

Reopening the S.M. Anderson campus on Airbase Road to elementary classes is one of the options Big Spring Independent School District officials are examining to deal with an expected classroom shortage within the next two years.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Hillary launches presidential bid

By BETH FOUHY

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton embarked on a widely anticipated campaign for the White House on Saturday, a former first lady intent on becoming the first female president. "I'm in and I'm in to win," she said on her Web site.

Clinton's announcement, days after Sen. Barack Obama shook up the contest race with his bid to become the first black president, establishes the most diverse political field eve.

Clinton is considered the front-runner, with Obama and 2004 vice



KRT photo/Stephanie Saraceno

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, a former first lady, declared Saturday her bid for the presidency.

presidential nominee John Edwards top contenders. New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who would be the first Hispanic president, intends to announce his

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Decisions, decisions

BSISD facing increased enrollment, limited facilities

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

A problem that would have been unthinkable a few years ago is close to fruition, and it has Big Spring Independent School District officials scrambling to find classroom space.

Reversing decades of declining student numbers, three straight years of larger than anticipated kindergarten enrollment is beginning to strain BSISD classroom space and the problem will reach critical mass within two years, officials say.

"We're not in a critical situation yet, but if we don't act, we will be in a critical situation."

—Superintendent Michael Downes



"The fact is, in two years, there won't be enough classrooms available to house students enrolled in (elementary) classes," BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes said.

For the past three years, the district has been averaging about 350 students in the kindergarten class, way above projections, and as those students advance through the elementary system, it has put a further strain on classroom space.

Because of a state-mandated student-to-teacher ratio of 22:1 in the elementary grades, there are only so many students the district can put in a classroom. As enrollment continues to climb, the scramble to find available space becomes more intense.

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Howard College needs \$13 million; trustees looking at revenue sources

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

No one is calling for a bond election yet, but Howard College trustees will take the first concrete step in that direction when they hold their monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Union Building's Tumbleweed Room.

Trustees have been analyzing facility shortcomings at the Big Spring campus for the better part



Sparks

of two years. As part of a recently completed master plan, they've learned that college infrastructure is in need of roughly \$13 million in improvements.

While officials have been investigating alternative revenue sources such as energy management contracts, the majority of money needed

for renovations will have to come from traditional sources like bonds, College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

Monday, trustees will meet with Jason Hughes, a financial advisor with First Southwest Investment Bankers of Lubbock.

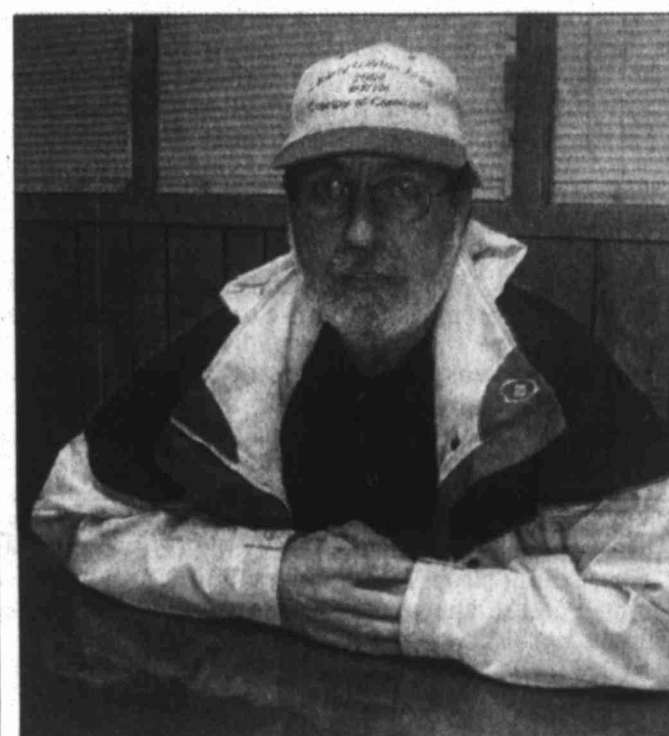
"His presentation will help us reach a better understanding with regards to costs associated with general obligation and revenue bonds,"

Sparks said.

The college has not called for a bond election since the late 1970s, when voters approved the construction of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The college also made use of revenue bonds, which are paid off from sources other than tax money, when they OK'd additions to the college dormitories in the late 1980s, Sparks said.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Dan Lyons, a 55-year-old retired teacher from California, is walking across the United States in order to raise awareness to the plight of the homeless and funds for the Klamath Falls Gospel Rescue Mission in Oregon.

Crossing America one step at a time

Dan Lyons is on his fourth trip, this time it's for the homeless

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

When people ask Dan Lyons for help, he hits the road — time and time again.

Some people would consider a walk to the store a daunting task, but Lyons has criss-crossed the United States on foot three times in the past five years, and he was in the middle of a fourth trek across the country when he stopped in Big Spring this week.

His cross-country jaunts have all been for charitable causes, raising money to support medical research into Alzheimer's disease and cancer, as well as supporting housing for homeless veterans. This year's walk is no differ-

ent, as Lyons is hoping to raise awareness for the plight of the homeless and collect money to support the Klamath Falls Gospel Rescue Mission in Oregon.

He began his latest walk Sept. 15 in Savannah, Ga. and hopes to reach Encinitas, Calif. sometime in early March.

The 55-year-old retired teacher never planned on making one walk across the country, much less four.

"My father passed away from Alzheimer's," he said. "(In 2001), I signed up to participate in the Alzheimer's Memory Walk ... and I said, 'Wouldn't it be great if someone walked

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Starting over

County visits with architects in effort to move forward on jail problems

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners heard presentations from three architectural firms this past week and are expected to choose one to move forward with the development of a new

or renovated jail during their next meeting.

Commissioners heard from Burns and Gills Architects and Southwest Architects Inc., both out of Fort Worth, and San

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Obituaries

Lee Daves



Lee Daves, 74, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Jess Colgrove officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lee was born May 28, 1932, in Kansas City, Kan. He began a life of travel at the age of 13 during summer vacations, and continuing for a lifetime. Lee had worked 20 years as a manager for 7-Eleven in Florida and Texas.

He had lived the last 20 years in Balmorhea. Lee had been a technician for West Texas Microwave Communications for 12 years before retiring.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force, a Mason and of the Christian faith. Lee was an avid buyer and seller of "fine old time pieces."

Lee married Sue Hodnett, March 14, 2006, in Big Spring.

Lee is survived by his wife Sue of Big Spring; a daughter, Roni Price of Ellenton, Fla.; a son, Gregory Borland of Miami, Fla.; two step-daughters, Anita McNelly and her husband Ed of Moore, Okla. and Kathy Tolle and her husband Bobby of Euless; seven grandchildren, Xeim Borland and Dante Borland, both of Balmorhea, Randall and Marshall Conner, both serving in the Marines, Zackary McNelly of Moore, Okla., and Zachary Mayhall and Hannah Tolle, both of Euless.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, Wanda and Weldon Hall.

Pallbearers will be Danny Perniciaro, Bob Anderson, Ed McNelly, Rodney Huit, Mike Dotson and Bobby Tolle.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

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Geneva Starr



Geneva Faye Moore Starr, 92, of Big Spring, passed away Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

Mrs. Starr was born to Ernest Moore and Ruthie Stevens Moore in Valley Creek, in Nolan County, on Nov. 19, 1914. She married Henry George (Hank) Starr on Feb. 22, 1939, in Lovington, N.M. They lived in Colorado City and Forsan, moving to Big Spring in 1956. He preceded her in death on Feb. 25, 1984.

She worked at various jobs, including the S&H Green Stamp store, Montgomery Ward, and while living at Forsan, she wrote the Forsan news for the Big Spring Herald.

In 1962, she graduated from Aladdin Beauty School in Big Spring, and worked as a hairdresser until her retirement in the late 1970s.

Mrs. Starr has been a member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring for more than 50 years.

She enjoyed sewing, reading and being the family historian. Her greatest pleasure came from being with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include a son, Tony Starr from the Houston area; two daughters, Sharon Sneed and husband, Larry, of Big Spring, and Debbie Denning of Austin; nine grandchildren, Mark Greer, Tonya Ehart, Andrea Gee and husband, Gary, Ronda Rutledge and husband, Zane, Shanna Cahill and husband, Leland, Kirby Brown II and wife, Katherine, Chuck Denning and wife, Mindy, Amber Morris and husband, Matt, and Kelly Patterson and husband, Aaron; and 15 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Windell and Dee Dee Moore of Dallas; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Mrs. Starr in death are her parents, a brother, Glen (Red) Moore; two sisters, Ernestine Creek and Olene Davie; a daughter, Ruth Greer and a daughter-in-law, Billie Starr.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Chuck Denning and Kirby Brown II, grandsons-in-law, Gary Gee, Leland Cahill, Zane Rutledge and Aaron Patterson. The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Suite A, Big Spring, TX 79720 or to the donor's favorite charity.

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

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Support Groups

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

• The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

- **GEORGE WILKENS**, 34, of Indiana, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BILLY ALVARADO**, 28, of 1611 Harding, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.
- **JENNY LYON**, 32, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Thursday on a charge of interfering with an emergency phone call.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 800 block of Lorilla.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
 - in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 500 block of Lamesa Highway and the 1900 block of Highway 87.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

- **VALATINE TORRES JR.**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **REBECCA JO BOLTON**, 27, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone and ride not secured by a safety belt.
- **DONNY LYNN MARCEE**, 51, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of service.
- **JORGE LUIS GARZA**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility (two counts) and driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **CHRISTOPHER GUTIERREZ**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage.
- **HEATHER ATKINSON**, 26, was arrested Thursday on charges of bail jumping, failure to appear and failure to identify - giving false information.
- **RICKIE DELL HAIR**, 33, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of filing a false report to a police officer or law enforcement employee.
- **JOHN MICHAEL HAYS**, 50, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of murder.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 6200 block of the Interstate Highway 20 S. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1000 block of W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1000 block of W. Third Street. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2300 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Young. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• **DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO LEARN ENGLISH?** Amparo Snipes will be offering free lessons at Baptist Temple Church, 11th and Goliad. For more information, contact her at (432) 267-6885.

• **WEST TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES INC. INVITES THE PUBLIC TO A MEETING** at 10 a.m. Jan. 24 in the Howard County Library. During the meeting, those attending will learn about the types of services WTO has to offer.

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

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Bulletin Board

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

SATURDAY

- The American Legion Post 506 fish fry has been canceled because of weather.
- The Knockout, Christian battle of the bands, has been postponed until Jan. 27 because of weather.
- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

SUNDAY

- The play, "A Yellow Butterfly," will be put on by the Howard College theater department at 2:30 p.m. in the Hall Center For the Arts on campus. The public is invited.

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- West Texas Opportunities will hold a public meeting at 10 a.m. in the Howard County Library to explain the types of services WTO provides.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

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

Weather

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.
Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.
Monday...Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain or snow. Highs in the mid 30s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.
Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Lows in the mid 20s.
Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s.
Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.
Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.
Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.
Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.
Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 30.
Friday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 7-14-16-21-32.
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CLINTON

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plans on Sunday.
"You know after six years of George Bush, it is time to repew the promise of America," Clinton says in a videotaped message in which she invites voters to begin a dialogue with her on the major issues — health care, Social Security and Medicare, and the war in Iraq.

"I'm not just starting a campaign, though, I'm beginning a conversation with you, with America," she said. "Let's talk. Let's chat. The conversation in Washington has been just a little one-sided lately, don't you think?"

Clinton, who was re-elected to a second term last November, said she will spend the next two years "doing everything in my power to limit the damage George W. Bush can do. But only a new president will be able to undo Bush's mistakes and restore our hope and optimism."

In a defiant statement — and a nod to questions about her electability — Clinton said: "I have never been afraid to stand up for what I believe in or to face down the Republican machine. After nearly \$70 million spent against my campaigns in New York and two landslide wins, I can say I know how Washington Republicans think, how they operate, and how to beat them."

With millions in the bank, a vast network of supporters and top status in nearly every poll of Democratic contenders, Clinton is undertaking the most viable effort by a female candidate to capture the White House. Her creation of a presidential exploratory committee allows her to raise money for the campaign; she already has lined up campaign staff.

She is the first presidential spouse to pursue the office; her husband, Bill, served two terms in the White House from 1993-2001.

Obama said in a statement soon after Clinton's entry, "I welcome and all the candidates, not as competitors, but as allies in the work of getting our country back on track."

Clinton's announcement was the latest step in a remarkable political and personal journey for the 59-year-old Clinton — from Arkansas lawyer to first lady to New York senator to front-runner for the Democratic nomination.

A polarizing figure since she burst onto the national scene during her husband's first presidential campaign, Clinton engenders strong opinions among voters, who either revere or revile her but rarely are ambivalent.

She often is compared to her husband and found lacking in his natural charisma. Others have criticized her for being overly cautious and calculating when so many

voters say they crave authenticity.

Many Democrats, eager to reclaim the White House after eight years of President Bush, fret that she carries too much baggage from her husband's scandal-plagued presidency to win a general election. Among many voters, she is best known for her disastrous attempt in 1993 to overhaul the nation's health care system and for standing by her husband after his marital infidelity.

Clinton's allies counter by citing her strengths — intelligence, depth of experience, work ethic and immense command of policy detail. Advisers argue those skills, plus her popularity among women and younger voters, position her strongly as both a primary and general election candidate.

In her first run for the Senate from New York in 2000 — a state where she had never lived and where she was branded a carpetbagger by many — Clinton won a landslide victory. Through dogged campaigning — including a "listening tour" of the state's 62 counties — Clinton was able to convince voters even in the conservative upstate region that she would represent them effectively in Washington.

Clinton's 2002 vote authorizing military force in Iraq has become a significant political challenge. It angered activists who want her to repudiate her vote and aggressively seek to block Bush's proposed troop increase.

She has toughened her criticism of the conduct of the war and Bush's handling of the conflict, and she recently called for capping troop levels in Iraq at around 140,000. She has rejected calls from liberal groups and Edwards to cut off funds for Bush's planned increase in U.S. troops.

Clinton grew up in the Chicago suburbs in a conservative Republican household and was a "Goldwater girl" in 1964.

By 1968, she was a Democrat. After graduating from Wellesley College, she attended law school at Yale where she met her husband, Bill Clinton. In 1974, she worked on the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment investigation of President Nixon before moving to Arkansas where she and Clinton were married in 1975.

An influential player in her husband's political career in Arkansas, she leapt to the national scene during the 1992 presidential campaign when the two fought to survive the scandal over Gennifer Flowers' allegations of a lengthy affair with Clinton when he was the state's governor. The Clintons appeared together on CBS' "60 Minutes" to talk about their marriage — her first famous "Stand by Your Man" moment.

The Knockout delayed until Jan. 27

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The bell might not ring as expected, but coordinators with the Rock the Desert battle of the bands known as The Knockout say they are anything but down for the count.



Koerber

The show, which was slated for Saturday night, was canceled in lieu of a winter storm advisory from the National Weather Service calling for icy conditions.

"This show is going to call for so many bands to be on the roads, it's just too great of a risk to take," said Jim Koerber, president of Scars Entertainment and promoter for the show. "We would much rather postpone the show a week and make sure everyone makes it out of this weekend without any kind of tragedy."

The show has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at Municipal Auditorium, according to Koerber.

Scheduled to perform are Hit The Ground Running of Big Spring; A Death Foretold from Seminole; Blank from Andrews; Epic Fire from El Paso; All Rights Reserved out of San Angelo; Midland-based Simpleearth; and Abilene's In His Arms.

"Two of the bands may have a scheduling conflict for the new date," said Koerber. "If they can't be there, we plan to add one of them to the Hobbs

show and one to the Lubbock show. Also, if they are unable to perform, the start time could be a little later than 6 p.m. We're still in the process of getting all of that stuff lined up."

Koerber said the show will still feature special guests Crimson Soul and Road Less Traveled.

"The guys from Crimson Soul are really looking forward to performing," said Koerber. "They started out here in Big Spring, so this is their hometown. That really means a lot to them."

Tickets for the show are \$10 and are available at Cowboys Steakhouse and Bean's World Cafe. Tickets will also be available at the door, with limited seating.

"We're really hoping

Big Spring and Howard County will come out and show their support," said Koerber. "Some of these bands are going to be like Crimson Soul and go on to become huge, so this is a great chance to see them while they are still up and coming."

"The winning band will go on to take the stage at Rock the Desert, which will feature headline acts like Family Force Five, Kutless, Emery, Shawn McDonald and Hawk Nelson. Anyone who wants more information on Rock the Desert can find it at www.rockthedesert.com."

For more information on The Knockout series, visit www.scarsentertainment.com or www.myspace.com/scarsentertainment, or contact Koerber at 432-213-3232.

BSISD

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"If we have 350 kindergarten students next year, we can handle it. We will have to move some related services (like nurses and therapists) into corners in some campuses," Downes said. "But we will not have enough available classrooms after that."

The district is not without options in dealing with the growing number of students, but those options are not without some drawbacks, Downes said.

One of the most popular options would be to reopen the Anderson campus on Airbase Road as a neighborhood elementary school for grades K through 4.

"One advantage to Anderson is that it would ease the expanding elementary enrollment issue (plus) additional classroom space would be made available at minimum cost," Downes said.

