



County rift?

Constables, commissioners court not seeing eye to eye

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners are expected to meet in an executive session Monday morning, as the court discusses possible litigation with county constables. County Judge Mark Barr said no

lawsuits have been filed by either party — Howard County commissioners or constables Mark Winn and Bill Holden — but the court wants to be prepared.

"Nobody has sued anyone yet," said Barr. "However, we have been having some trouble with the con-

stable position. (County Attorney) Mike Thomas wants to sit down with us and tell us what the potential is for litigation if we don't take action."

County Constable Bill Holden has

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U.S. Army Reserve 1st Sgt. Ronnie Wegner, left, addresses the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club during its Friday afternoon meeting. Wegner recently completed his second tour of duty in Iraq.

Waging a different battle in Iraq

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

To Ronnie Wegner's way of thinking, helping to win the hearts and minds of Iraqis can start with something as simple as helping them get a fair price for their crops.

U.S. Army Reservist Wegner, who lives in San Angelo but is related to several Howard County residents, recently completed his second tour of duty in Iraq as a 1st Sgt. with the 490th Civil Affairs Battalion, tasked with helping Iraqis reconstruct their government so they can govern themselves.

During his most recent tour of duty, Wegner, who sells crop insurance in

"Regardless of how you feel about this war, we are helping human lives over there."

—Army Reservist
Ronnie Wegner

civilian life, worked with his division's staff as a sort of in-house agricultural expert, trying to get Iraq's agricultural infrastructure up and running.

And although there are differences between farming in West Texas and farming in Iraq's "Fertile Crescent," there are also

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World-famous rodeo clown Quall Dobbs guides Mercedes Aguirre around an obstacle during the third annual Bauer Magnet School Kindergarten Rodeo, while below, 6-year-old Calvin Kerby races down the final stretch during pole bending.

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Filing ends Monday

Contested races found in Forsan, Big Spring, Stanton

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

With the filing deadline fast approaching, contested trustee elections are shaping up in Big Spring, Forsan and Stanton school districts.

The deadline to file is 5 p.m. Monday.

In Big Spring, electronics worker Tommy Ralston has stepped forward to challenge incumbent Ricky Robertson in the District 6 election.

Ralston's entrance into the race makes for two contested elections facing district voters in the May 12 election. The other involves Terri Myrick challenging incumbent Mike Dawson in District 5.

District 7 incumbent Phil Furqueron is currently unopposed, school officials said.

Forsan ISD voters will decide between four candidates for two at-large positions. Incumbent Tom Bill Kuykendall will vie with Lee's Rental Center owner Chris Evans, Heritage Museum director Nancy Raney and Big Spring firefighter Glenn Graves on the May ballot.

Stanton ISD will have a contested race for at least one of the two single-member districts up for election this year.

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Don't forget to spring forward

Daylight Saving Time begins this weekend, the second weekend in March, courtesy of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

That act changed the date this year, which in previous years had been the first weekend in April. Officially, the time change still takes place at 2 a.m. Sunday. It's much simpler, however, to set your clock an hour ahead when you go to bed Saturday night (Spring forward, fall back).

Oh, and make a note, time changes back this year on the first weekend in November instead of the last weekend in October.



City council seats uncontested in Stanton

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The city of Stanton may escape the May election season without opening its polls if no challengers file to run in its city council race, as candidacy filing ends across the state at 5 p.m. Monday.

Incumbent Stanton City Council members Steven Villa and Tommy Haislip are the only two candidates to file, eliminating the need for

a May 12 election in Stanton if no challengers file, according to officials.

While Stanton may not have to hold an election, polls will certainly be opening in Coahoma and Big Spring, as both cities prepare for several contested races.

Coahoma voters saw their first challenger this week, as Coahoma Independent School District employee Odis Franklin filed his candidacy for one of a pair of at-large

seats on the city council.

All three incumbents whose terms are up for election have filed for re-election in Coahoma — council members David Elmore and Ricky Stone and Mayor Bill Read.

District 5 on the Big Spring City Council drew a third candidate this past week, as financial services professional Troy Tompkins filed.

Tompkins will face former Big Spring City Council member Woody Jumper, who

previously served in District 2, and local resident David Scott, the manager of Smith's Transmissions in Big Spring.

District 5 Incumbent Joann Knox will not run again.

The race for the mayoral seat in Big Spring has stalled at three candidates.

Incumbent Russ McEwen has filed for re-election, while challengers Shannon Thomason and James "Jim" Hicks will try to unseat the long-time mayor.

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Colorado teens held after mother found stabbed to death

LAFAYETTE, Colo. (AP) — For nearly a month after she was stabbed to death, Linda Damm's body lay in the trunk of her car inside her garage while her 15-year-old daughter and friends used her debit card to "do teenage stuff," police say.

Three teens tried but failed to get rid of the body, investigators allege, once turning back because they got stuck in the mud of a nearby landfill and later retrieving the body from a grave they had just dug at the edge of a cemetery, fearing it was too shallow.

They were planning to drive north to Wyoming for a third attempt, investigators claim, when an anonymous tip led police to Damm's body on Feb. 28 in her modest house in Lafayette, a small town about 20 miles northeast of Denver.

Now Damm's daughter, Tess Damm, and Tess' live-in boyfriend, Bryan Grove, 17, are being held without bail, Grove on charges of murder, conspiracy and evidence-tampering and Tess on charges of conspiracy, accessory and evidence-tampering. Both are being prosecuted as adults.

