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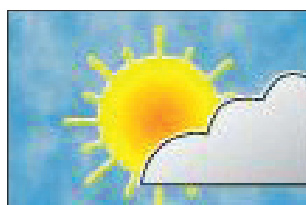
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Technology upgrades on college to-do list

Trustees will also consider appointing a new board member Monday

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Long-delayed technology upgrades will be on the agenda when Howard College trustees hold their monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Union Building's Tumbleweed Room. College officials had origi-

nally planned to spend upwards to \$500,000 on various computer and technology upgrades in the summer, but had to table the purchases because of the tax dispute between the Alon Refinery and the county tax appraisal district.

Now that those parties have

settled, revenue has been freed up for the college to once again consider the purchases.

"It's a plan we've been working on for months," said College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "Now that we have a settlement (between Alon and the appraisal district), we



Sparks

have the monies that will let us consider implementing the plan."

The upgrade plan calls for the college to replace or upgrade many of the computers on campus, as well

a new server and backup system, equipment and software for the distance learning program and security cameras, among other items.

"Needless to say, it's a significant investment for the college," Sparks said. "We

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Welder's spark ignites grass fire

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A welder's spark was all it took to launch a grass fire that destroyed thousands of dollars in property Friday afternoon.

Howard County Volunteer and Big Spring firefighters responded to an area near the 3000 block of N. Highway 87 shortly before 4 p.m. in response to a grass fire that started behind Fiber Glass Systems Inc. said Tommy Sullivan, chief of the volunteer fire department.

"They were welding on a fence behind the building ... and a spark just got away from them," Sullivan said.

The fire soon spread to a grassy lot that held many dilapidated automobiles, which increased the danger factor of the blaze considerably, Sullivan said.



Sullivan



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Tommy Sullivan, left, chief of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, watches the progress of a grass fire that broke out Friday afternoon near the 3000 block of N. Highway 87. A vacant structure and many junked automobiles were destroyed, but no major injuries were reported.

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Sheriff/police pact garners scrutiny

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will revisit a pending inter-local agreement between the sheriff's office and local police department when they hold their regular meet-

ing at 10 a.m. Monday in the county courthouse.

The agreement, which would result in more inter-agency cooperation in drug cases, was tabled by commissioners in January, but County Judge Mark Barr said

the group will reconsider the idea Monday.

Sheriff Stan Parker is an enthusiastic supporter of the agreement.

"What the agreement does is allow the police department to use their narcotics officers

to work out in the county with our guys," Parker told commissioners earlier this month. "Everything would be done through our office. We've seen a large spread of

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FISD to set calendar for coming year

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

FORSAN — School trustees here will consider the school calendar for the coming year when they hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the superintendent's office.

Randy Johnson, superintendent for Forsan Independent School District, said the

calendar will be very similar to the current schedule.

"There will not be any significant changes," Johnson said. "About the most significant difference will be that we'll have an early dismissal

day the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. In previous years, students and staff had that day off."

Johnson said school officials had very little flexibility in designing the calendar.

"It's a problem coming up with a calendar every year because the state has come up with such strict guidelines,"

he said.

Those guidelines state that districts can start the 180-day school year no earlier than the fourth Monday in August. To end the first semester by the Christmas break and conclude the school year by June 1, FISD has been forced

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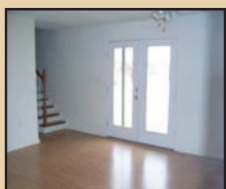
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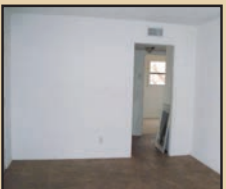
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Big Spring Lady Steers third baseman Jillian Valle winds up to throw a Midland Christian runner out at first in softball action from the Lady Steers' 6-3 victory over Midland Christian Friday at Lady Steer Park.

'Complete' Lady Steers team rallies past Midland Christian

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Coach John Sparks got a taste of how the complete 2009 version of the Lady Steers look Friday and he liked what he saw.

After the Lady Steers committed 12 errors in a 10-2 loss to Monahans to open the season Tuesday, Big Spring got some help as three athletes who were playing basketball joined the team for the first time Friday.

The result was just two errors in a 6-3 victory over Midland Christian, giving Big Spring (1-1) its first win of the season.

"It's a relief to get the first win out of the way for me and for these

girls," said Sparks. "This is the first time we've had the full team on the field together and I really liked the results. We had a couple of errors early, but we settled down and played together. We saw in this game, that when we play together, we can really come out and compete."

Midland Christian opened the game, scoring three runs in the first two innings. Kelsey Spray knocked in one of those runs in the second with a double to left field. After that hit, though, Midland Christian struggled to put any more points on the board.

Meanwhile, the Lady Steers' bats started to catch fire. That, combined with some aggression on the base paths, led Big Spring to post-

ing four runs in the bottom of the third, giving the Lady Steers a 1-run advantage, 4-3. They added two more in the fourth.

Stormi Reams replaced Leigh Ann Staggs in the pitchers' circle in the fourth inning, but both hurlers were erratic getting the ball to the plate. Big Spring scored three runs on wild pitches in the third and fourth frames.

Linzee Yarbar, Macy Briggs, Jillian Valle and Kenzie Hunt each went 2 for 4 at the plate with Yarbar and Briggs knocking in two runs, while Valle and Hunt drove in one each.

Hunt picked up the win and improves her season record to 1-1.

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2011 Super Bowl planners not wasting any time

By **JAIME ARON**

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — On tables and desks all over the offices of the North Texas Super Bowl host committee, the countdown to the big game is on.

Days, hours, minutes and seconds can be seen slipping away on rectangular, black countdown clocks about the size of a stapler. They arrived as a gift from a sponsor, but were so popular that hundreds more have been ordered.

"I look at that clock every blessed day, sometimes several times a day," said Bill Lively, the president and CEO of the committee.

Then he laughed. "I hate it," he said. Truth is, the gimmick perfectly symbolizes the group's urgency — even though they are planning the 2011 game, not the one coming up in 2010.

The rush is because Lively and crew are trying to reinvent the way a Super Bowl is staged. Instead of a few weeks of events connected to the game, they're going for an entire year's worth, part of an Olympics-esque approach to make all 6 million people in the Dallas-Fort Worth area feel a personal connection to a game only a tiny percentage will get to attend.

And, to pull it off, they're doing everything on a Texas-sized scale, with largest-ever host committee (about 250 people, led by Roger Staubach and with Troy Aikman joining him on the executive committee) to the biggest-ever budget, likely between \$25 million and \$30 million.

"I'm a native Texan and this is very much in my mind a Texan approach to a remarkable opportunity," Lively said. "This is so much more than a football game. The game is the reason you have all the rest. But it's the rest that touches so many lives. The way we're planning it, hundreds of thousands of people who live here can go to events, can be volunteers, can experience it and touch it so that in some way this game is fun and meaningful for them."

Despite this being a horrible time to ask for money to throw parties tied to a football game, the group already has crushed the Super Bowl record for fundraising by securing nine \$1 million sponsors. Only the 2006 game in Detroit has snagged multiple \$1 million benefactors and it had only two. Lively isn't done, either, with hopes to snag six more by this summer.

"We're raising the money to pay for almost everything," Staubach said, adding that hardly any money will come from taxpayers. "We're going to make sure we're able to do the things we're committed to doing."

Just as Staubach and Aikman are perfect front-men for this event, having won a

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HERALD file photo/Jonathan Hull

Sands' Brittani Blagrove looks to pull up for a shot in a file photo from Feb. 12, 2008. Blagrove led the Lady Mustangs to a 53-51 win over Knox City in the Class A, Division II area playoffs Friday night by scoring 25 points.

Standing all alone

Lady Mustangs final Crossroads area girls basketball team alive

Herald Staff Report

SLATON — And then there was one.

After Friday's tier area round game of the girls basketball playoffs, only one team remains standing from the Crossroads region.

The Sands Lady Mustangs held off a furious fourth quarter rally from Knox City to pull out a 53-51 victory, advancing to the regional quarterfinals. The Lady Mustangs face No. 5 Guthrie (27-2) at 6:30 p.m. Monday in Idalou.

In other area action, Forsan's Lady Buffaloes lost to No. 11 Tahoka, 61-28, playing without leading scorer and rebounder Amanda Longorio, who broke her foot in practice Wednesday.

Twelfth-ranked Smyer dominated Stanton in a 70-33 rout.

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Local basketball playoff schedule

Monday

(Girls basketball)

Sands vs. Guthrie, 6:30 p.m. in Idalou.

Tuesday

(Boys basketball)

Big Spring vs. Canyon Randall, 7 p.m.

at Monterrey High in Lubbock

Sands vs. Robert Lee, 7 p.m. in Snyder.

Stanton vs. Wink, 7 p.m. in Andrews.

Crabtree to miss workouts with stress fracture

By **MICHAEL MAROT**

AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Texas Tech receiver Michael Crabtree has a stress fracture in his foot that will sideline him from this weekend's workouts at the NFL scouting combine.

Crabtree is considered the top receiver in this year's draft class.