The downside to reopen-

ing Anderson to elementary students would be that programs already at the building — such as the Alternative Education Program and some special education services — would have to be relocated elsewhere, and not readily available "elsewhere" exists at the moment, Downes said.

The district still owns the abandoned College Heights campus on Goliad Street, but that building is not air conditioned, plus it has a variety of accessibility issues that would require major renovation, Downes said.

Another downside with reopening Anderson is that it does nothing to alleviate major problems at older campuses like Washington and Bauer elementaries, campuses which were declared "obsolete" in a recent facilities study.

Trustees also are looking at the possibility of purchasing portable classrooms to handle the overflow, but that is an unattractive option because of

the short useful life of such structures. "It would definitely not be a long-term solution," Downes said.

Another possibility, voiced by Trustee Mike Dawson at Thursday's school board meeting, would be to attack the problem from the top down — build a new high school and move students in grades 6 through 8 into the existing high school campus. That would free up two campuses (Goliad and the Junior High) to handle the increased elementary enrollment and allow officials to shut down Bauer and Washington without resulting in overcrowding.

"The positive thing about the high school idea is that it immediately creates 1,000 new elementary classroom seats," Downes said. "The downside would be procuring a contiguous piece of property

on which to build a comprehensive high school."

Regardless of what decision is made, it will need to be made in the coming months, Downes warned.

"While we're pleased with the huge kindergarten numbers, it does prompt us to take action for the future," he said. "We're not in a critical situation yet, but if we don't act, we will be in a critical situation."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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She was quick to note that Monday's meeting is not the inevitable first step toward a bond election.

"I don't think (a bond election) is a done deal, by any means ... but it is certainly a possibility," Sparks said. "We will have a clearer idea on which direction to go after Monday's meeting."

In other business, trustees will consider:

- The college's audit.
- A resolution with the Dora Roberts Foundation.
- Possibly extending Sparks' contract.
- Handbook and catalog changes.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Bravo to the *Big Spring Herald* editorial staff for the excellent editorial Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2007, concerning the jail. But to take things a step further, I personally know Phil Furquerson and it sickens me to see what the county judge did to him during commissioner's court.

The judge opened with the remarks that he wanted to be fair to everyone. Let's see how he did. First, he made the motion to terminate the contract before there was any discussion. The judge then loudly proclaimed his five reasons for terminating Phil. They were the county needed new ideas; he didn't have enough experience; he supported the "big jail" during the election; the contract was biased against the county; and he was too expensive. Let's take them one by one and see just how fair he was.

First the county needs to get someone with new ideas and the county needs a clean slate. Commissioner Jerry Kilgore stated that Phil only did what he was directed to do. Commissioner Crocker further stated that Phil has designed eight different jails of varying sizes to be built in various locations. An architect can't do anything without approval from the owner, in this case that would be the Howard County Commissioner's Court.

(Many thanks to Commissioners Crocker and Kilgore for being decent, honest men.)

The fact remains that the court is apparently still a split court and at this point it seems that direction will come in the form of a 3-2 vote. The slate has never been dirtier. Because Phil followed the direction of a majority vote of the court and didn't follow the direction of the deceitful and divisive political operatives that opposed the bond, his contract was terminated. Does this seem fair?

Next, the county needs someone with experience. Phil partnered with HOK as his consultants on the jail. Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said that HOK was the biggest judicial design firm in the nation and the second biggest architectural firm in the world. If they don't have enough experience, who would? Phil has been practicing architecture in Big Spring for over 25 years and has an excellent reputation. Their contract was terminated anyway. Does that seem fair?

Third, Phil supported the "big jail" during the election. During the year and a half leading up to the election, Phil stated on many occasions that he would do any size jail anywhere he was told to do it by the commissioners, and in fact, See **LETTERS**, Page 5A

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May our plans change rapidly, Lord, when we are going in the wrong direction. Amen

The left's 'chickenhawk' mantra

Senator Barbara Boxer has mastered the art of rudeness much better than she has cultivated wisdom on weighty matters of state.

When questioning Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on the president's Iraq war policy, Boxer uttered a series of bizarre rhetorical questions. They were obviously intended to discredit Rice, not based on her support of the president's presumably dubious war strategy, but because she doesn't have children, which disqualifies her from participating in a decision that could affect people's children.

Referring to war, Boxer said, "Who pays the price? I'm not going to pay a personal price. My kids are too old and my grandchild is too young. You're not going to pay a particular price, as I understand it, with an immediate family. So who pays the price? The American military and their families."

Despite her professional and personal accomplishments, Rice is frequently a target for liberals, who apparently find Rice's Republican Party membership a particular betrayal, given her gender and race, which to liberals mean unquestioned allegiance to liberalism.

The liberal establishment demands that blacks and women and especially black women toe the liberal line, and when they deviate, they deserve the establishment's collective wrath. Indeed, such is the magnitude of their infidelity that they forfeit any expectation of civility from the left.

We saw this on graphic display when liberal cartoonists savaged Rice in racially pointed cartoons during her confirmation hearings without so much as a whimper of disapproval from self-styled racially sensitive liberals.



DAVID
LIMBAUGH

At the hearings — as I chronicle in my book — Senator Boxer exhibited a viciously insulting tone toward Rice, telling her, "I personally believe — this is my personal view — that your loyalty to the mission you were given, to sell the war, overwhelmed your respect for the truth." Democrats didn't condemn Boxer — even though she compounded the egregiousness of her baseless accusation by boastfully showcasing it in an exploitive fundraising e-mail she sent for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

Boxer's credentials for rudeness thus being established, how should we evaluate the reasonableness of her implied argument that Rice's opinion is worthless because she has no children who could be affected by it?

This line of reasoning, of course, is nothing new for liberals. I wish I had a dime for every time I've heard one of them say that those who didn't serve have no moral right to opine on war issues. This "chicken-hawk" argument is so childishly misguided you would think liberals, who consider themselves superior logicians and cerebral sophisticates, would be too embarrassed to make it.

The question is not who is qualified to opine, but whether an opinion has merit, irrespective of the characteristics of its proponents or opponents. Under liberal logic, the rich-from-birth Ted Kennedy is disqualified from empathizing with and advocating for the poor. And, the Framers should have limited the franchise in presidential elections to military personnel and their parents, and maybe their grandparents, but not aunts, uncles, brother, sisters or cousins.

Interestingly, Boxer pretended she had no standing to opine either, since her children are too old and her grandchildren too young to serve. But that didn't stop her from making clear her view that the war is not worth American lives, because her opinion is sanctified by its liberalism.

Since she's against the war, the ending of which would supposedly end the risk to American lives, her opinion is legitimate.

What this really boils down to is the antiwar left's intolerance for dissenting opinions and their propensity to make decisions on an emotional, rather than logical basis. If you don't agree with them, you either aren't listening — another charge Boxer leveled at Rice — or you don't have the right to opine. But Boxer's logic is self-defeating: If your personal circumstances disqualify you from opining, they do so regardless of the nature of your opinion.

Further, Boxer's underlying assumption is that the Iraq war is not worth the risk of American lives. While that is something about which reasonable people can disagree, we can't ever get to that point in the discussion if one side intimidates the other into silence.

It is conceivable that the implementation of Boxer's antiwar opinion could put more American lives — military and civilian — at risk in the long run, by weakening the United States, emboldening terrorists and contributing to the conversion of Iraq into a launching pad for global terrorism. Or do I have enough of a stake in America to entitle me to such an audacious opinion?

Many on the antiwar left are still oblivious to the global nature of the war and that Iraq's destiny is central to it. They seem to believe we can flip a switch and end this war — by a solitary executive order.

But disregard my opinion on that, too, since I've never been the commander in chief.

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Conservatives need someone to blame

Asked about Condi as a potential president, she said: "Dr. Rice, who I think would be a really good candidate, is not interested. Probably because she is single, her parents are no longer living; she's an only child. You need a very supportive family and supportive friends to have this job."

No, it wasn't Barbara Boxer who suggested that being a single woman is a disqualification for being president. It was Laura Bush.

And no one screamed bloody murder. No one suggested it was a setback for feminism, an attack on single woman, an argument that being married and having children are qualifications for making good public policy.

So why the hullabaloo about Barbara Boxer's comments?

Simple. Conservatives need someone to blame. Their policy is bankrupt. Their war has failed. They have no answers. So why not beat up on Barbara Boxer? Better than looking in the mirror. Easier to create an issue where you can be right than to face the one where you're wrong.

There was, in fact, a legitimate issue raised by the Boxer-Rice exchange, and it has nothing to do with single women making policy.

It was the issue Boxer was trying to raise, however inartfully. It is the question of who is paying the price for this war, and what impact that has on our democracy and our decision-making.

What would be happening in America right now if we were relying on a draft to generate the soldiers necessary to fight this war?

The short answer is that all hell would be breaking loose. There would be demonstrations on campuses, marches on Washington, new forms of Internet-based activism I can't even imagine because no one has dreamed them up yet. There would be only one topic of conversation — and it wouldn't have anything to do with Barbara Boxer.

The reason most of us are going about our lives as if there is no war is that the war doesn't touch us, and we won't let it. We keep ourselves immune. We pay our own kids' college tuition. We depend on the military to defend us, but we don't rely on its benefits to open the door to the American dream. We are not military families. We may oppose the war, but our lives, and our children's, don't depend on the efficacy of our opposition.

The military, I am reminded every time I make this argument, doesn't want a draft. They want people who choose to serve, not those who are chosen by others. The want volunteers, not conscripts.

Fair enough. But in a shrunken, all volunteer military, the danger

is that too few pay too much, and it is too easy for the people who send them there to avoid paying any political price for that.

The checks and balances of democracy do not work when the military is not representative of the powerful as well as the powerless.

Maybe military families don't want Barbara Boxer to speak for them.

But who is?

As I write this, there has been another botched execution in Iraq, another demonstration of a government that cannot enforce its punishments with a modicum of dignity. You actually hear otherwise intelligent people these days yearning for the rule of Saddam Hussein. How have we got to this point?

The country overwhelmingly opposes the war, but the passion that would be there if our children, all our children, were vulnerable to its cost is missing. And without that passion, the war will drag on.

The problem with Condi Rice is not her marital status, but her policies. The problem with the rest of us is that, untouched by their cost, we don't do enough to stop them.

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LETTERS

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Commissioner Crooker said that he had drawn eight concept drawings and two schematic designs, both 96 beds and 144 beds. After months of delay, the commissioners finally voted on the design that was presented to the voters during the election. Phil assisted the commissioners during a brief time leading up to the election, presenting factual information to the voters. What was he supposed to do? Should he have supported his clients, or worked with the deceitful opposition that was against the bond? For his loyalty to his clients, he was fired. Does that seem fair?

Fourth, the contract was biased against the county. Mr. Tim Yeats, Phil's attorney, said that it was a standard contract. When the county enters into a contract, shouldn't they have the sense to have it reviewed by an attorney? Did the county attorney have the obligation to review it? If he did, why would he let the county sign it if it was so one-sided? The county judge said he spent all weekend reading it, but he didn't mention anything specifically about it, and he obviously didn't understand anything it said. Phil was repeatedly and angrily denied the opportunity to respond, though he made the request several times. Does that seem fair?

Finally, Phil is too expensive. What I think is too expensive is to throw away over \$331,000 of taxpayer's money on a whim and pay Mark Barr over \$80,000 per year in salary and benefits. However, as previously mentioned, Mr. Crooker stated in the meeting that Phil and

done eight concept drawings and two schematic designs. Barr erroneously thinks that the county doesn't have to pay for design work that doesn't directly end up on a bond election. I thought that if someone asked you to do work and you agreed on a fee, you should pay them what you agreed upon. During the meeting, Phil listed the percentages of his fee that he was contractually obligated to pay his consultants and that the \$22,000 paid to HOK was for their reimbursable expenses only. When the correct figures are used, Phil would only make \$200,000 over four years, for an average of only \$50,000 per year. Barr never seemed to understand this. I'm sure that Phil, in his desire to be transparent, would have explained it to him anytime before the meeting if he had asked him to, so that the judge wouldn't look like the novice that he is. And he never let Phil fully explain or correct anything in the meeting. However, Phil's contract was based on Barr's erroneous information anyway. Does that seem fair?

If all that seems unfair, let's review recent history. For the residents of Howard County, the way Judge Barr was elected was a fluke and truly unfair. Had the irresponsible Republican candidate, who was elected in the primary, not withdrawn from the race at the last minute, Barr most probably wouldn't be county judge and the county commissioner's court wouldn't be in the complete mess that it is now. At this point, the only thing that seems fair about the judge's position is that we will have the opportunity to vote for a new judge after this term is up. However, the

painfully unfair things is that we will have to wait four long years to get that vote. And will we ever be able to fully recover from all the mistakes made during those four long years?

GEORGE AND BETTY
MURPHY
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
WOW, it was another great success even though I did not reach the 20,000 I had hoped for...maybe next year! We had 18,576 visitors from 36 states and 13 countries. Several of these countries are first time visitors: Bosnia, Columbia, Denmark, Germany, Iraq, Korea, New Zealand, Mexico, Panama, Japan, Australia, Okinawa, Guam.

Our theme this year was a "Pasture of Poinsettias" which was beautiful, and I heard many say, as they turned the corner "it was breath taking" and it was! I appreciate the Big Spring Herald's parade signature was "A Poinsettia Christmas" and it was truly a beautiful parade with many displaying all types of poinsettias.

Also, thanks to the friends that displayed poinsettias in their yards.

I really would like to see our city blanketed with poinsettias. I visited the Decorator Center on FM 700 and since they have no yard one of the ladies painted two huge poinsettias on their windows. Beautiful! Thanks to Teresa Darden, she saw to it that the poinsettias on the Settles were lighted once again. Also, how about the beautiful poinsettia exit archway...a great big thanks to Jack Cathey and his crew, they did it again, and had to work hard to make it stretch.

How can I say thanks to so many volunteers, without you it would be impossible to put this event on. Our thanks once again goes to Gary Morris, Vo-tech instructor for Howard College and the inmates in the program at Cornell Airpark Unit...they have done a fantastic job once again.

Also, our thanks to Warden Joe Valencia for his support & encouragement. We once again want to thank Warden David Justice of the Federal Correction Institute for providing us with three trustees that assisted Parks Department employee Jennifer Cloud in wrapping, testing putting up and taking down displays and lights.

The city crews that helped so much in making sure we had the transportation necessary to move massive displays from and to warehouse and beyond, then assist in various areas needed. Gosh, thanks guys!

Donations came in various ways and I wish to say to each of them a great big thanks goes to Hayes Stripling, Jack Cathey, Transit Mix, Dale Pittman, Tom Corwin, Jim Piper & Utilities crew, Jesse Baker, Streets & Park crew, city of Big Spring, Lee Harris, Warden Valencia, Warden David Justice, Renee Valdez, Jeanine Husky, B&R Septic System, Decorator Center, Claudia Patterson, State Park.

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Then we had Christmas Cards from our schools...those participating this year were Big Spring High School, Big Spring Junior High, Bauer Elementary, Kentwood Elementary, Marcy Elementary, Moss Elementary and Washington Elementary.

Thanks again to our greeters that night after night primarily for two hours would stand out and collect the information from our visitors. This is where we get the tabulation of our visitors and where they are from.

We had quite a few new greeters who really seemed to enjoy doing this in sometimes uncomfortable weather, however, we had pretty good weather for with the exception of a couple of rainy nights.

Then I had three of my regular greeters on standby to fill in at any time...I did have to call on them a couple of times, how I do appreciate Jeanine Huskey, Eunice Thixton

and Renee Valdez. All the greeters really did appreciate the Port-a-potty provided by B&R Septic System.

May the Lord bless each and everyone who played a part in the festival, regardless of size...just know that you are appreciated. It takes us all working together to make the "Festival of Lights" succeed. Should you as a family, organization, church be interested in adopting-a-spot or would like information don't hesitate to call me. As many of you know, I am interested in stepping down after 10 years for lesser responsibility, and phase out when I think the time is right.

PAT SIMMONS
CHAIRMAN

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to tell you about an old lady who has spent her whole life in Big Spring.

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You see I'm very sentimental about my home town...

ROSA LONG
BIG SPRING

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Antonio based BRG Architects.

Commissioner Bill Crooker said all three firms were well represented.

"They went through and outlined the work they had done in the past," said Crooker. "They talked about some of the previous jails they have built and made a proposal to the commissioner's court."

And while the design of a new or renovated jail is the next step, according to County Judge Mark Barr, it's not the court's focus at this time.

"Right now we're looking to hire a consultant," said Barr. "We're not interested in designing a new jail right now. We're interested in finding out what we need, and with the three firms we saw Wednesday, it's going to be really hard to narrow it down to one company."

"We want them to look at several different options, including renovating the existing jail to meet state standards and using some of the old buildings we have here. We want to know what each option will cost before we move forward with designs."

Barr said locations being considered include the area adjacent to the district courthouse west

of the courthouse square, as well as the Heart of the City Park, located north of the facility.

Barr said there are a number of vacant buildings in the Big Spring area the commissioners are considering as well.

While Barr said all three architectural firms came with impressive resumes, the question of cost is one that has not yet been breached.

"They wouldn't even touch the subject," said Barr. "Because of state law, they are not allowed to enter into what would be considered a bidding war. We will have to choose one architect, and then we'll be able to begin negotiating fees."

