgeon, but that is unlikely to happen.

There is nothing you can do about her, but

you are not without options. Because you didn't approve these medical expenses, you need not pay half. You might consider going to family court to call a moratorium on cosmetic surgery for minors. You could also file a complaint against the doctor with the medical society. Realistically, resign yourself to doing the best you can with these two little Paris Hiltons. — *Margo, unenthusiastically*

Lost in the Garden of Eden

Dear Margo: I was involved in a one-night stand with my pastor. This is a man I have known for a very long time.

We agreed to stop because of our positions in the church and the fact that we are both married. I never even had a crush on him, but since he lured me to share the forbidden fruit I find I am lusting for him and wish we could continue. Please tell me how I can deal with this. — *Burning with Desire*

Dear Burn: Oh, my. Well, one thing we already know is that yours is not the first clergyman to have a fall from grace.

Do give him credit, however, for deciding to sin no more. As for how you can deal with this, I would hunt down the appropriate chapters in the Bible having to do with adultery and fidelity.

If you find you cannot displace your desire for this man and have trouble believing in talking snakes, consider going to another church and recommitting yourself to the Ten Commandments. — *Margo, correctively*

Just Refuse To Referee

Dear Margo: After 29 years together, 26 of them married, my parents are getting divorced. My father has always been a functioning alcoholic who a few years ago ceased to function.

His life was down to watching TV and drinking. My mother eventually tired of his refusal to do anything and his constant complaining when he actually had to leave the house.

She moved in with me while looking for a new home and has never been happier in her life. She laughs, goes out, has a few drinks two

nights a week with friends, and has even started dating.

My father is devastated. He drinks more, calls my mother "to make sure she's OK" and calls me repeatedly if she doesn't answer the phone.

He lies to my younger brother (who is away at school) and tells him she drinks too much and is never home. My brother is angry and resentful with my mother and me.

My father is a train wreck — he has admitted he was unhappy before she left, but doesn't understand why they shouldn't be miserable together. I've begged him to talk to someone, but he "doesn't want to air their dirty laundry."

My mother tries to keep me out of the middle, but my father is determined to put me right there. In the process, he's destroying our usually close family. I don't know what to do. I love them both, but I'm being pulled in three directions! — *Tugged Too Far*

Dear Tug: First, hurry for your mother. After 29 years with Jim Beam, she can at last have a life. Second, your brother, unless he was anesthetized while living at home, should know enough family history to take your word over your father's, and if you've not set him straight, you should.

About all you can do for your father is to tell him your mom is doing well, and now that his life is essentially ruined, he might want to consider getting some help of the AA variety.

The "dirty laundry" excuse won't wash, pardon the pun. I believe you can end being the bird in a badminton game if you are firm in what you say. — *Margo, perseveringly*

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

In three days the sun will enter a new realm and begin a new chapter in our year. The waning moon in Scorpio, the sign of regeneration and transformation, reminds us we have the option of making modifications before we launch into the Pisces part of the year. If there's something you want to change, Scorpio moon gives you the strength.



HOLIDAY
MATHS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You make an impression when you're true to yourself. Strive to be original with a different take on things than the others have, and yet an opinion that is still relevant to what is going on around you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Money is less of an issue for you now as you see many of

the things you want cannot be bought. And those items that can be bought can certainly be found for a decent price when you're willing to search or negotiate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're happiest when everyone in your life is happy. And yet, you can still find reasons to feel good when those around you are having a hard time. By looking on the bright side you teach others to lighten up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are still committed to finishing what you start even when the hour seems hopelessly past due. Well, your timing is terrific now when you refuse to give up. What you thought was a deadline turns out to be a lifeline.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You know what you choose to know. When you look into a situation, you see it clearly. When you're ready you will focus on and quickly sort out any circum-

stance that has been confusing to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll catch yourself in the act of self-defeat. Remember that you're not afraid to go for what you want anymore. When you feel yourself backing up, stop immediately. Go the opposite way just to prove a point.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is work when there should be play. But no one has to suffer over it — that's optional. And as far as you are concerned, being busy is infinitely more fun than dallying the day away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Who needs an invitation to celebrate life? Certainly not you. You're making up your own party as you go. People smile, socialize and maybe even dance when you're near. Your atmosphere will support the revelry in your heart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's too distracting to be around

someone who has all the habits you're trying to get rid of. If you can draw some boundaries or just be temporarily unavailable you'll stay more in line with your goals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're still not sure whether or not you'd like to be a part of the goings on around your social set. This is partly because you need rest. Socializing may be more draining than energizing. Relax in your own way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It just doesn't satisfy you to be good to your family. You simply have to spoil them silly, don't you? The choice to be over the top can be tiring at times, so remember to rest and recharge your creativity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you want to brag to your friends, you certainly have something good to tout today. However, a subtle approach will have even more impact.

After all, you want them to be slightly jealous, not consumed with envy.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The sun journeys from the eleventh sign of the zodiac — Aquarius — to the twelfth sign — Pisces, the sign of spirit, pure potential and the breath that animates life. Aquarius energy is infused with philosophy, philanthropy, poetry and song.

Pisces energy is, too, because Pisces is the culmination of every sign of the zodiac. One fun way to take advantage of Pisces solar transiting offerings is to try on the qualities of each sign.

Like a child playing dress up, you can be whomever you want to be in the moment it suits you. Try marching the path of the Aries warrior, dancing in step like a Libran partner or embarking on the vision quest of Aquarius. Pisces is all about the flexibility to experience

lives different from the one you would normally call your own. Pisces figures prominently in the natal charts of many actors and seems to lend the uncanny ability to lose one identity for a moment in favor of taking on the qualities of another. And what we will find out over the next four weeks is reassuring indeed. For all our individual quirks and mannerisms, we are still more alike than we are different.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: From Bond Girl to Medicine Woman, Jane Seymour is an actress of enormous appeal. She even won the heart of Queen Elizabeth II, who awarded her the honor of being an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. Seymour's Sun and Mercury in Aquarius signify a drive to contribute to the development of humanity. She is a celebrity ambassador for the organization Childhelp.

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