The NFL's Web site said Crabtree would need at least 10 weeks to



Crabtree

recover from surgery in which a screw will be inserted in his foot.

Crabtree was a record-setting wide receiver at Texas Tech, totaling 231 receptions for 3,127 yards and 41 touchdowns in two seasons with Tech.

Many scouts were rumored to consider Crabtree the draft's top prospect before knowledge of the injury.

Chicago Bears coach Lovie Smith confirmed the injury. Coaches were told of the injury inside Luca Oil Stadium.

Only reporters with the NFL Network were permitted to enter.

Sports in brief

BSGSA registration begins Saturday

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association is holding sign-ups for the 2009 season beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

Subsequent sign up dates will be each Saturday through March 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Girls ages 4-14 are eligible to play with a registration fee of \$65. The fee covers full uniform.

Late registration after March 14 will include a \$10 extra charge.

For more information, contact Lucy Ramirez at 466-3670.

Howard College softball goes 1-2 in first day at Midland tourney

Howard College's softball team took part in the Midland College Spring Softball Classic and went

1-2 on the first day of the event.

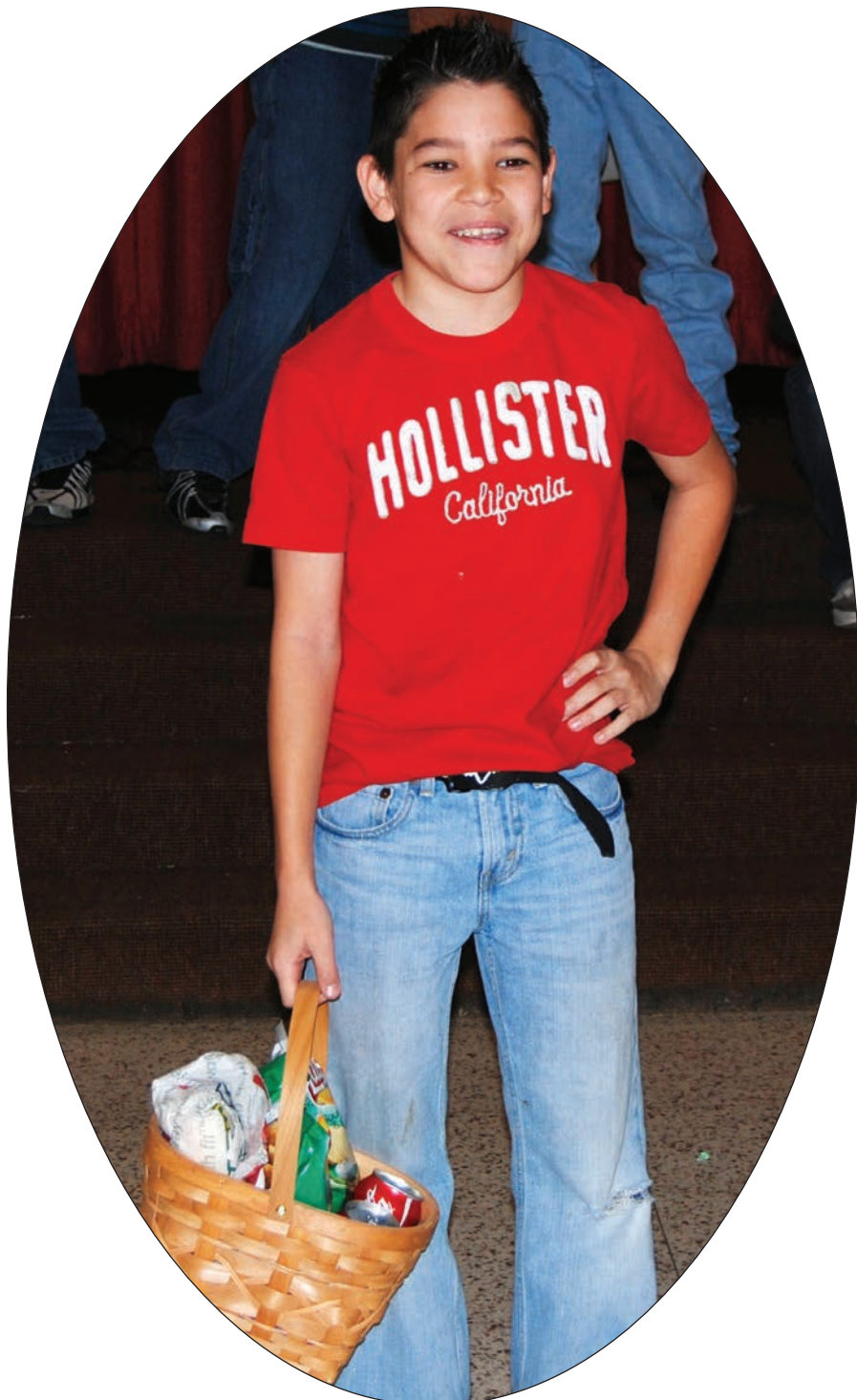
The Hawks were run-ruled in their first game Friday, 11-1, by Blinn Junior College. They then lost a pitcher's duel with Trinidad State, 2-1.

Howard finally picked up a win — 3-1 over Ranger College — to end the first day.

The Hawks faced San Jacinto Community College and Lubbock Christian University's junior varsity on the second day of the tourney.



BASKET BOYS



Coahoma sixth graders turned their excitement about a piece of literature into a successful fund-raiser on Valentine's Day while having a bit of fun on their own.

The youths raised \$200 for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County in an Sadie-Hawkins type auction.

According to Patricia Bennett, Coahoma Elementary School principal, the students were inspired by "Flipped," an in-class reading assignment. In the book authored by Wendelin Van Draanen, the fictional students hold an auction where the girls bid on having lunch with the boys, who of course, provide the meal.

After holding their own version, which they called Basket Boys, the winning bidders and their "dates" enjoyed a meal in the Valentine-themed AV Room.

The event was a success, Bennett said, and another one is scheduled in May. This time, the tables will be turned as the girls will be center stage and the boys will be in charge.



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Getting around to some thank-yous

We are already almost through February and I am still trying to get caught up on my thank-yous for work done in December. It seems as if there is never enough time to catch your breath in the Volunteer office at Big Spring State Hospital. There is always something happening, which reminds me — we could always use some more hands on deck if you have some time to spare.



BILLIE CHRISTIE

When Alon USA arrived on campus in early December, we were excited to have pro-

fessional gift-wrappers in our midst. They don't wrap presents for a living, but you wouldn't know it after watching them measure, cut, fold, tape and tie. Dave Foster, along with his wife, Nancy, and Verna Davis, rounded up 19 other Alon volunteers and helped us wrap gifts, fill goody bags, writing and stuffing holiday cards and delivering the more than 600 items to all the units. After nine years of assisting us each Christmas, they have this down to a science. Alon is only one of many businesses, church groups and individuals who donate money, time and goodies to make sure the patients have a Christmas party to remember. Shirley Bodin was in charge of rounding up the

volunteers, directing traffic, budgets, spending, and shopping, which began months in advance. To say "thank you" just doesn't seem enough for what Shirley and all the other volunteers do to make Christmas warm and fuzzy for patients. We truly live in a community that cares. Wal-Mart added an extra bonus of \$1,000 to spend on Christmas gifts while we were shopping in the store. The Chalet Resale Shop has reorganized the entire store and put in new clothing racks. There are so many great items and volunteers willing to help you find whatever you are looking for at a bargain price. We are getting ready to "Paint the Town Red" again with Cars, Stars and Handle-

bars. This will be our third annual fund-raiser, and we are hoping for another fun-filled night at the Big Spring Country Club on April 25, beginning at 5 p.m. Continue to watch all over town for more about this event. We have missed volunteer Dorothy Sheppard, who has been out the past few weeks recovering from knee surgery. Hurry back, Dorothy — we need you. Long-time volunteer Murlene Williams has had to give up her weekly volunteer job at The Chalet and is enjoying spending a little quality time with her daughters. Thank you, Murlene, for all that you have done for us. Much thanks to Director of Nursing, Stormy Ward. Her son Chase, who works for Conoco Phillips, showed up at our doorstep during De-

ember with a cash donation to help with our Christmas project. Her influence led Chase to seek this donation from Conoco Phillips. The Dora Roberts Foundation came through with another generous grant for the Volunteer Services Council. This will greatly enhance patient activities. The Volunteer Luncheon is slated for April 30 in the All-red Building at noon. Welcome home, Max Ann Bowlin. After being gone eight months, everyone is excited to have her back on the Community Relations team. We missed her many skills, talent and enthusiasm.

Billie Christie is director of Community Relations at Big Spring State Hospital.

Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday
Breakfast: Bagles w/cream cheese, fruit juice, milk
Lunch: Carne Guisada, re-fried beans, Mexican corn, fruit cocktail, salsa, tortilla, milk
Tuesday
Breakfast: sausage patty, biscuits, pears, milk
Lunch: chicken breast, brown rice, broccoli, Mandarin oranges, rolls, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast: breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk
Lunch: chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced apples, rolls, milk

Thursday

Breakfast: cereal, apple-sauce, milk
Lunch: chicken fajitas, tortilla, ranch beans, salsa, peach cobbler, milk
Friday
Breakfast: honey bun, fruit juice, milk
Lunch: hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, rosy applesauce, bananas, milk

Coahoma ISD

Monday
Breakfast: donuts, ham, grape juice, milk
Lunch: chicken spaghetti, sliced carrots, oranges, rolls,

milk, hot pockets

Tuesday

Breakfast: sweeten rice, sausage, apple juice, milk
Lunch: tacos, pinto beans, salad, burritos

Wednesday

Breakfast: pancakes, sausage, syrup, grape juice, milk
Lunch: chicken, dumplings, sweet peas, pear cups, milk, sub sandwiches/salad trays

Thursday

Breakfast: Pop Tarts, ham, grape juice, milk
Lunch: lasagna, salad, finger rolls, mixed fruit, milk, corn dogs

Friday

Breakfast: French toast, sausage, syrup, orange juice,

milk

Lunch: hamburgers, baked chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, Jello w/fruit, milk

Forsan ISD

Monday
Breakfast: French toast, bananas, juice, milk
Lunch: grilled cheese sandwiches, chicken & noodle soup, pickle spears, strawberries & bananas, crackers, milk
Tuesday
Breakfast: donuts, yogurt, juice, milk
Lunch: beef tacos, lettuce & tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast: scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: chicken patty sandwiches, tater tots, southwest beans, orange smiles, milk
Thursday
Breakfast: biscuits, sausage gravy, juice, milk
Lunch: spaghetti w/meat sauce, corn on the cob, tossed salad, French breadsticks, peaches, milk
Friday
Breakfast: cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, fresh apples, hot rolls, milk

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Who's Who

Harris elected to Phi Beta Mu

Rocky Harris, Big Spring High School band director, has been elected to membership in Phi Beta Mu, an International School Bandmaster Fraternity. Phi Beta Mu is an honorary, non-political, non-profit fraternity established in 1938. There are approximately 300 active members in Texas with additional chapters in most of the 50 states as well as Canada,



Harris

Japan and Europe. Mr. Harris was inducted at the annual new member's breakfast Feb. 14 in San Antonio. He was sponsored by Dois Pace of Andrews. Co-sponsors were Daniel Aleman of Pearsall and Ken Ward of Weatherford. In order to be considered for membership in Phi Beta Mu, one must have at least 10 years of successful teaching experience and must have produced and maintained an outstanding and consistent band program in the public schools. Mr. Harris has 23 years of teaching experience in the following towns: Petersburg High School in Petersburg, Petersburg, 2 years; Nixon-Smilely High School, Nixon, 2 years; Pearsall High School, Pearsall,

6 years; and Big Spring High School, Big Spring, 13 years.

Coahoma youth wins at stock show

SAN ANTONIO — The Junior Market Hereford Steer Show was held Wednesday at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. Reserve Champion Hereford honors went to 15-year-old Brent Wright and his 1,402-pound steer, "Scholarship." Wright lives in Coahoma and is a member of the Coahoma FFA. When he's not working with his steers, he likes to play sports and one day he'd like to attend Texas Tech University. Cole Whittlesey, 12, See WHO'S WHO, Page 3C

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Births



Mariah Bree Aguilar

Edward and Patricia Aguilar of Big Spring announce the arrival of their daughter Mariah Bree Aguilar at 10:26 p.m. Jan. 7, 2009, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. She is the maternal granddaughter of Humberto Mier and the late Elena Mier. She is the paternal granddaugh-

ter of Raul and Amelia Aguilar.

Mariah was welcomed home by siblings Edward, Marissa and Eric.

Skylar Taryn Armstrong

Aaron Armstrong and Lauren Barnes of Jackson, Miss., announce the birth of their daughter Skylar Taryn Armstrong at 4:35 p.m. Feb. 10, 2009, at Baptist Medical Center In Jackson.

She is the maternal granddaughter of Deanna and Stan Vaii of Jackson, Miss. and Mike and Donna Barnes of Starkville, Miss.

She is the paternal granddaughter of Bobby and Valarie Armstrong of Big Spring and Mrs. Chris Armstrong of Columbus, Ohio.

Military News

Navy Seaman Recruit Michael A. Day, son of Dora L. and Dennis L. Day of Forsan, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Day completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is

“Battle Stations.” This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. “Battle Stations” is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly “Navy” flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Day is a 2007 graduate of Big Spring High School.

WHO'S WHO

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won the honor of Breed Champion Hereford with his 1,308-pound steer. Whittlesey is from College Station and is a member of the Wixon Valley 4-H club. In his free time, he likes to play sports and one day, he'd like to attend Texas A&M or Virginia Tech and become an orthopedic surgeon.

San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. is proud to host the largest junior livestock show in the world. In fact, in pursuit of its mission “Helping Youth Today So That Agriculture

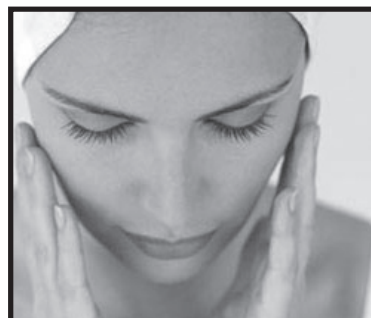
Can Grow Tomorrow,” the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo has committed more than \$87 million to youth education since 1984.

Collom makes President's List

Big Spring native Sarah Collom received honors at Howard Payne University (HPU).

Collom was named to the President's List for the fall semester of 2008.

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Movie Wednesday's 1:00 p.m. “Shall We Dance”
- Feb. 26** – Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
Just Peachy Cafe “Coffee Club,” 10 a.m.
\$3.50 Thursday's @ Yellow Rose Cafe
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- Mar. 2** – Games, 1-4 p.m.
- Mar. 3** – Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
Coffee at Parkplace Retirement Center, 10 a.m.
Supper Club “Carlos”, 5:30 p.m.
- Mar. 4** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 p.m.
“Beef Stroganoff”,
Movie Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. “Dream Girls”
- Mar. 6** – Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
Just Peachy Cafe - coffee club, 10 a.m.
\$3.50 Thursday's @ Yellow Rose Cafe,
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Members of the Coahoma Six-Grade Student Council present a \$200 check to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County after sponsoring successful fund-raising Sadie-Hawkins auction on Valentine's Day. Pictured from left to right are, back row, Coahoma Elementary Principal Patricia Bennett, student council sponsor Russ Mullins and United Way Executive Director Nancy Foster. Representatives from the Coahoma student council are pictured front row: Jordan Matthews, vice-president; Kelli Schaedel, president; and Alexis Jackson, treasurer.

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And it wasn't Valentines Day or any other special day;
Last night he beat me and threatened to kill me,
Make-up and long sleeves didn't hide the cuts and bruises this time;
I couldn't go to work today because I didn't want anyone to know - but I know he's sorry;
Because he sent me flowers today.
I got flowers today
Today was a very special day -
It was my funeral;
Last night he finally killed me - I was beaten to death;
If only I would have gathered the courage and strength to leave him;
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EDITORIAL

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

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

Get registered for Big Spring Day at Capitol

It's time for another Big Spring Area Day at the State Capitol, a chance for our community to put its best foot forward in front of our elected representatives and their colleagues, and the deadline is rapidly approaching for those who want to join the group riding to Austin on a chartered bus.

The trip to Austin is scheduled for March 25, that's basically the same time of the year as the trip two years ago. And that means now is the time to get a spot reserved on the bus. The deadline to make reservations is March 6.

Remember, Chamber of Commerce officials have had little trouble filling the chartered buses in the past, so it's important to make reservations early for what will be an important day for our community.

Legislators and other state officials are in the midst of what could wind up being the most difficult legislative session in decades. So, it's important that our community take this opportunity to not only be noticed in Austin, but to use this opportunity to thank our state's leaders for their hard work.

Seats on the charter are again \$40 per person and include a box lunch on the capitol grounds. Those who take their own cars will be asked to pay \$9 for lunch and need to register by the March 6 deadline, as well.

In addition, all those planning to attend are asked to wear Big Spring shirts and khaki pants or skirts for the event. The shirts are \$25 and available at the chamber office but must be ordered and prepaid by March 2.

To register or obtain additional information, call the chamber office at 263-7641.

While the group makes its visit to both houses of the Legislature, a resolution will be read on the floor of the House and Senate and the Howard County School Choir will perform in the Capitol Rotunda.

Other activities scheduled for the day include the lunch on the east grounds of the Capitol, a Coca-Cola and Blue Bell Ice Cream reception on the grounds and the taking of a group photo on the Capitol steps with legislators.

As we've noted in the past, it's important to remember the trip is designed as a chance to offer the community's thanks to our legislators for their efforts. It's not a chance to complain about things that we think are wrong, but to thank people for the things they do for us.

So, make plans to join us in making another positive impression on our state's lawmakers.

You'll have a good time and go a long way toward making sure Big Spring's, Howard County's and the rest of West Texas' needs are considered during this crucial legislative session.

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, give us numerous chances. Thank You.

Amen

With all due respect...