When asked if any of the three architectural firms were willing to forego payment for their services until a bond election was successful — an arrangement the county judge said during a previous meeting was offered by an architect — Barr said it's still up in the air.

"I just don't have any idea right now," said Barr. "It would be a breach of their ethics to discuss fees at this point. It's complicated, I'll give you that. But you have to remember we're looking for a consultant right now, not an architect contract."

According to Crooker, efforts to save county taxpayers money by changing architects — commissioners recently voted 3-2 to terminate the county's contract with local architect Phil Furqueron — has been a fool's errand from the beginning.

"The contract these three architectural firms are offering is the same contract we had with Furqueron," said Crooker. "It's a standard architectural contract. There are no free deals here. I have yet to hear anything from any of them that they won't charge the county until a bond is passed. The closest I've heard so far is one architect is willing to spread the payments out instead of hitting us with a huge bill all at once, but that's it."

"We're just going back down the same path we've already been. The idea of retrofitting the existing jail is just silly, and I really feel like that's what the architects will tell us. We're just going to pay these guys to tell us what we already know. If you ask me, we're just repeating history with all of this."

Crooker said the only way he expects to save money on the project is through building materi-

als or sizing the proposed jail down.

"Sure, we can go with a 96-bed facility instead of a 144-bed facility and save a little money," said Crooker. "We can also compromise on some of the construction materials. However, the architect fees are going to be basically the same as they've been all along."

Barr said he hopes to have a decision from the court at its Jan. 29 meeting.

"That should give each of the commissioners time to do some research

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and thinking on the subject," said Barr. "Once we've narrowed it down to one architect, we can begin negotiations with them."

The Jan. 29 meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.




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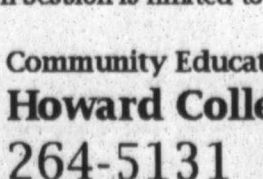
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Instead of complaining about that selfish person, be respectfully direct. Ask him or her to share a responsibility, to acknowledge another person for their contribution or to be more of a team player.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You put on no airs. When others pretend to be something they're not, it makes you uncomfortable, or you feel sorry for them. Try to have compassion. Everyone is doing his or her best.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your honesty is admirable. However, you should still work out what you're going to say in critical situations. Whether you're selling yourself as a friend, business partner or date, strike all ambivalence from your presentation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're working on your spiritual self. Be invisible in this endeavor. Anonymous giving and sacred prayers that you don't talk about to anyone will bring you closer to who you really are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll see conflicts you didn't know were there before. This is terrific if you're writing a novel. Perhaps it's not so great if you're just trying to get along with your fellow humans. Don't worry. Resolutions are imminent.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 21). You're unceasingly upbeat this year, which attracts all kinds of fine fortune. It's not that you don't see that there's sadness in the world — it's just that you choose to limit your exposure to it. Take a job you're not qualified for in February. Your contradictions are ultra-loveable in March. Aries and Cancer people are your staunch supporters. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 2, 30, 11 and 14.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The organized, direct and efficient manner in which you deal with others might be misconstrued as controlling. Deliver your instructions in the softest, gentlest manner possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Channels of communication may be muddled by your expectations of what you'll hear. Keep an open mind. When loved ones feel free to express themselves around you, they keep coming back.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll run into mysteries best left uninvestigated. When someone tells you, "You don't want to know," believe it. Run the other way, and take your curiosity with you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What you think is happening may be the opposite of what's really the case. If you're willing to consider that you may be wrong, you'll know the real truth when you see it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you're obsessing over something that others think is inconsequential, well, that's their problem. Obsess away. Who knows, maybe the smallest detail makes the biggest difference. Enjoy your obsession.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's an untold story inside you, and it's starting to create irritation, if not agony. Stories, like splinters under the skin, will bug you until they come out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Father figures help and benefit you. Seek them out,

and let them know where you're going and what you need. And if you're not going anywhere and don't need anything, a father figure can help you with that, too.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Money is the hot topic this week, with the major planets stirring up the kind of drama that would have Trump doing double firings. Jupiter and Uranus are adding risk to already risky investments. And Venus, opposed to Saturn is causing career-related tension and raising questions like: Is it possible to go to the party and wake up sharp for the job the next morning? Can you be friends with your client and still charge a fair fee? Can you afford a vacation if your work demands constant attention? The planetary energies suggest finding a way to turn your job into the party, charge your client top dollar (and tell him the friendship is no extra charge) and travel for work. Thursday and Friday, the Taurus moon has us chasing our appetites around, especially for the things that cost slightly more than is in our wallet at the time. The Gemini moon this weekend keeps the conversation lively. Perhaps more is said than should have been, but that's part of the charm of the Gemini moon. It's easy for people to blow off the comments that don't apply and appreciate the ones that do.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Is Aquarius a lucky sign for talk-show hosts? Ellen DeGeneres has excelled with the genre, as has the talk-show queen, Oprah. Aquarian friendliness attracts both guests and viewers. Also, Aquarian altruism finds an outlet in this daily format. DeGeneres continues to stay true to herself and her vision in 2007 and adopts a unique charitable cause that helps her make an even greater difference.

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With half the U.S. population living with anti-smoking laws, advocates set sights on the rest

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Thirty years after it began as just another quirky movement in Berkeley, Calif., the push to ban smoking in restaurants, bars and other public places has reached a national milestone.

For the first time in the nation's history, more than half of Americans live in a city or state with laws mandating that workplaces, restaurants or bars be smoke-free, according to Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights.

"The movement for smoke-free air has gone from being a California oddity to the nationwide norm," said Bronson Frick, the group's associate director. "We think 100 percent of Americans will live in smoke-free jurisdictions within a few years."

Seven states and 116 communities enacted tough smoke-free laws last year, bringing the total number to 22 states and 577 municipalities, according to the group. Nevada's ban, which went

into effect Dec. 8, increased the total U.S. population covered by any type of smokefree law to 50.2 percent.

It was the most successful year for anti-smoking advocates in the U.S., said Frick, and advocates are now working with local and state officials from across the nation on how to bring the other half of the country around.

In a sign of the changing climate, new U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi banned smoking in the ornate Speaker's Lobby just off the House floor this month, and the District of Columbia recently barred it in public areas. Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Louisiana and New Jersey also passed sweeping anti-smoking measures last year.

"That's how life is now. They're banning smoking everywhere," said Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., an occasional smoker.

Susan Burgess, the mayor pro tem of Charlotte, N.C., said

what's fueling the push is a U.S. Surgeon General's report released last June that found just a few minutes inhaling someone else's smoke harms non-smokers, and separate smoking sections don't offer enough protection.

She said the report gave momentum to the anti-smoking front even in North Carolina — the nation's No. 1 tobacco state — and influenced Nevada voters to approve a ballot measure banning smoking at restaurants,

bars that serve food, and around slot machines at supermarkets, gas stations and convenience stores. Nevada, where gambling and smoking had been assumed to go hand in hand, previously had one of the nation's least restrictive smoking laws.

Not all elected officials and business owners embrace the cause. They maintain such laws drive away smoking customers and cut profits.

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The Avoidance Principle

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SOUTH
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The bidding:
North 1♦ East Pass South 2NT West Pass

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Opening lead — six of hearts.

In many hands, declarer cannot afford to have a particular defender gain the lead and therefore does everything possible to keep him out.

Take this case where South was in three notrump, got a heart lead and correctly played the queen from dummy. The purpose of the queen play was twofold. If West had the ace, the queen would win, and the K-8 would constitute a stopper if West later gained the lead.

If East had the ace, he would win

the trick, but South could then duck the heart return, holding up the king until the third round. This would serve to neutralize West's remaining hearts if he started with five of them.

When the queen held, South cashed the A-K-Q of spades, hoping the opposing spades were divided 3-3 or that West had four of them. In either case, South would then be sure of the contract.

But East showed up with four spades, and declarer went down after East won the fourth spade and returned the heart jack, trapping South's king.

Actually, the problem of avoiding the dangerous opponent, East, could have been solved in an entirely different way. Upon winning the first heart with the queen, all South had to do was to lead a low spade from dummy and finesse the eight.

This would have lost to the ten, but West would then have been stymied. Nothing he could do would stop declarer from scoring nine tricks consisting of four spades, a heart, a diamond and three clubs.

Finessing the eight after East followed low was sure to bring the contract home if the spades were divided 3-3 or 4-2, and therefore offered a much greater chance of succeeding than simply cashing the A-K-Q in hopes of a 3-3 split.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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News briefs

Wife who ran over husband in jealous rage to pay \$3.75 million

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman who killed her cheating husband by mowing him down with her car in a jealous rage was ordered Friday to pay \$3.75 million Wednesday to her in-laws.

Gerald and Mildred Harris had asked jurors to award them \$5 million in compensation for lost companionship, pain and suffering, and lost financial support resulting from the death of their youngest son, David Harris.

Jurors deliberated for 10 hours before reaching their unanimous verdict. Their decision came after a week of often emotional testimony from the Harrises and their eldest son, Gerald Harris Jr.

When state District Judge David Bernal asked the jurors if they believed she was responsible for the "murder" of her husband, Clara Harris, clad in the orange prison jumpsuit she's worn throughout the trial, squeezed her eyes shut.

"The jury heard our story and returned an equitable decision," the elder Gerald Harris said. "We had an opportunity to tell the story of what a good man our son was and now the door is closed."

Clara Harris, 48, took the stand during the trial, but repeatedly invoked her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. Her attorney, Dean Blumrosen, said he didn't want to risk having her say anything in the civil trial that might endanger her appeal of her 2003 murder conviction.

"She's not upset about the money," Blumrosen said Friday. He said she expected the lawsuit and expected to pay.

Clara Harris repeatedly ran over David Harris, 44, with her Mercedes-Benz in July 2002 in the parking lot of the suburban Houston hotel where she had confronted him and his mistress several minutes earlier. The case garnered international attention, and she was convicted of murder in February 2003 and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Former officer sentenced for violating transsexual's rights

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A former San Antonio police officer was sentenced to 24 years and four months in prison in federal court Friday for the rape and beating of a transsexual, the Department of Justice announced.

Dean Gutierrez was convicted in August of violating the civil rights of Gabriel Bernal, a transsexual who goes by the name Starlight, through aggravated sexual assault.

Prosecutors said Gutierrez, a 16-year police veteran, stopped Bernal on June 10, 2005, ordered her into his car and drove her to a remote location where he physically and sexually assaulted her.

"Officers of the law bear the special responsibility of upholding justice and protecting the rights of all citizens," said Wan J. Kim, assistant attorney general for the civil rights division.

Ex-New Braunfels officer pleads guilty to child porn

SEGUIN (AP) — A former New Braunfels police officer pleaded guilty Friday to eight counts of possession of child pornography.

Justin Broussard, 44, was sentenced to six years in prison on each count, to run concurrently.

Broussard must register as a sex offender and permanently forfeit his peace officer certification, according to the state attorney general's office.

Broussard was arrested Aug. 5, while off-duty, on a charge of possession of child pornography. He was then suspended without pay.

Authorities searched Broussard's home after he was suspected of purchasing illegal DVDs online. Investigators say explicit images of children were found on electronic media in his home.

Church-owned PBS station skips program on sex scandals

HARLINGEN (AP) — A public television station owned by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brownsville did not run a "Frontline" episode Tuesday about the child molestation scandal in the Archdiocese of Boston.

The station instead repeated the previous week's "Frontline."

Phil Zimmerman, a promotions assistant for "Frontline" said Harlingen-based KMBH-TV was one of only two PBS affiliates in the nation not to run "Hand of God." He said the other station didn't air the program because of a scheduling conflict.

"To our knowledge, (KMBH) is the only station that did not broadcast it due to content," Zimmerman said.

The station, however, disputed that, saying it decided not to air the program for other reasons.

KMBH on Friday referred *The Associated Press* to a statement issued by the station's general manager, Monsignor Pedro Brisenio, on its Web site. The statement says "Frontline" changed its programming after the station's program guide had closed.

Gerald Brazier, a member of the church reform group Call to Action RGV, said callers to KMBH Tuesday were told Brisenio wanted to preview "Hand of God" to see if it was appropriate for local viewers.

Viewers who called Thursday were told the program did not air because it was not provided to the station on time, Brazier said.

Carrie Johnson, senior director of Prime-time Publicity for PBS Media Relations in Washington, D.C., said the episode was transmitted as usual.

Schlosser reaches divorce settlement

PLANO (AP) — A suburban Dallas woman who killed her baby by cutting off her arms can't have any contact with her other two daughters, according to a divorce settlement with her ex-husband.

The daughters of Dena Schlosser, 37, live in Weatherford with their father, John Schlosser.

"John Schlosser does not intend to allow her to have access to those children, anytime, anywhere, anyplace," his attorney, Howard Shapiro, said. "She's done enough damage to them already."

Dena Schlosser was arrested in 2004 after she told a 911 operator she had severed her baby's arms. Last April she was committed to a state hospital in Vernon after being found not guilty by reason of insanity. Her attorney, David Haynes, has said he expects Schlosser to remain there until doctors and a judge agree she should be released.

"She's destroyed their family," Shapiro said. "So he can't have any relationship with her. And she certainly can't have any relationship with their two other children."

WALKING

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across the country?" The lady asked me, 'Are you volunteering?' and the next thing you know ..."

His latest jaunt began much the same way — he was talking with friends who had been helped by

the Klamath Falls mission, they hooked him up with the mission directors and the rest is history.

"What's another 5,000 miles?" he asked. "A month and a half later, I was on the road."

Lyons must take a circuitous route across country, as he's not allowed to walk along interstates

and some other freeways. Seeing small-town America as he has has been both a blessing and curse — he said reactions have ranged from being welcome with open arms and being spit on.

"The amazing thing is that I've stayed in thousands of churches over the years," he said. "You begin to realize that a lot

of churches have lost focus on what they need to do ... A lot of them are very receptive to helping the homeless, while other ones won't even return your phone calls.

Lyons said there are 300 rescue missions in the United States, including 12 in Texas, and all are worthy of support.

"A lot of people in the

missions are smart people ... I've met doctors and lawyers and other professionals," he said. "Somehow, alcohol or drugs have grabbed hold of their lives and dragged them down."

And what will he be supporting when he makes his next cross-country walk?

"I'm not going to do

another one, but then again, I say that after every one," he said. "I'm really getting too old for this ... but you never know."

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IN BRIEF

Coahoma girls rout visiting Stamford

In a District 5-2A girl's basketball game Friday afternoon the Coahoma Bulldogettes defeated the Stamford Lady Bulldogs 47-42.

The Coahoma girls are now 19-8 on the year and 7-2 in the district.

Coahoma was led in scoring by Janice Gonzales and Christy Rich, as both players had 16 points.

Laci Sterling added 10 points and the Bulldogettes defense was stellar in holding the district's leading scorer, Alyssa Hoadley (17 ppg) of Stamford, to only 5 points.

Houston Astros sign another pitcher

Right-hander Brian Moehler agreed Friday to a minor league contract with the Houston Astros.

The 35-year-old went 7-11 with a 6.57 ERA in 21 starts and eight relief appearances for the Florida Marlins last year. However, he went 2-0 with a 2.45 ERA out of the bullpen.

Moehler has appeared in 210 games over 10 major league seasons with Detroit (1996-2002), Cincinnati (2002), Houston (2003), and Florida (2005-06). He has a career record of 63-79 with a 4.78 ERA, with 10 complete games and six shutouts.

In his one season with the Astros, Moehler made three starts and failed to get a decision. He season was cut short by elbow surgery.

Andy Roddick advances in Open



For more than three hours, Roddick and Marat Safin exchanged 130 mph-plus serves, stinging groundstrokes, crisp volleys and deft drops, leaving the packed stadium enthralled and applauding every point.