Their attorneys either declined comment or did not return calls, and prosecutors have said little publicly.

But court records, family

members, neighbors and Internet postings paint a picture of a tempestuous relationship between a troubled daughter and her 52-year-old mother.

Linda Damm's brother and two sisters issued a written statement saying she had struggled with alcoholism for years, leading to "a downward spiral in her abilities to properly care for herself and her daughter."

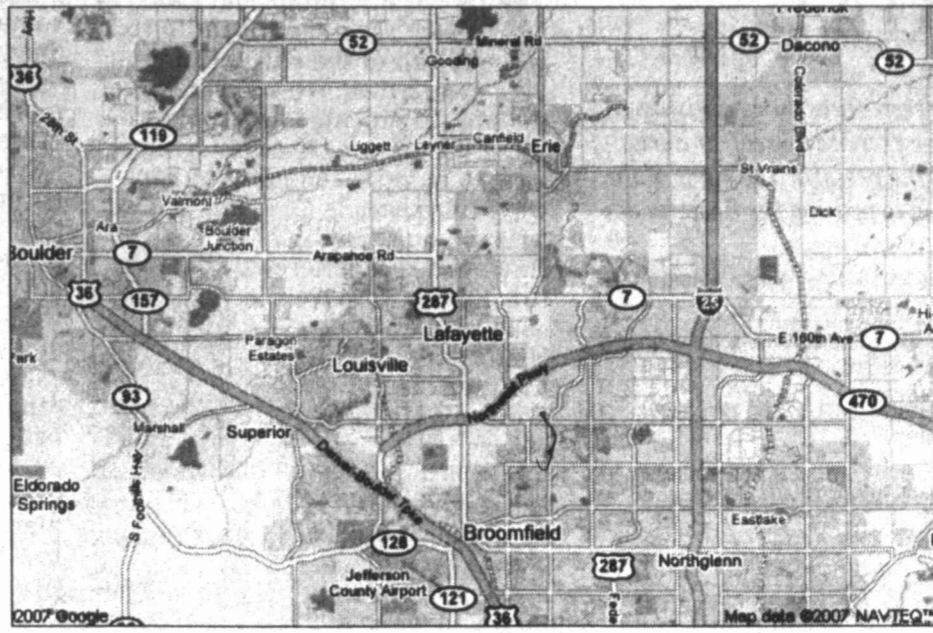
Neighbor Steven Weddig said Linda Damm was a single mom with a difficult life.

"We did hear the daughter scream at her from inside the house," he said. "Linda did tell me she was having so much trouble with her."

In online postings in November and January, someone identifying herself as Tess Damm said her life was "falling apart and deteriorating" and that her mother was an "angry, raging, functional alcoholic" who had lost her job and occasionally became violent.

Grove told police that he and Tess had spoken on Feb. 3 about "how much they hated Linda," according to an arrest warrant affidavit. Grove asked Tess if she wanted him to "take care of Linda for her," and she said yes, according to Grove's arrest affidavit.

Tess told investigators she replied "OK, whatever,"



because she didn't think he was seriously threatening her mother, according to her arrest affidavit.

Police said Grove went by himself to Linda Damm's home early on Feb. 4 and got into an argument with her.

Police said Grove told them he became enraged when Linda Damm said she wished Tess hadn't been born so Grove wouldn't be living with the mother and daughter.

She also blamed him for causing problems in the household, Grove's affidavit said.

Grove told investigators he

choked Linda Damm until she was unconscious, then stabbed her in the neck and mouth until she stopped breathing, according to the affidavit. The affidavit said he then called a friend who helped him wrap the body in sheets and move it to the trunk of a car in the garage.

The friend, who is 16, has been arrested but charges have not been formally filed and the district attorney's office has not said whether he will be prosecuted as an adult.

For the next several weeks, Tess and Grove lived in

Damm's home and used her debit card, police said. Neighbors said they heard loud music from the house, saw cigarette butts accumulating on the formerly neat lawn and saw Grove "car-surfing" on top of a car while Tess drove.

Police allege Tess and another friend, Jared Guy, 18, helped Grove on the two aborted attempts to dump Linda Damm's body. Guy was arrested March 2 on evidence-tampering and accessory charges, and his bail was set at \$500,000. His attorney did not return a call.

Guy and Grove were both being held at the Boulder County jail, and Grove was on a suicide watch Friday because of unspecified comments that raised jailers' concerns, sheriff's Cmdr. Bruce Haas said.

Linda Damm's funeral was Friday, but a judge refused to release Tess from a juvenile detention center to attend.

In their statement, Damm's brother and sisters said they wanted Tess to know they love her but they also believe "every person involved in this horrific crime that resulted in the death and desecration of our sister should be held accountable."

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expressed concern to commissioners during several previous meetings over what he described as a "lack of support" from the county.

"There are certain requirements set forth by the state, and as an elected official I'm

expected to meet those requirements," Holden told commissioners. "I'm not asking for the county to pay for everything, but I do feel like there are certain things it should pay for."

Barr said he's not sure if any action will be taken by the court as a result of the session.

"It's just one of those things where you just can't tell," said Barr. "It's all going to depend

on how the commissioners react to what Mike (Thomas) has to tell them."

Also among Monday's agenda items, County Auditor Jackie Olson will present the commissioners with invoices and purchase requests. Olson is also expected to present commissioners with budget amendments.