The purpose of being a columnist is not to win friends. It is not to provoke silent nods of agreement. The goal is to strike a chord, hit a nerve — which is to say, at least sometimes, make people mad. Controversy is good, not bad.

So you write what you think, and if people don't like it, they send in comments or write letters to the editor, which is generally considered a good thing for a columnist. Provocative is a positive adjective in my business. Then you move along to the next topic, whatever it is.

But — and this is my but, not everyone's — it still upsets me sometimes when I offend people and don't mean to, when there is a risk that I've hurt people I didn't mean to hurt, especially if those people are already suffering. I don't care if you think I'm stupid or ill-informed or just plain wrongheaded, but I don't want you to believe that I'm mean. Mean is not OK.

Last week, I wrote a column about the tragic death of Jeremy Lusk, a young motocross driver, a superstar at a sport that I'll be the first to admit I don't get, involving flying through the air and doing tricks while hanging on to the seat of a motorcycle. He

died after attempting a difficult and dangerous maneuver before thousands of paying fans in a stadium in Costa Rica.

Many of those who wrote to tell me that I didn't appreciate the sport I was writing about (fair enough) and didn't have any business criticizing it also complained that I had insulted Mr. Lusk and his memory, trivializing his accomplishment and literally piling pain onto his already grieving family.

I did not mean to do that. If I did, I apologize — to his memory, his family and his fans. I extend my sympathies for the tragic loss of a young and gifted man.

Mr. Lusk was obviously a man of unbelievable talent, tenacity and determination.

You don't get to be the best at what you do — whatever it is — without not only the physical gifts that many sports demand, but also the grit, drive and discipline to push yourself time and again, over and over, harder and harder to be the best.

He had legions of fans because he was the best in the world at something most of us couldn't do if we wanted to, no matter how much we tried and practiced and worked.

It's the risk piece on which we'll have to agree to disagree: the value of taking risk, the spectator sports that are based on watching people risk their lives, the lessons we take from them and the values they reflect. Is it any different from what we do

when we pull over or slow down at the scene of an accident, the more grisly the better? Is it any different from watching Houdini bury himself, watching boxers bloody each other or, for those of us who are animal lovers, watching horses pushed beyond the limits of their anatomy or dogs whipped to take the lead?

I'm a lawyer; I can do the differences of degree and how differences of degree are sometimes differences of kind. But I'm not sure I'm persuading anyone, much less myself. Where is the line between the danger that is acceptable, that is "sport," and the risk that makes it abuse? Is it the willingness of the individual to take that risk, or are we — who watch, who pay, who create the audience that shapes their judgment — ultimately responsible?

Those are the questions I intended to raise in writing about Jeremy Lusk. I did not mean to hurt his family or fans, or to demean his death. We have much we can disagree about, but hopefully not that.

My sympathies are with those who suffer loss. I have known too much loss in my own life ever to take pleasure in the pain of others, or to want to use it to prove a point or fill space. May he rest in peace. And may the rest of us continue to struggle, with civility and mutual respect, to answer the questions raised by his death.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter to please ask the people who drive on Wasson Road during school times to please slow down.

Today, at 3:25 p.m., a blue pickup was driving too fast and ran over a orange cone that had the teachers' driveway blocked so parents cannot park there. If a child had been crossing, not only would the crossing guard been hit but the child would have been also. The person driving was a teenager.

We get people driving too fast while on their cell phones, not paying attention to what is going on around them. Our crossing guards are there to protect the children and parents who pick them up,

Wasson Road is very busy that time of day. In the morning, it is just as bad — people going to work, not paying attention.

So please, when you are driving on Wasson Road in the mornings and in the afternoons, please drive with caution. After all, the crossing guards are there to make sure your children get to school safely.

MARILLYN GROESBECK
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Well, we have a new president. There have been some squabbles about whether he is legitimately elected what with the question remaining in limbo of where was he really born. Some think this is not a big issue but someone put it into the Constitution and it seems to me we ought to follow it. But for now, setting all that aside, he seems to be wanting change.

I am not in much agreement with some of those changes as they are not Constitutional, such as the redistribution of wealth. Now, I'm not a man of wealth by any means and I don't want anyone else's money either. If I did not work for it then it's not mine. I have always been an honest day's work for an honest day's pay kind of guy.

I think, though, if it's changes they want it should begin in Congress!

Some of those guys up there have taken up residence like they think they own the joint. They work for us, they are not kings and when a crime has been committed....well they get away with it. They may be lawmakers but you cannot be a law breaker. Give them a two-term limit and vote some one else in!

How about working for one term and getting a full salary? I'd like that too. Wouldn't you? I think they ought to start right now and scrap their retirement, just take all the money out and put it into Social Security where it could be used. Heaven knows it is needed. And when they retire....well it would be there for them, right? They would have nothing to worry about.

I'm sorry about this one...sort of. Not really though. I think we ought to let the illegal aliens know they have a choice. Go home before you get caught, let them know on the streets and the word will spread. If you get caught, your family will get a green card to stay and work. They will pay taxes, and do all the other things American citizens do legally. You, on the other hand will serve in the United States Armed Services. You will be trained just like a normal citizen would be trained and if we are at war you will be deployed.

After your time is served you and your family will be given citizenship status upon your discharge. You will find a job and have no fear of being deported any longer and will be a productive citizen of the USA. Should you not survive your enlistment, your family will be given citizenship and will continue their lives in America.

On these ridiculous bailouts, come on people! You don't give out billions of dollars without some way to assess accountability. This is like kids in a candy store or donut shop, you know they are going to go wild. Make

them pay it back or put them in jail! Period!

Well, at least the president is trying, and Congress? What do you think?

BURR LEA SETTLES
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

A recent "Special to the Herald" article about Rides of Hope gave the impression that there was no free transportation for Big Spring cancer patients to treatment in Midland. Perhaps the writer was not aware that such a service has existed for more than 20 years and continues to exist. The Herald has carried a regular notice about whom to call for rides and asking for volunteers to drive for Road to Recovery. The number to call has recently changed because the local coordinator had to retire for family reasons; the number is now an 877 number, which is answered at ACS Regional Report Center. The people there still match the local drivers with local patients who need rides.

I think the service was originally begun in a church and expanded to include the whole community.

The group later came under the auspices of the American Cancer Society to have a sponsoring group that could provide liability insurance for the drivers and their riders. ACS does have guidelines that restrict where drivers may take patients, but they are not unreasonable.

Lawanda Hamm served as coordinator for Road to Recovery (as well as being a driver) for more than 12 years. She called upon drivers who drove more than 20 years. To fail to acknowledge the faithful, selfless service of Bobby Hill, Bill Birrell, Mildred Franklin, Marvin Watson, Betty Thomas, LaVern Gaskins, Wanda Driver, who have retired from driving, does them a disservice.

For those who continue to drive for Road to Recovery: Lawanda

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Woods as curious as everyone else about return

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tiger Woods has been on the golf course every day, either practicing or playing, hitting his full array of shots without fear of pain shooting down his left leg or bones sliding out of place.

The next step is taking that inside the ropes. And not even Woods is sure what to expect.

"I'm as curious as you," Woods said Friday during a conference call. "The feeling of adrenaline, the rush of competing and playing again, all that I haven't done in a while."

Woods will have gone more than eight months — 253 days to be exact — without hitting a shot that counts when he returns from reconstructive knee surgery next week at the Accenture Match Play Championship just north of Tucson, Ariz.

His goal is to win. That hasn't changed. The surgery in June was to repair his knee, not his heart or his mind. But as confident as Woods feels about his game, his main concern is how sharp he will be in his first tournament since the U.S. Open last June.

"It's one thing to do it in a practice environment at home against my buddies for a little bit of cash," Woods said. "It's a totally different deal to do it at a PGA Tour event against the best players in the world."

But at least he'll be doing it on a healthy knee, saying "it's been years" since he was without pain.

"One of the great things coming back is my bones aren't moving anymore," Woods said. "It's a very comforting feeling hitting a golf ball with-

out your bones sliding all over the place. That's been very exciting to play that way, and I'm looking forward to the season."

Swing coach Hank Haney said the only change in his swing will be the finish, noting that Woods finally has a strong left knee that will not give way and "flop all over the place."

The only noticeable change might be his golf bag.

Woods ended his nine-year endorsement deal with Buick because of the automaker's financial problems. He said he will have AT&T on his bag as an extended partnership with the telecommunications giant.

He also has an endorsement with Accenture, although Woods said that wasn't behind his decision to return.

The knee has felt strong enough

that he could have played earlier. All he waited on was the birth of his son, Charlie Axel, making sure his wife and baby were healthy before he went back to work.

"It was making sure the family was all good with the birth of Charlie and making sure Elin was OK, Charlie was OK, everything was safe and sound on the home front," he said. "Then the focus was on playing again."

Woods offered some insight on the name of his son.

He said there was a "slight connection" to Charlie Sifford, the first black to join the PGA Tour, but more than anything, "We thought it sounded good." Axel, which has Swedish origins, is the name of his wife's brother.

MAVS

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Houston got an early injury scare when Yao ran into Howard in the first quarter, grabbed his right knee and fell down in pain. But Yao stayed in, a major relief for the Rockets after Tracy McGrady announced this week that he's done for the season to have knee surgery.