Morgan sets school record as Coahoma rolls

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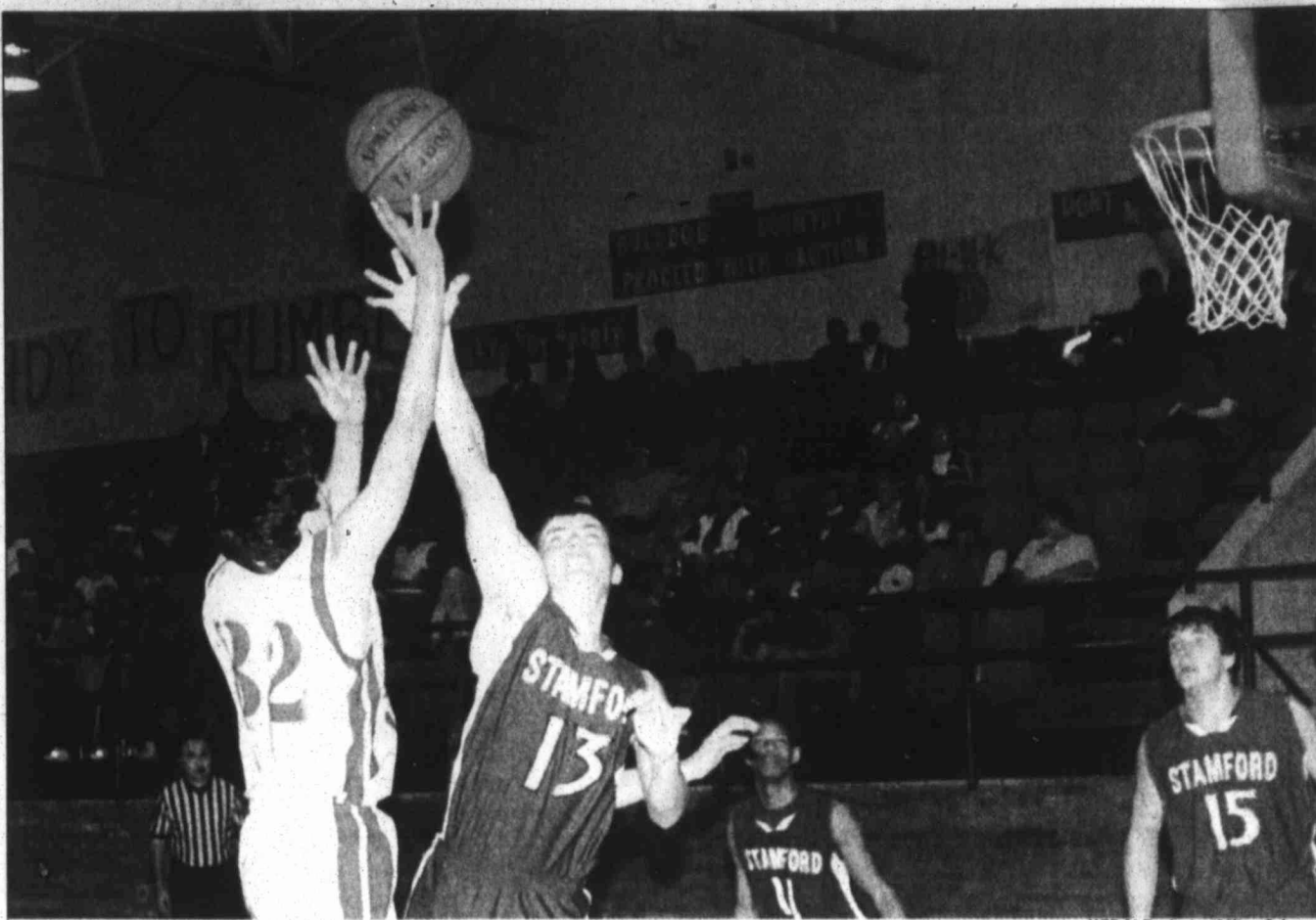
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — One shot after another floated towards the basket in the Stamford-Coahoma basketball game and time after time Coahoma's Colter Morgan swatted the spalding basketball towards the stands — towards his point guards — out of bounds and everywhere else in the gym Friday night.

When the final buzzer sounded Morgan had set a new school record by blocking 14 shots, two more than the previous record of 12 established in 2005 by Isaac Brenner. The Bulldogs (16-8) defeated Stamford 62-43, to remain in a tie for second place in District 5-2A.

"We had to try to pound the ball inside tonight," explained Stamford's basketball coach David Acevedo. "We're just not an accurate enough team to live from the outside and to be honest — we wanted to go at No. 23 (Morgan) tonight. We expected to draw some more fouls and we were hoping to get the kid into some foul trouble, but that just didn't happen. What else can I say? The kid played a tremendous game."

When the first quarter came to an end Stamford held a 16-13 advantage and seemed to have little trouble driving to the basket.



Coahoma's Jovi Paniagna gets his shot off over a Stamford Bulldog defender in Friday night's 62-43 district win. The Bulldogs of Coahoma are now 16-8 on the season and 5-2 in district. Coahoma is tied for second place in the District 5-2A playoff race.

Jeffrey Lisle and Jesse Marion led Stamford with 10 points each and neither player looked intimidated by the 6-foot-8 junior center in the middle of Coahoma's

defensive zone.

Stamford pushed its lead to 5, but with 4:10 to play before the half Coahoma took its second lead of the game and never

looked back. By the time both teams headed for the locker rooms a last-second 3-point

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Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher (54) knocks Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tim Rattay to the turf in the regular season.

Urlacher has to play like a monster in the middle

By BARRY WILNER

AP Football Writer

CHICAGO — He is the poster boy for the mean, stingy and overpowering Chicago defense. The only problem is Brian Urlacher and his fellow Bears haven't been all that mean, stingy or overpowering lately.

To get the franchise to its first Super Bowl in 21 years, Urlacher and his teammates will need to slow the league's top-ranked offense that New Orleans brings to Sunday's NFC championship game.

There's no question the All-Pro middle linebacker and successor to Dick Butkus and Mike Singletary as the monster in the middle can handle the task — at least not in his mind or the minds of the other Bears.

"This is new waters for us as a team," the seven-year veteran and 2005 Defensive Player of the Year said. "We finally got

over that hump last week in winning our first-round playoff game. That was exciting, but this is a bigger challenge for us now.

"The No. 1 thing that we have to do is concentrate and get to work every week, and coach Smith has done a good job with that with us, in getting us back in to work and doing the same routine that we've been doing all season long. It's still a game on Sunday. It is a big game, but we have to stay in our routine and stay grounded."

And will they?

"What's our record, 14-3 right now? Look at that," he said, somewhat indignantly. "That is all that I have to say. There have been questions all year long about every position on our team: quarterback, defense, defensive line, safeties. All we do is go out there and play and try to win. That is all we can

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Manning haunted by playoff history

By DAVE GOLDBERG

AP Football Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The word Peyton Manning constantly hears is "validate." He even uses it himself sometimes — as in having to "validate" his otherwise brilliant career by winning a Super Bowl.

So here he was Friday, on the threshold of his second AFC title game, once more answering questions about his playoff failures.

"What's happened in the past is what happened in the past, and things are what they are," he said as the Indianapolis Colts and the New England Patriots went through final prepa-

rations for Sunday's AFC championship game.

"People talk about your legacy. That really is a deep word to me. This week I've just focused on the fact that we're playing New England in a championship game. The Patriots' defense gives you more to concentrate on than your own place in history, so that's what I'm dealing with."

This is the third time in the past four seasons that the Colts and Patriots are meeting in the playoffs and New England has won the first two, both in Foxborough.

The first was in the 2003 conference title game, a 24-14 loss in which

Manning threw four interceptions. The second was 20-3 in a second-round game the next year when the Patriots' defense shut down the Colts' offense.

New England won the Super Bowl both seasons.

The Colts have gotten over that hump a bit with regular-season victories, both on the road. They beat the Patriots 40-21 in 2005 and 27-20 on Nov. 5, putting up enough points to dispel the idea that Manning can't do well against Bill Belichick's defenses.

His teammates also pooh-pooh the idea that

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Colts' QB Peyton Manning fumbles as he is sacked by Patriot defenders. Sunday the Colts and Patriots play for the AFC title.

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Roddick, Serena Williams into fourth round; Federer and Mauresmo advance

By PAUL ALEXANDER
Associated Press Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Sixth-seeded Andy Roddick outlasted Marat Safin 7-6 (2), 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (2) Friday to reach the fourth round of the Australian Open.

Safin, the 2005 champion and former world No. 1, was seeded only 26th as he comes back from a knee injury that kept him from defending his title last year. That meant one of the highly ranked players would have to face him early in the two-week tournament.

Roddick drew the unenviable task and showed his confidence is high again after a malaise that dropped him out of the top 10 last year before he convinced Jimmy Connors to coach him.

"The one guy you don't want to play in the third round is probably him," Roddick said. "There wasn't a whole lot between us, to be honest. I just tried to tough him out."

"He's one of the best in the world, so I definitely had to pick up my game in the third and fourth sets. Anything less than that and I would probably would be going home."

Serena Williams, also plagued by a bad knee last year and unseeded after winning here in 2005, rallied after No. 5 Nadia Petrova served for the match at 6-1, 5-3, showing that she still has superb skills and a strong will to win.

Top-ranked Roger Federer had an easier time against 25th-seeded Mikhail Youzhny, beating last year's U.S. Open semifinalist 6-3, 6-3, 7-6 (5).

Second-seeded Amelie Mauresmo, the defending women's champion, beat Eva Birnerova and next plays Lucie Safarova, who advanced when Anastasiya Yakimova retired with a back injury. Other women's winners were No. 3 Svetlana Kuznetsova, No. 7

Elena Dementieva, No. 10 Nicole Pietrangeli and No. 16 Shahar Peer.

For more than three hours, Roddick and Safin exchanged 130 mph-plus serves, stinging groundstrokes, crisp volleys and deft drops, leaving the packed stadium enthralled and applauding every point.

Both players were dripping with sweat on a still, muggy night that had people in the crowd fanning themselves. The roof had to be closed due to a light rain, and Safin complained bitterly that the court hadn't been dried up enough when play resumed, earning a warning for an audible obscenity.

Safin later said he was unhappy wet patches remained outside the doubles lines.

"It was a joke. It was really, really pathetic," Safin said. "Why I have to put my health in doubt? If I slip and if I get injured and if something happens..."

Roddick wasn't sure the controversy affected Safin's play.

"With Marat, you know he's going to kind of go on the emotional roller coaster a little bit, but I don't know if that hurts him often," said Roddick, who now faces No. 9 Mario Ancic. "I was just feeling like I should be even keel out there tonight. There was enough emotion in the air."

With Connors watching from court-side after flying in following the death of his mother, Roddick showed his new aggressiveness, charging the net after good serves and short balls from Safin, though he did get a bit more tentative as the match wore on and he was passed a number of times.

Safin left everything he had on the court, including a bit of skin. He fell and scraped the fingers on his right hand, and had to have treatment for a bloodied pinkie.



Andy Roddick hits a return forehand to David Ferrer during the Nasdaq-100 Open, March 30, 2006.

Williams' 1-6, 7-5, 6-3 victory over Petrova was impressive for a woman who dropped out of the top 100 for the first time since 1997 before climbing back to 95th in the year-end rankings.

She was shocked to hear she had beaten a top-10 player for the first time since she downed Mauresmo in the final here two years ago for her seventh Grand Slam title.

"Has it been that long? That's a terrible stat," Williams said, shaking her

head in disbelief.

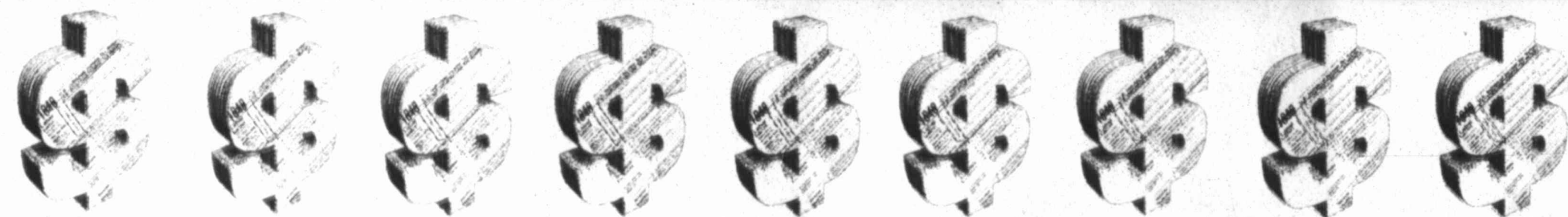
Petrova never has reached the final of a major, but she raced through the first set and was serving for the match at 5-3 in the second. Then Williams found another gear.

"I really had no other option than for my game to go up," Williams said. "I was down 3-5 and on the verge of being out of the tournament, and I obviously

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Reeves faces Shula in all-star game

By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Dan Reeves has the itch to coach again, so he's treating Saturday's East-West Shrine Game as something of an audition.

The 63-year-old Reeves, who will direct the West team of college seniors trying to impress NFL scouts, hasn't been a head coach since he was fired by Atlanta in 2003.

"At the time that I was fired in Atlanta, I needed a break," Reeves said. "Twenty-three straight years as a head coach is very difficult. But as soon as I got enough golf played and started doing all those 'honey do's,' I knew I was ready to get

back in it.

"It's still in my blood. I think I can still coach."

Don Shula will coach the East squad, but the 77-year-old Hall of Famer has no urge to return and will gladly slide back into retirement after the game. He enlisted former assistants

Bill Arnsparger, Monte Clark and Howard Schnellenberger and former Miami Dolphin Nat Moore to help him prepare.

"That totally consumes you and takes over your life when you're the head coach," Shula said. "I was consumed for 33 years, and I'm enjoying my freedom right now."

But Shula hasn't left the

spotlight completely. He sat in on a recent meeting with the Dolphins to go over candidates to replace Nick Saban, who left for Alabama. The list included Shula's son, Mike, who was fired by Alabama.

The Dolphins hired Cam Cameron on Friday. Shula insists his son wasn't in the running just because of his name.

"He's got a good background and he's been a head coach in college football and he's been an assistant coach in the National Football League for a number of years with some winning organizations," Shula said. "He's not being inter-

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Volunteer coach in Texas sentenced to probation for punching the referee

GRAPEVINE (AP) — A volunteer high school football coach was sentenced to 15 months' probation for punching a referee when his son's team was losing.

As part of a plea deal with prosecutors Thursday, Charles Kirkland, 47, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor assault and was sentenced to probation with deferred adjudication, which means it will be cleared from his record if he successfully completes the terms.

Kirkland also was fined \$680 for assaulting referee Culley Phillips of Arlington during a seven-on-seven football game in June at Grapevine High School.

Phillips, who suffered a split lip, said it was the first time he had been assault-

ed in 30 years as a referee.

"I'm glad it's ended," Phillips said. "It was about what I expected."

Wylie was losing against Lewisville Hebron when Kirkland punched Phillips in the game's second half. The two men wrestled to the ground before others separated them and the game was stopped, police said.

Because of the assault, Kirkland's team, on which his son plays, had to forfeit two games.

Kirkland's attorney, Todd Shapiro of Plano, told The Associated Press on Friday that accepting the plea deal was a difficult decision for his client but that he is active in the community and "didn't want to drag people into a trial."

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attempt by Coahoma found the bottom of the net and Coahoma enjoyed a 10-point lead, 36-26.

Coahoma was led offensively by Jason Gonzales with 19 points.

In the third quarter the "block party" really came to life.

In addition to Morgan blocking shots in the paint, he came out and rejected a few from above the free throw line and extended his presence from one end of the baseline to the other. The few times he failed to get one of his paws on the basketball, he managed to change the trajectory of the shots and then followed that up by grabbing rebound after rebound.

For the game Stephen Ewing scored 10 points, Domingo Rodriguez chipped in 7, Logan Stone hit for 5 points and Morgan added 7 to go along with his 14 blocks and 9 boards for Coahoma.

It was a monster performance on the defensive end and not just from the center position.

"Stamford has some good 3-point shooters in that locker room over

there," said Morgan, minutes after he was told he had set the new school record for blocks with 14. "Yeah ... I was surprised to hear how many I had, but I'm just as excited about how well we played tonight. Our defenders on the perimeter kept the pressure on the ball and that's what brought them down low to me. Without the great defense by everyone else I wouldn't have the blocks."

"Make sure you mention the bench as well, they played great tonight and I think we're in a good position for the second half of the season."

Stamford managed to score only 2 points in the third quarter and was held to one field goal over a span of 11 minutes. The Coahoma lead swelled to 20 points, 53-33.

In the final period Stamford started hitting from the outside and went on an 8-0 run to make it interesting.

It also allowed Morgan to play deep into the fourth quarter.

After Lisle hit for a 3-pointer for Stamford, the visiting Bulldogs had pulled to within 14 points (55-41) with just under 4 minutes to play.

That was as close as they could get.

After a double technical

foul was called on both teams, Coahoma nailed a 3-pointer and ran off 5 unanswered points to shut the door for good.

"I'm not interested in talking about individual stats at the moment," Kim Nichols, the Athletic Director and head basketball coach of Coahoma said after the win. "We have some senior leaders on this team who played really well and tonight was a great performance by everyone on this team. We have to continue to find a way to get the ball in Gonzales' hands on offense and defensively we need Colter to keep clogging up the middle of our zone. We're tied for second place in our district and we have a tough game against Merkel on Tuesday night."

It was not until Nichols reviewed the game film that the total number of blocked shots were made public. School officials were reluctant to comment on the record or on individual stats immediately after the game.

"Right now I'm pleased with the type of basketball we're playing. We just have to stay focussed and keep practicing and playing hard — the rest will take care of itself," Coach Nichols added.

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didn't want that to happen. I told myself just to stay in there and do what I had been practicing and it'll come together sooner or later.

"I think the more pressure I get, the tougher I get."

Some have questioned Williams' fitness. There were no questions after outlasting Petrova.

"I wasn't tired at all. I'm still not tired. I feel like going to run a marathon," Williams said, laughing.

Williams will face No. 11 Jelena Jankovic, a 6-3, 6-4 winner over Victoria Azarenka, on Sunday.

Federer, bidding for a 10th major, extended his winning streak to 32

matches and 10 straight at Melbourne Park. He next faces 14th-seeded Novak Djokovic, who beat Thailand's Danai Udomchoke.

Mardy Fish advanced when veteran Wayne Arthurs retired while

trailing 3-0 in the first. Also winning were No. 7 Tommy Robredo and No. 16 David Ferrer. No. 18 Richard Gasquet beat Gael Monfils 6-0, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 in a match between two former world No. 1 juniors from France.

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While Urlacher is the marquee guy on Chicago's defense, the unit has severely missed two other important performers, tackle Tommie Harris and strong safety Mike Brown. Since Harris went out, Chicago has yielded 25.8 points a game. Before that, it allowed 150 points in 12 games, a 12.5 average.

