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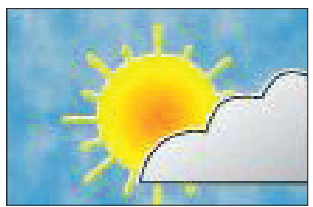
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Weather delays Gregg Street project

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
Weather-related delays in another part of the state put the Gregg Street renovations slightly behind schedule this

past week, according to officials with Price Construction. "One of our subcontractors was delayed because of weather issues in another part of the state," said Brian

Klinksiek, P.E., the project engineer with Price Construction. "We had hoped to begin work Monday, but we were unable to get it under way until Thursday. "We milled down the north-

bound lanes Thursday, and we expect to have the seal coat completed on those lanes by the end of the weekend. We've also eliminated the white stripes in the same area in the southbound lanes from

13th Street to FM 700. We're hoping to have that re-striped by the end of the weekend, as well." And while work crews got a See **GREGG**, Page 3A



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Donna Bybee applies some final grooming touches to Beamer, an Australian Shephard, during first day competition at the Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show, which runs through Sunday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Admission is free to the event.

Work to begin on Kids' Zone

Volunteers needed

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
Hammers are set to begin swinging at Comanche Trail Park's Kids' Zone Monday, but according to city officials, skilled volunteers are still needed to swing them. Assistant City Manager Todd Darden said the children's park will be closed to the public beginning Monday in an effort to make repairs to the existing equipment, and later this month, to install an all-new portion to the facility, replacing the southwest section that was destroyed by arsonists in December. "Kids' Zone will be closed to the public through May 26 so we can make these repairs and install new equipment," said Darden. "We plan to start working on the new addition to the park May 18, so we have quite a

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Darden

Founders Tour coming to Permian Basin, Big Spring

Special to the Herald
For the first time in its history, the Founders Tour is heading west of the Mississippi — all the way, in fact, the to Permian Basin and the Crossroads area.

The AACA Founders Tour 2009 will be based at the Clarion Hotel in Midland beginning Sunday and for a week will travel throughout the area. Because the Antique Automobile Club of America

(AACA) is dedicated to the preservation, restoration and maintenance of automobiles and automobile history, authenticity is considered to have a high priority. The year models acceptable for the tour are 1932-1984. They

will be coming from all over the United States, according to organizers, who expect about 60 cars. The majority of the vehicles will be driven, but a small percentage will be transported by trailer. A synopsis of the tour:

Monday May 4 — Visit Andrews, Jal, N.M., and that area.
Tuesday May 5 — Visit the CAF & Petroleum museums, attend a drive-in to see

See **TOUR**, Page 3A

Sisters to become student ambassadors, will visit European cities in summer trip

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer
Sometimes, achieving something as grand as world peace starts with something as simple as spending time in somebody else's back yard. That's the theory behind a student travel program that two Big Spring youngsters

want to take advantage of this summer.

An account has been established at First Bank of West Texas to help fund the trip.

President Dwight Eisenhower, who believed that the best way to achieve peace between nations was through face-to-face contact between citizens through various cultural activities. "He hoped that if you could get kids involved, it would increase the chances for peace as they got older," Stormi said. As student ambassadors, the Smith sisters would travel to various European cities, including London and Paris, over the course of two weeks,



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Reba Smith, left, and her sister, Stormi, are two Big Spring students who have been accepted into the People to People Student Ambassador program and are raising funds to help finance their trip to various European cities this summer.

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Howard College's Andrew Collazo (1) is greeted by his teammates at home plate after he belted a 2-run homer to end Game 2 of a Western Junior College Athletic Conference baseball doubleheader Friday at Jack Barber Field. Howard defeated Frank Phillips College, 17-0 and 12-2, in two games, improving its record to 52-0 with two games left in the regular season.

Hawks improve record to 52-0

Howard takes first two from FPC, 17-0 and 12-2

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

Two down. Two to go. The regular season, anyway. Howard College's Hawks baseball team rolled to two 10-run mercy rule victories, 17-0 and 12-2, over Frank Phillips College Friday at Jack Barber Field, sweeping the first of two doubleheaders that make up the final Western Junior College Athletic Conference four-game series of the season for both teams.

With the wins, Howard, currently ranked No. 1 in the nation, improves its record to 52-0 and takes two steps closer to inking its name into the record book with the longest win streak in college baseball history at any level of competition.

The record for consecutive wins is 55. If Howard wrapped up the regular season by finishing its sweep of Frank Phillips Saturday, then the team has 54 wins

See HAWKS, Page 3B

No fear

Mavs confident despite Nuggets' 4-0 season sweep

JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — To get ready for a second-round series against the Denver Nuggets, Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle watched film, analyzed matchups and studied statistics.

One thing jumped out at him. "That we were 0-4," Carlisle said, "and struggled with them."

Gulp. While that's not exactly the kind of line to put on T-shirts or billboards, it's also no reason for alarm, as Carlisle explained.

"At this point, I don't know how relevant that really is," he said Friday. "There were injuries and a lot of different things going on during the year. It's a new start."

Carlisle's recognition that the regular season stunk but the slate is wiped clean now is among many good news/bad news scenarios to this series from the Dallas perspective.

It's also one of the few that is at least somewhat tipped toward the Mavs'

See MAVS, Page 3B



AP photo/Eric Gay

The Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki (41) and Jason Terry (31) celebrate during the fourth quarter of Game 5 of a first-round Western Conference NBA playoff series against the San Antonio Spurs in San Antonio Tuesday. Dallas won 106-93, winning the first-round series 4-1 and advancing to the Western Conference semifinals against Denver. The best-of-seven series with Denver starts at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Rangers slugger Josh Hamilton placed on 15-day disabled list

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers placed outfielder Josh Hamilton on the 15-day disabled list prior to Friday night's game against the Chicago White Sox because of a strained left rib cage muscle.

The Rangers made the move retroactive to Monday in part to create a roster spot for catcher Max Ramirez, recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma on

Friday to serve as the backup while regular catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia recovers from eye irritation.

Marlon Byrd will remain Texas' primary center fielder in Hamilton's absence.

Saltalamacchia, who left Thursday's game against Oakland in the second inning when his vision became impaired by irritation when his

lenses, stayed home on Friday to treat the problem.

Backup Taylor Teagarden got the start against the White Sox, and will remain the starter as long as Saltalamacchia is out. The Rangers needed a backup to Teagarden, and Ramirez is the team's

See RANGERS, Page 3B

Sports in brief

New schedule for high school baseball and softball playoffs

With the temporary suspension of any UIL interscholastic competition in the state, a new schedule for the baseball and softball postseason has been made.

Here's how it plays out for each sport:

Softball

Bi-district deadline: May 16
Area deadline: May 19
Regional quarterfinal: May 23
Regional semifinal: May 26
Regional final: May 30
State tournament: June 4-6

Baseball

District certification: May 19
Bi-district deadline: May 23
Area deadline: May 26
Regional quarterfinal: May 30
Regional semifinal: June 2
Regional final: June 6
State tournament: June 10-13

Forsan High School Sports Banquet scheduled for May 11

Forsan High School will hold its annual sports banquet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 11, at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Tickets for parents and guests at \$10 apiece and must be purchased at the high school office by May 8.

BSHS Spring Sports Banquet set for Monday

The Big Spring High School Spring Sports banquet is set for 6 p.m. Monday in the high school's cafeteria.

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the door or from Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center.

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's weekly report

The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association held its weekly playday Monday with the team of JoAnn Hillger, Dee Jenkins and Sue Russell win-

ning first on a scorecard playoff.

The team shot par and was tied with Linda DeWaters, Shirley Long, Patsy Sharpnack and Gus Leonardi at the end of the day.

Both teams shot an even par, but the team of Hullger, Jenkins and Russell had the better score on the selected tiebreaker hole.

In couples play Thursday, the team of Donnie and Shirley Long and Forrest and Gayle West also took first via a scorecard playoff.

Second place went to Ray and Sue Russell and Child and Carol Madry. Both teams shot 2-under.

Shooting a 1-under for third was the foursome of George and Betty Murphy and John Leonardi and Daury Cockrell.

Free adult tennis league starting at Figure 7

Ted Oleson, City of Big Spring tennis pro, is beginning a free adult tennis league on Sundays from 3-5 p.m.

To be eligible, players must be at least 18 years old and out of high school.

Visit www.bigspringtennis.com for more info.

Scoop Up Summer Fun

FAMILY FEATURES

Summer parties and sunny days just scream for a scoop of ice cream. From banana splits to sundaes, ice cream is an easy way to enjoy the season. So grab a scoop and gather the kids around to create a few ice cream treats and great memories.

Pop to it!

Make summer celebrations unforgettable with these easy ice cream lollipops. Just take a few scoops of a yummy ice cream, add lollipop sticks, dip them in a coating made from semi-sweet chocolate, cream and condensed milk, then decorate and add flair with a favorite topping.

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If you need extra plates for serving dessert or simply want to spend more time enjoying your treat than cleaning up, use personal containers such as Blue Bunny Personals. You will get all the fun of a banana split in a manageable size and there will be no dishes to wash!

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For more tasty recipes and how-to videos, visit bluebunny.com.



Sweet Ice Cream Hamburger Treats

Have your children help make these adorable "hamburger" treats. They'll love these burgers.

Prep time: 20 minutes
Serves: 4

- 8 dessert sponge cups (strawberry shortcake cups)
- Light corn syrup
- Sesame seeds
- 2 drops yellow food coloring
- 1/2 cup marshmallow cream
- 3 black licorice twists, for grill marks
- 2 cups Blue Bunny Premium Homemade Chocolate Ice Cream
- Red gel frosting, for ketchup
- 2 large green gum drops, sliced, for pickles

Trim upper edge of each dessert cup to make level. Lightly brush flat side of 4 cups with corn syrup, sprinkle with sesame seeds; set aside.

Stir food coloring into marshmallow cream; set aside.

Cut licorice in half lengthwise, then cut in half crosswise; set aside.

Place 1/2 cup ice cream in each of 4 dessert cups, smoothing edges to look like hamburger patties.

Press three pieces of licorice onto each patty for grill marks. Spread each with about 1 tablespoon marshmallow cream mustard and drizzle with gel frosting ketchup. Top with gum drop pickles.

Top with sesame seed coated dessert cup. Serve immediately.

Banana Splits

This classic sundae is made in its own dish. Add fresh sliced strawberries or pineapple for even more fruit flavor.

Prep time: 15 minutes
Serves: 4

- 4 Blue Bunny Personals, Banana Split flavor
- 2 large bananas
- 1/2 cup whipped cream
- 4 tablespoons chocolate syrup (or your favorite sundae topping)
- 4 tablespoons finely chopped peanuts
- 4 maraschino cherries

Cut bananas in half lengthwise, then in half crosswise.

For each sundae: Using a spoon, remove enough ice cream from side of each container to fit banana pieces, placing it in center of container. Place two banana pieces on each side of container. Top with 2 tablespoons whipped cream. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon chocolate syrup. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon peanuts and top with a maraschino cherry. Serve immediately.

Ice Cream Lollipops

A cool, tasty twist on the lollipop that everyone will enjoy!

Prep time: 20 minutes
Serves: 4

- 4 small scoops Blue Bunny Premium Cookie Creations Monster Cookie Ice Cream
- 4 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, chopped
- 3 tablespoons heavy whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon sweetened condensed milk
- 1/2 cup of your favorite toppings, chopped if necessary (sprinkles, chocolate chips, cookies)
- Sucker sticks

Scoop ice cream into 1 1/2-inch scoops. Place on a parchment lined sheet pan. Place in freezer for 15 minutes or until ice cream is semi-hard. Remove ice cream from freezer, shape into balls and insert a sucker stick into the center of each ball. Return lollipops to the freezer.

Place 1 cup water in a small saucepan; bring to a simmer. Place chocolate, whipping cream and sweetened condensed milk in a small stainless steel bowl. Place over hot water (upper bowl should not touch water) and stir until chocolate melts and mixture is smooth.

Place toppings in a small bowl. Dip lollipops in chocolate sauce shaking gently to remove excess sauce; quickly, roll in toppings. Return to freezer until serving time.



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Obituaries

O.L. Vickers



O.L. "Vic" Vickers, 86, of De Leon, formerly of Coahoma, died Thursday, April 30, 2009, in an Abilene hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, May 4, 2009, at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Big Spring and the Rev. Wes Massey, pastor of First Baptist Church of Coahoma, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

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

He was born June 10, 1922, in Avalons and married Verna McLaughlin Nov. 12, 1943 in Vancouver, Wash. She preceded him in death Feb. 16, 2005.

Vic worked for Coastal Oil & Gas Company for more than 40 years, retiring in 1985. He served in the United States Army with the 96th Infantry Division in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He attended the First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Larry Sherrard of De Leon; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Eddie and Mattie Maynard Vickers; seven brothers; and three sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Kitchen Fund at First Baptist Church of Coahoma, P.O. Box 376, Coahoma 79511.

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

Mitchell Kyle Badger

Mitchell Kyle Badger, 41, passed away Thursday, April 30, 2009, in Graham. A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 2, 2009, at 10 a.m. in Abundant Life Center with Pastor Don Messer officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home.

Kyle was born Dec. 20, 1967, in Snyder to Warren Harding and Bonnie Jean (Simmons) Badger. He married Karen Idol and she preceded him in death Sept. 30, 2005. Kyle was a prison guard in Bonham and moved to Graham in 2003 from Midland.

Survivors include his father, Warren Badger of Austin; sisters, Karen Woods and husband Phil of Big Spring and Tammy Smith and husband Eddie of Houston; brother, Rick Badger of Snyder; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Bonnie Jean Badger.