County Treasurer Teresa

Thomas is expected to present commissioners with personnel considerations and a payroll report, while County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will present the court with pipeline crossings and a report on county road maintenance.

Constables Bill Holden and Mark Winn are slated to meet with the commissioner's court

as well.

Monday's meeting is to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

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Dr. Pablo Teven has declared his candidacy in the District 5 election, a seat currently held by Terry Shanks. Also filing in District 5 is Darren Patrick.

Daniel Ramos is the only candidate to date to file for Stanton's District 1 election, officials said.

Elsewhere, school district elections are shaping up to be uncontested affairs.

Coahoma ISD incumbents Sissy Franklin and Jim White are the only candidates to have filed for election in that school district,

officials said.

Sands CISD incumbents Michelle Zant and Stan Blagrove are currently unopposed for re-election.

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WEGNER

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similarities, Wegner said.

"Farmers are farmers, wherever you go," he said. "You give them seed and water and good price for their crops and they're happy."

But Wegner concedes the job isn't an easy one. Restoring agricultural markets anywhere is a tough job, but especially so in a war zone.

"They need to develop their government to the extent that they can establish markets and develop agricultural poli-

cies," he said. "They really need a little bit of everything ... They need access to technology and the expertise to use it — that's the biggest thing."

Iraqi farmers produce an assortment of crops, including wheat, barley, corn, dates, citrus fruit and a variety of vegetables, but they can produce much more, Wegner said.

"They could produce four times what they're producing now, and still not meet all their needs," he said. "There is a lot of potential over there."

Wegner was in the regular Army from 1988 to 1994, serving as a member of a chemical reconnais-

sance unit during the First Persian Gulf War. He switched to the Reserves in 1994 and participated in the 2003 invasion of Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

Although public pressure is mounting to end the U.S. presence in Iraq, Wegner said this is no time for this country to cut and run.

Part of the problem, he believes, is that media reports from Iraq only concentrate on a portion of the conflict.

"The best way I can put it is, if all you're going to focus on is the police report from any given city, you'd think that was

a horrible place to live," Wegner said. "And that's what the media is interested in focusing on over there."

But the Army is doing more than just battling extremists, he said — it's also performing more mundane tasks, like rebuilding schools and helping Iraqi farmers get a fair price on their date crops.

And after working closely with Iraqi farmers for more than a year, he believes this country's policies are correct.

"Gone over there and seeing how those people live, my heart goes out to them," he said.

"Irregardless of how you feel about this war, we are helping human lives over there."

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Lisa Karen Cawthon, 46, died Wednesday. Private family services will be at a later date.
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EDITORIAL

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

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OTHER VIEWS

A Thanksgiving comes in March

A week of Thanksgiving is coming up. No, it's not November. It's March 11-17. That is when we give thanks that we live in a society where the people are presumed to be wise enough to govern themselves. It's when we celebrate Sunshine Week, a time to remember that the government is us - and we have not only the right but the obligation to know what we are doing.

As president of an organization of thriving community newspapers, I have the opportunity to speak with journalists and their readers from Boston to Arizona and from states as red as my home state of Texas and as blue as New Jersey, where my friends, the Parker family, are deeply committed to covering local government.

It is rewarding to know that my newspaper friends and their readers deeply believe in open government. Sunshine on government is the Vitamin D for democracy. It makes us whole and healthy. When we know what is going on, we are better able to make wise judgments on those few things that need to be confidential for a time in order let our public servants function.

Tom Brokaw, NBC News anchor, said this about Sunshine Week:

"If we present ourselves to the world as patrons of democracy, then we must be vigilant stewards at home of the oxygen that it requires. Access to what our government is doing and the right to speak freely about it. The Greatest Generation fought valiantly to preserve and protect those freedoms. It is up to us to ensure during Sunshine Week and all year that their sacrifices were not for naught."

I am proud that community newspapers provide their share of oxygen. Our immediate past president, Jerry Reppert, publisher of the *Gazette-Democrat* in Anna, Ill., for example, sued for copies of employment contracts for top officials of a state university, reasoning that citizens supporting higher education had a right to know how their money was spent.

The *County Courier* in Enosburg, Vt., in an editorial in advance of Sunshine Week, made the point both visually and with words by blacking out portions of the text. "There's always room for more sunshine in our lives. When it comes to government, we just have to be willing to stand up in the darkness and demand it," the editor wrote.

The *Anderson County Review* in Kansas helped to test local governments' responses to requests for public records, and found a reasonably good response except in sheriffs' departments. Two years later, it tried again and found remarkable progress: only four of 33 offices failed to comply with the law.

The *Altoona Mirror* in Pennsylvania asked for information at 40 agencies. A reporter was surprised by confrontations and threats for trying to examine the public's business. Newspapers there have now banded together in "Brighter Pennsylvania," a program designed to help officials better understand the law.

And just recently, our friends at a small daily paper in Missouri, pursuing information at a local city hall, reported that the mayor said, "The way you come to City Hall will determine whether you are worked with or not."

Somehow, I have the feeling that isn't what our Founding Fathers (and Mothers) had in mind. I imagine some of our Founding Mothers might have washed the mayor's mouth out with soap.

That reminds me that community groups like the League of Women Voters participated in Sunshine Week last year, as well as groups as diverse as university journalists, local attorneys and even a fire department in Los Angeles.