Now come the Saints, with a multidimensional offense led by All-Pro quarterback Drew Brees; 1,000-yard rusher Deuce McAllister coming off a spectacular game against Philadelphia; dynamic rookies Reggie Bush and Marques Colston; and a scheme created by Coach of the Year Sean Payton.

Of course, the Bears look inside their

huddle and see some big-time playmakers, too. Particularly No. 54 in the middle.

"We have some pretty good players on the defensive side of the ball. We have some guys that can run to the ball," defensive end Adekunle Ogundimu said. "We've got Brian Urlacher and Lance Briggs, both All-Pro linebackers, guys who can run with any of their running backs or tight ends."

"I am really excited about the matchup they pose for us, but we are not scared. We know that we will be able to match up well with them because we have some athletic guys on our side of the ball, too."

None more than Urlacher, a former safety in college at New Mexico, whose athleticism is unequaled on the Bears, if not in the entire league. And Urlacher must be a force this Sunday for the

Bears to advance, whether it's against the powerful rushes of McAllister or the darting runs of Bush. Whether it's dropping back in coverage against New Orleans' tall and talented wideouts, or blitzing Brees.

"Obviously the Bears' defense in general is a great defense," Bush said. "They've been playing great football all year. They're almost all like an offense because they score points. They put points on the board and they get turnovers for their offense, which allows the offense to score touchdowns, so really you've got to be fundamentally sound. Obviously they do have key players like Brian Urlacher and Briggs, and

their defensive end, Alex Brown, and those guys."

For the key guy, Urlacher, thinking beyond the game plan and defensive signals and the myriad tasks at hand is fruitless. Sure, a Super Bowl berth is at stake. But once the game begins Sunday, he claims Miami will be a distant shore far from his mind.

"I'm thinking about this game and, personally, I want to win, No. 1," he said. "Whatever happens with me, if I can help our team win, that's a plus. I want to win this game and that is what I am looking at. Afterwards, maybe if we get to where we want to go, we can talk about all that good stuff."

COACHES

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viewed because he's my son. He's being interviewed because he is a legit candidate for the job."

This week, Shula has done some lobbying for Reeves, who played or coached in nine Super Bowls, an NFL record. B

"This guy should be a future Hall of Fame coach," Shula said. "You look at his numbers and put them down in comparison with some of the coaches that are in the Hall of Fame. Dan's numbers are as good or better than some of the coaches that are already in, so it's just a question of time."

Reeves has a dubious 0-4 record in Super Bowls

as a coach — three losses with Denver and one in Atlanta. He played in five Super Bowls with the Dallas Cowboys, winning two.

"People put a lot of credibility as a player and as a coach whether you win the Super Bowl or not," Reeves said.

He hopes to have one more chance for that elusive coaching victory.

COLTS

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their two-time MVP quarterback "can't win the big game."

"I've played with him in a lot of games that I thought were big games and he's come through," wide receiver Reggie Wayne said Friday. "Who decides what's a big game?"

His New England counterpart said the same.

"Peyton is a great quarterback. We all know that," Tom Brady said. "He's not someone you want to stand on the sideline and watch with the ball at the end of the game because you know what he can do."

The knocks on Manning stem in part from the comparison to Brady.

The New England quarterback is 12-1 in the playoffs and has won three titles with the Patriots, twice driving them into range for the winning field goal in the final seconds. That has won him two Super Bowl MVP awards.

Manning has two regular-season MVP trophies and a host of NFL records, including 49 touchdown passes in 2004.

But his postseason won-lost mark is just 5-6 and this year he has thrown just one touchdown pass with five interceptions in wins over Kansas City and Baltimore. He noted after the 15-6 win over the Ravens last week that he would take five more picks in the next two games if the Colts won them because that would mean they'd have a Super Bowl victory.

That's where the world "validate" comes in again.

Manning's coach, Tony Dungy, has a regular-season winning percentage of .644 and is still trying to get to his first Super Bowl. He has coached teams to championship games in both conferences and has a Super Bowl ring as a player with the 1978 Pittsburgh Steelers.

He noted during the week that like it or not, quarterbacks are defined by titles, noting that Hall of Famers Bart Starr, Terry Bradshaw and Joe Montana are singled out for their Super Bowl wins and that Dan Fouts and Dan Marino, also Hall of Famers, are there despite not winning a ring.

Manning is 30 and has time to make it into the former category rather than the latter. But he also is aware that nothing is guaranteed in an era of free agency and the salary

cap, noting that teams change quickly — there are just 18 Colts left from the team that lost the AFC title game three years ago.

That's why he thinks in the present.

"There's nothing we can do to change the outcome

of those games," he said. "I think one thing this team has been able to do is bounce back from what happened the year before and the year before that."

The next test comes Sunday evening. Could validation be on the horizon?



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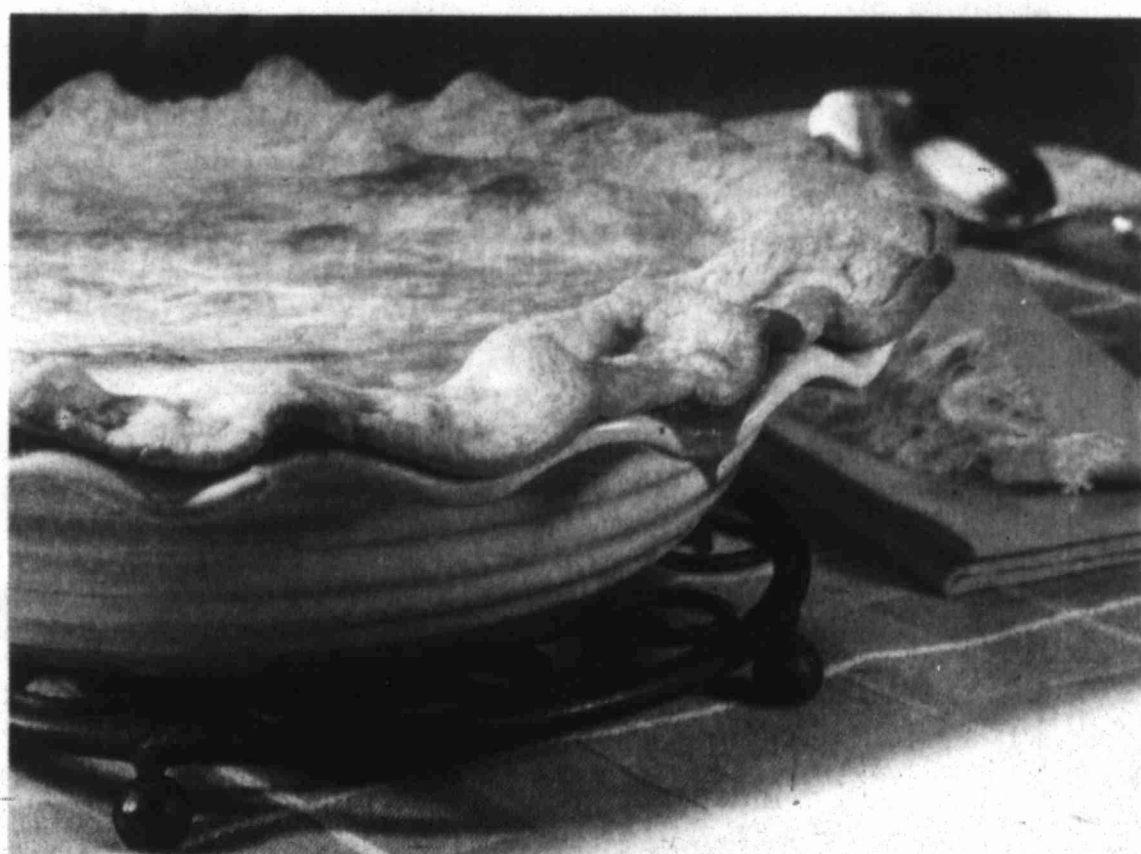
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sibility to transform beef, salt pork, dried pinto beans, flour, cornmeal, lard, molasses and spices into appetizing meals."

Perini continues, "Tomatoes were among the first canned goods. If cowboys were lucky, they had a cook who could make a fresh-tasting salsa from these tomatoes. It was such a welcome addition that picante sauce is still considered a cowboy cooking staple among chuckwagon and ranch cooks today."

Tom Perini owns the Perini Ranch Steakhouse, named one of "America's Great Rural Restaurants" by Gourmet magazine.

Rib-Eye Steak

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

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 beef rib-eye steaks (about 1 pound each), 1 inch thick
- 1 24-ounce jar Pace Picante Sauce
- 1 8-ounce package shredded Monterey Jack cheese (about 2 cups)
- 1 small onion, chopped (about 1/4 cup)
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced (about 1 tablespoon)
- 1 small tomato, chopped (about 1/2 cup)

1. Heat oil in 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add steaks and cook about 10 minutes or until medium-rare, turning steaks halfway through cooking.
2. Add picante sauce and heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cook 10 minutes.
3. Divide cheese between steaks. Cover and cook until cheese melts. Top with onion, pepper and tomato.

Inspired from a recipe by J. Arthur Garcia, Two Circle G Chuckwagon, Lubbock, Texas

Picante Peach Cobbler

Prep time: 10 minutes
Stand time: 15 minutes
Bake time: 40 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Makes: 8 servings

- 1 24-ounce jar Pace Picante Sauce
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 29-ounce can cling peach halves, drained and chopped
- 1/2 15-ounce package refrigerated pie crust (1 crust)

1. Mix picante sauce, brown sugar, flour, cinnamon and salt in 3-quart saucepan. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture boils. Reduce heat to low. Cook and stir 2 minutes more or until mixture thickens. Stir in peaches. Remove from heat and let cool. Pour mixture into 9-inch deep-dish pie plate.
2. Heat oven to 400°F. Let pie crust stand at room temperature 15 minutes or until it's easy to handle. Gently put the pie crust over the sauce mixture; crimp or roll edges to seal. Cut slits in crust with knife.
3. Bake 40 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Serve warm.

Inspired from a Tomato Cobbler recipe by Daryle Hester, 2H Hester's Chuckwagon, Fort Worth, Texas

Shredded Pork Burritos With Green Chile Sauce

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 8 to 10 hours
Stand time: 10 minutes
Makes: 12 burritos

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 large onion, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 16-ounce jar Pace Medium Chunky Salsa
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- 1 cup water
- 1 medium red pepper, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 8 green onions, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 bunch fresh cilantro, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1/4 cup lemon pepper seasoning
- 1/4 cup ground cumin
- 1/4 cup chili powder
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 4-pound boneless pork loin roast, netted or tied
- 1 4-ounce can Pace Diced Green Chiles
- 12 10-inch flour tortillas, warmed
- 1 8-ounce package shredded Monterey Jack cheese (about 2 cups)

1. Heat oil in 12-inch skillet over medium heat. Add onion and garlic and cook until tender. Stir the salsa, water, red pepper, green onions, cilantro, lemon pepper, cumin, chili powder and lime juice into the skillet.
2. Put roast into 5-quart slow cooker. Pour salsa mixture over roast.
3. Cover and cook on low 8 to 10 hours or until meat is fork-tender.
4. Remove roast; place on cutting board and let stand 10 minutes. Use two forks to shred pork.
5. Spoon 5 cups salsa mixture from cooker into 2-quart saucepan. Stir in chiles. Cook over medium-high heat to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cook and stir 15 minutes or until mixture thickens.
6. Spoon 1 cup shredded pork down center of each tortilla. Top with 2 tablespoons green chile sauce. Fold sides of tortilla over and then fold up ends to enclose filling. Divide remaining green chile sauce and cheese over burritos.

Inspired from a recipe by Barbara Kennedy, Cowgirls Forever Chuckwagon, Desert Hills, Ariz.

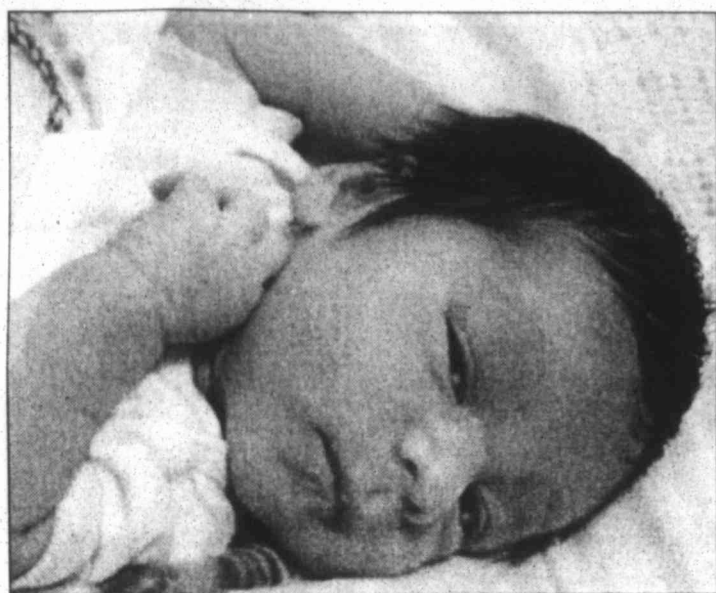
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Trystan Jaye Gonzales

Trystan Jaye Gonzales, a boy, was born Dec. 29, 2006, at 9:43 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Maria Carrillo and David Gonzales Jr. of Big Spring. Maternal grandparents are Margie Garcia and Manuel DeLeon; great-grandparents are Ben Sr. and Ophelia Garcia and Elisa Carrillo, all of Big Spring.

Paternal grandparents are Lori Juarez and David Gonzales Sr.; great-grandparents are Yolanda and Cruz Juarez and Linda Gonzales and Arturo Hernandez, all of Big Spring.

Trystan was welcomed home by his aunt, Crystal.



Brinley Shay Woods

Brinley Shay Woods, a girl, was born Dec. 22, 2006, at 11:16 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. Parents are Brandon and Lindsay Woods of Big Spring. Maternal grandparents are Jackie and Tammy Wilks. Paternal grandparents are Phil and Karen Woods.

Brinley was welcomed home by big brother, Jaden Woods.

Cayden Alexander Martinez

Cayden Alexander Martinez, a boy, was born Jan. 13, 2007, at 9:44 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long. His parents are Angel and Lydia Martinez of Uvalde. Maternal grandparents are Oscar and Alicia Flores of Uvalde. Paternal grandparents are Angel and Elsa Martinez of San Antonio.

Cayden was welcomed home by siblings Angel III, Ivan and Gabi Martinez.

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Weddings

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Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Smith

Kassi Dawn Hutchison and Brandon Jake Smith, both of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows Dec. 30, 2006, at 6 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Elwin Collom presiding.

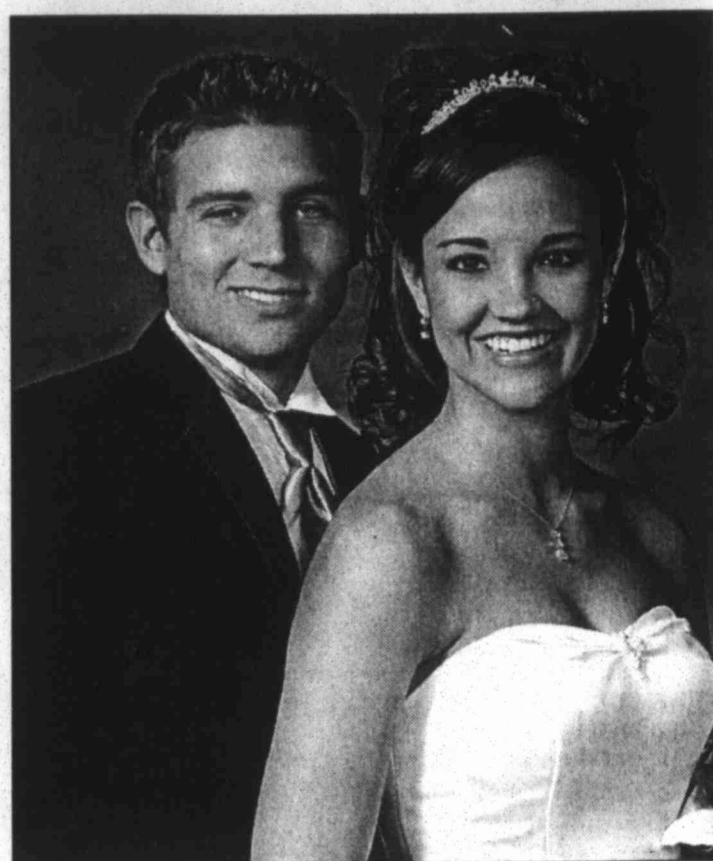
The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Evans of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stroud of Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Nunn of Springtown and Mr. and Mrs. Don Evans of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Smith of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith of Big Spring, Horace Murdock of Big Spring and the late Margie Murdock.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Randy and Karri Evans. She chose a strapless satin ball gown with beaded corset and crystal accented cinched pickup skirt. She carried an elongated bouquet of colypso blue and white lilies.

The bridesmaids were Brandi Guerrero, Kristi Hutchison, Brandi Smith and Emily Burgess. They wore colypso blue satin beaded gowns and carried white lilies. Macey Evans and Olivia Farris served as flower girls and Evan Guerrero was the ring bearer.

The groomsmen were Jerrod Smith, Sam Tindol, Trevor Bibb and Will Kingston.