Herman Lander

Herman Lander, 69, of Stanton, died Friday, May 1, 2009, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Support Groups

CHANGING DATES

The local National Alliance on Mental Illness group meets every two weeks in the basement of the Howard County Library. For dates and times, contact Ramona Blassingane at 263-9748.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

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

Celebrate Recovery, a 12-Step program, meets from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 308 Ayrford.

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

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- JOSE BRITO, 22, 103 N.W. Eighth, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief.
- ROBERT SEAMSTER, 18, 3709 Hamilton, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- JIMMY GARRARD, 35, 2621 Langley, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- MEGAN JENKINS, 22, 3237 Duke, was arrested on a charge of duty on striking unattended vehicle.
- SHERRY JOHNSON, 42, 1708 Scurry, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JOHN PANTOJA, 18, 1106 E. 12th, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87 and the 1000 block of Baylor.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 600 block of Holbert.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 600 block of Interstate 20.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 100 block of Eighth and the 400 block of Fourth.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 300 block of Gregg and the 1400 block of Highway 87.
- DUTY ON STRIKING UNATTENDED VEHICLE was reported in the 1900 block of Kentucky.
- POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS DRUG was reported in the 1200 block of 11th.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA/TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King.

Take Note

Kids for Life, an American Cancer Society Relay for Life fund-raising team will hold a garage sale Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m. at 2514 Cindy in Kentwood. For more information, Amanda Gillespie at 213-5455, Michelle Fryar at 935-4006 or Lori Kirby at 935-6431.

A benefit account has been established at Woodforest National Bank (Account 1652331339) for John Allison and Jacoby Rivera, who lost their belongings in a residential fire on Runnels. Donations can also be made by calling (431) 213-4091.

The Salvation Army has funding for Texas military personnel who have served or are currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Apply at the Salvation Army, 511 W. Fifth St. These funds were granted by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

We are currently seeking Class of 1999 classmates from Big Spring High School. Our 10-year reunion will be Sept. 18-19. Please send your mailing information to bshs1999@gmail.com to receive information on the reunion or contact Jennifer Davidson at (432) 213-0257.

The Big Spring High School Class of 1989 is looking for members to attend a 20-year reunion in September. Contact Christy Alexander Brown at (972) 567-8037 or Irma Moreno Garcia at (432) 816-5321 with your updated information.




Mobile Meals needs volunteers. If you can donate one hour per week to our organization delivering meals between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., you will be helping the senior citizens of Big Spring. Contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016

The Family History Center (genealogy library) of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be open from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. If you need assistance in searching out your ancestors, bring all the information you have about your family and we will be happy to assist you. For more information, contact R.A. McKay at (432) 553-8127.

Big Spring resident Velma Campbell was on vacation in Arizona when she had a massive stroke. She has since been transported to a nursing home in Big Spring. She has many friends and is an avid bowler. If anyone would like to help, a savings account has been set up at Wells Fargo. The savings account number is 9662778118.

Coahoma alumni will hold an all school, all classes reunion Saturday, Aug. 1 at the Coahoma school building. Individual classes are encouraged to plan their class get-togethers Friday night or Saturday night. This year's reunion theme will highlight sports and former coaches Bernie Hagins and Norman Roberts will be honored, along with all former athletes and coaches at Coahoma ISD. Funds will be raised for the Coahoma Scholarship Fund as well. The Coahoma Alumni Association is trying to update its e-mail and mailing address lists and asks that you contact Patti Meets at pmeeks@basin-net.net or (432) 267-6688 with updates. More information will be shared as the reunion planning progresses.

Your Local Weather

Sun 5/3	Mon 5/4	Tue 5/5
		
73/47	79/56	89/62
Considerable clouds early. Some decrease in clouds later in the day.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.

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Bulletin Board

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MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffet.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Mega Millions lottery: 9-16-24-40-43; Mega Ball: 35.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-13-10-11-24. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$25,898
Winning ticket purchased in: San Antonio.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-9-5-3. Sum It Up: 21.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-5-9. Sum It Up: 17.

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Busch overtakes Edwards for third Nationwide win

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Kyle Busch passed Carl Edwards on the first lap of a restart with 22 laps to go and won the NASCAR Nationwide Series race Friday night at Richmond International Raceway.

Busch, who led four times in the Lipton Tea 250, made the move that counted in the third and fourth turns on the 229th trip around the 0.75-mile oval. Edwards led the previous 71 laps, with Busch seemingly the only other driver with a car to contend.

Busch's Toyota, he said, "was right when it mattered most."

The Sprint Cup star proved it by passing Edwards to the outside to grab the lead and then twice more on the final restarts — with eight laps to go and again with five laps remaining.

Busch pulled away easily the second time, and Edwards never really challenged.

The victory was Busch's third in nine starts this season and 13th since the start of last season, when he missed five races but won 10 and finished sixth in the point standings.

Busch led 115 laps in his third career victory in the series at Richmond.

"I feel like tonight was a good night to get back on track," Busch said. "Tonight was a race that mattered and we had our biggest challenger behind us in Carl, so it was nice to beat him out, straight up, and we had some other issues with the car that we fought through."



AP photo/Steve Helber

Kyle Busch celebrates winning the Lipton 250 Nationwide Series race at Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va., Friday.

Edwards held on to finish second, followed by Matt Kenseth and Brad Keselowski.

"He smoked me on the restarts," said Edwards, second to Busch in the series standings. Edwards remained winless and has finished behind Busch in five consecutive races.

Busch's lead over Edwards in the series standings grew to 82 points.

For a while, it looked as if the 2007 series champion would turn the tables.

Edwards was running second and gaining on Busch when a caution slowed the pace just past the midpoint. It went back to green on lap 138 and it took Edwards 20 laps to take the lead.

They were still running 1-2 when another caution flew on lap 204, and they quickly separated themselves from the field along with Mark Martin, who was running 11th but fighting to stay on the lead lap after pitting under a green flag just before

the caution came out.

Martin, the career leader with 48 series victories, wound up seventh.

"Maybe we'll have a contender tomorrow night," Martin said.

Busch's victory was his 24th in the series, pulling him into a tie with Kenseth and Tommy Houston for fifth on the career list. Kenseth said he never had a chance on Friday night.

"I had a pretty solid car. I just could never get it quite right to be able to run with those guys," Kenseth said. "It would be nice to be able to win one of these things, too."

Kevin Harvick finished fifth, followed by Joey Logano and Martin, giving Sprint Cup Series regulars the top seven spots at the finish. Nationwide regular Michael McDowell was eighth.

Brad Keselowski, the surprise Sprint Cup winner last weekend at Talladega when he and Edwards made contact on the final lap, sending Edwards' car airborne into the frontstretch, had another incident Friday night, costing Jeff Burton a top-10 finish.

Keselowski was running third and Burton was in the top five and gaining with 17 laps left when Keselowski made contact with Jason Leffler, with Burton getting caught up in the accident and hitting the wall. Keselowski continued on unscathed and finished fourth, while Burton wound 31st, 17 laps off the pace.

Vickers wins Sprint Cup pole at Richmond

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Brian Vickers turned a lap at 127.131 mph to win the pole position for Saturday night's NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Richmond International Raceway.

Vickers was the 10th driver on the track in qualifying Friday night, and his speed held up as notable short-track qualifiers Jeff Gordon and hometown star Denny Hamlin made runs at him.

Gordon got the closest at 126.844 mph, but was forced to settle for the outside of the front row. Hamlin will

start third after a lap at 126.665, with Martin Truex Jr. fourth.

"The car was unbelievable," Vickers said. "I told the guys when I came across the line that it was a pretty good one. Whether it was going to be able to hold up, I wasn't sure."

The pole is the seventh of Vickers' career and second this season. He also started first in the second race at Fontana, Calif. It also is his second at Richmond, where he set the track qualifying mark five years ago with a lap at 129.983 mph on the 0.75-mile oval.

The wide difference in qualifying speed isn't surprising, he said, because the track has worn over time and the switch to the Car of Tomorrow has also slowed things. Relatively speaking, though, "we probably have as good of a car or better to go compete for a win, and obviously five years of experience is priceless when it comes to racing in this series."

Gordon, a five-time pole-sitter at Richmond, was both disappointed and excited.

"You always pick the lap apart trying to figure out where you could be a

little bit better no matter where you qualify, but especially when you are that close to being on the pole," he said. "Brian laid down a great lap ... We came close, but not good enough."

At the same time, he said, the day started poorly, and it wasn't until they team switched to its qualifying package that Gordon started making laps that he moved up near the front.

"I think we have hit on some things," he said.

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Newell-Garcia

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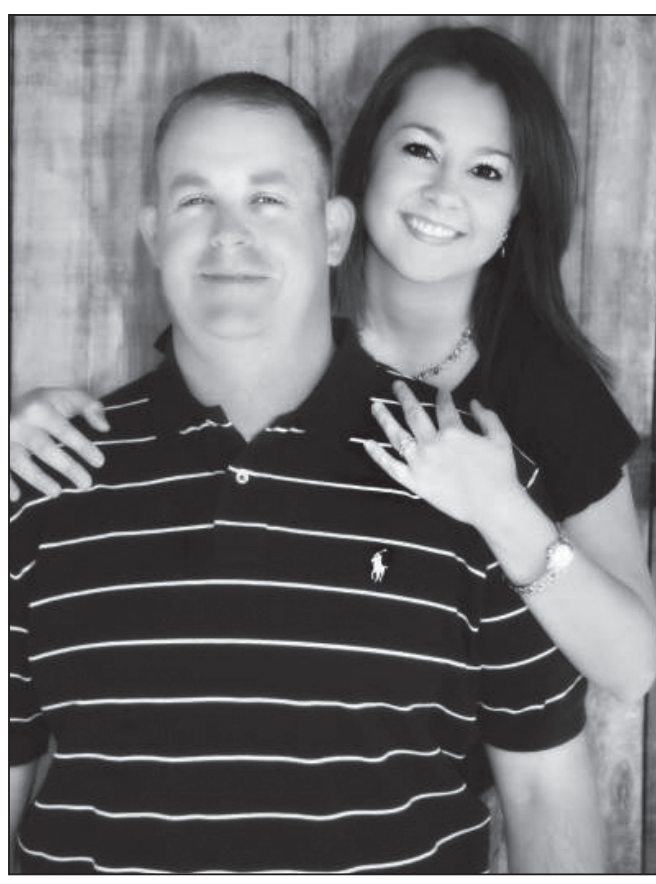
Michel is the granddaughter of Rose Henry of Abilene and William Davenport Sr. of Oceanside, Calif., and Earl and Anita Newell of Big Spring.

Vincent is the grandson of Genoveva Uranga and the late Pedro Uranga of Big Spring and the late Vincent Garcia Sr. and Barbara Garcia.

Michel is a 2003 graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed by Complex Community Federal Credit Union of Odessa.

Vincent is a 1999 graduate of Coahoma High School and is employed by Baker-Hughes of Odessa.

The couple will be married May 30 in Odessa.

Thomas Bradford Harman Jr.
and Natasha Maureen Mitchell

Mitchell-Harman Jr.

Natasha Maureen Mitchell and Thomas Bradford Harman Jr., both of Llano, are pleased to announce their engagement and pending marriage.

Natasha is the daughter of Don and Diane Ewing of Big Spring and Kevin and Tammy Mitchell of Alameda, Calif. She is the granddaughter of Aida Sanchez of Big Spring, Alice Ewing of Big Spring and Dori Mitchell of Vacaville, Calif.

Natasha is a 2004 graduate of Coahoma High School. She received her associates of applied science in nursing from Angelo State University and is currently attending Texas Tech University Health Science Center to obtain her bachelor of science in nursing. She is employed at Llano Memorial Hospital.

Brad is the son of Brad Sr. and Barbara Harmon of Marble Falls and the grandson of Betty Poe of Marble Falls.

He graduated from Marble Falls High School in 1994 and received his bachelor of science degree in kinesiology from Angelo State University in 1998. He is employed by the Llano Independent School District as a high school teacher and coach.

They plan to wed at 4 p.m. July 11, 2009, at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Births

Alyssa Skye Gaitan, a girl, was born at 3:37 p.m. April 16, 2009, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long.

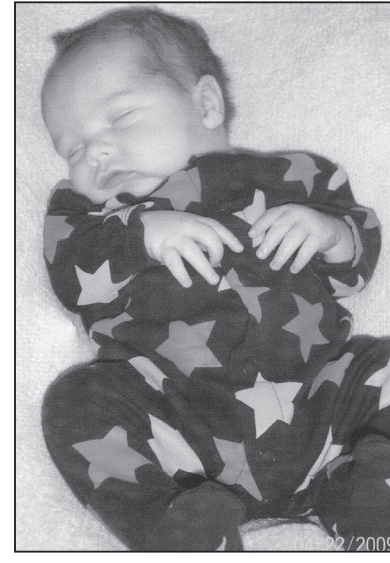
She is the daughter of Agustin Guitan Jr. and Donna Gayle Brabham of Big Spring.

She is the granddaughter of Steve and Melinda Coin of Midland and Agustin and Anita Gaitan of Big Spring.

She was welcomed home by Alexis, Austin, Anthony, Shawn and Roxi.



Alyssa Skye Gaitan



Bryson Wayne Roberts

Ross and Jody Roberts of Big Spring are proud to announce the birth of their son, Bryson Wayne. He was born at 4:41 p.m. April 1, 2009, weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19-1/4 inches long.

He is the grandson of Roger and Carla Brooks and Neal and Kay Roberts and the great-grandson of Gene and Jeneane Perry and Hughetta Roberts, all of Big

Spring.

Bryson was welcomed home by his big brother Jordan.