Howard scored 12 points in the first quarter and Dallas led 28-19. Von Wafer and Brent Barry swished long jumpers early in the second quarter to cut the deficit to four, but the Mavs answered with a 9-0 burst to push the lead back to double digits.

The Mavs missed nine of their last 11 shots of the half and Houston used a 13-4 spurt to trim the Dallas lead to 51-44. Nowitzki went 1-for-9 from the field in the half, but Howard scored 16 points on 7-for-15 shooting.

The Rockets opened the third quarter with a 24-6 spurt as the Mavericks got increasingly sloppy on offense, taking bad shots and coughing up turnovers.

Brooks sank a 3-pointer from the corner with 8:19 left in the third quarter to put Houston ahead for the first time since the opening minutes.

After the good first half, Howard had an awful third quarter, scoring only two points with four turnovers.

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Taxing miles?

Gasoline taxes don't generate enough revenue, LaHood says

By JOAN LOWY

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood says he wants to consider taxing motorists based on how many miles they drive rather than how much gasoline they burn — an idea that has angered drivers in some states where it has been proposed.

Gasoline taxes that for nearly half a century have paid for the federal share of highway and bridge construction can no longer be counted on to raise enough money to keep the nation's transportation system moving, LaHood said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"We should look at the vehicular miles program where people are actually clocked on the number of miles that they traveled," the former Illinois Republican



AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood gestures during an interview with The Associated Press in Washington.

lawmaker said.

Most transportation experts see a vehicle miles traveled tax as a long-term solution, but Congress is being urged to move in that direction now by funding pilot projects.

The idea also is gaining ground in several states. Governors in Idaho and Rhode Island are talking about such programs, and a North Carolina panel suggested in December the state start charging motorists a quarter-cent for

every mile as a substitute for the gas tax.

A tentative plan in Massachusetts to use GPS chips in vehicles to charge motorists by the mile has drawn complaints from drivers who say it's an Orwellian intrusion by government into the lives of citizens. Other motorists say it eliminates an incentive to drive more fuel-efficient cars since gas guzzlers will be taxed

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Energy Watch



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Last week the market action was different from recent performances. The market was shaky and ragged for most of the week as the popular averages swung up and down but with no real conviction in either direction. The media put the blame on the lack of meat on the bones of the Treasury's bank rescue plan, no details and no clarity. This makes sense on the surface but we don't fully buy it.

Investors are in an extremely bearish mood and have no confidence at all in the future. No matter how much detail had been given, we believe most would have still felt extremely disappointed, that's just the mood people are in. We had rallied in anticipation of Treasury Secretary Geithner's proposals but the sell on the news was as extreme as we have ever seen.

The major problem in the stock market the past several weeks has been the disagreement and confusion over the various stimulus and bank rescue plans. Economists have been very mixed in their opinions and the public has become increasingly negative. Meanwhile, the financial media has been stoking the fires of discontent all day long. Well now there is a plan; sort of. This is good news for a change and could spark at least a short term rally based on the very bullish supply/demand ratio for stock and the big bearish mood.

But in the end, it's just a plan. Nobody knows how effective it will be or how soon. We happen to believe that the economy and financial system would have eventually come back even if totally left alone. However, we feel the Treasury's plan should help speed things along.

Almost everyone realizes that our economy will recover and being that they don't ring a bell at the bottom, we strongly doubt that the values in the stock market will be ignored for long. We encourage you not to sell America short, look at our history of past very difficult problems and how we have recovered. Our nation has always been at its best when our feet are put to the fire. We feel the mood will improve and probably a great deal sooner than most expect.

For crude, the week was not much brighter. U.S. supplies jumped to 350 million barrels last week, the highest since June 2007 according to the Energy Department. U.S. refiners operated at 81.6 percent of capacity, the lowest since the period ending Oct. 3 when the Gulf Coast was recovering from two hurricanes. At this point, the later seems to be creating growing discontent among many Americans who feel gasoline prices are not adequately following crude oil down.

For its part, OPEC which is already implementing its biggest ever production cut, will "take additional measures" at its next meeting in March, according to Venezuelan Oil Minister Ramirez. OPEC reduced its 2009 demand forecast for a sixth consecutive month as the economic slump caused a "sudden and massive" decline in consumption. OPEC lowered its estimate for 2009 worldwide oil demand this year by 530,000 barrels a day to 85.13 million barrels a day. OPEC said in a statement: "The deterioration in the world economy has led to a significant reduction in global oil consumption. The sudden and massive erosion in demand has helped push crude oil inventories up sharply."

We feel the combination of high inventory levels and weak demand have so far frustrated OPEC's attempts to push crude prices back higher by introducing more than 4 million barrels a day of output cuts since September last year. However, some analyst we follow suggest with the full extent of OPEC's announced cuts yet to be felt, prices could climb on a tighter supply scenario. We shall see.

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Wal-Mart recently presented a \$1,000 check to the Big Spring State Hospital. Pictured left to right are Billie Christie, director of community relations for the hospital, local Wal-Mart store manager Tim Walsh, and hospital volunteer services Council vice president Shirley Bodin.

Courtesy photo



R. Allen Stanford

Texan billionaire

Born March 24, 1950, in Texas

Education Bachelor of Arts in finance from Baylor University

Highs and lows

Early 1980s Makes first fortune in Houston real estate

1980s-present Expands his grandfather's Stanford Financial Group into global financial services provider; establishes sponsor presence in golf, polo, tennis, cricket, sailing

2006 Becomes first American to be knighted by Antigua and Barbuda; funds the Stanford 20/20 cricket tournament in the West Indies

2008 Stanford University files a trademark infringement suit; FBI investigates Stanford for possible involvement in money laundering

2009 Charged with fraud involving \$8 billion in certificates of deposits

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Regulators take control of Stanford's local bank

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (AP) — Caribbean regulators Friday took control of an Antiguan bank owned by Texas billionaire R. Allen Stanford to prevent its collapse as depositors rushed to pull their money after American financier was accused of fraud.

The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, the monetary authority for eight island economies in the region, said the Bank of Antigua's board of directors requested the intervention because of the "untenable situation" at its three branches in the twin-island nation of Antigua and Barbuda.

"There has been an unusual and substantial withdrawals of funds by depositors from the bank precipitated by recently published statements regarding the chairman of the board of directors of the bank, which has the potential to create severe liquid-

ity problems for the bank," Central Bank Governor Dwight Venner said.

The governor did not disclose how much money had been pulled from the bank since Tuesday, when U.S. authorities announced civil fraud charges against Stanford. Authorities have been urging depositors not to panic, fearing a bank failure could disrupt the local economy.

Separately, Antigua's Financial Services Regulatory Commission, which regulates offshore banking, appointed a British firm, Vantis Business Recovery Services, as a receiver of Stanford International Bank and Stanford Trust Company.

U.S. authorities allege Stanford, who holds dual U.S. and Antiguan citizenship, used his offshore Stanford International Bank to lure investors into a scam involving billions of dollars.

Business Briefs

Hershey Co. closing Peppermint Patty plant in Pa.

READING, Pa. (AP) — Production of York Peppermint Patties and other candy brands is coming to an end at The Hershey Co. plant in Reading, Pa.

After 23 years in Reading, the chocolate maker is closing the plant Friday and moving production to a new factory it has built in Monterey, Mexico. It will mean the loss of 300 jobs in the southeastern Pennsylvania city.

The plant also makes 5th Avenue and Zagnut candy bars and Jolly Rancher hard candies.

The nation's largest candy manufacturer an-

nounced two years ago that the plant would close as part of a wider move by Hershey to eliminate 1,500 jobs and one-third of its existing production lines, shifting more manufacturing to contractors in the United States.

Some workers will stay on for a few more weeks to close the plant.

Mexican peso hits record low

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's peso has weakened to a record 14.89 to the U.S. dollar after the central bank cut interest rates less than expected.

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and Chuck Hamm, Cheryl Click, Susan Dawes, Roger Goertz, Gail Henry, Nancy Koger, Hollis McCright, Cindy Middleton, Barbara Miller, Bill Phelps, Monika Robinson and Ray Stukel a nod should be given for their service. These drivers have never been given any remuneration except for gas cards that were provided by an anonymous donor when gas prices rose above \$2 a gallon.

The fact that they did not take patients on errands or for "just for fun" outings did not mean that they did not provide a needed, caring, humanitarian service.

As one who drove and coordinated drivers for three years, I cannot imagine how a group would have time to provide more than we do. Most months we drive patients almost every day, and often several patients, requiring several drivers, depending on their schedules.

I applaud any group that wishes to offer to take people who need rides on errands and outings, but I wanted to set the record straight that there is and long has been a caring group of people which has gotten Howard County residents to cancer treatment in Midland.