Menus

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Monday — Breakfast, grilled cheese, juice, milk; Lunch, Hamburger, lettuce, tomato and pickles, tater tots, baby carrots with ranch, chocolate pudding cup, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast, muffin and graham cracker, juice, milk; Lunch, golden fish strips, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, fresh fruit, hot roll, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast, breakfast sausage roll, juice, milk; Lunch — carne quisada, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, flour tortilla, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast, pancake and sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, green beans, fruited gelatin, Texas toast, frozen yogurt, milk.

Friday — Breakfast, cereal and graham cracker, juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, salad, broccoli with ranch, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday — Breakfast, peanut butter uncrustable, fruit punch, milk; Lunch, corn dog, potato rounds, fresh veggie medley, melon slices, milk (high school choice stromboli).

Tuesday — Breakfast, breakfast pocket, kiwi, milk; Lunch, steak fingers, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, pineapple tidbits, wheat roll, milk (high school choice grilled chicken sandwich).

Wednesday — Breakfast, cheese stick, grape juice, milk; Lunch, ravioli, garden salad, black eye peas, apple, gar-

lic roll (high school choice bacon cheddar burger).

Thursday — Breakfast, cereal, sausage patty, tropical fruit cup, milk; Lunch, Mexican wrap, Spanish rice, Ranch Style Beans, fruit cobbler, milk (high school choice popcorn chicken).

Friday — Breakfast, French toast, apple juice, milk; Lunch, Barbecue on bun, pickle slices, chips, Pork and Beans, pear half, milk (high school choice chicken fajita salad).

New Hope Christian School

Monday — grilled ham and cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, pineapple, milk

Tuesday — hamburger, French fries, mixed fruit, milk.

Wednesday — corn dog, corn, carrots, milk.

Thursday — Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, mixed fruit salad, milk.

Friday — beef and bean burrito, corn, tossed salad, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday — Breakfast, sweetened rice, ham, grape juice, milk; Lunch, nacho grande, baked beans, pineapple, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast, French toast, sausage, syrup, apple juice, milk; Lunch, homemade burritos, tater tots, apples, milk, corn dogs.

Wednesday — Breakfast, biscuits, gravy, sausage, orange juice, milk; Lunch, soft taco, salad, pinto beans, cookies, milk, burritos.

Thursday — Breakfast, waffles, sausage, syrup, grape juice, milk; Lunch, spaghetti, corn, peaches, bread, milk, barbecue beef on bun, pickle spears.

Friday — Breakfast, oatmeal, ham, variety juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, salad, oranges, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday — Breakfast, cereal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, burrito, tossed salad, corn, orange smiles, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast, breakfast pizza, juice, milk; Lunch, fish with tartar sauce, cole slaw, macaroni and cheese, hush puppies, sliced peaches with cream, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast, biscuit, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, carne quisada, pinto beans, corn, orange smiles, picante sauce, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast, French toast, stix, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, roll, frozen yogurt, milk.

Friday — Breakfast, breakfast burrito, juice, milk; Lunch, hot dog with chili and cheese, chips, corn, fruit, milk.

Who's Who

Gloria (Rich) Frentzel graduated from Southern Nazarene University in Tulsa, Okla.,

on Dec. 9, 2006, with a master of science in Nursing Education. Gloria is the granddaughter of the late Felipe and Rosanda Lujan of Big Spring.

She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1967 and Howard College Vocational School of Nursing in 1969. She married Charles Frentzel (who was stationed at Webb Airforce base) in 1969. She and her husband of 37 years have two sons, Scott and Kurt.

Gloria has worked at Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma for almost 37 years. Other relatives still living in Big Spring include three aunts, Anita Lujan, Luz Campos and Juana Limon, and two close cousins, Josephine Stevenson and Richard Delgado.



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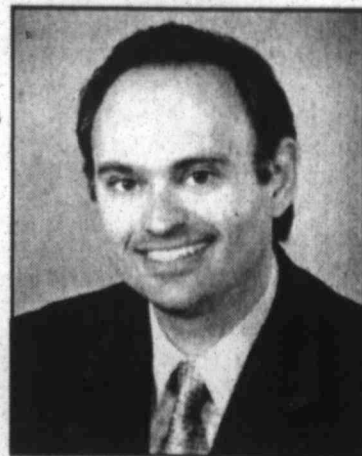
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Counterculture meets mall culture as Grace Slick peddles 'Alice' art

By SUE KOVACH SHUMAN

The Washington Post

Grace Slick says she can't remember a lot of things, which is perhaps no surprise given how much she drank and drugged herself into oblivion during her reign as a rock-and-roll queen. But she knows who she is today: "I'm a 67-year-old fat, white-haired, liver-spotted woman."

Of her body, she says, "It's all lumpy stuff with lines."

Ahem. Anything else? "I think old people are scary," says the former hippie vixen. "They remind you of your own death. People don't like to tell you that."

This is where Grace Slick likes to be: in your face, her blue eyes holding you hostage, unleashing verbal assaults. As lead singer for the Jefferson Airplane in the 1960s and the group it begat in the '70s, Jefferson Starship, she was a voice of countercultural transgression. Now she's an artist holding court at a gallery in a suburban shopping mall, where some 150 people have come to see her paintings and drawings. But mostly it is a chance for them to set their eyes on a legend, the woman who did all those bad things that horrified parents — and survived.

Polka-dotted teacups are set on a table at the Wentworth Gallery in Fashion Centre at Pentagon City in Arlington, Va., in a tribute to Slick, whose work revolves around "Alice's Adventures" in Wonderland, "nudes and rock musicians (live ones like Eric Clapton, but more often dead ones like Jim Morrison, Jimi Hendrix, Jerry Garcia and Janis Joplin).

Near the gallery's entrance, a poster of a young woman stares hard into you, eyes peeking out from under thick brown bangs: It's an iconic 1968 photo of Slick, then about 28, wearing a green Girl Scouts USA shirt.

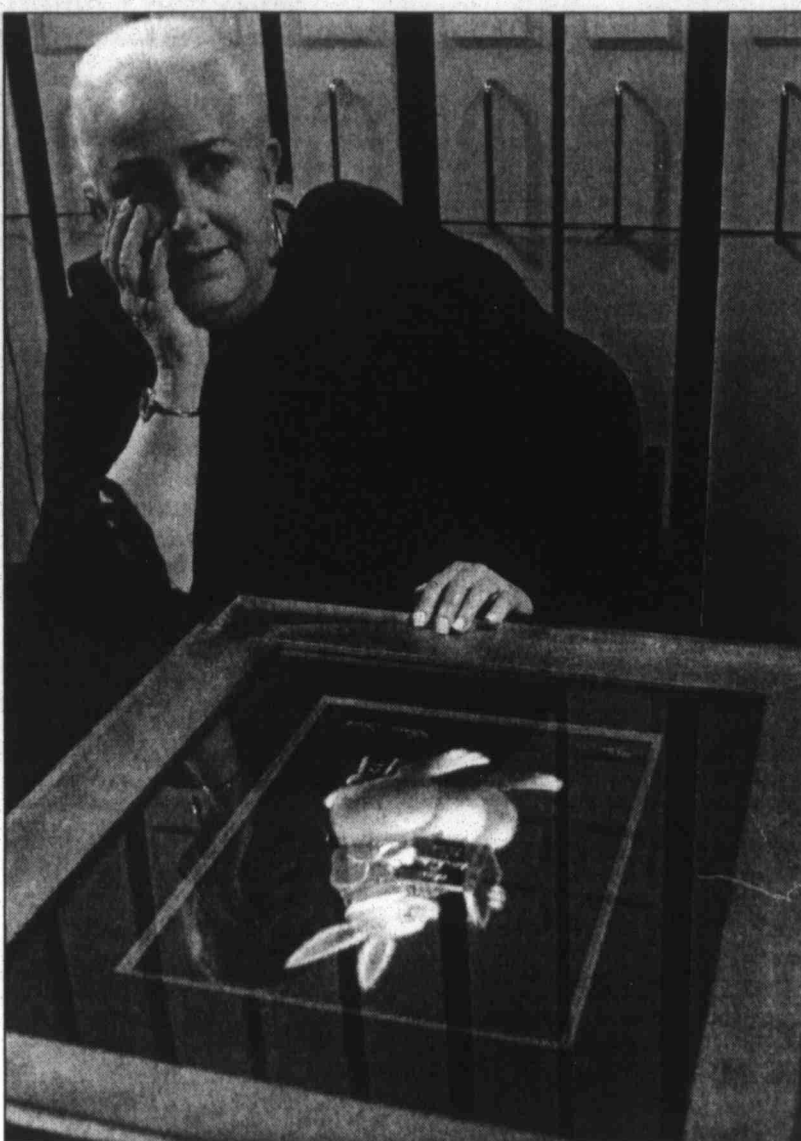
Today Slick's thick white hair is in a ponytail that cascades to her waist; she wears silver hoop earrings the diameter of a small yogurt container. Her black-fringed sweater poncho is paired with pencil-cut black jeans; a deep red chenille scarf drapes her shoulders. When she smiles, which isn't often, she is radiant.

Before taking the first of several cigarette breaks, she pops out a false incisor, then shoves it back in.

What happened to her tooth? "It fell out," she barks. "I'm old."

Back in 1970, Grace Slick came to Washington for a very different purpose: a White House reception hosted by Tricia Nixon. The event's organizers weren't aware that her song "Mexico" was a scathing critique of President Nixon's anti-drug policy. Nonetheless, she was denied entrance because she'd brought along Abbie Hoffman, whose name was synonymous with radical. Slick said afterward she would have spiked Nixon's tea with LSD if she'd gotten in.

She was a hero of her generation for such bold provocations. At Wentworth Gallery they want to hear about her glory days, tidbits about



Forty years after writing "White Rabbit" — a song she describes as "a slap to parents" — Grace Slick of Jefferson Airplane fame draws and paints white rabbits. She was at an Arlington, Va., mall for a showing and sale of her artwork, which includes themes of rock celebrities and Alice in Wonderland.

the Summer of Love and Woodstock, her ex-husbands (Jerry Slick and Skip Johnson), and daughter China's father, Paul Kantner. And to share their memories.

"I saw you in March 1970 at the Spectrum in Philadelphia," management consultant Jamison Hawkins tells her. "It was my first case of rock-and-roll ecstasy."

"I saw you the first time in Atlantic City," chimes in retired accountant Tom Wilson. Like others, he is carrying the

Airplane's 1967 vinyl LP, "Surrealistic Pillow," hoping for Slick's autograph. (But this isn't an autograph-signing op, unless you purchase art. Sorry.)

Slick doesn't sing anymore, but her songs are still heard on classic rock radio stations. "I'm not a genius, but I don't suck" at songwriting, she says. "White Rabbit" is her most commercially popular song — and royalties still roll in, which, combined with art sales, is enough to sustain her in a

stucco-and-tile house on two acres in Malibu, Calif. She describes the song as "a slap to parents." Very loosely based on Lewis Carroll's works, it's all about drugs.

The White Rabbit, Mad Hatter, hookah-smoking caterpillar and other Carroll characters inhabit many of Slick's artworks. As the gallery music gets louder — all Grace Slick hits, all night — people come, see, and some buy.

Slick's art includes acrylics, sketches and scratchboard; they range from \$1,200 to \$19,000. Art critics have panned her work. In 2000, the Wall Street Journal's David Littlejohn said of Slick's art posted on a Web site, "They're terrible." Slick says she took one art class at the University of Miami (but adds that she went there to party and to date football players). She creates about 120 pieces a year.

"I was a member of the psychedelic substance crowd," says John Jacobs, 66, an artist and writer who buys "Hooka Smoking Caterpillar" for \$1,495. He's wearing red corduroy trousers, a turquoise paisley jacket and a multicolored top hat. With a psychotherapist, "I had three sessions with LSD," he explains.

The Clements family — Don and Sara, with daughter Haley, 10 — buy the print "White Rabbit Remembering the Good

Old Days," a giclee (a high-resolution reproduction of the original, produced from digital scans) for \$1,525. It will hang in their living room. "I've been a big fan of Grace Slick," Don Clements says.

While autographing their purchase, Slick explains that her father, an investment banker, wore only three-piece suits. "I made that bunny look like my father."

On the wall, the White Rabbit print is accompanied by one of Slick's musings: "If we had a good time, we can look at youthful indiscretions with quiet amusement."

A year ago, Slick was struggling for life. It wasn't the drugs, or her battles with alcoholism, that nearly did her in. In an interview, she described her case of diverticulitis more colorfully than a doctor might: "It started with lower gut pain and the doctor screwed around with my intestines and sewed ne

back up." Complications led to two more surgeries and a tracheotomy, and a medically induced coma for two months while she healed. She says she went into rehab and had to learn to walk again. Scott Hann, her manager, says Slick might be making up for lost time; she plans 35 exhibits this year. "She works all the time," he says.

Has a near-death experience tamed her or made her religious? She says she rises at 4 a.m. and paints. She'll throw on sweats and sit in her favorite chair, look out at the Pacific Ocean or her lush garden for inspiration.

She philosophizes, formulating her aphorisms. Like: "Old people should be heard but not seen. Young people should be seen, not heard."

And: "You don't stop your life because of some unpleasantness."

And: "Old people are rotting. I'm rotting. You're rotting."

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Texas unemployment rate dips to 4.5 percent

AUSTIN (AP) — State unemployment fell in December to 4.5 percent — the lowest rate in five years — as thousands of jobs were added in industries from finance to utilities, the Texas Workforce Commission reported Friday.

The jobless rate slipped from 4.7 percent in November, according to the commission.

The last time Texas had an unemployment rate as low as 4.5 percent was March 2001,

according to commission spokeswoman Ann Hatchitt.

The unemployment rate was calculated using figures that were adjusted for seasonal trends in hiring and firing, which most economists believe gives a better picture of the job market.

The agency did not release information about unemployment in local areas. The commission blamed icy weather in Austin earlier in the week,

which delayed gathering local and industry-specific information.

The agency said it would release local market information next week.

Texas' unemployment rate for December was in line with the national jobless rate of 4.5 percent, as announced by the U.S. Labor Department two weeks ago. Nationwide, employers added an estimated 167,000 people to payrolls in December.

If the Texas Workforce Commission's estimates are accurate, the state would have accounted for about one-fourth of that increase.

Initial claims for unemployment benefits in Texas rose slightly, to 56,501 in December from 56,392 in November.

According to the commission, the number of Texans who were employed rose to more than 11.1 million in December, and ranks of the unemployed

fell to 521,900 from 552,000 in November.

A year ago, the state's official jobless rate was 5.2 percent.

Using separate figures that were not adjusted for seasonal hiring, the jobless rate fell even further, to 4.1 percent from 4.6 percent. The unadjusted drop in the number of jobless Texans was also sharper, to 475,300 from 533,300.

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Stock outlook for '07

Current forecasts
are very optimistic

By JEFF BROWN

McClatchy-Tribune

Is the stock market outlook for 2007 good? Or is it bad?

Two old saws, each with a solid track record, are flashing different signals.

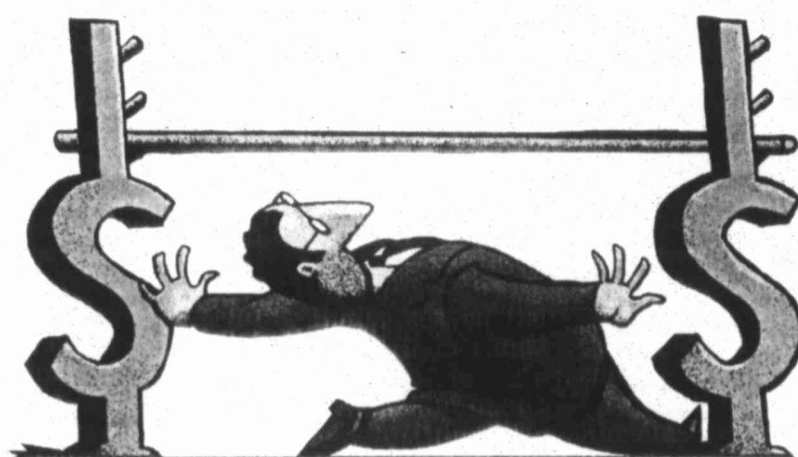
The first says that the year takes its up or down lead from the first five trading days. So we should be concerned, as stocks fell slightly from Jan. 3 to 9.

The second, known as the January Barometer, says stock results for the full month of January telegraph the year's results. Because of a nice bump late last week, stocks were up for the month through Friday. That's a good sign — but lots of January is left.

Of course, there's never a guarantee the future will follow past patterns. So, in the annual ritual of year-ahead forecasting, analysts focus on factors such as corporate earnings, interest rates, oil prices and so on.

Generally, the current forecasts are optimistic, suggesting stocks will do well, though maybe not as well as in 2006, when the Standard & Poor's 500, the chief market index, returned nearly 16 percent.

Among the positive signs is the



ratio of stock prices to corporate earnings for the past 12 months. For the Standard & Poor's 500, it's just over 16, not far above the 15.7 average since 1935, and well below the average of 26.5 since 1996.

The lower the number, the better. High numbers mean stocks are riskier because investors are paying more for every dollar of earnings. If they come to think they are paying too much, stock prices fall.

"Pessimists are finding it harder to be pessimists," Ed Yardeni, chief investment strategist for Yardeni Research Inc., wrote in a memo to investors Friday.