Shipping containers basic building blocks for home designs

By **STACY DOWNS**
McClatchy Newspapers
KANSAS CITY, Mo.
- Toy designer Debbie Glassberg has created dream houses for My Little Pony and Polly

Pocket. Now she's creating one for herself.

Instead of plastic, the building blocks being used for her residence are five steel cargo containers. The unusual home in Brookside, a Kansas City, Mo., neighborhood, has the area and Midwestern architectural circles talking.

"It's exciting," says Glassberg, 47, who gets stopped by strangers daily about her home. "It's not even finished, but it's built great connections and friendships."

The house with its blocky sky-blue components is similar to homes featured in Dwell magazine.

Containers, originally intended to hold furniture and other household goods shipped overseas, are becoming structures themselves in other parts of the world. There are artists' studios in London, student dormitories in Amsterdam, Netherlands, and offices in Zurich, Switzerland, all built from containers.

Glassberg's house is one of only a few container homes in the United States and is thought to be the Kansas City area's first residence built from containers.

Glassberg, a former designer for Mattel, wants her house to serve as a prototype for durable but attractive emergency housing for survivors of natural disasters like those that struck New Orleans and Greensburg, Kan.

"It would be an interesting alternative to FEMA trailers, that's

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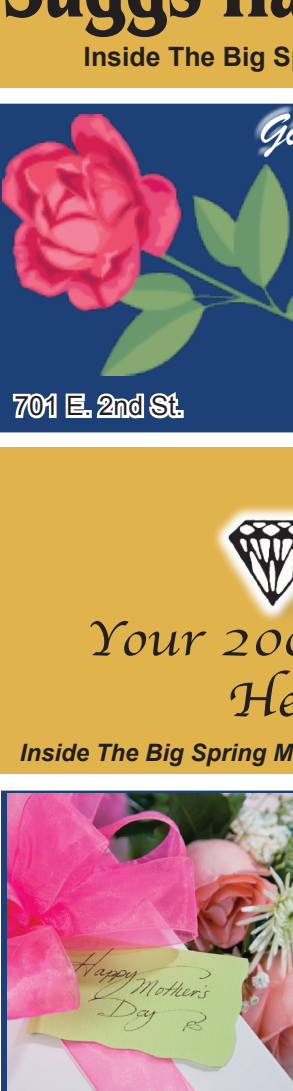
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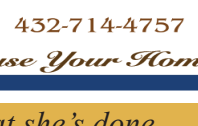
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GREGG

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late start this week, Klinksiek he hopes to see things pick up early Monday morning.

"Monday we plan to begin barricading the turning lane from 13th Street to FM 700," said Klinksiek. "Once we have the barricades up, we'll begin milling. We're hoping to be finished with this section of milling by the end of the week."

Klinksiek said the work — which is expected to be completed by Aug. 10 — is moving along smoothly now.

"The streets, once completed, should hold up for the length of time intended," said Klinksiek. "The road has obvious structural problems. Anytime you see a portion of it fall through, creating long cracks leading out from it, that means there are serious problems. However, this resurfacing should take care of them."

The roadway will remain approximately two-inches lower than the previous road surfaces until the project is almost completed, he said.

"Once we've milled it out, there will be a two-inch difference between the roadway and the curbs," said Klinksiek. "At that time we'll come back, all at once, and lay the last two-inch layer in, and that will bring the roadway and the curbs together."

In the meantime, large truck traffic will most likely have to be routed around Big Spring, according to Texas Department of Transportation officials.

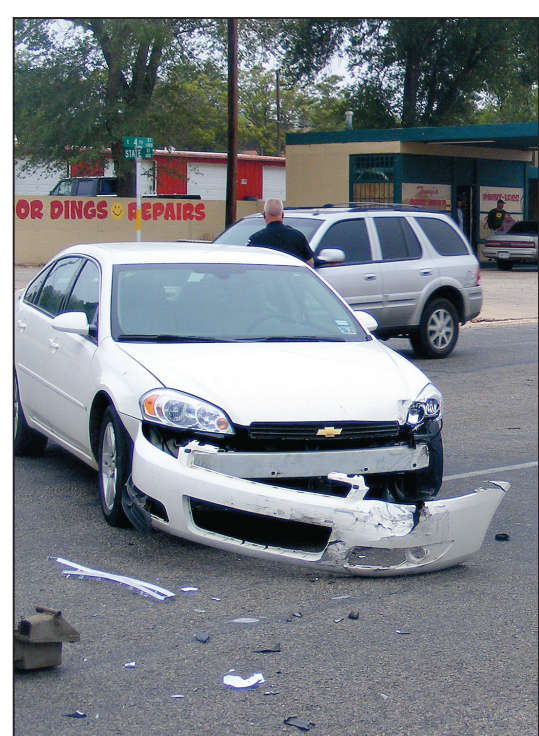
"The trucks this will have the biggest effect on are the wide-load bearing trucks," said Matthew Evans, P.E., spokesperson for TxDOT. "There will be width restrictions implemented, and that information will go to Austin. When these companies contact Austin to apply for a permit, they will be notified they can't travel through Big Spring and will have to basically go around."

The project, which is estimated at \$5.2 million, will resurface Gregg Street from the FM 700 intersection to the Fourth Street intersection, according to TxDOT plans.

Klinksiek said he and his crews are aware the work will put a strain on motorists, but if the reaction from motorists concerning the downtown street project is any indication, things should go smoothly.

"We know this is going to inconvenience motorists, and we're doing everything we can to minimize that," he said. "And we're very appreciative of the cooperation we're currently receiving on the downtown project. People's attitudes have been very accepting of the work, and I feel like they understand the final product — which is better driving conditions — is worth the effort."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Traffic is directed around a two-vehicle accident that occurred at the intersection of State and Fourth streets Saturday morning. No major injuries were reported.

KIDS' ZONE

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bit of work to do, and not a lot of time before school lets out for the summer."

Darden said the materials for the project will come from near and far.

"Our consultants are coming out of New York, and they will be providing a lot of the material for this project," said Darden. "They will provide most of the wood mate-

rial and most of the nuts and bolts will come from our local vendors. We'll be soliciting for bids from those companies to hopefully buy those type of materials. The consulting and design fees would be approximately \$12,000 as a best case scenario, and just more than \$15,000 for a worst case scenario. It's all predicated on how many dollars you have to spend to go along with their estimate."

Darden said there is still a very serious need for volunteers to help move the effort

forward.

"We're using city resources and volunteers, and we're still looking for committee members to help us with the project."

"We need a minimum of about seven people to help out in the committees. Also, we need volunteers, specifically people who have carpentry trade skills. Most of this material is wood. There is some hardware involved to put it all together, but for the most part it's woodworking."

Anyone interested in volun-

teering their time to the effort to rebuild can contact Darden at 264-2501 or Airpark Director Jim Little at 264-2362.

While fund-raising efforts have met with nothing but success since the blaze destroyed the southwest portion of the playground, efforts to catch the vandals responsible have yet to produce an arrest despite more than \$10,000 in reward money being put up by the city and Howard County governments.

Anyone with information regarding the fire — or any

other acts of vandalism — are asked to call Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 264-TIPS (8477). No caller ID is ever used, and informants can remain anonymous.

Information can also be left with the Fire Marshal's Office at 264-2305, or the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550.

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TOUR

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"American Graffiti" and have a aerial photo taken of the cars. The public is welcome to come. Admission charge is \$5. Anyone attending must be driving an antique car.

Wednesday May 6 — Tour the Peyote Bomber Museum and Sandhills

State Park in Monahans. That evening the group will be entertained by The Staerkles at the Yucca Theater in Midland. The public is welcome. Tickets are \$20per person. To purchase tickets call Lynn McLean at (432) 570-1572. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Thursday May 7 —Tour Susie's South Forty, Trace Engines. Visit the Odessa College rodeo facility for a ro-

deo and a chuck wagon cookout.

Friday May 8 — Tour Big Spring, visit the Hangar 25 Air Museum, the Vietnam Memorial and Big Spring State Park. The Big Spring Model Aircraft Association will be holding its annual Float Fly at the Dora Roberts Community Center during lunch. The tour group will go to the Heritage Museum and drive through the VA Medical Center complex and Texas

State Veterans Home before leaving Big Spring.

The tour will end Friday night with a banquet and awards ceremony in Midland. Trophies from Big Spring will include Hanger 25, The Warden's choice from FCI and Cornell, Big Spring Model Aircraft Association, the city of Big Spring and the Mayor's Choice.

SISTER

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observing first-hand many of those countries' political and cultural processes.

To qualify for the program, the girls first had to be nominated by their teachers, then pass an interview process in November.

"It's an honor for them to be nominated," their mother said. "They not only look at your grades, but your character, too."

"After reading about the program, I thought that this is something I really wanted to do," Stormi said. "And because I want to be a history teacher, this would be something that would really help me when I grow up."

Reba was much more

direct as to her reaction when learning about the program.

"I thought, 'Oh my God, I want to go!'" she said.

Since they were accepted to the program late last year, the Smith sisters have been busy performing community service projects and studying up on their destinations — two prerequisites for participation.

Plus, they've been raising money.

The catch is that the program isn't cheap — each girl will have to raise \$7,000 in the next few weeks to reserve a spot on this year's tour.

Both have been busy working at various tasks, such as manning the concession booth at Little League baseball games, and holding fund-raisers to try to secure the necessary

funds.

Although People to People officials help out some with funds, most have to come from private individuals.

Robert Smith said an

account has been established at First Bank of West Texas for anyone wishing to help with donations. He said people should specify donations to the Stormi and

Reba Smith People to People Account.

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HAWKS

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on the season and will head into the Region V Tournament May 9-13 with the record in sight.

The Hawks received two masterful pitching performances in both games Friday from Zach Neal and Dylan Cacciola.

In Game 1, Neal pitched his fifth complete game of the season, throwing his first shutout of the year in the process. Neal allowed five hits and walked no batters, while striking out six.

Not to be outdone, Cacciola also threw his fifth complete game of the year, lasting six innings. His only hiccup in the outing came in the third inning, when Chris Grayson and Heath Johnson hit back-to-back home runs.

Other than that, Cacciola was in command, allowing just four other runners to reach base. He gave up five hits and walked none, while striking out eight. Cacciola now has a team-high 82 strikeouts on the year.

One luxury Neal had that Cacciola didn't was the ability to work with a large lead throughout the game.

The Hawks exploded in the first inning of Game 1, batting around and scoring 10 runs in the frame.

Howard hit three homers in the bottom of the first. The first came off the bat of Caleb Nine. With two runs

already in and one out, Nine belted a 3-run shot over the right field fence.

Three batters later, the Hawks got their second homer of the inning off the bat of No. 9 hitter Runey Davis. With Will Calhoun and Andrew Collazo on base, Davis sent a tower shot to left and gave the Hawks an 8-0 advantage.

The final home run of the series' opening inning was belted by Miles Hamblin. With two outs and Bryan Johns on first after being hit by a pitch, Hamblin crushed a pitch to left center, placing the Hawks ahead 10-0. It was the second time in the inning Johns and Hamblin scored.

The Hawks pushed four more across in the third. Nick Popescu had the big hit, lacing a pitch down the right field line with the bases loaded. Popescu ended up with a stand-up, 3-RBI double. He'd score when the next batter, Nine, singled, making Howard's lead, 14-0.

The Hawks' final three runs were scored in the fourth inning and were manufactured with small-ball. With one out, Davis drew a walk, then stole second and third on consecutive pitches. He scored on a sacrifice fly by Joe Leftridge.

Johns got on board courtesy of an error, advanced to second when Hamblin was hit by a pitch and then scored on two wild pitches. Hamblin found his way to third on the hazardous throws by Frank Phillips pitcher Junior Nicholls and then scored on a single by Monk Kreder.

Every player in the Hawks' lineup

scored at least once in the game. Nine and Popescu finished the opening affair with four RBI apiece.

Game 2 wasn't as lopsided until the final two innings, although it had the potential to get out of hand early.

The Hawks missed a golden opportunity to put themselves up by a large margin in the first inning. Howard had loaded the bases with one out after Leftridge and Hamblin had already scored.

However, FPC pitcher Trevor Bowman settled down and strike out Calhoun and Collazo to leave the bags juiced.

Leading 2-0, the Hawks got back-to-back homers from Hamblin and Kreder in the second.

With Johns on first and one out, Hamblin cranked his second 2-run homer of the afternoon. The shot put him within one of Kreder for the team lead.

Feeling his teammate nipping at his heels, Kreder answered with a solo shot to straightaway center field. He still leads the team with 17. Hamblin has 15.

Most importantly, it gave Howard a 5-0 advantage after two innings.

In the third, Grayson and Johnson gave Frank Phillips its only two runs of the day with back-to-back shots over the fence.

Unfortunately for Frank Phillips, the Hawks still had two home runs left in their bats.

Calhoun, who leads the nation with a .543 batting average, hit his 10th of the year — a 2-run shot — in the fifth,

placing the Hawks ahead 7-2.

With three runs already across in the sixth for a 10-2 advantage, Collazo ended the second game with a 2-run homer to left. It was his only hit of the day.

Calhoun and Kreder had three RBI each in the second game. Hamblin scored seven of the eight times he got on base in both games combined.

The Hawks wrapped up the regular season Saturday against Frank Phillips. The Plainsmen needed just one win to qualify for the Region V Tournament.

Read Monday's edition of the Herald to find out if the Hawks were able to finish the regular season undefeated.