I have two messages for newspapers and their readers.

One is: remind public servants that we trust them the most when we know the most about what they are doing.

The other is: read the newspaper. It's the best way to enjoy the sunshine.

Tidwell is president of the National Newspaper Association and publisher of the *Hood County News* in Granbury.

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we get our life in sync with You, Lord.

Amen

Go ahead, give them their month

It's not my intent, but I am pretty sure I am about to tick off half of the entire human population. Well 50 percent of the highly educated and sophisticated people who read my irregular comments in the *Herald*, anyway. Here goes.

Have you seen this? Have you read where this month - March - is Women's History Month? Are they serious? Women's History Month?

Look around you. What do you see? All that's out there are women and men.

Women and men; men and women. That's it, folks. Suddenly half of that group needs its own month?

Why? And what a topic, women's history. How nuts is that?

We know the history. Oh yeah, we know the history. It goes like this. The first snake that slithered into paradise talked Eve into biting an apple, a major no-no that caused all humans - not just women, mind you, but us guys as well - to fall out of grace with the Lord and forever struggle.

It also ruined a really, really nice garden.

End of history.

Now we want to celebrate that?

As a male, the very thought of Women's History Month brings about one of those knee-jerk reactions where I wonder out loud "Well, where is Men's History Month?" and immediately realize it's not a knee jerk reaction but a dumb jerk reaction, 'cause I don't want my own month.

I wouldn't know what to do with it if I had my own month.

Frankly, I don't think being male is reason enough to have a month. I didn't exactly earn the level of male, you know.

At least to be able to celebrate

Father's Day you actually did something, even if it was an accident.

Anyway, ladies, if you want your month, have your month. But I refuse to send flowers.

Speaking of women, history and being selfish, I bring you news that Skeeter, the 11-year-old rat terrier you all know and love, has developed diabetes. It's true, and we have set up a charitable fund at www.sendbillstomoney.com

Just kidding. Well, I'm only kidding about the fund, not the diabetes.

Did you know that dogs with diabetes have to get shots every so many hours, cannot have treats, must eat special food and must not listen to rap music?

OK, I made that part about rap music up, but don't tell Skeeter, who, by the way, only listens to it because she thinks it makes her more cultured. I, however, already being cultured, know better.

You can tell she doesn't like it because when she hears any music she likes, she cocks back her head and howls. She doesn't howl to rap music, I do. And it's not pretty.

Yodelers and Janis Joplin are more to her musical taste. "Cryyyyyyy Bayyyyyybe!" will have coyotes at our door lining up to sing duets with Skeet.

Did I mention, by the way, that it now costs as much to diagnose and treat a canine member of the family as it did a people member just a few years ago?

Now we've reached the selfish part of this conversation. This stuff ain't cheap. In fact, it took several hundred dollars just to spring her from the vet. The testing, special diet, blood work, kenneling and the fact that the vet's kids need braces all add up.

(OK, the truth is I haven't yet paid them a dime. I screamed "Put it on the bill!" as Skeet bolted through the veterinarian's door to freedom, dragging me behind like

a rag doll. And she only weighs 14 pounds.)

Since bringing her home, we've been coming up with creative ways to give her shot every 12 hours. I think she will become accustomed to it eventually. She can't hide under the bed forever.

Her adopted little brother, Chase, encourages her by trying to lick her face wildly while she is getting her shot.

So far I have stuck myself with a needle just once, something of which I am proud, but I did make the mistake of telling a nurse friend about it. Confiding in a nurse that you stuck yourself with a needle is like telling a flight attendant you have a bomb in your pocket. There is no kidding around after that.

However, I finally convinced her it was not necessary for me to rush to the emergency room or be tested for AIDS because I was positive that (1) Skeet has never had a blood transfusion and, (2) Skeet has not had unprotected sex because she was fixed at a young age and has no idea what to do, even though the poor girl does come into heat from time to time. Let's move on, shall we?

Anyway, the family appreciates your thoughts and well wishes. Please do not send Get Well Soon cards because she will have diabetes the rest of her life and that would be an extremely cruel joke. Also, do not send treats because she cannot have anything but scientifically formulated wallet-blasting canine cuisine and I quit eating dog food at age 5. Or 6.

Anyway, I will keep you apprised of Skeeter's health, if not her history as a female.

This weekend we will be visiting my mom, whose dog Peanut has allergies.

Peanut and Skeet can compare veterinary horror stories, while Chase - still young and refreshingly dumb - can lick faces and run after squirrels.



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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
I want to thank Mrs. Crooker for saying what she said because I live here and also took my welding classes at the high school, but also took classes at Howard College.

There is a big demand in welding and HAVC in Big Spring. I think if the Moore Board would put more into the college, maybe we wouldn't have to go outside the county to house jail prisoners.

I'm also wondering when they are going to start work on Main and Scurry streets? I voted for that bond issue.

TO THE EDITOR:
Our county commissioners court is in a turmoil. The primary cause appears to be due to problems with the county jail. The fact that our existing jail has needed upgrading or replacement has been well known for several years. Last year the citizens were given the opportunity to approve the issuance of bonds that would enable the construction of a new facility.