After digesting the reams of recent experts' forecasts, he found much the same consensus I did. Let's look at some of the key ones:

—Interest rates. Recent statements by Federal Reserve officials

show they still worry about inflation and are less likely to cut interest rates this year than many observers had thought a couple of months ago.

This is a bit of a disappointment since falling rates can be good for stocks. But rates aren't very high by historical standards and not many experts think the Fed will raise them. Higher rates can hurt stocks. So the interest-rate expectations are relatively good.

—Housing. The housing industry is a big part of the economy, so its health is important. Also, in recent years soaring home prices have allowed homeowners to refinance, freeing up money for spending. That's been good for corporate profits, which is good for stocks.

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New job for a new year?

Workforce Commission offers
steps for a successful job search

AUSTIN — A popular New Year's resolution — finding a new job — may be easier than ever this year, according to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The Texas labor market has continued to gain momentum over the past year, providing more opportunities for jobs. Texas employers added 213,200 jobs over the last 12 months, according to TWC, with November marking 27 consecutive months of job growth. Employment reached a record level at 11,118,200 workers. Ten of 11 major industry sectors added jobs over the year.

"The Texas Workforce Commission and the network of 28 local workforce boards offer resources to help job seekers find employment that matches their abilities and interests," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "A wide range of career-development tools, including WorkInTexas.com, training programs and career guidance, are available at workforce centers across Texas."

To help job seekers maximize the existing opportunities in today's labor market, TWC has developed steps toward a successful job hunt.

- Examine your work history, achievements and education to help you discern your qualifications and expectations.

- Write your résumé and one or more cover letters that you can later personalize to fit a job opening. Proofread all correspondence.

- Register on WorkInTexas.com, TWC's no-cost, online employment resource for employers and job seekers that boasts more than 74,114 available positions statewide.

- Network. Ask acquaintances, friends and relatives to keep an eye out for openings.

- Call contacts and references to inform them of your intent to apply for jobs, and ask their permission to list them as references.

- Research job listings and potential companies.

- Contact potential employers by mail, e-mail, phone or fax to apply for the desired position. Many companies encourage applying through company Web sites.

- Practice interview skills.

- Schedule an interview and arrive 10 minutes early.

- Exhibit your working

TDCJ plans hiring seminar for Thursday

Recruiters from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) believe they have lucrative package employment package and would like to tell potential employees about it at a special hiring seminar to be held at the Workforce Network of Big Spring, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25.

"We offer individuals an opportunity to play an important role in the criminal justice system as a correctional officer," said TDCJ Employment Manager Jan Thornton. "They can enjoy employment stability while building a secure future in a career field of growing importance."

With the additional pay raise approved by the legislature last year, a TDCJ correctional officer in good standing will earn \$2,024.98 monthly after three months service, and \$2,200.08 monthly after nine months service.

After the third year of service (37-48 months) most COs are earning more than \$30,000 annually. Flexible retirement program features provide retirement annuity options even for those who do not join TDCJ until their 40s, 50s and 60s.

"Shift schedules that provide 'extended weekends' are in place at Lamesa, Snyder and Colorado City units," said Scott Williams, TDCJ's recruiting administrator. "Some units offer four-day-on/four-day-off schedules, while others provide conventional 8-hour shifts and six-day-on/three-day-off schedules. This work format is helpful for individuals who would like the benefits of a full-time income and still have time for other interests, education plans or family needs."

Another new benefit for TDCJ correctional

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knowledge of the company and the available position.

- Send the interviewer(s) a personal thank-you note.

Workforce professionals are available at the Big Spring Texas Workforce Network at 310 Owens.

NRCS Texas State Conservationist to retire

TEMPLE — Dr. Larry D. Butler, state conservationist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Texas, has announced his retirement effective March 2.

"As an NRCS employee for almost 33 years and as a native Texan, I can think of no higher honor than to have served as state conservationist for Texas," Butler said. "Texas is a leader in conservation, and I am proud to have had the privilege of working with many conservation landowners that made that happen."

Butler began his career as a soil conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), now NRCS, in San Angelo in 1974 following his graduation from Texas Tech

University with a bachelor's degree in wildlife management. He also served as a range conservationist and district conservationist in Del Rio and as wildlife biologist in College Station and Bryan, where he completed a master's degree at Texas A&M University in 1980. He held the positions of district conservationist in San Antonio and area conservationist in Pecos. He left Texas in 1987 and served as regional range conservationist for 13 western states after completing his doctorate degree at Utah State University in 1990.

Butler returned to Texas in 1994 to serve as resource conservationist for 13 southern states. When SCS reorganized in 1995 and became the



Butler

NRCS, Butler served the entire nation as a range conservationist in the National Grazing Lands Technology Institute. He served as director of the Institute for five years where he was responsible

for all NRCS grazing lands technology development and transfer for private lands in the United States. In 2002, Butler became the tenth Texas state conservationist where he was responsible for direction and supervision of all NRCS programs and personnel throughout Texas.

Texas Tech University's Range, Wildlife, and Fisheries Department honored Butler as their Outstanding Alumnus in 2005. "For his demonstrated strong leadership in preserving and improving our natural resources throughout Texas and the Nation."

Texas Tech's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources will bestow

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Contractor awareness program set Feb. 15 here

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education — Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Howard County Fair Barn.

The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities.

A free dinner will be catered by KD's Bar-B-Q for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Borden, Glasscock, Howard, Mitchell, Scurry and Sterling counties. Following the dinner, a brief safety program will

be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities. The Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will be discussed. Sponsors will provide promotional materials, including notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other safety reminders.

Each year many lives

are injured or lost, plus millions of dollars in repairs and lost products are incurred due to "third party" incidents — someone digging into a pipeline. Thousands of communications, some life-threatening, may be disrupted when expensive fiber-optic cables are damaged or severed. These types of excavation can be financially devastating to the responsible party. This safety program is an attempt to help those who do excavation work to avoid such situations.

Sponsors for the program include Alon USA LP, Chevron Pipe Line

Co., Davis Gas Processing Inc., Enbridge Pipelines (Texas Intrastate) LLC, Enterprise Products Operating LP, Operators of Seminole Pipeline Co., Holly Energy Partners LP, Kinder Morgan Wink Pipelines LP, Louis Dreyfus Pipeline LP, Plains Pipeline LP, Sunoco Pipeline LP, Targa Texas Field Services LP.

The fair barn is located on the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl grounds on old West Highway 80.

For more information call (800) 982-8752 or visit the Web site at www.pipelinegroup.com.

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District Court Filings:

Misty Gonzales vs. Joe Gonzales, divorce.
John Gerard Escovedo vs.

Rachael Lynn Ruiz, divorce.
Jesus Medina vs. Maria T. Medina, divorce.
FIA Card Services vs. Deanne Lester, accounts, notes and contracts.
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Palisades Collection vs. George R. Harrington, accounts, notes and contracts.
U.S. Portfolio Recovery vs. Mary H. Bustamante, accounts, notes and contracts.
Crown Asset Management vs. Rendle Feaster, accounts, notes and contracts.
Cecilia Alvarado vs. Old Dominion Freight Line Inc., injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
James Lee Greenhill vs. Dana R. Lockhart, injury or damages

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Marriage Licenses:
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Randy Hernandez, 20, and Brenda Magdalena Puga, 23, both of Big Spring.
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Michael Daves Ramirez, 24, and Danielle Lemon, 22, both of Big Spring.
Jose Trinidad Cantu, 25, and Rebecca Ann Bustamante, 27, both of Big Spring.
Richard Dale Copeland, 63, and Janice Elaine Fields, 58, both of Big Spring.
Joe Robert Castillo, 21, and Jennifer Nicole Montez, 19, both of Big Spring.

H-E-B recognized for innovative partnerships with schools

Recently, H-E-B was announced as a recipient of the prestigious Texas Association Partners in Education Gold Award in the category "Texas Large Corporate Partnership." The award recognizes H-E-B as a corporate leader in the development of innovative partnerships with public schools across Texas.

H-E-B will receive its award at the TAPE Partnership Awards Reception and Banquet to be held at the Austin Convention Center on Jan. 30. Awards are bestowed upon a select group from more than 200 Texas businesses, community groups and individuals as TAPE part-

ners. Award recipients receive either a Crystal Award or a Gold Award in their category.

Annually, H-E-B donates more than \$2 million to support education initiatives across the state and has created its own signature programs including the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards, Read Write Connect, and Classroom Champions.

H-E-B launched the Excellence in Education awards program in 2002 as a positive way to support public education in Texas. A major goal of the Excellence in Education awards is to make a statement about the great things going on in Texas public schools — to spot-

light best practices and to celebrate the work of Texas educators. Since its inception, more than \$2.5 million has been given to 773 educators and 155 schools and districts across the state. This is the largest monetary awards program for educators in Texas and one of the largest in the nation.

As part of the Excellence in Education program, Elementary schools are invited to apply to become H-E-B "Mentor Schools." These selected schools are then partnered with their local H-E-B store and work closely with store leadership to design their own partnership programs, engage in joint activities

with store partners (H-E-B employees) and track volunteer hours and project outcomes — all activities culminating in a joint presentation made at the end of the school year that gives the school a chance to win up to \$5,000.

"H-E-B is investing in the future of Texas by encouraging the best from our educators and students alike," said Winell Herron, vice president of public affairs and diversity, H-E-B. "H-E-B believes in giving back to the communities in which it serves. These comprehensive education programs were developed with belief that as one of the largest grocers in Texas,

we can make a difference."

To bolster H-E-B's commitment to education, H-E-B additionally launched the 2006 Year of Literacy campaign. The campaign was designed to promote literacy among today's youth with various book promotions, book clubs, book signings and book recycling programs at stores across the state. Also part of the campaign, the state-wide Read Write Connect Short Story Contest kicked off in early February, 2006, awarding 10 semifinalists with a \$1,000 savings bond in October.

The two grand prize winners were awarded a four-year paid college

tuition scholarship. H-E-B worked with both elementary and secondary schools to collect over 2,500 short story entries from students all across the state.

H-E-B's Classroom Champions program, launched in 2002, strives to increase teachers' resources and improve every student's opportunities for success.

Each year, H-E-B stores encourage local schools to submit an entry for a grant in the form of H-E-B Gift Cards.

Amounts range from \$100 to \$500 per school. To date, H-E-B has donated over \$2 million to classrooms through this program.

STOCKS

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The housing market cooled last year, and a few months ago many experts thought it could collapse. That would undercut the economy and stock market.

But that hasn't happened, and fewer and fewer experts think it will.

—Oil prices. Many worried that high oil prices would ignite inflation in 2006, but it didn't. And now oil prices are falling, which is good for the economy and stock market (oil companies, aside).

Even those who say they are worried about the market don't seem to be very worried.

In an analysis issued last week, Haywood Kelly, chief securities analyst for Morningstar, the market data company, said the big run-up in stock prices in the last quarter of 2006 means stocks are not as "reasonably priced" as they were six months ago.

"As a result, we're heading into 2007 with a fairly pessimistic view of the stock market," Kelly said. "In fact, the median stock is priced to return single digits over the next three to five years, in our

view."

Despite the negative tone, single-digit returns are much better, obviously, than losses. And Kelly goes on to say returns should average about 8.8 percent a year for the next three years, which isn't bad.

Standard & Poor's notes that the third year of a presidential term, such as we're in now, usually provides better returns than any of the other three.

In its forecast, S&P says any damage from a housing slowdown or pullback in consumer spending would be offset by economic expansion from corporations, which are

sitting on unusually large cash reserves. Also, the weak U.S. dollar will make American goods and services cheaper for foreigners, allowing American companies to expand sales overseas.

Hence, the S&P 500 should return about 10 percent this year, the company says.

That would be just shy of its 10.5 percent annual average from January 1926 through December.

Most investors would be happy with that, I think. I would.

Jeff Brown is a business columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer.

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Texas has added 213,200 jobs over the past year. In December, the biggest gains came in trade, transportation and utilities, which added a combined 6,700 jobs. Increases were also reported in

finance, and natural resources, which includes oil and gas operations.

Karen Person, Texas regional manager for recruiting agency Spherion Corp., said hiring for technology, accounting, engineering and other professional jobs was strong in the state's major cities. Demand is strong enough

that salaries appear to be rising slightly and signing bonuses are coming back, she said.

"Some of our clients are trying to pay below-market," Person said. "Those are the companies that are losing their employee base."

Nationwide, jobs have been growing in engineering, health care, banking,

food service and education, helping offset softness in construction, which has been hurt by the housing slowdown, and in manufacturing.

Many economists predict the national jobless rate will rise this year and average around 4.9 percent, citing evidence that the economy is losing momentum.

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officers is the availability of a program to help with home ownership. The program currently provides 5 percent down payment grants and 30-year fixed rate mortgages at 5.94 percent to qualified first-time home buyers, on a first-come, first-served basis.

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their Distinguished Alumnus honor on him in February of this year. The Society for Range Management also honored Butler in 2005 with their Outstanding Achievement award.

Butler and his wife, Dorlene, make their home in Fort Worth.

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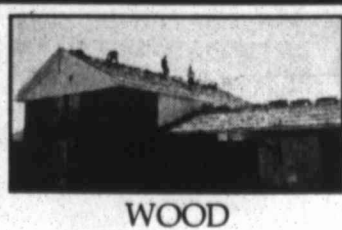
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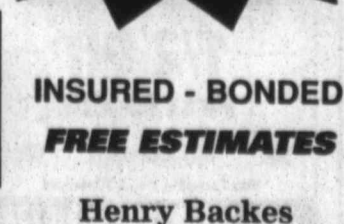
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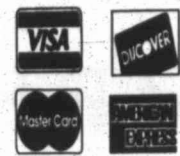
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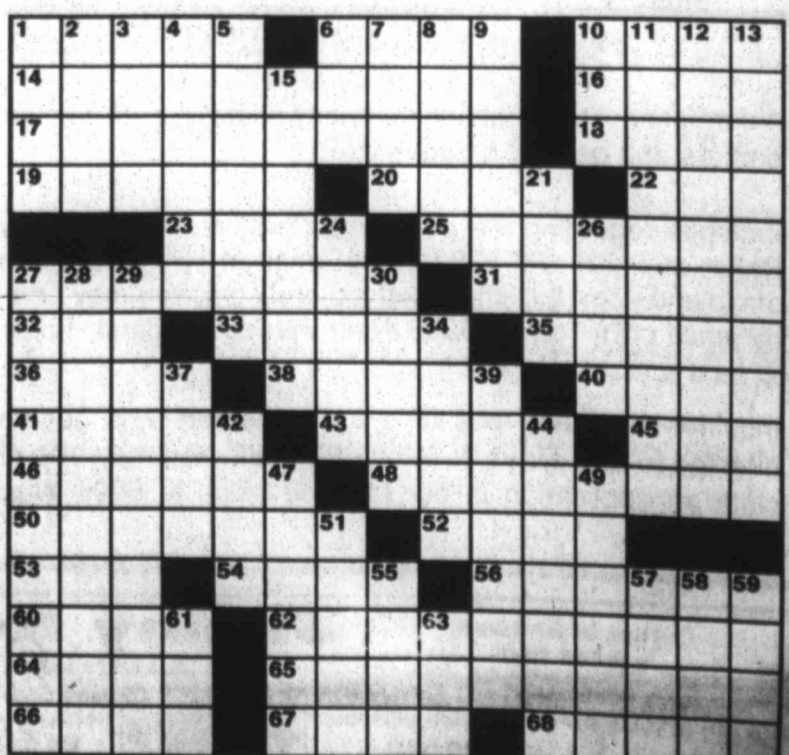
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Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Article 258.002(c) of the Texas Transportation Code, the Commissioners Court of Howard County, Texas provides this notice to the public of its intention to convene a public meeting to receive comment upon the adoption of a County Road Map including each road in which the County claims the continued existence of a public interest and a right of access and egress for maintenance of an existing County Road. The roads in which the county claims a public interest have been maintained for many years beginning some time prior to 1981 have previously been listed in notice included in the 2006-07 Ad Valorem Tax statement. A proposed County Road Map depicting each road in which the County claims a public interest is available for inspection by the public at the office of the County Judge in the County Courthouse, during business hours, commencing December 1, 2006.

The Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing on 2/6/07, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Howard County Courthouse. At this time, pursuant to Article 258.002(b), Texas Transportation Code, any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may appear before the Commissioners Court to object or protest the County's claim of its right to continue maintenance of the public roads depicted on the County Road Map. Any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may also file a written protest with the County Judge at any time before the time and date of the scheduled public hearing. By way of this procedure, the County make no claim affecting title, acreage, or ownership of the land but seeks merely to establish and document the right of the County to continue maintenance of the existing county road in its present location and dimension. Donna Wright County Clerk #5205 December 31, 2006 & January 7, 14, 21, 2007.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship for the Estate of Annie Mae Armistead, An Incapacitated Person, were issued on January 16, 2007, in Cause No. G-121, pending in the County Court, Howard County, Texas, to: ROSA LEE JOHNKE.

The residence of the Guardian is Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; and the address is: c/o: Rosa Lee Johnke 3808 Piper Road Big Spring, Texas 79720

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

DATED the 16th day of January, 2007.