Game 1
Howard 17, Frank Phillips 0
FPC 000 00-0 5 1
HC (10)05 3x-17 11 3
Aaron Pate, Scott Hughes (1), Junior Nicholls (3), Yherremy Kenney (4) and Jesus Favela. Zach Neal and Miles Hamblin. W - Neal (11-0). L - Pate. 2B: HC - Nick Popescu, Bryan Johns. HR: HC - Caleb Nine, Runey Davis, Miles Hamblin. RBI: HC - Davis 3, Nine 4, Popescu 4, Monk Kreder 2, Hamblin 2, Joe Leftridge. SB: HC - Davis 2, Leftridge 2, Hamblin. LOB: FPC - 5, HC 4.

Game 2
Howard 12, Frank Phillips 2
FPC 002 000-2 5 2
HC 230 025-12 15 0
Trevor Bowman, Mark Montoya (5) and Larry Broussard. Dylan Cacciola and Monk Kreder. W - Cacciola (9-0). L - Bowman. 2B: FPC - Reagan Janda, Kilby Perdomo; Miles Hamblin 2, Joe Leftridge, Will Calhoun. HR: FPC - Chris Grayson, Heath Johnson; HC - Andrew Collazo, Kreder, Hamblin, Calhoun. RBI: FPC - Grayson, Johnson; HC - Collazo 2, Calhoun 3, Caleb Nine, Nick Popescu, Kreder 3, Hamblin 2. SB: HC - Popescu, Hamblin, Leftridge. LOB: FPC 1, HC 6.

MAVS

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side.

Start with the fact the Mavericks are playing better than they have all season ... and that the Nuggets are, too. Denver just crushed New Orleans by record margins in the first round, and the Hornets managed to beat the Nuggets twice in the regular season.

Dallas could take solace in losses to Denver being by only three, two and two points ... except the Mavs lost an NBA-low four games by such small margins and three were against the Nuggets.

There's also this: Dallas is 17-1 at home since the All-Star break. The

lone exception? Yep, you guessed it. NBA history is no help either.

According to research by STATS LLC, four teams that were winless against a conference foe in the regular season found a way to beat that squad in a playoff series — but none pulled it off in a seven-game series. Seattle (0-5 in the regular season) did it against Dallas in 1987; in 1989, Michael Jordan and Chicago (0-6) did it against Cleveland, and Milwaukee (0-6) did it to Atlanta; and in 1998 the Hawks endured it again, falling to Charlotte (0-4).

Then again, these Mavericks know all about painful playoff firsts. Just two years ago, they became the first No. 1 seed to lose to a seven-game series to a No. 8 seed.

"The playoffs is a new animal, a new season really," Dallas star Dirk

Nowitzki said. "If you look at it, you go through 82 games really for nothing. ... We're full of confidence right now and we all know this league is all about confidence. I think we're playing well at the right time and they are too."

One way for the Mavericks to convince themselves that bygones are bygones is looking at their starting lineups from those four games.

Jason Terry started the first one; he went to the bench soon after and was named the NBA's top sixth man. Devean George started the next one, in place of the injured Josh Howard, and now George is out following knee surgery.

Gerald Green has gone from starting the January game to being buried at the end of the bench. And, on March 27, James Singleton and Terry

started because Howard and Jason Kidd were out with injuries.

"We're healthy now," Terry said. "That's probably the biggest difference."

Until Game 1 on Sunday, the second-seeded Nuggets are clearly the favorite.

But that alone gives the sixth-seeded Mavericks one benefit Denver can't have this round — underdog status.

"The pressure is not on us throughout this whole playoff run," Nowitzki said, noting Dallas already pulled off one upset by beating the third-seeded Spurs in the first round. "Usually the team with home-court advantage is the favorites, and they earned it. They've played well all season long. So we'll just see what happens. It should be a fun matchup."

RANGERS

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top minor league catcher.

Manager Ron Washington said Saltalamacchia has been advised by an eye specialist to remain in darkened rooms to give his eyes a chance to get better.

"The doctor said he needed to stay out of the light," Washington said. "They said it could repair itself in a day or two days. Yesterday he couldn't see out of his right eye and today he had trouble with his left eye and the right eye is better."

Hamilton sustained the injury on April 12 in Toronto when he crashed into the outfield wall while chasing a

fly ball. He started a game in Baltimore on Saturday, pinch-hit on Sunday, but was unavailable for two games against Oakland on Tuesday and Thursday.

Hamilton has been taking treatment and said his ribs are feeling better, but he's unable to swing a bat without pain.

"I'll have time to take care of it and not push it," Hamilton said.

The Rangers had hoped to get Hamilton back on the field by early next week, but Washington said he'd rather have an extra position player on the bench than wait for Hamilton's recovery.

"It was getting better but we can't keep waiting, we need some bodies," Washington said. "Right now with Salty's eyes, we needed a catcher."

Hamilton had a breakthrough season in 2008, batting .304 with 32 homers and 130 RBIs and earning an All-

Star berth. But he's off to a slow start this season, hitting .242 with two homers 10 RBIs.

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Join us for the Love our Lake cleanup

Keep Big Spring Beautiful invites all area residents to participate in our semi-annual "Love Our Lake" clean-up Saturday, May 9 at the lake in Comanche Trail Park. We will start at 9 a. m. with a sign-in at the Dora Roberts Community Center parking lot. We need volunteers!



PAT SIMMONS

We are going fishing. Instead of the usual fishing, we will be fishing for trash, tires and other debris. We want to improve water quality, restore natural

beauty and reduce potential threats to human health and wildlife.

Presently, the lake is low and this is our opportunity to really be able to collect the trash on the shoreline. So bring any tools you may have to assist in the clean-up — gloves, rakes, grabbers, tree trimmers or weed trimmers — anything that will assist in making this task easier. If you have a boat, canoe or kayak, bring it along.

That would be very beneficial in getting to areas we cannot reach from the shore. We will furnish bags, (some disposable gloves), hand sanitizer and water.

The rivers and lakes of our great state provide recreation, drinking water, agricultural irrigation and

beauty. Unfortunately, many Texas waterways are polluted.

Everything from cigarette butts to plastic bags and old tires contributes to substandard water quality and affects the beauty and appeal of our waterways. The Texas Waterway Clean-up Program is an effort between Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The program helps community organization, scout and youth groups, schools, local governments, businesses and concerned citizens across the state to host waterway cleanups and environmental education activities.

We will have another lake clean-up in September on Labor Day weekend in prepara-

tion for the Triathlon which is a very important event to be held in Big Spring.

This is just one attraction of many we could draw to Big Spring.

In our effort to clean our lake, it is the desire of KBSB for us to take pride and make our lake a showplace that will draw tourists. Our park could be a great attraction for bird watching as we have a great number of species there. Also, it is a great attraction for fishermen.

I would like to request those who visit our lake to fish to please be mindful of our wildlife. Broken fishing lines you leave behind are a danger to our ducks and others.

Please, when you leave after fishing be a good citi-

zen and take any trash you brought in with you. We want our lake to be used but kept beautiful.

Thanks for using our park/lake, but do us and yourself a great favor leave the appearance when you leave better than what you found it. With your help we can say, "Keep Big Spring Beautiful!"

Again, our KBSB Mission: To empower Big Spring citizens through education to take responsibility for enhancing their community environment. Our vision: Every Big Spring Citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the cleanest, most beautiful city in Texas.

Pat Simmons is a member of Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

CONTAINER

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for sure," says Scott Lane, who recently accompanied a group of Iowa State University architecture students on a tour of the house.

Lane is one of the founders of KC Modern, an organization that promotes and records the history of the area's diverse architectural styles.

"It's amazing what she's doing," he says.

Why shipping containers? They're mobile, easily transported by trains and trucks, Glassberg says. And they're eco-friendly.

"The packaging is the building material," she says. "So there's little waste."

Glassberg, with a 25-year background in industrial design, is working as her own contractor for the home along with boyfriend Todd Nelson, an audio/video systems designer. Glassberg's 17-year-old son, Sam Glassberg, also will live there.

The shipping containers are standard dimensions at 40 feet long and 8 feet wide. But Glassberg's containers are taller than the typical 8 feet. Three are 12 feet tall, and the two others are 9 1/2 feet high.

"The taller containers allowed for bigger windows, creating a light-

er, airier feeling," says Glassberg, who hired architects at BNIM in Kansas City after hearing architect Laura Lesniewski speak in Greensburg.

The containers are designed as separate units, so individual containers could be moved elsewhere if Glassberg moves. One container is a large two-person office. Another is a loft "dorm room" for Sam. Two containers joined together form a master suite with two walk-in closets, a laundry area and a bathroom. The house also features two additional full bathrooms and a TV room with space for guests to sleep.

The living/dining room is just off the gallery kitchen.

Designing living space with shipping containers was challenging.

"We thought it would feel cramped, but we're surprised at how gen-

erous the space feels," says architect Steve McDowell of BNIM, who had never worked on a container structure before. "I'm jealous."

The house will use eco-friendly technologies, including sugar beet foam insulation, geothermal heating and cooling, bamboo flooring, tankless water heaters and LED lighting.

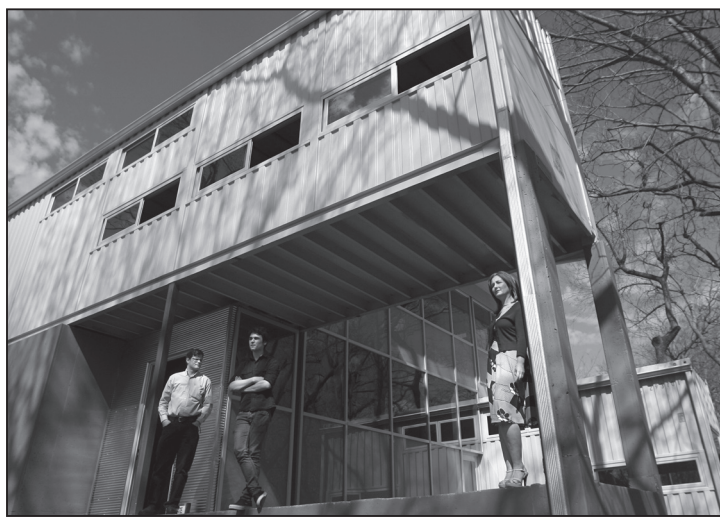
A Kansas City Art Institute student is designing rain-barrel benches. The roof will be planted and used as a patio.

Surrounded by branches, the space feels like a secluded tree house.

So far, reaction to the house from some nearby residents has been positive.

Interior work on the house is under way.

Like the exterior, it will feature plenty of surprises, including decorative wall panels, burl wood veneers and plastic chandeliers.



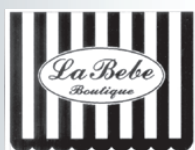
An unusual Brookside house made out of five shipping containers is being built by toy designer Debbie Glassberg, right, her son, Sam Glassberg, 17, center, and boyfriend Todd Nelson.


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OUR VIEW

Do not forget Day of Prayer observance

Thursday during the lunch hour, 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m., many people in our community will gather for reflection and prayer in the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall in this community's observance of the National Day of Prayer.

Past local observances have been staged both during the noon hour at downtown parks, and during the evening, giving individuals in our community a chance to unite their faith and to acknowledge The Lord, thank Him for our many blessings and pray for His continued benevolence in each of our lives, as well as throughout our community and the nation.

Tomorrow, the local National Day of Prayer observance, like those around the nation, will observe the theme "Prayer...America's Hope," which is based on the verse from Psalm 33:22 — "May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you."

The event is simple and non-denominational, designed to bring together people from various walks of life, professions and religious beliefs, all seeking guidance from a single God. Everyone is encouraged to attend and unite in a public expression of thanks as well as to ask for God's guidance for our community.

Be sure to schedule the noon observance in your Thursday schedule if at all possible. There will be plenty of room.

If not, please join us by taking part in prayer some time during the day. Take a little of your time to raise your heart, voice and mind to the heavens, seeking help and hope for us all.

There simply is no better investment in your life, the lives of your family members and the life of our community.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not just roller skate through the day, Lord, but have a real impact on someone's life and show Your love.

Amen

What's the world coming to?

I sometimes wonder what this world is coming to. Yeah, I know, I know, that puts me in the company of quite a few people ... most of us having already seen the age of 50.

How did that happen?

Never mind, back to the subject at hand...

What concerns me of late, are the growing number of newspapers that have recently folded and the number that seem to be in danger of doing so.

A great many people these days want to blame the Internet, and to some extent, some of the responsibility belongs there. Unfortunately, many of us in this business have known for quite some time that we would eventually be in trouble. Not because of the Internet ... most of us couldn't have dreamed what the home computer and the worldwide web would do to us. At least not 20 or 30 years ago.

No, what we knew was threatening, even that long ago, was that people — particularly younger people — weren't reading the paper. They watched television and sometimes listened to the radio, but in their faster-paced lifestyles, the newspaper just didn't fit into their schedules or, some said, didn't meet their needs.

Along came USA Today, and its sudden popularity had an almost immediate impact on the newspaper industry.

While many of us in the business complained that USA Today's stories were little more than leads, or television stories with a headline, and didn't provide the reader with any real depth, there was no question that it fit into the urban commuter's lifestyle.

Suddenly, the powers that be in our business put out the word — shorter stories, fewer jumps to other pages, more and bigger pictures. And being team players, we complied to some extent.

But as readership declined — and it did for every newspaper, with the possible exception of The Wall Street Journal — the answer most corporations owning newspapers came up with was cutting the size of the paper, first in the size of the newsprint used, and then in cutting back editorial staffs, which resulted in fewer stories and less in the paper.

The only problem with that, of course, is that less paper resulted in even less readership

and fewer advertisers. Kind of a vicious circle, don't you know?