The Texas Jail Commission had been contacted to get their input not only on the basic requirements for construction design, but also for recommendations of size. The Jail Commission recommended a 144-bed design so as to meet expected

future requirements. Based on the information gathered, the county court issued a contract to architect Phil Furquon to design a new jail to the county's specifications. Two options were to be given: Either a 96-bed facility or one with 144 beds. Phil completed this project to the satisfaction of the court members then seated. Layout details were completed, drawings issued and public hearings were held to inform the public of this design.

Building site selection was a point of contention with some local residents. Two sites were considered by the court - one site near

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Poised for breakthroughs, future

By staying focused on customers, service and cost control, the U.S. Postal Service has achieved remarkable results and is better prepared than ever to help ensure a prosperous future for mail, according to an annual progress report on the organization's transformation efforts.

"Transformation helped deliver solid results across the board, but even greater results lie ahead," wrote Postmaster General John E. Potter and James C. Miller III, chairman of the Board of Governors, in an introduction to the document. "Aided by powerful new technologies, disciplined field management and unprecedented information flows between customers and postal operations, we are poised for new breakthroughs in service improvement and cost reduction."

The Strategic Transformation Plan, 2006-2010, is the Postal Service's roadmap for the future. It builds on the original Transformation Plan announced in 2002, which set a foundation for change that has delivered unprecedented achievements in revenue, productivity, service and employee engagement.

The 2006 Annual Progress Report, available on usps.com, examines progress made on key transformation strategies during

fiscal year 2006.

The report reflects the Postal Service commitment to being the best delivery service, detailing how the organization has used innovation and quality improvement to make mail a more powerful and versatile business tool.

From introducing new barcode technology to expanding the use of scanning devices, more information is available about the mail as it moves from production to delivery than ever before. That enables the Postal Service to fine-tune service and cut costs even further. The organization has embraced the Internet as an opportunity to improve access by bringing the Post Office to the customer and by offering quick, easy and convenient online options to pay for postage, shipping, mailing, and package pickup.

And, transformation is backed by the 700,000 men and women of the Postal Service, a dedicated and engaged workforce that understands each employee is an important link in a tightly orchestrated operation that moves mail timely and accurately to its destination each day.

The result has been unprecedented levels of service and customer satisfaction as the Postal Service handles 213 billion pieces of mail each year - 46 percent of the world's mail volume.

"By combining strict fiscal control, strong operational focus, and dynamic product and service development, we are better prepared than ever to help ensure a prosperous future for mail," wrote

Potter and Miller.

The new postal law will not alter these key strategies, the progress report notes. The Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act, passed by Congress and signed into law by the President last year, enables the organization to continue its transformation efforts and cost-cutting measures.

And, looking ahead, a top priority will be seeking solutions to long-standing quality issues around address lists and mail preparation. The Postal Service will continue to work with its partners in the mailing industry to improve the quality of mail and reduce billions of pieces of undeliverable-as-addressed mail each year.

"In fact, strategic transformation has well prepared the Postal Service for change," said the report. "It will remain focused on the advice offered by stakeholders at the very start of the transformation process: Stay focused on customers, service and cost control. That's what the Postal Service did in 2006, and that's what it will continue to do in 2007."

To solve a problem or to reach a goal, you don't need to know all the answers in advance. But you must have a clear idea of the problem or the goal you want to reach.

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Newborn kidnapped from hospital by woman posing as medical worker

LUBBOCK (AP) — A woman posing as a medical worker kidnapped a three-day-old infant from a hospital early Saturday, police said.

Mychael Darthard was last seen at 1:20 a.m. at Covenant Lakeside Hospital when a woman wearing blue and flower print hospital scrubs and a gray hooded jacket took her and drove off in a pickup truck, police said.

Hospital surveillance video showed the woman with the jacket hood pulled around her head and holding a purse as she walked through the lobby.

Lt. Scott Hudgens said the baby was jaundiced but he did not have any other

information on her medical condition.

The woman may have had a male accomplice, Hudgens said.

"At this point we don't have any reason to believe that the family knew the suspect," Hudgens said.

Frito-Lay recalls chips

PLANO (AP) — Frito-Lay recalled 92 cases of mispackaged chips Friday that could pose a threat to people with food allergies, the Food and Drug Administration said.

The Plano-based company announced the recall of 5,520 bags of Fritos Original Corn Chips that were distributed in

Texas and Louisiana. The 2 oz. bags are marked as Fritos Original Corn Chips but may contain Fritos Chili Cheese Flavored Corn Chips. The chips could cause a serious reaction for people who are allergic or sensitive to milk or wheat.

The affected bags are dated May 8 on the upper right hand side of the package and have a 10 digit code number of 62730483692, 62730483592 or 62730483992 beneath the date.

Consumers can return the product where they bought it, or they can contact Frito-Lay Consumer Affairs at 1-800-352-4477.

Peanut butter recall extension

WASHINGTON (AP) — ConAgra Foods Inc. has extended its recall of all peanut butter produced at a plant in Georgia by more than a year, back to October 2004, the Food and Drug Administration said Friday.

The recall covers all Peter Pan peanut butter and all Great Value peanut butter beginning with product code 2111, including peanut butter toppings.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 425 people have fallen ill from the outbreak of salmonella that has been traced back to the plant in Sylvester, Ga.

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the west end of FM 700, the other on North U.S. Highway 87. A faction in Big Spring did not want either of these sites under the guise that they were too far away from the courts, both district and county. The potential site on FM 700 had a very good price — it was free, to be donated by the landowner. The site on North Highway 87 included land already owned by the county, with the county having the option to purchase the remaining required land. Some residents that live in this area expressed the hope that the jail would be constructed there. They felt that the proposed well-designed, attractive building would be an asset to their area.