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Discover Bank vs. Marie M. Parra, accounts, notes and contracts.
Discover Bank vs. Fabian Dehoyos, accounts, notes and contracts.
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. vs. Sonya Lorryayne Carter, injury or damages involving motor vehicle.
In re Orlando Montanez, civil.
Lee's Vehicle Specialty Management Inc. d/b/a Pat Gray Towing and Recovery vs. Central Transport Inc., accounts, notes and contracts.
Melinda Reyes vs. Christopher Michael Reyes, divorce with citation.
Jose Martinez vs. Ignacio Rodriguez and Ida Rodriguez, civil.
Barbara Lynn Woolman vs. Paul Matthew Woolman, divorce with citation.

Marriage Licenses:
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MILES

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at the same rate as fuel sippers. Besides a VMT tax, more tolls for highways and bridges and more government partnerships with business to finance transportation projects are other funding options, LaHood, one of two Republicans in President Barack Obama's Cabinet, said in the interview Thursday. "What I see this administration doing is this — thinking outside the box on how we fund our infrastructure in America," he said. LaHood said he firmly opposes raising the federal gasoline tax in the current recession. The program that funds the federal share of highway projects is part of a surface transportation law that expires Sept. 30. Last fall, Congress made an emergency infusion of \$8 billion to make up for a shortfall between gas tax revenues and the amount of money promised to states for their projects. The gap between money raised by the gas tax and the cost of maintaining the nation's highway system and expanding it to accommodate population growth is forecast to continue to widen. Among the reasons for the gap is a switch to more fuel-efficient cars and a decrease in driving that many transportation experts believe is related to the economic downturn. Electric cars and alternative-fuel vehicles that don't use gasoline are expected to start penetrating the market in greater numbers. "One of the things I think everyone agrees with around reauthorization of the highway bill is that the highway trust fund is an antiquated system for funding our highways," LaHood said.

"It did work to build the interstate system and it was very effective, there's no question about that. But the big question now is, We're into the 21st century and how are we going to take care of our infrastructure needs ... with a highway trust fund that had to be plussed up by \$8 billion by Congress last year?"

A blue-ribbon national transportation commission is expected to release a report next week recommending a VMT.

The system would require all cars and trucks be equipped with global satellite positioning technology, a transponder, a clock and other equipment to record how many miles a vehicle was driven, whether it was driven on highways or secondary roads, and even whether it was driven during peak traffic periods or off-peak hours.

The device would tally how much tax motorists owed depending upon their road use. Motorists would pay the amount owed when it was downloaded, probably at gas stations at first, but an alternative eventually would be needed.

Rob Atkinson, chairman of the National Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing Commission, the agency that is developing future transportation funding options, said moving to a national VMT would take about a decade.

Privacy concerns are based more on perception than any actual risk, Atkinson said. The satellite information would be beamed one way to the car and driving information would be contained within the device on the car, with the amount of the tax due the only information that's downloaded, he said.

The devices also could be programmed to charge higher rates to vehicles that are heavier, like trucks that put more stress on roadways, Atkinson said.

Food manager course set

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, one in four Americans will become sick, one in 1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

During a past legislative session, a statute was amended that allowed the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to require each food establishment to have one certified food manager.

Recently, the Texas Board of Health adopted rules to implement this statute. Many of you have already received a letter from the Texas Department of State Health Services regarding this. Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of State Health Services must have one certified food manager. New food manager certificates will be valid for five years.

Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, Howard County, is offering a food manager certification training course. This program will be offered for \$110.00 on March 18 and 19, 2009 at Howard County Library, 500 S. Main Street in Big Spring. Cost includes training, materials, and the state food manager certification examination. Registration deadline is March 4.

This program is designed to not only prepare food service managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling

of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home.

Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction
- Improved relationships with health officials
- Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness



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By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about:

- Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling
- Preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food
- Teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees
- Complying with government regulations
- Maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings
- Controlling pests

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Food Manager Certification Training course of the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call Kandy K. McWhorter at (432) 264-2237.

BRIEFS

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The bank on Friday lowered its benchmark rate by 25 basis points to 7.50. It was the second time since January that the bank slashed rates to boost Mexico's sagging economy.

The peso has lost about 30 percent of its value against the dollar since August, boosting the costs of imports.

Mexico sends 80 percent of its exports to the United States and it has been pummeled by the U.S. downturn.

Officials say the economy could be headed for a recession.

Remember the inaugural poem? Few apparently do

NEW YORK (AP) — Millions watched Elizabeth Alexander read a poem last month at President Barack Obama's inauguration. But few, so far, have chosen to buy it.

Nielsen BookScan, which tracks about 75 percent of sales, says Alexander's "Praise Song for the Day: A Poem for Barack Obama's Presidential Inauguration" has sold just 6,000 copies so far.

The poem was published Feb. 6 as a paperback by Graywolf Press with an announced first printing of 100,000 copies.

The inaugural reading by Alexander, a highly regarded poet, apparently lacked the appeal of predecessor Maya Angelou, whose "On the Pulse of the Morning" — read at President Bill Clinton's 1993 inaugural — became a million seller.

Graywolf spokeswoman Mary Matze said the publisher was pleased with sales for Alexander's poem. She said Friday that response has been strong "given the state of the economy" and noted that the book was in the top 10 of paperback fiction best-sellers at independent stores and No. 26 on The New York Times' paperback fiction list.

"We're encouraged by these numbers and we're

expecting sales to climb steadily," Matze said.

As of Friday afternoon, "Praise Song" was ranked No. 8,863 on Amazon.com and No. 9,597 on Barnes & Noble.com.

Alexander was just the fourth inaugural poet, following Robert Frost, Angelou and Miller Williams.

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News in Brief

Boy, 11, charged with killing pregnant woman

WAMPUM, Pa. (AP) — An 11-year-old boy has been charged in the death of a pregnant woman who was found shot in a bedroom of her western Pennsylvania farmhouse, police said Saturday.

A Lawrence County police statement said the boy was charged with criminal homicide and criminal homicide of an unborn child in the killing of 26-year-old Kenzie Marie Houk. The victim was 8 months pregnant.

The statement said the boy had been arraigned in District Court and placed in the county jail.

Officers couldn't immediately say Saturday whether the boy and the woman were related and wouldn't give any other details.

Police said Houk's 5-year-old daughter found her mother's body Friday morning in a bedroom of their home in a wooded area in the community of Wampum.

WPXI-TV identified the dead woman's father as Jack Houk. There was no immediate response Saturday to a call by The Associated Press seeking comment from a Jack Houk of New Castle, a town next to Wampum.

A preliminary hearing is set for Thursday.

The rural community is about 35 miles northwest of Pittsburgh.

Louisville standoff ends when suspect shoots self

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Negotiators tried for hours to persuade a man suspected of shooting two Indiana police officers at a motel to come out of a Louisville home, but the standoff ended when he fatally shot himself.

Police had deployed gas inside the home along a quiet residential street and discovered Robert Datillo's body around the same time Friday at 8:45 p.m. after a 10-hour standoff, police said.

"It's always to our interests to have the person come out. Unfortunately this person decided to take his own

life," said Louisville Metro Police spokesman Robert Biven.

Datillo, 37, of Jeffersonville, Ind., was wanted in the shootings of Jeffersonville Cpl. Dan Lawhorn and Patrolman Keith Broady, who police say were ambushed Thursday evening at a motel in southern Indiana, just across the Ohio River from Louisville.

A SWAT team, hostage negotiators and federal agents had descended on the neighborhood of well-kept one-story brick houses around 10:30 a.m. after a vehicle believed linked to the shootings was seen, said Alicia Smiley, a Louisville police spokeswoman. Two other people in the house were able to leave after police arrived.

The ordeal began a day earlier when Lawhorn and Broady went to a Motel 6 to investigate drug activity and gunfire broke out in one of the rooms. Broady was shot in the chest in an area not protected by his bulletproof vest, and Lawhorn shot in the leg, Jeffersonville Detective Todd Hollis said. Both were in stable condition early Saturday at a hospital.

At least seven shots were fired at the officers, and Broady fired twice back, Hollis said. Drugs and two pipe bombs were later found in the motel room, and the explosives were safely detonated there, police said.

Lynn Murphy of Louisville, who said she was Datillo's sister, told reporters she had spoken to him on the telephone while he was in the house and that he was scared.

Murphy said her brother told her, "I love you. I'm sorry. I don't know what's going to happen."

Reports: Arrest close in Chandra Levy slaying

WASHINGTON (AP) — An arrest may be near in the nearly decade-old slaying of federal intern Chandra Levy, whose disappearance in 2001 ended Gary Condit's congressional career, several television stations reported.

The California Democrat was romantically linked to Levy, but was

not considered a suspect in her death or disappearance. Television stations, KFSN and KCRA in California and WRC in Washington, D.C., reported that police were seeking an arrest warrant.

Levy's parents said Friday outside their Modesto, Calif., home that police called them and told them an arrest was near.

"Your child is dead and gone and it's painful, but we're glad that the police and people are doing something, and investigating, and making a difference so somebody's not on the street to do it again," Chandra's mother, Susan Levy, told KGO-TV in San Francisco.

The parents did not say when an arrest warrant might be issued.

The 24-year-old Levy disappeared in May 2001 and at the time, she was wearing jogging clothes when she left her apartment. Her remains were found in Rock Creek Park in Washington about a year later.