All this is more and more frustrating for us newspaper folks, because limiting the size of our newspapers means there's less we can put in the paper — less information we can give our readers. In other words, everyone's dissatisfied.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not criticizing television and radio. I'm not. As a matter of fact, I've long maintained (to some corporate executives' chagrin over the years) that we're not in competition with radio and television. Each medium, you see, has its advantages. Television is visual and immediate; radio is even more immediate; and we in the newspaper business, while not immediate, are able to go in much more depth than the other two and our product is longer lasting.

While newspapers, radio and television do compete for advertiser dollars, I'll grant you, there's no doubt in my mind that a good businessman or businesswoman would be remiss in putting all their advertising funds in any one medium.

Now, as to the Internet...

The problem with the Internet, as far as getting one's news there, is that there often is some question as to how reliable the information people get.

Granted, almost every newspaper, including ours, has a Website, as do television stations and many, many radio stations. And those who adhere to the tenets of journalism are doing their best to provide informative, balanced news stories.

Unfortunately, these businesses long ago decided to allow free access to their Websites.

At one time the Herald was among the few papers that required paid subscriptions to have full access to the Website. That's because, we reasoned, it costs as much to operate a newspaper Website as it does to deliver that rolled newspaper thrown in your yard every day. You still have to pay reporters; still have to pay people to design the Website and administer it; and you have to purchase feature content and wire service news.

But the newspaper industry lost its chance to make Web sites viable long ago by making them free sites, and we were among those that were forced to give up the idea of making online news a subscription service.

But there's tons of information out there on the net isn't governed by journalism's ethics.

That's particularly true of e-mails, and it is amazing how many people read a spam e-mail and will later swear they know

for a fact what's going on.

Take for instance an e-mail I recently received — not spam, mind you, but one sent to me by a good friend that lives in East Texas — encouraging me to sign a petition that would supposedly help overturn a recent Senate decision to give Social Security benefits to illegal aliens.

The petition, which was supposed to be sent to President Obama, protested "the bill that the Senate voted on recently which would allow illegal aliens to access or Social Security," and further demanded "that there not be any amnesty given to illegals, no free services, no funding, no payments to and for illegal immigrants."

The problem, of course, is that this petition would get somebody not well informed very irate. However, it addresses a non-existent issue.

This so-called petition is an updating of one which first began circulating in mid-2006 ("President Obama" substituted for "President Bush"), and thus the referenced Senate action took place not "recently" but back in May 2006. Worse, the Senate did not vote in May 2006 to "grant Social Security benefits to illegal aliens." As a matter of fact, the Senate actually tabled a prospective amendment that would have prohibited former illegals who had since gained legal status from being given credit for payments they had previously made into the Social Security system.

But I'm sure there are countless people, my friend included, that believes the federal government is trying to change the law that allows illegal aliens to get Social Security.

It should also be noted that Social Security and social services are two very different things.

In the case of social services, how should a restriction be enacted? Should abused children be denied state protective services unless they can demonstrate legal residency? Should all emergency medical treatment be withheld from patients until they can provide documentation of their immigration status? Should the staff at Victim Services not provide counseling and referral services to an abused woman that's an illegal alien?

I don't think so.

So I guess we'll just keep on doing our best to put out the best newspaper be possibly can. To my certainly jaundiced way of thinking, there's just no replacement.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Wow, people turned out to do their part in the "Don't Mess with Texas" annual Trash-Off. It was windy but they were on a mission to remove as much trash as possible from our community.

We had 411 wonderful volunteers turn out to help clean our community and the wind was not kind, it blew, making it a little difficult to hold on to get the litter eliminated, however, the hearts of the volunteers were upbeat. Of those 411 volunteers, 111 were Adopt-A-Highway volunteers and 89 were under the age of 18 and tabulated 879 hours. Thanks to all you wonderful people for giving up part of your Saturday to try and "make a difference" in our community. You did eliminate 3,980 pounds of all kinds of litter and trash.

The most unusual items found were a paper mache head with hair and a lawn mower chassis, mattress and box springs. My, what people do with their trash!

I prayed the Lord would calm the wind during our lunch time, He did!

Our wonderful friends at the Greater Big Spring Rotary, Big Spring Area of Chamber of Commerce and Blue Bell Ice Cream served us a great meal of hot dogs and all the trimmings along with ice cream. Those guys from Rotary that did the cooking were Walter Brumley, Carl Condray, Troy Tompkins Mark Morgan, Richard Sanders, David Justice and Jon Benavides. Lady Rotarians

Debbie ValVerde, Debbie Wegman and Nancy Foster assisted with the serving.

We had a drawing for door prizes donated by Wal-Mart, Keep Big Spring Beautiful and the Powwow Committee. The bags donated from Wal-Mart contained all kinds of gardening tools along with a bulb ready to plant. KBSB donated one of our wonderful grabbers for making picking trash up much easier and a back saver. Also, two tickets to the powwow.

I had the most amazing little fella' to assist me with drawing and announcing the winning numbers. He was 9-year-old Trey Brumley, a great little assistant! I will be calling on him for future events, nothing bashful about this young man who presents a more mature young man than his years. He could call out the numbers as loud as I could and in a very business manner. Thanks, Trey!

PAT SIMMONS
TRASH-OFF COORDINATOR
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The National Day of Prayer for the nation, which is Thursday, reminds us as children of God, we are totally dependent on our Heavenly Father. God is our source and our destiny. God is our life, and from God we receive all gifts.

The theme for this year — Prayer...America's Hope — is

based on the verse from Psalm 32:22 which states: "May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you." The only one who can truly satisfy all of our hopes and dreams is our loving God.

As we celebrate this National Day of Prayer by coming together as a community in prayer, we give praise, glory and thanksgiving to our God and the most important thing is to listen to God's plans of justice, truth, of respect for life and peace for our nation.

What is God telling our nation at this point in history? This special Day of Prayer calls upon each individual for personal repentance and prayer, as we mobilize the community to intercede in humble prayer for America and its leadership in the seven centers of power — government, military, media, business, education, church and family.

I encourage all people of our community and the communities throughout West Texas to take part in this National Day of Prayer.

THE REV. MICHAEL PFEIFER
BISHOP

DIOCESE OF SAN ANGELO

TO THE EDITOR:

I believe a woman should decide whether or not she has an abortion without government interference. She should not be

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Congress to examine fairness, financing of BCS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tackling an issue sure to rouse sports fans, lawmakers pressed college football officials Friday to switch the Bowl Championship Series to a playoff, with one Texas Republican likening the current system to communism and joking it should be labeled "BS," not "BCS."

John Swofford, the coordinator of the BCS, rejected the idea of switching to a playoff, telling a House panel that it would threaten the existence of celebrated bowl games. Sponsorships and TV revenue that now go to bowl games would instead be spent on playoff games, "meaning that it will be very difficult for any bowl, including the current BCS bowls, which are among the oldest and most established in the game's history, to survive," Swofford said.

Rep. Joe Barton of Texas, who has introduced legislation that would prevent the NCAA from calling a game a national championship unless it's the outcome of a playoff, bluntly warned Swofford: "If we don't see some action in the next two months, on a voluntary switch to a playoff system, then you will see this bill move."

After the hearing of the House Energy and Commerce Committee

commerce, trade and consumer protection subcommittee, Swofford told reporters: "Any time Congress speaks, you take it seriously."

Yet it is unclear whether lawmakers will try to legislate how college football picks its No. 1 before the first kickoff of the fall season. Congress is grappling with a crowded agenda of budgets, health care overhaul and climate change, and though President Barack Obama favors a playoff, he hasn't made it a legislative priority.

College football's multimillion-dollar television contract also could be an obstacle.

The BCS's new four-year deal with ESPN, worth \$125 million per year, begins with the 2011 bowl games. That deal was negotiated using the current BCS format. While ESPN has said it would not stand in the way if the BCS wanted to change, the new deal allows the BCS to put off making major changes until the 2014 season.

Jonathan Turley, a constitutional law expert at George Washington University, said the legislation could result in a court challenge.

"This is a rare effort by Congress to prevent people from using what is a common description of sporting events," he said in a telephone inter-

view. The legislation, he said, "may run afoul of the contractual agreements between parties, wiping out benefits that have already been paid for by companies."

Barton, the top Republican on the committee, said at the hearing that efforts to tinker with the BCS were bound to fail.

He quipped that the BCS should drop the "C" from its name because it doesn't represent a true championship.

"Call it the 'BS' system," he said to laughter.

The current system features a championship game between the two top teams in the BCS standings, based on two polls and six computer rankings.

Under the BCS, some conferences get automatic bids to participate while others do not. Conferences that get an automatic bid — the ACC, Big East, Big 12, Big Ten, Pac-10 and SEC — get about \$18 million each, far more than the non-conference schools. Swofford is also commissioner of the ACC.

Craig Thompson, commissioner of the Mountain West Conference, which does not get an automatic bid, called the money distribution system "grossly inequitable."

The MWC has proposed a playoff and hired a Washington firm to lobby Congress for changes to the BCS. The proposal calls for scrapping the BCS standings and creating a 12-member committee to pick which teams receive at-large bids, and to select and seed the eight teams chosen for the playoff. The BCS has previously discussed, and dismissed, the idea of using a selection committee.

The four current BCS games — the Sugar, Orange, Rose and Fiesta bowls — would host the four first-round playoff games under the proposal.

Valero Alamo Bowl chief executive Derrick Fox, representing the 34 members of the Football Bowl Association, said that a playoff "is rife with dangers for a system that has served collegiate athletics pretty well for 100 years."

But Gene Bleymaier, athletic director at Boise State University, noted that his school's football team went undefeated several times, yet never got a chance to play for the national championship under the BCS.

Asked by Rush whether Congress should intervene, Bleymaier responded, "The only way this is going to change is with help from the outside."

NASCAR

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Hamlin, meanwhile, won't have far to go to get back to where he spent most of this race a year ago. He led 381 of the 400 laps before a leaky front

tire caused him to face.

"We were hoping to get somewhere in the top 10," Hamlin said. "We didn't think we had a car for the pole. As close as it came, it looks like we got everything we could out of it."

Asked if he could dominate again, he spied Gordon entering the room.

"With Brian and Jeff on the front row, it should take at least half a lap

to get around them," Hamlin said. "You just don't have cars that are that dominant like that. It was just an extreme circumstance where we happened to get lucky and hit the set-up that day."

Other notable qualifiers included points leader Kurt Busch in the 17th position, defending race champion Clint Bowyer in the 12th spot and

three-time defending series champion Jimmie Johnson in 15th.

Tony Stewart, who is fourth in points, will start in the 16th spot.

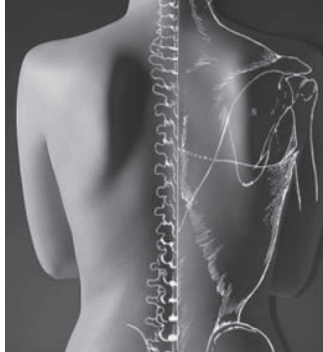
In all, 10 drivers tried to earn one of eight spots available in the field not guaranteed to the top 35 drivers, and Todd Bodine and Trevor Boys were the two that didn't make it.



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- 2001 Ford F250 Crew Cab XLT 7.3 Powerstroke Diesel - White w/Cloth, New Transmission, 132K Miles, Local One Owner. **Was \$15,995** **NOW \$12,995**

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- 2004 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 L.S. Reg. Cab - Pewter, V-6, Automatic, A/C, 58K Miles. **Was \$15,995** **NOW \$11,995**
- 1992 Chevrolet S10 Reg. Cab - Teal, Nice Truck, 90K Miles. **Was \$6,995** **NOW \$5,995**

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- 2008 Nissan Frontier SE Crew Cab - Gray w/Gray Cloth, Bed Liner, One Owner, Like New, All Power, Only 27,000 Miles. **Was \$19,995** **NOW \$18,995**

*** CARS ***

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- 2008 Ford Focus SE - Blue, w/Gray Cloth, Ford Program Unit, Like New, Only 17,000 Miles. **Was \$17,995** **NOW \$14,995**
- 2008 Ford Focus SE - White, w/Gray Cloth, Ford Program Unit, Like New, Only 12,000 Miles. **Was \$17,995** **NOW \$15,995**
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- 2004 Chev. Malibu LS - Silver, w/Gray Cloth, One Owner, Like New, Very Nice, Must See, Only 55,000 Miles. **Was \$9,995** **NOW \$8,995**
- 2003 Ford Focus ZTS - Green w/Gray Cloth, All Power, Nice Car, Well Kept. **Was \$6,995** **NOW \$5,995**
- 2002 Buick Century Custom - Silver w/Gray Cloth, All Power, Nice Car, One Owner. **Was \$6,995** **NOW \$5,995**
- 2000 Mercury Grand Marquis LS - Gold, w/Tan Leather, Well kept, Nice One Owner, Low Miles. **Was \$14,995** **NOW \$11,995**
- 2008 Ford Escape XLT - Vista Blue, w/Gray Cloth, Ford Program Unit, Only 18,000 Miles. **Was \$19,995** **NOW \$16,995**
- 2006 Nissan Pathfinder LE - Black, w/Tan Leather, All Power, One Owner, Like New, Only 31,000 Miles. **Was \$25,995** **NOW \$24,995**
- 2006 Nissan Xterra SE - White w/Gray Cloth, All Power, One Owner, Only 19,000 Miles. **Was \$19,995** **NOW \$17,995**
- 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe 4X2 LS - White, w/Gray Cloth, One Owner, Like New, Loaded, Only 53,000 Miles. **Was \$19,995** **NOW \$15,995**
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- 2003 Nissan Xterra SE - Blue, w/Gray Cloth, One Owner, Like New. **Was \$14,995** **NOW \$11,995**