The above mentioned faction wanted to construct the smaller design and have it located on one of three possible sites:

- 1.) West of the courthouse and north of the District Court Building.
- 2.) North of the courthouse in the area now utilized as a city park.
- 3.) Renovate and expand the existing jail in the courthouse.

The old Kmart building was considered, but at the time was not on the market.

All of these considerations were for naught, for the majority of the voters opposed the issuance of bonds for the project.

A new approach was instigated when Mark Barr was elected to be the new county judge. One of his first actions was to ask for immediate termination of the contract with Furqueron and start over from scratch. Two of the court members, Emma Brown and Gary Simer voted with the judge in favor of the termination. This meant that all of the work that had been done under the previous court's guidance would be discarded. Since his contract was summarily ended, all of the design, details, drawings, etc. became Phil's property.

Judge Barr contacted three architects to submit bids for a new jail design. The architect selected presented an offer to the court that he would do necessary preliminary work to give the court his basic idea(s) for their consideration for a fee of \$10. According to the judge, no additional fees would be required if another bond election failed. This is certainly a different kind of business that functions under those conditions.

The new architect was given four different locations to consider as a site, the three numbered sites listed above, as well as the old Kmart building which had been placed for sale. This architect related to the court that none of the first proposed sites were acceptable, but the Kmart structure could be utilized. A contract had already been placed on the property and it was accepted, so that property is not available. The old Wal-Mart building in the Coronado Shopping Center was discussed, but the building had too many problems, subterranean as well as internal.

Other than the status of the Kmart building, the other sites had already been shown to be unacceptable by the studies of Furqueron. This information was conveyed to Judge Barr after he was seated on the court. He chose to ignore it. Only Commissioners Bill Crooker and Jerry Kilgore seem to have enough sense to accept these facts.

The court and citizens of Howard County are now essentially back to square one. The judge seems to want to reinvent the wheel at the expense of the citizens and taxpayers. A good, well-designed jail was ready to be built, but now another design will have to be forthcoming, along with new property procurement. The current architect has indicated that his fee would be something over \$700,000 should his design be accepted. Based upon his stated percentage fee, a new jail, based on his design, would cost \$9 million to \$10 million. His fee would be well above the money paid to Furqueron for a good design already in hand.

Judge Barr has instigated a legal suit against Furqueron to, according to the judge, recover excessive money spent for the design Furqueron offered. Simer and Brown voted with him. The previous court, which included both Simer and Brown, contracted Furqueron to offer a design for a new jail in accordance with the information the court provided. This was done and approved by that court. He fulfilled his contract with the county. By his action, the current judge implies that the previous court acted illegally. I doubt if this can be proved.

In my 34 years in project engineering I dealt with hundreds of contractors in all phases of design and construction. It would have been unthinkable and unprofessional to sue a contractor that had fulfilled all of his obligations as directed and had his work approved and signed off on by the issuer of the contract, just because someone later did not like what the contractor presented. If — before approving and signing off on the work performed — the entity that let the contract found fault with the contractor's work, action could then have been taken, but not after the fact of approval.

The actions of the judge, and his refusals to discuss the existing jail design, indicates some kind of power play is in effect. This is not in the best interest of the citizens.

ARDIS MCCASLAND JR.
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
I would like to say congratulations to the nine choir students who got a one at contest and qualified to go to state. I can't believe that the choir director not only didn't provide the *Herald* with photos and details, but did not even congratulate one student who made it. She said she did not like their attitude.

My niece is in choir and has loved it. This year, the director has stated that the former director will not be able to play for

ing the oil shortage in the 1960s.

Children were going to school in dark hours and were subject to being hit by cars. A number of West Texas youth were victims.

Parents and drivers need to be aware of the danger to children going to school when Daylight Saving Time takes place.

BILL BIRRELL
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
I would like to say congratulations to those who qualified to go to state. And to those who did not make it, better luck next year. At least these kids are trying. Such a shame their "superiors" can't get behind them and be happy for them and proud of their hard work.

them at state. The UIL rules state that if a student has a voice coach they can play for them.

But now she (the director) has threatened to not let them go until their attitudes change.

It seems to me that these kids have worked hard for this and to be given no credit or glory for the hard work is not only wrong but downright cruel. My niece is an A student. These kids are not problem kids. I think that this should be taken into consideration. No other teachers have problems.

Once again, congratulations to those who qualified to go to state. And to those who did not make it, better luck next year.

At least these kids are trying. Such a shame their "superiors" can't get behind them and be happy for them and proud of their hard work.