Authorities questioned the married Condit in her disappearance. He reportedly told police that he and Levy were having an affair, and while he was not considered a suspect, the negative publicity was cited as the main cause of the Condit's re-election defeat in 2002.

Investigators also interviewed Ingmar Guandique, 27, a Salvadoran immigrant who has denied any involvement in Levy's disappearance and killing.

Guandique was convicted of attacking two women in Rock Creek Park shortly after Levy disappeared.

Clinton and China exchange views

BEIJING (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chinese officials say they will expand high-level talks on economic issues to include troubling security matters as well.

The two nations also agreed Saturday to cooperate in stabilizing the global economy and combating climate change, putting aside long-standing concerns about human rights.

With the export-heavy Chinese economy reeling from the U.S. downturn, Clinton sought in meetings with Premier Wen Jiabao and other top Chinese government leaders to reassure Beijing that its massive holdings of U.S. Treasury notes and other government debt would remain a good investment.

"I appreciate greatly the Chinese government's continuing confidence in United States treasuries. I think that's a well-grounded confidence," Clinton told reporters at a joint news conference with Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi.

"We have every reason to believe that the United States and China will recover, and together we will help lead the world recovery," she said.

As Obama considers Iraq pullout, even military split on how quickly to get out

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama faces split opinions within the military on whether to make the speedy withdrawal from Iraq he championed on the campaign trail.

Obama's top generals in Baghdad are pressing for an elongated timetable, while some influential senior ad-

visers inside the Pentagon are more amenable to a quicker pullout.

Although Obama has yet to decide the matter, his announcement last week that he's sending thousands more combat troops to Afghanistan implies a drawdown of at least two brigades from Iraq by summer.

But that does not answer the question that has been dangling over Iraq since he took office in January: Will Obama stick to his stated goal of a 16-month pullout or opt for a slower, less risky approach?

Gen. Ray Odierno, the top American commander in Baghdad, favors a longer timetable for leaving Iraq. He sees 2009 as a pivotal year, with parliamentary elections set to be held in December; he doesn't want to lose more than two of the 14 combat brigades that are now in Iraq before the end of the year. And he believes the U.S. military will need to remain engaged in Iraq, to some degree, for years to come.

Sebelius, up for federal health post, struggled with Republicans on health reform in Kansas

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius cultivates an image as a bipartisan problem-solver, but her ambitions on health care issues have often been frustrated by the Republican-controlled Kansas Legislature.

The Democratic governor's record on health care is getting attention because she's viewed in Washington as a leading candidate for health and human services secretary.

Sebelius' backers — and even some opponents — believe any governor's opportunities to make changes are limited, particularly because most states, including Kansas, face recession-related budget problems.

Sebelius once called on legislators to develop a plan to bring health coverage to all state residents, and they largely ignored her. They have never seriously considered proposals she has backed to increase tobacco taxes to finance health care initiatives.

Instead, she and Republican leaders have haggled over the details of smaller steps toward controlling health care costs and making sure fewer Kansas residents are uninsured. Although she has made some headway, Sebelius has expressed frustration at what she sees as the slow pace of change.

U.S. House Speaker

Pelosi meets with Karzai

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The speaker of the U.S. House met with President Hamid Karzai in Kabul Saturday for talks about the ongoing American strategic review of the U.S. mission in Afghanistan, the president's office said.

Nancy Pelosi arrived in Afghanistan on Friday to meet with Afghan officials and U.S. and NATO military leaders, said Capt. Elizabeth Mathias, a U.S. military spokeswoman.

Pelosi, D-Calif., also met with U.S. troops during her two-day visit.

President Barack Obama announced this last week a surge of 17,000 additional forces to bolster the record 38,000 U.S. troops already in the country. Commanders say the troops are needed to fight a resurgent Taliban that has increased attacks.

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Obama: People should see tax cut help by April 1

By LIZ SIDOTI

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON — It took only a matter of weeks for the notoriously slow Congress to pass the \$787 billion economic stimulus package. President Barack Obama signed it into law less than one month into his presidency.

So when should people hope to start seeing the benefits of tax cuts in it?

By April 1, according to the president.

“Never before in our history has a tax cut taken effect faster or gone to so many hard-working Americans,” Obama said Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address.

He said the Treasury Department has begun direct-



President Barack Obama

ing employers to reduce the amount of taxes withheld from people's paychecks in accordance with the new law, and that in six weeks, a typical family will start taking

home at least \$65 more every month.

Obama says his signature “Making Work Pay” tax break will affect 95 percent of working families.

The \$400 credit for individuals is to be doled out through the rest of the year. Couples are slated to get up to \$800. Most workers are to see about a \$13 per week increase in their take-home pay. In 2010, the credit would be about \$7.70 a week, if it is spread over the entire year.

People who do not earn enough money to owe income taxes are eligible for the credit, an attempt to offset the payroll taxes they pay.

Obama's expensive and ambitious package of federal

spending and tax cuts is designed to revive the economy and save or create 3.5 million or more jobs. It will inject a sudden boost of cash into transportation, education, energy and health care, while aiming to help recession victims through tax cuts, extended unemployment benefits and short-term health insurance assistance. It also will add to a rapidly growing national debt.

The president signed the measure into law Tuesday.

In his weekly address, Obama said he was grateful to Congress, governors, mayors and all the people who supported the measure.

Still, he added: “It is only a first step on the road to

economic recovery. And we cannot fail to complete the journey.” He said the country also must stem foreclosures, repair the banking system, get credit flowing again and revamp financial industry regulations.

And, even as he promoted the record-breaking spending plan, he called for doing what's necessary to control “exploding” deficits as the economy begins to improve.

Obama is holding a “fiscal responsibility summit” at the White House Monday to talk about ways to control the trillion-dollar budget deficit. The next day, he is to address a joint session of Congress, a speech expected to focus on the economy.

Official: Pentagon report defends Guantanamo

By PAMELA HESS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Guantanamo Bay prison meets the standard for humane treatment laid out in the Geneva Conventions but could use some changes in how it handles its more dangerous or less compliant prisoners, according to a Pentagon report.

The report was prepared for President Barack Obama, who has ordered the terrorist detention center at the U.S. naval base in Cuba closed within a year.

The recommended changes include an increase in group recreation for those prisoners. The report also suggested allowing those prisoners to gather in groups of three or more, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the report has not been released.

Some of the hard-core prisoners are not currently allowed to meet with other prisoners for prayer or socialization and are kept in their cells for 23 hours a day. The 85-page report by Adm. Patrick M. Walsh, the Navy's second in command, was written in response to Obama's Jan. 22 execu-

tive order to close the facility within a year.

Attorney General Eric Holder, meanwhile, named a top federal prosecutor, Matthew Olsen, as executive director of Obama's Guantanamo Detainee Review Task Force, which will recommend where to send each detainee.

As a presidential candidate, Obama criticized the detention center that human rights groups and many in the international community widely condemned for harsh treatment of prisoners during the Bush administration.

The military has defended its actions, saying prisoners have been treated humanely since the center was set up after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The report found the camp to be in compliance with the Geneva Conventions Common Article 3, the international rules that require the humane treatment of prisoners taken in unconventional armed conflicts, like the war on terrorism.

The camp's controversial force-feeding of prisoners on hunger strikes was also found to be compliant with

the Geneva guidelines, a second government official confirmed.

About 800 prisoners have been held there, many for years and nearly all without criminal charges. There are now around 250.

In a separate case involving legal challenges to imprisonment, the Obama administration, siding with the Bush White House, contended Friday that detainees in Afghanistan have no constitutional rights.



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1 Lead substitute

8 Wasn't delicate with

15 Darwin's home

16 Worked up

17 Comparatively corrugated

18 Watch word?

19 Ginger

20 Bit of flavoring

22 Ball of fire

24 One way to the top

25 Starter

27 Took down

32 Wells title character

36 Has in common

37 Shaping tool

39 Surprise-attack master of the Revolution

40 China has only one, surprisingly

41 Hostile response

42 Allowed

43 ___ Novello Award (British music prize)

45 Job successor concept

50 Nietzsche concept

55 Testing stage

56 Old weapon

57 Shallow valleys

59 Mouse, at times

60 Sets right

DOWN

1 No longer absorbed

2 With detachment

3 Body type

4 It means "great"

5 Verse starter

6 Overdoes it at the bar

7 Bounder

8 Street of fame

9 Jungian construct

10 Mill features

11 Largest of the dwarf planets

12 Floor

13 *Permit Me Voyage* poet

14 Minister

21 Peacocks, e.g.

23 Kind of copy

26 Sharp shooter

28 Needle

29 One of a half-trillion sold since 1912

30 Skimmer relative

31 They: It.

32 Some pols

33 *A Bridge Too Far* author

34 Trifling

35 *The Crucible* got one

36 Signaling device

38 Theater prop

42 They don't mix

44 Irritant

46 Less error-prone

47 *Ghost Town* actress

48 Something seen in planners

49 Out of line

50 Market IDs

51 *The Antitrust Paradox* author

52 "Man is a gaming animal" writer

53 Tear

54 Sea feature

58 Books, briefly

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**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
Telecopier 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.