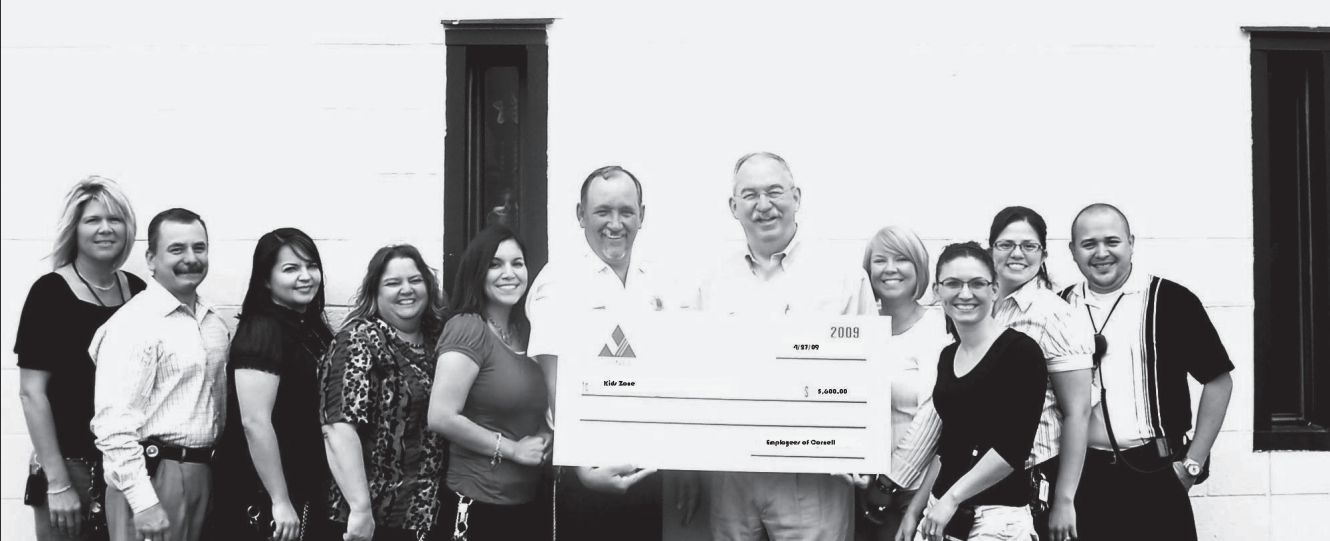
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Cornell Companies present Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen with a check for \$5,600 to help rebuild Kids' Zone in Comanche Trail Park. All the money collected was raised through lunches, bake sales, and raffles. Pictured from left to right are Tracy Vaughn, Billy Waid, Erica Cobos, Dianne Gallaway, Amy French, Tim Strain, Mayor McEwen, Stephanie Scoggins, Dominique Marquez, Angelica Esparza and Robert Esparza.

Energy Watch



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

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



You can probably guess the most frequent question we, as financial advisors, get asked today: "When is the market going to recover?" Since "we don't know" sounds none too reassuring (even though it's probably true, and you have to question anyone who says they do know), we try our best to look at fundamental, technical, or other indicators of when our economy could start to turn around.

But the honest answer remains, "We don't know." As an illustration, we offer an amusing Chinese parable. Many of you have probably heard or read a version of it before:

There once was a poor farmer in a small village who owned only one bull. The bull helped him plow, and haul and sustain his livelihood. But one day the bull simply ran away. The farmer's neighbors bemoaned, "Oh, what bad luck!" The farmer replied calmly, "Good luck, bad luck, who's to say?"

Surprisingly, the bull returned a few days later followed by an entire herd of wild oxen. The farmer welcomed this new-found livestock into his corral. The farmer's neighbors exclaimed, "Oh, what good luck!" But the farmer again said, "Good luck, bad luck, who's to say?"

Soon, the farmer's teenage son learned to tame and domesticate the wild bulls. But one day he was gored by one of the bulls and injured. The farmer's son walked with a slight limp from then on. The farmer's neighbors cried, "Oh, what bad luck!" But the farmer merely said, "Good luck, bad luck, who's to say?"

Not long thereafter, bandits came through the village. Everyone was robbed. The bandits even forced all the young men of the village to go with them. But because the farmer's son had a limp and couldn't move as fast as the rest, he was left behind. The farmer's neighbors rejoiced, "Oh, what good luck!" The farmer repeated his familiar refrain: "Good luck, bad luck, who's to say?"

In this parable, the farmer truthfully acknowledges what all of us are afraid to admit: no one knows what the future will bring. Seemingly bad circumstances in the present moment may eventually lead to something good. So when will the market recover? Who's to say? One thing we do know: in the Chinese calendar, 2009 is the year of the Ox.

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Midland psychiatrist West Texas Center's top employee

Midland psychiatrist Dr. Harold Thurman was recognized as West Texas Centers for MHMR's Employee of the Year Friday during the Center's annual Recognition Ceremony Friday at Big Spring's First United Methodist Church.

Dr. Thurman was one of 12 employees recognized during the ceremony and reception that also spotlighted employees who have reached certain milestones in their careers.

West Texas Centers is the designated mental health and mental retardation authority for 23 counties in West Texas.

Dr. Thurman was honored for showing a remarkable talent for making the seemingly impossible appear very possible, West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith said.

"He approaches every situation with a devotion and determination that is nothing less than contagious," she said when naming the winner. "Above being an inspiration, he is a pleasure to work with. Leadership is a difficult quality to define, because it can appear in so many different forms. But by



Courtesy photo

Midland psychiatrist Dr. Harold Thurman receives the Employee of the Year Award from West Texas Centers for MHMR during a ceremony at First United Methodist Church in Big Spring. Presenting Dr. Thurman with the award is West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW.

in large the qualities of a leader that speak the loudest are those that can't be defined and Dr. Thurman is an individual who's value to our

organization is immeasurable. We are proud to call him one of our own and we are certainly proud to honor him today."

The 11 other employees nominated for the Employee of the Year award were Jackie Hampton, Marilyn Sheen, Mary Phelps, Janey Murley, Amy Hernandez, Farrah Summers, Cynthia Roberts, Joni Boyd, Gilda Gerst, Amelia Araiza and Clarissa Womack.

Smith saluted her Center's 342 employees for their dedication to the people they serve in 23 counties in rural West Texas.

"As a general rule I don't say 'thank you' nearly as often as I should," Smith said. "So today I am here to do one thing and that is to pass out the praise that you all so very much deserve.

"Despite an unstable economy our team continues to display an ever present positive attitude. Our Center continues to reap the benefits of healthy teamwork and there is no question that the people most responsible for our ongoing success are standing right here in this room and the many staff that are not here today that are in the many sites across our great 23 counties."

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Employees with the local Sherwin Williams company, located at 2307 Scurry, cut the ribbon on the store Thursday morning while officials with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Big Spring Ambassadors look on.

Flu winners

Who makes most money during swine flu outbreak:

Pharmaceutical groups

- Roche, Switzerland
- Novartis, Switzerland
- Sanofi-Aventis, France
- GlaxoSmithKline, U.K.

Producers of antiviral drugs

- Development of vaccine

Medical engineering

- Top Glove, U.S.
- Siemens, Germany
- Philips, Netherlands
- Unitika, Japan
- Daiwabo, Japan

Producers of medical protection equipment, such as gloves, masks, technical equipment

Computer games, Internet

People stay mostly at home to play or surf

Losers

- Airlines
- Tourism industry
- Trade, export/import (especially between Mexico and the U.S.)

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Global brands

Top 10 by value:

- 1. Google**
\$100 billion (75 billion euros)
- 2. Microsoft**
\$76.2 billion (57 billion euros)
- 3. Coca-Cola**
\$67.6 billion (50.6 billion euros)
- 4. IBM**
\$66.6 billion (49.9 billion euros)
- 5. McDonald's**
\$66.6 billion (49.9 billion euros)
- 6. Apple**
\$63.1 billion (47.2 billion euros)
- 7. China Mobile**
\$61.3 billion (45.9 billion euros)
- 8. General Electric**
\$59.8 billion (44.8 billion euros)
- 9. Vodafone**
\$53.7 billion (40.2 billion euros)
- 10. Marlboro**
\$49.5 billion (37.1 billion euros)

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LETTERS

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forced to view an ultrasound or other pro-life material. Women realize that a potential life is at stake and it is a decision that they do not take lightly.

Conservatives believe in the principle of non-government interference, and this holds true unless you are a woman.

Conservatives believe in the principle of fiscal responsibility. Conservatives do not wish to take fiscal responsibility for all these unwanted children. They want to force women to have children that nobody wants and they don't want their taxes raised to help take care of them.

Texas is about 43rd in funding for social services.

Texas should pass stem cell research if it wants to remain in the 21st century. We passed a huge cancer initiative, but our legislators refuse to pass the stem cell research that will allow this state to remain competitive in modern medicine and science.

Our scientists and higher education people will leave our state for better research opportunities.

We have an opportunity to end pain and suffering for millions of people and to decrease the millions we spend for health care. This can be done using fertility clinics' unused embryos or the stem cells in umbilical cords that would be discarded anyway.

The abstinence only education of our children has failed miserably. The teenage and unwed birth rate in our great state and nation has skyrocketed. It is time to give age-appropriate sex education to our children and to fund family planning programs.

CAROL SMITH
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
About our city, Big Spring, I remember when people (me included) complained about our roads being bumpy, pot holes and just wondering when someone was going to something about it.

One time my dad was here visiting and said there is no need to buy a new car because it

would be out of alignment all the time. Well, now that Price is fixing the problem, people are complaining because it is inconvenient for them. You complainers wake up and thank Price for making Big Spring a nicer place in which to live and to drive.

Drivers, please note that there are only 19 days (by the time this is in the paper) left of school. Please slow down in our school zones — a child could be crossing and the driver not paying a attention to what he or she is doing could hit them. And stay off your cell phones in school zones, please!

When school lets out on May 29, children will be very excited about getting out of school and will not be paying attention to what is going on around them. We want our kids to have a safe and fun summer break, so please watch out for them.

MARILLYN GROESBECK
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
I noticed a political sign on Gregg Street that Gloria McDonald is running as a "progressive" for Big Spring.

Makes me wonder how many people know what a "progressive" is. Look progressive up online to see.

A progressive is a person or party that wants European laws for the United States. They want national health care and restrictive laws for individuals and business. Pro abortion. There are too many progressives holding office already.

People in Big Spring and the USA have lost some of their rights as citizens because of progressives. Ask any restaurant or bar owner if they have lost rights.

Big Spring needs to be independent of foreign laws. We should be free to to run our business as we want. Texas used to be independent, but not any more; and if some are elected, it will get worse.

ROBERT STAPP
BIG SPRING



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

City councilwoman Gloria McDonald, with scissors, is joined by Mayor Russ McEwen, councilman Manuel Ramirez and other officials at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the site of new chapel at Mt. Olive Cemetery Friday afternoon. McEwen credited McDonald as being the driving force behind the building. "Without Gloria McDonald, there would have been no chapel," McEwen said.

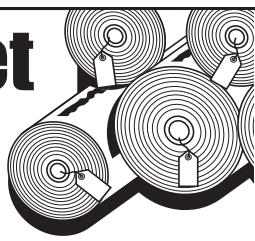


Friday, the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club presented Chris Brooks of Big Spring High School as Rotary Student of the Month. Pictured with him are his parents, Greg and Lisa Brooks, and Rotarian Troy Tompkins.

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3. Hang Gliding Event - founding committee
4. Festival of Lights - Poinsettia search
5. Downtown Main St. restoration
6. City Memorial Tree Program: Founder.
7. Big Spring Housing Board
8. American Heart Assn. Board
9. City Energy Efficiency Program - initiator
10. Facilitator - Citizens Advisory Panel
11. Principal in establishing City Energy Efficiency Program
12. Chamber of Commerce Board
13. Relay for Life Ambassador-D.C. Celebration on Hill
14. CVB - Conventions Visitors Bureau
15. Keep Big Spring Beautiful-several committees
16. American Heart Assn. Board
17. Big Spring Attractions - established the "100 List" then "150 List".
18. Volunteer - **original** Kids Zone & will be on the new one.
19. Radiology School Advisory Board
20. Summits-She & her "50 basic industry" list sell Big Spring.
21. Retired - RN Director Scenic Mountain Home Health
22. Advocates truck route to anchor Crossroads to Big Spring
23. Innovator - estab VIP (Voter Input Panel) tax & major issues.
24. Big Spring Artist project
25. Originator/fundraiser/designer - City Mt. Olive Chapel
26. American Cancer Society



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Spring
 Rickie L. Henderson, 205 Providence Road, Big Spring
 Cherie Brandy Hernandez, 2006 Ave. L, Snyder
 Shauna Danielle Jenkins, 3301 40th Place, Snyder
 Sarah A. Barrow Johnson, 3402 D. State St., Big Spring
 Paige Morgan Kenas, 1003-2 Lake County Rd. 175, Colorado City
 Kimberly K. King, 1711 Young, Big Spring
 Robert Michael Kleck, P.O. Box 35, Rotan
 Lynda Kynam, 2503 Central, Big Spring
 Eloy Escobar Leal, 1806 E. 11th Street, Big Spring
 Joshua David Mackenstien, 414 Hickory/3417 N. Midland Drive, Midland
 Christopher Max Martinez, 2870 S. Highway, Snyder
 Sandy Martinez, 1610 Eubanks, Big Spring
 Shawn G. McKay, 3107 Bonham Ave, Odessa
 Betty Jane McWilliams, 2503 Fairchild, Big Spring
 Chad K. Merrill, 3300 Manor Rd. Apt. 174, Austin
 Mari Montemayor, 627 State Street, Big Spring
 Christopher Eric Painter, 1503 S. Johnson, Big Spring
 Lisa M. Portillo, 1200 Stanford, Big Spring
 Patricia Ramos, 538 Westover Road Apt. 226, Big Spring
 Michael Dewayne Renteria, 2516 Dow, Big Spring
 Veronica Luera Rodriguez, 5709 Cedar Rd. No. 3, Big Spring
 Thomas Ross, 1206 Lela St., Jasper
 Blanca L. Saenz, 1202 N. Sam Houston Ave., Odessa
 Mona Saldana, 400 Circle, Big Spring
 Monica Serbine, 304 E. 20th Street, Big Spring
 Stephanie Serrato, 1203 E. Mobile, Big Spring
 Curtis W. Shelton, 3714 Millbrook Road, Big Spring
 Jonathan Michael Shorten, 1619 1-35 La Quinta, San Marcos
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 Mickey Jermain Starnes, 402 Holly Oak Dr., Tyler
 William Dale Stewart, 3505 Gail Highway, Big Spring
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 Grace Walker, 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. 904, Big Spring
 Candida Lynn Whitehead, 1405 runnels, Big Spring
 Lindsay Woods, 1806 Donley, Big Spring