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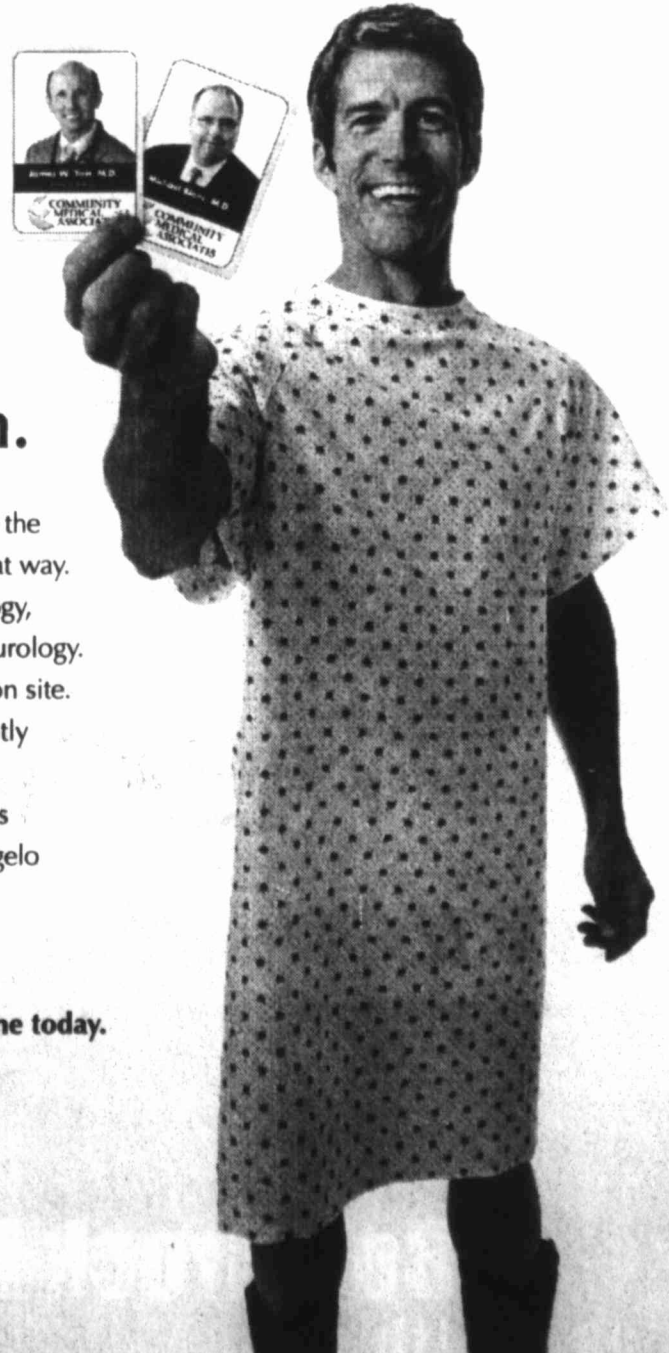
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Parent's Corner: I'll never look at my hands the same way

When is the last time that you looked at your hands? I mean really looked at your hands and marveled at those wondrous gifts?

We so often take our body for granted and never even consider just how fantastic it really is. I was thumbing through some stories the other day and ran across a story on "hands" that truly impressed me. I'll never look at my hands the same!

It read:
Grandma, some 90-plus years, sat feebly on the patio bench. She didn't move, just sat with her head down staring at her hands. When I sat down beside her, she didn't acknowledge my presence and the longer I sat I wondered if she was OK.

Finally, not really wanting to disturb her but wanting to check on her at the same time, I asked her how she was. She raised her head and looked at me and smiled.

"Yes, I'm fine, thank you for asking," she said in a clear, strong voice.

"I didn't mean to disturb you, Grandma, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands and I wanted to make sure you were OK," I explained. "Have you ever looked at your hands," she asked. "I mean really looked at your hands?"



DARRELL RYAN

I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands as I tried to figure out the point she was making.

Grandma smiled and related this story: "Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands, though wrinkled, shriveled and weak, have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life.

"They braced and caught my fall when as a toddler I crashed upon the floor. They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back. As a child, my mother taught me to fold them in prayer. They tied my

shoes and pulled on my boots. They held my husband and wiped my tears when he went off to war.

"They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent. They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn son. Decorated with my wedding band, they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special. They wrote my letters to him and trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse.

"They have held my children and grandchildren, consoled neighbors, and shook in fists of anger

when I didn't understand.

"They have covered my face, combed my hair and washed and cleansed the rest of my body. They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw. And to this day when not much of anything else of me works real well these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer.

"These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of life. But more importantly, it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when he leads me home. And with my hands He will lift me to His side

and there I will use these hands to touch the face of Christ."

I will never look at my hands the same again. But I remember God reached out and took my grandma's hands and led her home. When my hands are hurt or sore or when I stroke the face of my children and spouse, I think of grandma. I know she has been stroked and caressed and held by the hands of God. I, too, want to touch the face of God and feel His hands upon my face.

Darrell Ryan is the director of federal programs for BSISD.

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Cigarette tax sales up \$53.5 million, officials say

By PAUL J. WEBER
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — If Texans aren't keeping their New Year's resolutions to quit smoking, the state is sure generating more money off them.

In the first two months since a \$1 tax hike on a pack of cigarettes in Texas began Jan. 1, the state collected about \$53.5 million more in tobacco tax revenue compared with the same period in 2006, according to the comptroller's office.

But the increase — added on top of the previous 41-cent tax — isn't

filling everyone's pockets. Cigarette sales in convenience stores are down about 12 percent statewide, according to industry lobbyists. Store owners near bordering states with cheaper taxes report even steeper losses.

Comptroller spokesman R.J. DeSilva said despite the nearly \$125 million in cigarette taxes collected through February, it's too early to project whether the state will meet its previous estimate of \$1 billion by the end of the fiscal year.

"We want to take a look at sales for several months before looking at any trends," DeSilva said.

Lawmakers passed the cigarette tax increase, the state's first since 1991, last year to help offset cuts in local property taxes.