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.

II
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.

III
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.

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

V
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
Telecopier 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
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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 W/50' of Lt 12, Bk 6, Earles Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE: \$701.90
Years owed: 1996-2007
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VI
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 W/50' of Lt 12, Bk 6, Earles Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE: \$701.90
Years owed: 1996-2007
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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

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
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
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

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.

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.

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

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
TOTAL DUE: \$154.38
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

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
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

Arnold C. 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, T&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.

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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
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

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, T&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, T&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
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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

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

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

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 re-

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

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

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

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:

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 Southward 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

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 ex-

emption 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 continues 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.

DISABLE VETERANS

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.

FARM AND RANCH OWNERS

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.

EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

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-

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ertos derechos que pueden reducir sus impuestos

DUENO DE HOGAR

Usted califica para una exencion general, si es dueno de su hogar el dia primero de enero, 2009. La solicitud para la exencion es necesaria si el dueno de la residencia cambio de hogar efectivo el primero de enero, 2008, o califica para exenciones adicionales desde el ano pasado. Un dueno de hogar mayor de 65 anos puede aplazar el pago de una porcion de sus impuestos si el valoracion de su hogar de residencia aumento mas de 5% que el valor del ano anterior. Un aplazamiento de impuestos sin embargo, solo pospone su deuda impositiva. Se aplica un interes de 8 por ciento al ano y se mantiene una garantia sobre la propiedad. Para aplicar por el aplazo, contacte al distrito de valoracion de su condado y complete la aplicacion.

PERSONAS INCAPACITADOS

Personas incapacitadas bajo la Administracion del Seguro Social califican para las exenciones de dueno de hogar. Personas incapacitadas deben aplicar con su distrito de valoracion con su prueba de incapacitado del Administracion del Seguro Social. Personas incapacitadas reciben todos los beneficios en su hogar igual que personas mayor de 65 anos.

PERSONAS MAYORES DE 65 ANOS

Personas mayores de 65 anos 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 anos de edad durante 2009. Personas de 65 anos o mas tienen que registrar una solicitud por la exencion en su distrito de valoracion en su area. Usted puede aplazar algunos de sus im-

puestos sobre su hogar de residencia si lo desea. Los impuestos continuan a pesar del aplazo con intereses de 8% anual, pero no se hace esfuerzo de abrir un juicio hipotecario durante el aplazo. La Contraloria de Cuentas Publicas de Texas le podra dar mas informacion.

VETERANOS INCAPACITADOS

Usted puede calificar para una exencion del los impuestos sobre su propiedad. Debe tener documentos del Administracion de Veteranos que muestran el porcentaje de su incapacidad relacionada a su servicio militar. El distrito de valoracion solamente necesita documentacion el primer ano de calificacion o si su porcentje de su incapacidad cambia.

TERENOS AGRICOLAS O GANADEROS

La valoracion/tasacion como terreno agricola disminuye el valor imponible del terreno. Se valora el terreno basandose en su capacidad para producir cultivos, ganado, o vida silvestre en lugar de su valor en el mercado de bienes y raices. Obtenga un formulario de solicitud en la oficina local de su distrito de valoracion. El tasador principal puede requerir que usted someta una nueva aplicacion. Tambien si el dueno del terreno cambia, el tasador principal puede requerir una aplicacion nueva.

SOLICITACIONES PARA EXENCIONES

Copias de solicitudes se pueden conseguir en el distrito de valoracion mas cerca de usted o del La Contraloria de Cuentas Publicas de Texas. en el 1/800-252-9121 Tambien se incluye solicitudes para exenciones totales para organizaciones religiosas.
#6057 February 15 & 22, 2009

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HOWARD

By virtue of an ORDER OF SALE issued out of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, pursuant to judgment rendered in 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said Court, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I did on the 29th day of January, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., levy upon and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction on the 3rd day of March, 2009, being the first Tuesday of said month beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day, at the North Courthouse door of said County, all the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, towit:

CAUSE NO. STYLE PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

- T-4639 Ascension Hilario
The South half (S/2) of Lts 10 and 11, Bk 5, Cedar Crest Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
T-4816
Howard County, et al vs. Isela Rodriguez, aka Isela M. Rodriguez, Individually and dba Alberto's #2

- and Alberto's Crystal Cafe
Lots 5-8, Bk 106, Original Town, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
T-4816
Howard County, et al vs. Howard County, et al vs. Isela Rodriguez, aka Isela M. Rodriguez, Individually and dba Alberto's #2 and Alberto's Crystal Cafe
E/90' of Lt 1, Bk 13, Original Town, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
T-5066
Howard County, et al vs. Gary L. Moore
All of Lt 4, Bk 2, Hayden Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
T-5180
Howard County, et al vs. Glen S. Murphy
Lts 12-20, Bk 59 Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
T-5180
Howard County, et al vs. Glen S. Murphy
Lts 12-15, Bk 58, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
T-5180
Howard County, et al vs. Glen S. Murphy
Lts 16-22, Bk 58, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
T-5189
Howard County, et al vs. Luis Pena and Margarita Pena
Lt 10, Bk 33, Cole & Strayhorn Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
T-5211
Howard County, et al vs. Dora C. Velasquez aka Dora C. Velasquez

- Lt 8, Bk 8, Suburban Heights Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
T-5369
Howard County, et al vs. Pedro Jaenz and Agustina Jaenz
Lt 17, Bk 14, Monticello Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
T-5398
Howard County, et al vs. R. L. Fields
West Five feet (W/5') of Lt 11, and all of Lt 12, Bk 10, Jones Valley Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
T-5494
Howard County, et al vs. Jose Antonio Hernandez Rodriguez
S/25' of Lt 4 and all of Lt 5, Bk 10, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
T-5536
Howard County, et al vs. Roger Lee Edwards
Lt 9, Bk 20, Cole & Strayhorn Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
T-5537
Howard County, et al vs. Mark Edwards
Lt 8, Bk 20, Cole & Strayhorn Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
T-5543
Howard County, et al vs. Henry Franco
Lt 7, Bk 1, Mountain View Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
T-5543
Howard County, et al vs. Henry Franco

- Lt 8, Bk 1, Mountain View Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
T-5543
Howard County, et al vs. Henry Franco
Lt 9, Bk 1, Mountain View Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
T-5543
Howard County, et al vs. Henry Franco
Lt 10, Bk 1, Mountain View Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
T-5549
Howard County, et al vs. Denver Heffington
Lts 23 & 24, Bk 1, J. T. Price Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
T-5551
Howard County, et al vs. Vickie Elkins Ledesma
Lt 6, Bk 7, Monticello Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs. Witness my hand this 29th day of January, 2009.
Stan Parker
SHERIFF OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: Deputy
#6021 February 8, 10, 22, and March 1, 2009

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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 af-

fidavit 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 files 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

APPRAISED 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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LEGAL NOTICE:

These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on March 9, 2009. You have until September 5, 2009, to redeem any tickets for these games: #1120 Merry Money (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.91, #828 Set For Life (\$10) overall odds are 1 in 3.47, #1121 Silver Bells (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 3.93, #803 Cash Celebration (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 3.15, #1113 Wild 7's (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.42, #1109 Cherry Doubler (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.97, #1097 Bonus Cashword (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 3.18, #1085 King Tut's Treasures (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 4.29, #1067 Hot Streak! (\$7) overall odds are 1 in

3.98, #1082 Lucky Dice Doubler (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.59, and #1073 WPT@ Texas Hold 'Em@ Poker (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.92. These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on March 23, 2009. You have until September 19, 2009, to redeem any tickets for these games: #797 Bonus Break the Bank (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.23, #1042 9's In A Line (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.80, #1098 Jewels of the Nile (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.98, #1117 Holiday Package (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 3.79, and #1119 \$250 Christmas Club (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.78. This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on March 30, 2009. You

have until September 26, 2009, to redeem any tickets for this game: #1106 Mega Jumbo Bucks (\$10) overall odds are 1 in 3.75. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes over \$999,999 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at 1-800-37LOTTO or visit the Lottery Web site at www.txlottery.org for

more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures, and final decisions of the Executive Director. A Scratch-Off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. PLAY RESPONSIBLY. The Texas Lottery Supports Texas Education.
#6062 February 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 28 & S/10 W/48 of LT2 Bk 40 Original Town IRR 0704
LT 6 BK 4 Porter 50x140 402 BLK/Tract 40.161 Acres ACCQ 060606
LT 5 BK 38 Cole & Strayhorn 50x140 738 BLK/Tract 380.161 Acres ACCQ 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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No. P-13,716
THE ESTATE OF ELMER EDMAN McMURRAY, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of ELMER EDMAN McMURRAY, Deceased were issued on the 18th day of February, 2009, under Docket No. P-13,716, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to WANDA JANE McMURRAY.

Claims may be presented in care of WANDA JANE McMURRAY to

the estate addressed as follows:
Estate of Elmer Edman McMurray
c/o Wanda Jane McMurray
7069 Avondale Drive
Big Spring, TX 79720

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

DATED this 18th day of February, 2009.

WANDA JANE McMurray, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Elmer Edman McMurray, Deceased.
#6065 February 22, 2009

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