County Court Decisions:

Probaded Judgment:
 Esperanza Garza, theft of service by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probaded Judgment: Gary Lee Moore, theft by check - more than \$20 less than

\$500, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probaded Judgment: Lisa Marie Arenivas, driving while license suspended, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probaded Judgment: Lisa Marie Yanez, driving while license invalid, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probaded Judgment (amended): Marcus Evarts Wilkinson, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,000 fine, \$443 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Judgment and Sentence: Ramon Iglesias Alvear, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$378 court costs, 180 days in jail.
 Judgment and Sentence: Teresa Lynn Christon, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 60 days in jail.
 Judgment and Sentence: Cacee Delane Corbell, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$378 court costs, 30 days in jail.
 Judgment and Sentence: Cacee Delane Corbell, possession of a controlled substance - more than 3 grams less than 28 grams, \$500 fine, \$378 court costs, 30 days in jail.
 Judgment and Sentence: Abel Guzman, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$750 fine, \$378 court costs, 90 days in jail.
 Probaded Judgment: Edelmira Lujan, deadly conduct, \$1,000 fine, \$258 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
 Probaded Judgment: Brandon Moran, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probaded Judgment: Teresa Pierce, possession of a controlled substance - more than 3 grams less than 28 grams, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

District Court Filings:

Devyn Jackman vs. Michael Jackman, protective order.
 Andrew Mireles vs. Megan Hughes, divorce.
 Michelle Pierce vs. Gregory Pierce, divorce.
 Jesse Boatright vs. Minnie Ruth McAlester, divorce.
 Andrea Ybarra vs. Joshua Ybarra, protective order.

Marriage Licenses:

Felipe C. Barrientos, 23, and Brandy L. Martinez, 20, both of Big Spring.
 Jonah Marion Chrane, 23, and Sarah Lyn Wilkinson, 21, both of Big Spring.
 Juan Ochoa, 38, and Mary Ellen Viasana, 39,

both of Big Spring.
 Caleb Daniel Karns, 17, and Selena Marie Hernandez, 17, both of Big Spring.
 William W. Bryant, 21, and Courtney D. Davila, 22, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:

Grantor: Virginia D. Newsom and Jana Upchurch
 Grantee: James John Newsom
 Property: A tract of land out of Section 30, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: April 21, 2009
 Grantor: Vicki Bumbulis, Donald Hodnett, Kirby Hodnett, Kayla Pedigo and Ricky Davis
 Grantee: Jacinto Salazar
 Property: Lot 16, Block 5, Settles Heights
 Date: April 21, 2009
 Grantor: Violet Patterson
 Grantee: Teresa McGuire and Jerry McGuire
 Property: Lot 6, Block 29, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
 Date: April 21, 2009
 Grantor: Violet Patterson
 Grantee: Teresa McGuire and Jerry McGuire
 Property: Lot 7, Block 24, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
 Date: April 21, 2009
 Grantor: Bill T. Baker and Erma Dean Baker
 Grantee: Clint Wills
 Property: A one-acre tract out of Section 48, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: April 21, 2009
 Grantor: Karen D. Webb
 Grantee: Billy Maurice Roper
 Property: Lot 6, Block 6, Western Hills
 Date: April 22, 2009
 Grantor: Christopher W. Brock
 Grantee: Donald Crouch and Pamela Crouch
 Property: Lot 29, Block 8, Douglass Addition
 Date: April 22, 2009
 Grantor: Steven Newton and Deborah Newton
 Grantee: Robert E. Haney and Suzanne Haney
 Property: A 10-acre tract out of Section Section 3, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: April 23, 2009
 Grantor: Rene Becerra
 Grantee: Norma Lopez
 Property: The E/2 of Lot 11 and the E/2 of Lot 12, Block 7, Earles Addition
 Date: April 27, 2009
 Grantor: David Cruz and Cruz Olague Cruz
 Grantee: Anthony Ramirez and Ana Ramirez
 Property: Lots 4 and 5, Block 2, Mesa Addition
 Date: April 27, 2009
 Grantor: Michael Mendez and Angela Mendez
 Grantee: Michael Hernandez and Sonya Hernandez
 Property: The N/150 feet of Lot 1, Tract 8, Kennebec Heights
 Date: April 28, 2009

Grantor: Kevin L. Ritz and Juanita Ritz
 Grantee: Kevin Ritz, Juanita Ritz and Rodney Ritz
 Property: A 5 acre tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: April 28, 2009
 Grantor: Bobby Beall and Shari Beall
 Grantee: Lloyd L. Lacy
 Property: Lot 19, Block 4, Central Park Addition
 Date: April 28, 2009
 Grantor: Life Church of Big Spring
 Grantee: City of Big Spring
 Property: A tract out of the W/40 feet of Lots 1 and 4, Block 90, Original Town of Big Spring
 Date: April 29, 2009
 Grantor: Javier Jaime
 Grantee: Viola Marquez
 Property: Lot 7, Block 1, Ridgelea Terrace
 Date: April 29, 2009
 Grantor: Byron W. Brown and Dana Brown
 Grantee: James Clements and Leslie Clements
 Property: Lot 5 and the W/13 feet of Lot 13, Block 7, Highland South No. 4
 Date: April 29, 2009

Grantor: Gary W. Morgan and Birgit Morgan
 Grantee: Billy Maurice Roper
 Property: Lot 5, Block 6, Western Hills
 Date: April 22, 2009
 Grantor: Keith Wilson and Tracy Wilson
 Grantee: Durco Ltd.
 Property: A 4.824 acre tract out of Section 31, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: April 22, 2009
 Grantor: Johnny Palmer and Mary Palmer
 Grantee: Samuel Castro
 Property: Th E/2 feet of Lot 4 and the W/56 feet of Lot 5, Block 2, Monticello Addition
 Date: April 23, 2009
 Grantor: Solitaire Holding LLC
 Grantee: James Brett Bennett
 Property: Two tracts out of Section 46, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: April 27, 2009
 Grantor: Vicenta Del Socorro Cantillano
 Grantee: Jacinto S. Hilario Jr. and Dora Hilario
 Property: A tract out of Section 5, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: April 28, 2009

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:
 Grantor: Aaron Duane Bullock and Melanie Bullock
 Grantee: Lewis D. Simon IV
 Property: A tract out of

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
The Percentage Play

North dealer.
 Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
 ♠ 6 5 3
 ♥ K J 2
 ♦ A J
 ♣ A J 8 7 4
WEST
 ♠ Q 10 2
 ♥ 9 7 4
 ♦ K Q 10 7 2
 ♣ K 3
EAST
 ♠ K J 7 4
 ♥ 5
 ♦ 9 6 5 3
 ♣ Q 10 9 6
SOUTH
 ♠ A 9 8
 ♥ A Q 10 8 6 3
 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ 5 2
 The bidding:
 1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass
 2♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
 Opening lead — king of diamonds.
 A player cannot consistently make inferior percentage plays and expect to come out on top. Occasionally an inferior play succeeds, or does no harm, but over the long haul the player who does not abide by percentages will end up on the short side of the score.
 Take this case where West led a diamond against four hearts. Declarer saw he would lose four tricks — two spades, a diamond and a club — unless he could find a way to do something about it.
 So he won the diamond with the ace and led the ace and another club, hoping to find the suit divided 3-3, in which case he could develop two extra club tricks.
 West took the king, shifted to the queen of diamonds and shifted to a low spade, East's king forcing the ace. Declarer played a trump to the jack and ruffed a club high, but when West showed out, South had to go down one. Although he could re-enter dummy with the heart king and establish dummy's last club by ruffing, he would then have no entry to dummy to cash the good club.
 Of course, had declarer gotten lucky, he would have made the contract. The clubs might have been divided 3-3 — a 36 percent chance — but they weren't.
 The plain fact, though, is that South did not adopt the best percentage play. He should have made allowance for a 4-2 club division as well as the 3-3 possibility. This would have raised his chances to better than 80 percent.
 After taking the ace of diamonds, he should have played a low club from dummy, not the ace. Upon regaining the lead, he could then play a club to the ace and ruff a club high, re-enter dummy with a trump and ruff another club high, establishing dummy's fifth club.
 Declarer would then draw trumps, ending in dummy, and discard a spade on the jack of clubs to make the contract.

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Smith also saluted her nine-member Board of Trustees who govern West Texas Centers operations.
 Employees who have worked at the center for 2, 5, 10, 15, and 20 years were recognized and presented plaques for their years of employment. Brenda Adames, Frances Frizzell, Rodney Jones, Deborah McGowan, Angela Newton, and Cyndy Parker were honored for 20 years of employment.
 West Texas Centers for MHMR is the mental health and mental retardation authority for 23 rural counties in West Texas.

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Laminates, linoleum get a new look **Annie's Mailbox**®



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The newly remodeled kitchen of Jeannette Noyes features Formica-type countertops in the Indianapolis home. The kitchen was designed by Sandi Perlman of Blue Ridge Design.

LINDA LOMBARDI

For The Associated Press

When Jeannette Noyes chose laminate countertops for the remodeled kitchen in her 1915 Indianapolis home, it was about more than cost.

"I didn't want to take the kitchen to a level that was way beyond the rest of the house," says Noyes. The new kitchen, she says, fits the house and "doesn't overpower it."

Of course, the savings didn't hurt. The estimate she got for granite counters was about \$4,000, compared to \$800-\$900 for Formica.

Given the price difference, even homeowners who want a totally modern look are now thinking twice about laminate countertops, as are some new home builders, says Mark Karas of Adams Kitchens in Stoneham, Mass. For a long time, granite was a given in new construction "no matter what the price point," he says.

"Now we're going back to basics."

In flooring as well, traditional materials such as linoleum, which had fallen out of fashion, are boasting updated looks, improved quality and lower cost.

These materials have come a long way, says Daniel Dietz of D.J. Dietz Designs in Reedsburg, Wis. As his company's Web site says, "It's not your grandma's counter any more."

You can choose laminate countertops in hundreds of colors and patterns, from several brands.

"The colors are always being updated to match the trend in colors," says Karas. Some patterns replicate stone more closely than ever before with textured finishes; others are abstract patterns that just do their own thing without copying a natural model.

Laminate also is longer lasting and wears better than it used to.

And with material coming in 12-foot lengths, just a little planning eliminates the need for most seams.

It's also possible to have the under-mounted sink that's typical of granite countertops — that clean look without an overlapping lip.

"A huge benefit of the granite or solid surface was the undermounted sink. Now we can get that look at one-third or one-fourth of the price," says Dietz.

If you don't like the look of those dark seams where the material meets along the edges, the easiest solution is to choose a medium to dark color, so there isn't as much contrast with the core. Some lines of laminate have also introduced "solid-core," where the color goes all the way through.

There are also installation techniques that eliminate the line, including beveling the edge and inserting a thin stripe of the material facing out, and "rolled edge," in which the sheet of laminate is bent over the edge of the countertop.

If you have your heart set on stone, Karas says some suppliers are coming down in price at the lower end. However, the price can only drop so far because the process of shaping stone is more

labor-intensive, and there may be fewer choices; his firm currently offers five stone colors comparable in price with the highest-end laminate.

As for flooring, Dietz says, "I think traditional vinyl floors are very underrated. The looks are better than ever, and so is the wearability."

An even more traditional choice is linoleum — and there's a modern reason to pick it, too.

"Because it is made of sustainable materials — primarily linseed oil — the popularity of linoleum has skyrocketed," says kitchen designer Sandi Perlman of Indianapolis, who oversaw Noyes' remodeling.

"You can get linoleum in just about any color imaginable" these days, says Perlman.

And both vinyls and linoleum wear better than before, with the color and pattern now going all the way through the material, not just lying on the surface where it can wear off.

Karas cautions that new flooring can cost more depending on what's already underneath. If you have several layers of old flooring, it can be a bad idea to add another layer of linoleum or vinyl on top, but stripping those layers adds to the labor cost. A more expensive flooring material that can be installed over the top might end up costing less in labor.

Or, if you're lucky, what's under all those layers might be good news.

"Another thing people often don't consider in older homes: There might be hardwood that you can refinish," says Dietz.

Dear Annie: What do you think about a married couple whose only intimacy is make-up sex? My husband says he loves me and I believe he is faithful, but he never initiates anything in the bedroom, and we have sex only if I pitch a fit because I feel neglected. I don't do this often, so we've had sex only twice in the past 15 months.

We are both healthy 42-year-olds. We have a 3-year-old child who requires a lot of attention, but even so, I can't understand how he doesn't desire intimacy. He is an awesome husband, who cooks, cleans, bathes our child, and doesn't go out with the guys or do things I disapprove of. He just doesn't seem to want me.