GWENDOLYN K. DUNSON, P.C. 610 Main Street, Suite B P.O. Box 670 Big Spring, Texas 79721-0670 By: Gwendolyn K. Dunson Attorney for the Estate State Bar No.: 00795331 #52: 7 January 21, 2007

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
IN THE NAME AND BY THE
AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF
TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: **Jose Mendez Cuellar, Jr.**
if living, and if any or all of the
above named Defendants be dead,
the unknown heirs of the unknown
heirs of said above named per-
sons, and the unknown owner or
owners of the hereinafter described
land, and the executors, adminis-
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tatives, legatees and devisees of
the above named persons, and any
legal or equitable interest in or lien
upon the land described in Plain-
tiffs' petition on file in this cause,
to-wit:
**Lot 5, Blk 4, Mesa Addition, City of
Big Spring, Howard County,
Texas**
Which said property is delinquent
to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow-
ing amount: **\$3,584.60**, exclusive of
interest, penalties, and costs, and
there is included in this suit in addi-
tion to the taxes all said interest,
penalties, and costs thereon, al-
lowed by law up to and including
the day of judgment herein.
You are hereby notified that suit
has been brought by **HOWARD
COUNTY, ET AL** as Plaintiffs,
against **Jose Mendez Cuellar, Jr.**,
as Defendant(s), by amended peti-
tion filed on the **27th day of De-
cember, 2006**, in a certain suit

styled **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL
VS. JOSE MENDEZ CUELLAR,
JR.**, for collection of the taxes on
said property and that said suit is
now pending in the District Court of
Howard County, Texas 118th Judi-
cial District, and the file number of
said suit is **5143** that the names of
all taxing units which assess and
collect taxes on the property here-
inafter described, not made parties
to this suit, are **NONE**.
Plaintiffs and all other taxing units
who may set up their tax claims
herein seek recovery of delinquent
ad valorem taxes on the property
hereinafter described, thereon up
to and including the day of judg-
ment herein, and the establishment
and foreclosure of liens, if any, se-
curing the payment of same, as
provided by law.
All parties to this suit, including
Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Inter-
venors, shall take notice that
claims not only for any taxes which
were delinquent on said property at
the time this suit was filed but all
taxes becoming delinquent thereon
at any time thereafter up to the day
of judgment, including all interest,
penalties, and cost allowed by law
thereon, may, upon request there-
fore, be recovered herein without
further citation or notice to any
parties herein, and all said parties
shall take notice of and plead and
answer to all claims and pleadings
now on file in said causes by all

other parties herein, and all of
those taxing units above named
who may intervene herein and set
up their respective tax claims
against said property.
You are hereby commanded to
appear and defend such suit at or
before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the
first Monday after the expiration of
forty-two (42) days from and after
the date of issuance hereof, the
same being the **12th day of Feb-
ruary, 2007** before the Honorable
District Court of Howard County,
Texas, to be held at the courthouse
thereof, then and there to show
cause why judgment shall not be
rendered for such taxes, penalties,
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ing said property and ordering fore-
closure of the constitutional and
statutory tax liens thereon for taxes
due the Plaintiffs and the taxing
unit parties hereto, and those who
may intervene herein, together with
all interest, penalties, and costs al-
lowed by law up to and including
the day of judgment herein, and all
costs of this suit.
Issued and given under my hand
and seal of said court in the City of
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,
this 28th day of December, A.D.
2006.
Priscilla Ginnett
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5208 January 14 & 21, 2007

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
IN THE NAME AND BY THE
AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF
TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: **William L. Lee and wife,
Billie F. Lee**
if living, and if any or all of the
above named Defendants be dead,
the unknown heirs of the unknown
heirs of said above named per-
sons, and the unknown owner or
owners of the hereinafter described
land, and the executors, adminis-
trators, guardians, legal represen-
tatives, legatees and devisees of
the above named persons, and any
legal or equitable interest in or lien
upon the land described in Plain-
tiffs' petition on file in this cause,
to-wit:
**Tract No. II: Block No. 103 of the
Spence Subdivision of Section
No. 18, Block 34, TSP 1 South,
Howard County, Texas**
Which said property is delinquent
to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow-
ing amount: **\$805.82** exclusive of
interest, penalties, and costs, and
there is included in this suit in addi-
tion to the taxes all said interest,
penalties, and costs thereon, al-
lowed by law up to and including
the day of judgment herein.
You are hereby notified that suit
has been brought by **HOWARD
COUNTY, ET AL** as Plaintiffs,
against **William L. Lee and wife,
Billie F. Lee**, as Defendant(s), by
petition filed on the **27th day of**

December, 2006, in a certain suit
styled **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL
VS. WILLIAM L. LEE and wife,
BILLYE F. LEE**, for collection of
the taxes on said property and that
said suit is now pending in the Dis-
trict Court of Howard County,
Texas 118th Judicial District, and
the file number of said suit is **5055**
that the names of all taxing units
which assess and collect taxes on
the property hereinafter describ-
ed, not made parties to this
suit, are **NONE**.
Plaintiffs and all other taxing units
who may set up their tax claims
herein seek recovery of delinquent
ad valorem taxes on the property
hereinafter described, thereon up
to and including the day of judg-
ment herein, and the establishment
and foreclosure of liens, if any, se-
curing the payment of same, as
provided by law.
All parties to this suit, including
Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Inter-
venors, shall take notice that
claims not only for any taxes which
were delinquent on said property at
the time this suit was filed but all
taxes becoming delinquent thereon
at any time thereafter up to the day
of judgment, including all interest,
penalties, and cost allowed by law
thereon, may, upon request there-
fore, be recovered herein without
further citation or notice to any
parties herein, and all said parties
shall take notice of and plead and
answer to all claims and pleadings
now on file in said causes by all

other parties herein, and all of
those taxing units above named
who may intervene herein and set
up their respective tax claims
against said property.
You are hereby commanded to
appear and defend such suit at or
before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the
first Monday after the expiration of
forty-two (42) days from and after
the date of issuance hereof, the
same being the **12th day of Feb-
ruary, 2007** before the Honorable
District Court of Howard County,
Texas, to be held at the courthouse
thereof, then and there to show
cause why judgment shall not be
rendered for such taxes, penalties,
interest, and costs, and condemn-
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closure of the constitutional and
statutory tax liens thereon for taxes
due the Plaintiffs and the taxing
unit parties hereto, and those who
may intervene herein, together with
all interest, penalties, and costs al-
lowed by law up to and including
the day of judgment herein, and all
costs of this suit.
Issued and given under my hand
and seal of said court in the City of
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,
this 28th day of December, A.D.
2006.
Priscilla Ginnett
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5211 January 14 & 21, 2007

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**WEST TEXAS CENTERS for
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ext. 248 or 259. Bids are due by
noon January 26, 2007.
#5215 January 14 & 21, 2007

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
IN THE NAME AND BY THE
AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF
TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: **Davis E. Patterson aka
Davis Edgar Patterson**
if living, and if any or all of the
above named Defendants be dead,
the unknown heirs of the unknown
heirs of said above named per-
sons, and the unknown owner or
owners of the hereinafter described
land, and the executors, adminis-
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tatives, legatees and devisees of
the above named persons, and any
legal or equitable interest in or lien
upon the land described in Plain-
tiffs' petition on file in this cause,
to-wit:
**A certain tract 75 feet East and
West by 140 feet North and
South out of a certain 2.5 acre
tract of land out of Sec. 44, Blk
32, T-1-N, T&P Railway Company
Survey, Howard County, Texas,
described by metes and bounds
on the attached exhibit.**
Which said property is delinquent
to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow-
ing amount: **\$1,425.83**, exclusive of
interest, penalties, and costs, and
there is included in this suit in addi-
tion to the taxes all said interest,
penalties, and costs thereon, al-
lowed by law up to and including
the day of judgment herein.
You are hereby notified that suit
has been brought by **HOWARD
COUNTY, ET AL** as Plaintiffs,
against **Davis E. Patterson aka**

Davis Edgar Patterson, as Defen-
dant(s), by amended petition filed
on the **27th day of December,
2006**, in a certain suit styled **HOW-
ARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. DAVIS
E. PATTERSON AKA DAVIS ED-
GAR PATTERSON**, for collection
of the taxes on said property and
that said suit is now pending in the
District Court of Howard County,
Texas 118th Judicial District, and
the file number of said suit is **5093**
that the names of all taxing units
which assess and collect taxes on
the property hereinafter describ-
ed, not made parties to this
suit, are **NONE**.
Plaintiffs and all other taxing units
who may set up their tax claims
herein seek recovery of delinquent
ad valorem taxes on the property
hereinafter described, thereon up
to and including the day of judg-
ment herein, and the establishment
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curing the payment of same, as
provided by law.
All parties to this suit, including
Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Inter-
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now on file in said causes by all
other parties herein, and all of
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who may intervene herein and set
up their respective tax claims
against said property.
You are hereby commanded to
appear and defend such suit at or
before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the
first Monday after the expiration of
forty-two (42) days from and after
the date of issuance hereof, the
same being the **12th day of Feb-
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District Court of Howard County,
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thereof, then and there to show
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unit parties hereto, and those who
may intervene herein, together with
all interest, penalties, and costs al-
lowed by law up to and including
the day of judgment herein, and all
costs of this suit.
Issued and given under my hand
and seal of said court in the City of
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,
this 28th day of December, A.D.
2006.
Priscilla Ginnett
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5209 January 14 & 21, 2007

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
IN THE NAME AND BY THE
AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF
TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: **Mary Lee Wright**
if living, and if any or all of the
above named Defendants be dead,
the unknown heirs of the unknown
heirs of said above named per-
sons, and the unknown owner or
owners of the hereinafter described
land, and the executors, adminis-
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the above named persons, and any
legal or equitable interest in or lien
upon the land described in Plain-
tiffs' petition on file in this cause,
to-wit:
**Lot 4, Blk 6, Banks Addn., City
of Big Spring, Howard County,
Texas**
Which said property is delinquent
to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow-
ing amount: **\$819.32**, exclusive of
interest, penalties, and costs, and
there is included in this suit in addi-
tion to the taxes all said interest,
penalties, and costs thereon, al-
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the day of judgment herein.
You are hereby notified that suit
has been brought by **HOWARD
COUNTY, ET AL** as Plaintiffs,
against **Mary Lee Wright**, as Defen-
dant(s), by amended petition
filed on the **27th day of Decem-
ber, 2006**, in a certain suit styled

**HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS.
MARY LEE WRIGHT**, for collection
of the taxes on said property and
that said suit is now pending in the
District Court of Howard County,
Texas 118th Judicial District, and
the file number of said suit is **5128**
that the names of all taxing units
which assess and collect taxes on
the property hereinafter describ-
ed, not made parties to this
suit, are **NONE**.
Plaintiffs and all other taxing units
who may set up their tax claims
herein seek recovery of delinquent
ad valorem taxes on the property
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All parties to this suit, including
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against said property.
You are hereby commanded to
appear and defend such suit at or
before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the
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forty-two (42) days from and after
the date of issuance hereof, the
same being the **12th day of Feb-
ruary, 2007** before the Honorable
District Court of Howard County,
Texas, to be held at the courthouse
thereof, then and there to show
cause why judgment shall not be
rendered for such taxes, penalties,
interest, and costs, and condemn-
ing said property and ordering fore-
closure of the constitutional and
statutory tax liens thereon for taxes
due the Plaintiffs and the taxing
unit parties hereto, and those who
may intervene herein, together with
all interest, penalties, and costs al-
lowed by law up to and including
the day of judgment herein, and all
costs of this suit.
Issued and given under my hand
and seal of said court in the City of
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,
this 28th day of December, A.D.
2006.
Priscilla Ginnett
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5210 January 14 & 21, 2007

Legals

**NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL
PROPERTY**
THE STATE OF TEXAS &
COUNTY OF HOWARD &
By virtue of an ORDER OF SALE
issued out of the District Court of
Howard County, Texas, pursuant to
judgment rendered in 118th Judi-
cial District Court of Howard
County, Texas, by the District Clerk
of said Court, in the hereinafter
numbered and styled suits and to
me directed and delivered as Sher-
iff of said County, I did on the 9th
day of January, 2007, at 10:00
a.m., levy upon and will proceed to
sell for cash to the highest bidder
at public auction on the 6th day of
February, 2007, being the first
Tuesday of said month beginning
at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day,
at the North Courthouse door of
said County, all the right, title, and
interest of the Defendants in such
suits in and to the following de-
scribed real estate levied upon as
the property of said Defendants,
the same lying and being situated
in the County of Howard and the
State of Texas, to-wit:
CAUSE NO. T-4710
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
William H. Stoll, et ux
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
A 22.510 acre tract out of and part
of the SW/4 of Section 27, Blk 32,
T-1-N, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4710
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
Sheri L. Hart
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 6, Blk 1, Highland Addition, City
of Big Spring, Howard County,
Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4974
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
Floyd Howell
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 11, Blk 61, Original Town of Big
Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4979
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
Howard County, et al vs.
Jack I. McMillan aka
Jack Irvin McMillan
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Being a 0.70 acre tract of land out
of the SW part of Lot 31, Silver
Heels Addition, in Section 18, Blk
32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey,
Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4980
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
Amy Gilbert
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 4, Blk F, Earles Addition, City of
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4980
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
Amy Gilbert
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 5, Blk F, Earles Addition, City of
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4980
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
Amy Gilbert
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 14, Blk 1, Avion Village, an addi-
tion to the City of Big Spring,
Texas
Howard County,
CAUSE NO. T-4755
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.

Bobby W. Gaskins, Sr.
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Pt. of the W/2 of Section 1, Blk 34,
T-1-S, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4755
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
Bobby W. Gaskins, Sr.
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Pt. of the SE/4 of Section 23, Blk
33, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4823
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
Lester M. Miller, et ux
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 10, Blk 22, Cole & Strayhorn
Addition, City of Big Spring,
Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4964
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
Sheri L. Hart
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 6, Blk 1, Highland Addition, City
of Big Spring, Howard County,
Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4974
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
Floyd Howell
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 11, Blk 61, Original Town of Big
Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4979
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
Howard County, et al vs.
Jack I. McMillan aka
Jack Irvin McMillan
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Being a 0.70 acre tract of land out
of the SW part of Lot 31, Silver
Heels Addition, in Section 18, Blk
32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey,
Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4980
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
Amy Gilbert
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 4, Blk F, Earles Addition, City of
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4980
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
Amy Gilbert
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 5, Blk F, Earles Addition, City of
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4980
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
Amy Gilbert
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 14, Blk 1, Avion Village, an addi-
tion to the City of Big Spring,
Texas
Howard County,
CAUSE NO. T-4755
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.

Lot 6, Blk F, Earles Addition, City of
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-5016
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
Margarita Olga Pena
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 7, Blk B, Earles Addition, City
of Big Spring, Howard County,
Texas
CAUSE NO. T-5020
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
Cynthia Ann Hale
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 10-14, Blk 52, Original Town of
Forsan, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-5021
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
Jerry Hankins
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 6, Blk 4, Mountain View Addi-
tion, City of Big Spring, Howard
County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-5085
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
James Craig Richardson
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Lot 1, Blk 1, Hayden Addition, City
of Big Spring, Howard County,
Texas
CAUSE NO. T-5166
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
H. Clay Read Estate, Earl A. Read,
Gladys Whipple and Ethel Church
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
8 acres out of the SE/4 of Section
41, Blk 32, T-1-N, Howard County,
Texas
CAUSE NO. T-5192
STYLE
Howard County, et al vs.
Ozzie Calvin Miller
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
All of Lot 16, Blk 2, Original Town
of Big Spring, Howard County,
Texas
Said sale to be made by me to sat-
isfy the judgment(s) rendered in the
above styled and numbered
cause(s), together with interest,
penalties and costs of suit, and the
proceeds of said sales to be ap-
plied to the satisfaction thereof,
and the remainder, if any, to be ap-
plied as the law directs.
Witness my hand this 9 day of
January, 2007
DALE L. WALKER
SHERIFF OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
BY DEAN RESTELLI, Deputy
#5212 January 14, 21 & 28, 2007

Winter Storm Sale

"The Cold Has Slowed Business"

So We Are Turning Up The **HEAT**

We **MUST** Hit Our Objectives!!

Here's Some Examples
Of The Saving To You:

07 Ford Focus 4DRS - Automatic - CD - Cruise
- Power Equipment - Much More.
#1186

MSRP.....\$16,125
Customer Cash.....\$2,500
Brock Discount.....\$630

Winter Storm Sale Price

\$12,995*

Several Available At Similar Savings

Ford #1 Selling Truck in America 30 Years Straight

06 F150 4X4 Supercrew Lariat - Leather Seats - Chrome Pkg - CD - Trailer Tow - Heated Seats - Much More.
(Several At This Price)

MSRP.....\$42,080
Customer Cash.....\$4,500
Brock Discount.....\$4,595

Winter Storm Sale Price

\$32,995*

Ask Us About \$2,000 Owner Loyalty Rebate*

07 Lincoln Town Car Limited - Leather - CD 6 Disc - Side Air Bags - Signature Limited Pkg. - More.
#1204

MSRP.....\$47,075
Customer Cash.....\$6,000
Brock Discount.....\$2,080

Winter Storm Sale Price

\$38,995*

* Sale Price + TTX

Blue Oval Certified

Available Current Town Car Owners

BOB BROCK
Ford Lincoln Mercury Nissan

500 W. 4th St. 267-7424

REMEMBER! Find It In Big Spring



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