I am attractive and still get looks from other men. A month ago, I came very close to an affair. I was not in love with the guy, but it sure was nice for a man to let me know he thinks I'm pretty. I told my husband about the encounter and guess what? We had sex. See what I mean?

My husband is a good guy and I love him, so should I just get someone on the side to satisfy me physically? — *Sex-less Lady*

Dear Sex-less: We'll be frank with you. Here are the likeliest possibilities: Your husband's testosterone levels are very low, he is having an affair, he is asexual

KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

or he is gay. Please ask him to see his doctor for a complete checkup and specifically ask for his testosterone to be checked. We hope that's all there is to it.

Dear Annie:

This is for "Frustrated in Elgin, Ore.," whose husband has rheumatoid arthritis. My husband has severe onset rheumatoid arthritis. The first thing you have to do is get a thicker skin. Who cares what others think?

Next, see a specialist — a rheumatologist. There also are new medications that can work wonders. Ask the rheumatologist about them. We've gone from my husband being in a wheelchair, barely able to lift a coffee cup, to having a decent quality of life. We still have bad days, but nothing compared to what we were living with before. Good luck and best wishes. — *Been There in Florida*

Dear Florida: We appreciate all the suggestions that have come in from our readers. Bless you all for caring.

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Dr Pepper artifact may reveal soft drink's origin

JAMIE STENGLE

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — Poking through antiques stores while traveling through the Texas Panhandle, Bill Waters stumbled across a tattered old ledger book filled with formulas.

Suspecting he could resell it for around \$1,000, he paid \$200. Turns out, his inkling about the book's value was more spot on than he knew. The Tulsa, Okla., man eventually discovered the book came from the Waco, Texas, drugstore where Dr Pepper was invented and includes a recipe titled "D Peppers Pepsin Bitters."

"I began feeling like I had a national treasure," said Waters, 59.

When the 8½-by-15½ inch book of more than 360 pages goes up for auction at Dallas-based Heritage Auction Galleries on May 13, it's expected to sell for between \$50,000 to \$75,000.

"It probably has specks of the original concoction on its pages," he said.

Waters discovered the book, its yellowed pages stained brown on the edges, underneath a wooden medicine bottle crate in a Shamrock antiques store last summer. A couple months after buying it, he took a closer look as he prepared to sell it on eBay.

He noticed there were several sheets with letterhead pasted into the book that hinted at its past, like a page from a prescription pad from a Waco store titled "W.B. Morrison & Co. Old Corner Drug Store." An Internet search revealed Dr Pepper, first served in 1885, was invented at the Old Corner Drug Store in Waco by a pharmacist named Charles Alderton. Wade Morrison was a store owner.

Faded letters on the book's fraying brown cover say "Castles Formulas." John Castles was a partner of Morrison's for a time and was a druggist at that location as early as 1880, said Mary Beth Webster, collections manager at the Dr Pepper Museum and Free Enterprise Institute in Waco.

As he gathered more information, Waters took a slower turn through the pages filled with formulas for everything from piano polish to a hair restorer to a cough syrup, eventually spotting the "D Peppers Pepsin Bitters" formula.

"It took three or four days before I actually realized what I had there," Waters said.

The recipe written in cursive in the ledger book is hard to make out, but ingredients seem to include mandrake root, sweet flag root and syrup.

It isn't a recipe for a soft drink, says

Greg Artkop, a spokesman for the Plano-based Dr Pepper Snapple Group. He said it's likely instead a recipe for a bitter digestive that bears the Dr Pepper name.

He said the recipe certainly bears no resemblance to any Dr Pepper recipes the company knows of. The drink's 23-flavor blend is a closely guarded secret, only known by three Dr Pepper employees, he said.

Michael Riley, chief cataloger and historian for Heritage Auction Galleries, said they think it's an early recipe for Dr Pepper.

"We just feel like it's the earliest version of it," he said.

Jack McKinney, executive director of the Dr Pepper Museum and Free Enterprise Institute in Waco, surmised that Alderton might have been giving customers something for their stomach and added some Dr Pepper syrup to make it taste better.

"I don't guess there's any definitive answer. It's got to be the only one of its kind," Riley said.

McKinney said that the ledger book is bound to be popular with Dr Pepper collectors since it's from the time the drink was invented.

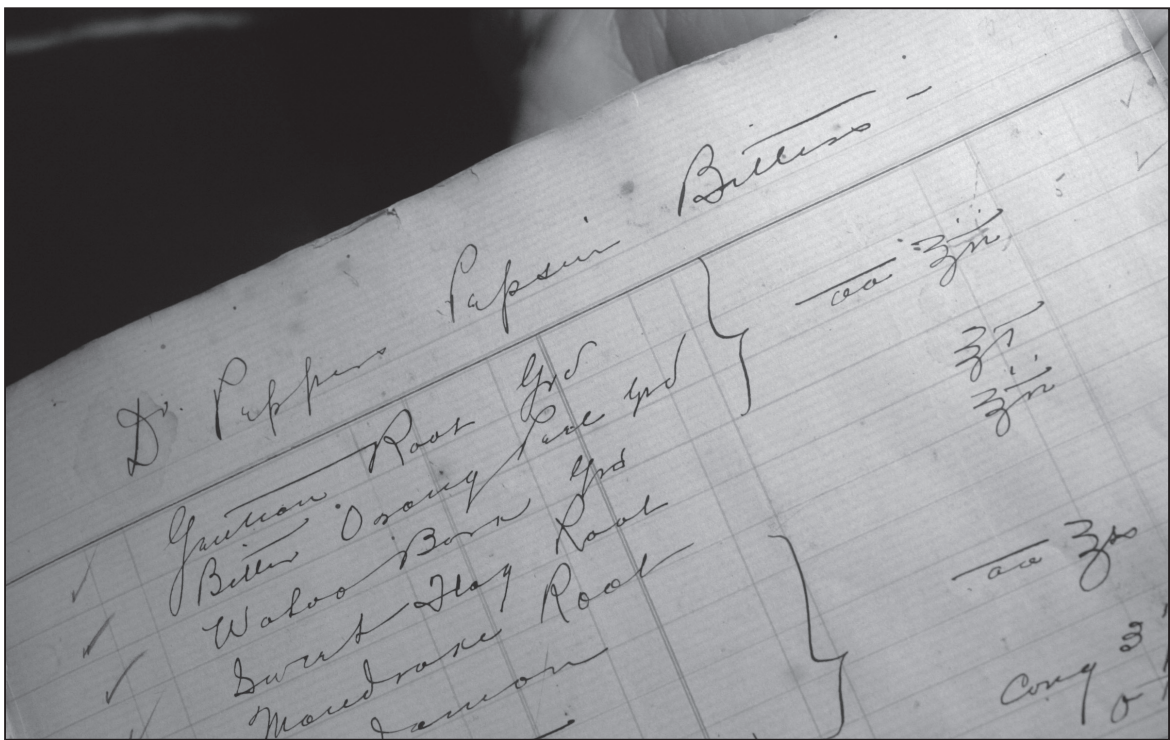
Riley said the book was probably started around 1880 and used through the 1890s.

He said it's not known who wrote the Dr Pepper recipe in the book, but they don't think it was the handwriting of Alderton or Morrison. Some formulas though have Alderton's name after them.

At first, Alderton's drink inspired by the smells in the drugstore was called "a Waco." "People would come in and say, 'Shoot me a Waco,'" Riley said.

Soon renamed Dr Pepper, the drink caught on and other stores in town began selling it as well. Eventually, Alderton got out of the Dr Pepper business and Morrison and a man named Robert Lazenby started a bottling company in 1891.

Flipping through the pages of the ledger book takes one back to a time when drugstores were a neighbor-



AP photo
What might be the original Dr Pepper formula in the inventors own handwriting is shown at Heritage Auction Galleries in Dallas. The ledger book came from the Waco drugstore where Dr Pepper was invented and contains references to the famous soft drink and its inventor.

hood hub, selling everything from health remedies to beauty products mixed up by the store's chemists. And among the formulas being mixed up in drugstores were treats for the soda fountain. A two-page spread in

Waters' book has recipes for "Soda Water Syrups," including pineapple, lemon and strawberry.

"There were very few national brands," Riley said. "Their lifeblood was all their formulas."



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Texas Legislative Roundup

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate gave final approval to the bill requiring ultrasounds be offered to women seeking abortions, but not before a new debate erupted over whether there is a link between abortions and breast cancer.

Sen. Elliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso tried but failed to amend the bill to take out a reference to such a link in the information pamphlet women are required to be offered before an abortion. That brochure says that while some studies shown a link, others do not.

National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society studies say there is no medical evidence of a link.

"The language was put in there to scare women," Shapleigh said.

The bill sponsor, Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, said women should be told that studies support both sides of the issue.

The Senate rejected the amendment on a 19-11 vote before sending the bill to the House.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

The Senate voted to lift the state's cap on the number of open-enrollment charter schools, allowing up to 10 new ones per year and an unlimited number for those designed for disabled students.

Texas currently caps the number of open-enrollment charters at 215. They had about 89,000 students in the 2007-2008 school year with about

17,000 on waiting lists.

The bill by Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, also allows high-performing charter schools to open new campuses without applying to the State Board of Education. They would still have to serve notice of expansion to the state education commissioner, who would have 90 days to review it.

The bill also gives the commissioner a new enforcement hammer to close charter schools that are financially mismanaged.

"There was not the enforcement power to close those schools," Patrick said. "A bad charter doesn't serve anyone's purpose."

The bill passed 31-0 and was sent to the House.

Texas first allowed charters — which are tax-supported campuses that are subject to fewer state laws than public schools — in 1995.

Texas put a cap on their number after state officials approved a flood of applications all at once, including many that went on to have serious academic and financial problems.

The bill was opposed by public school teacher and administrator groups.

SAFETY FIRST, YEEHAW!

Children under 18 would have to wear a helmet when wrestling steer or riding bucking broncs in rodeos, under a bill passed by the Senate. Bill sponsor Sen. Chris Harris, R-Fort Worth, said the measure is designed to help prevent catastrophic head injuries.

Schools that have rodeo activities would also be required to show students a safety training course video at least 14 days before the events.

CREATIVITY, PLEASE

The creative sector of the Texas economy including film, music, performing arts and visual arts is growing faster and paying higher wages than jobs in the non-creative sector, according to a study released Friday by a group that advocates for arts education.

"I have long maintained that education cannot be one-size-fits-all," said Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, in rolling out the economic impact study. "The creative industry is the future and incorporating arts into education is the way to get there."

The study was conducted by the consulting firm TXP Inc., and was commissioned by the Texas Cultural Trust for its "Create Texas" campaign.

GUN SLINGERS

The Texas House on Friday widely approved several measures that would lighten restrictions on concealed handgun license holders.

Under one of the bills, a license holder who carried a gun in to a bar could not be prosecuted if the bar did not post a mandatory sign warning that it is crime. Any business that gets the majority of its income from on-premises alcohol sales — including some

restaurants — is required to post a sign saying it is illegal to have a handgun there.

Another measure would allow a person to use an expired license if they had applied for a new one in time, but hadn't received a response from the Department of Public Safety.

A third proposal would delete current law allowing authorities to suspend a concealed handgun license if the license holder refused to show it when asked. The bill would also prevent police from finding out whether or not someone has a concealed handgun license when they run a driver's license or license plate number during routine duties such as a traffic stop.

LIGHTER BAN

The Texas House on Friday moved toward a statewide ban on lighters that can be mistaken for toys by children.

Representatives voted 97-42 in favor of the bill which would make it illegal to sell novelty lighters, which can be shaped like race cars, animals and guns. The measure now heads to the Senate.

Several states have been considering such bans this year. Maine and Tennessee already have similar bans.

TEEN CONTRACEPTIVES

Certain unmarried teen mothers could get contraceptives without the consent of their parents under a bill that has been approved by the Texas Senate.

But thanks to a hotly debated amendment by Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, the parents or guardians of the teen mother would still be informed that the contraceptives were provided.

The bill, which applies to mothers 16 and older, passed on a preliminary 19-9 vote Friday after a series of heated exchanges on the Senate floor.

Proponent said Texas has a high rate of repeat teen pregnancies, while critics said the legislation would encourage bad behavior and cut parents out of an important health decision.

MEDICAID BUY-IN

The Texas House on Friday approved a Medicaid buy-in system for some families with disabled children who make too much to qualify for the joint federal and state health care program, but can't afford other health care.

Rep. Eddie Lucio, D-San Benito, said families are being forced to get divorces or take lower-paying jobs just to qualify for Medicaid to cover the often high health care needs of disabled children.

Currently families making less than twice the federal poverty line — around \$44,000 for a family of four — are eligible for Medicaid. Lucio's bill would allow families making up to three times the federal poverty level to buy in to Medicaid on a sliding scale if they had children with certain significant physical or intellectual disabilities.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: Barbara E. Davis
2212 Lynn Drive
Big Spring, Texas 79720
DATED the 27th day of April, 2009.
GLYNNA MOUTON
Attorney for
Barbara E. Davis
State Bar No.: 14606500
200 West Third Street
Big Spring, TX 79720
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Tenant: Unit #149 Mark Hickman
Tenant: Unit #08 Mark Hernandez
#6128 May 3 & 10, 2009

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Donald Wayne Drewrey, Deceased, were issued on April 28, 2009, in Cause No. P-13740, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Florence Glynn Drewrey.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: Florence Glynn Drewrey
P.O. Box 245
Coahoma, Texas 79511
DATED the 28th day of April, 2009.
GLYNNA MOUTON
Attorney for
Florence Glynn Drewrey
State Bar No.: 14606500
200 West Third Street
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