Slower sales and increased state revenue aside, not all forecasts about the tax hike are coming true so far. Earlier concerns that cigarette smuggling would spike dramatically once carton prices rose \$12 appear largely unfounded, according to the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol.

The largest seizure reported this year is 25 cartons hidden inside a car in Hidalgo, said Rick

Pauza, a spokesman for the agency's field office in Laredo. Pauza did report nearly double the number of cigarette seizures from Brownsville to Del Rio compared with this time last year, but he said the 29 seizures since January included a pack here and carton there.

"We haven't seen anything — major," said Franceska Perot, spokeswoman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Houston.

Most noticeable along the border since the tax hike is a nearly tenfold surge in cigarettes surrendered by drivers crossing from Mexico. With

more travelers balking at the extra \$1, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission says the agency confiscated about 2,700 cigarette packages at entry ports through February this year — up from fewer than 300 in the first two months of 2006.

Doug DuBois, director of membership services and governmental affairs for the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, said stores are optimistic that their sales will improve later in the year.

"This is about what we expected," DuBois said. State tax revenue on cig-

arettes in January was about \$82 million, compared with \$35.5 through the first month of 2006, DeSilva said. February saw revenues of \$42.7 million, compared with \$35.7 million in February 2006.

Texas was formerly among the states with the lowest cigarette tax. The \$1.41 tax now ranks Texas among the top third. New Jersey levies a nation-high state tax of \$2.58 per pack.

States surrounding Texas all have lower cigarette taxes. The New Mexico tax is 91 cents per pack, Arkansas is 59 cents and Oklahoma's tax is \$1.03.

State opens new hunting season to help alligator control

By LYNN BREZOSKY
Associated Press Writer

RIO HONDO (AP) — Listed as endangered a few decades ago, alligators these days are keeping game wardens busy as they respond to calls about the scaly reptiles being spotted alongside highways, behind strip malls, and in the man-made lakes of gated housing developments.

The state's solution: More alligator hunting.

April 1 marks the beginning of the first spring alligator hunting season in Texas, allowing one alligator per hunter in areas beyond the traditional zone in the state's swampy east.

And the new season comes with loosened restrictions, which worry some longtime hunters.

Hunters will be allowed to shoot alligators during nesting season and can shoot alligators in open water, which can leave a wounded and now even more dangerous animal sitting in the bottom of a pond.

Traditionally a state warden permits alligator hunting only after a property meets a set of criteria. This season, Texas Parks & Wildlife specialist Amos Cooper said, is "for any Joe with water and an alligator."

"The bottom line is their habitat is expand-

ing," Cooper said. "People who have never seen an alligator, they start complaining. So they (state officials) decided that they needed to do something. This is one method that they chose to solve that problem."

It's not so much that there are more alligators in Texas as that their wild habitat has been replaced by decorative ponds and irrigation waterways in newly populated areas that the alligators can't help but try to claim.

David Martin, head of herpetology at the Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville, said alligators were rarely if ever seen in the Rio Grande Valley before the 1970s, with sightings increasing steadily since then.

"We actually have creat-

ed a lot of habitat," he said.

The Rio Grande Valley's "resacas" (oxbow lakes left by former channels of the Rio Grande) in the past would have gone dry in the summer but now are kept full. Newly built canals also give alligators more room to roam.

The American alligator is North America's largest reptile and is native to the southern United States, including East Texas. It was hunted to the verge of extinction during the first half of the 20th century.

Florida was the first to begin protecting the alligators during the 1940s, followed by other Gulf of Mexico states. Texas enacted complete protection in 1969, after alligators here had all but disappeared.

The species made a comeback and was removed from the endangered species list in 1985, prompting states to gradually phase hunting back in.

Alligator harvests in Florida this fall were at a record high 5,800. Louisiana, king of alligator country, harvests 32,000 to 34,000 alligators a year. Georgia had 3,000 applicants for the 500 permits it issued for its fourth season last fall, while Alabama's first season was launched with 13 killed on opening night. South Carolina may be next to join in.

Texas' new season and rule changes will not take effect in the 22 "core counties" in East Texas, where alligator hunting is part of the region's economy. In those areas,

Cooper said, the state doesn't want to risk depleting the population by expanding hunting.


"They're wanting to protect them in this area," Bay City hunting tour operator Larry Robinson said. "They don't want the same results as the 60s and 70s, when all the alligators got killed off."

Robinson uses the traditional method — alligators are hooked with

some sort of bait and hauled in before being shot and sent to a processor.

Larry Janik, an El Campo-based alligator farmer and state-contracted nuisance control hunter, said he was shocked by the loosened restrictions.

"We don't hunt any other animal or creature while it has a nest full of eggs," he said.



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E-mail shows AG's office had graphic report on TYC abuse in 2006

AUSTIN (AP) — An assistant attorney general received a report a year ago that graphically detailed the sexual abuse of Texas Youth Commission inmates but didn't pursue the case because of jurisdictional concerns, according to e-mails obtained Friday by The Associated Press.

Attorney general spokesman Jerry Strickland said the lawyer didn't properly notify his supervisors before responding to a February 2006 e-mail from Texas Ranger Brian Burzynski.

Will Tatum correctly told Burzynski that the local district attorney would have to ask Abbott's office for help, Strickland said.

"However, knowing the seriousness of the allegations contained in that e-mail, action would have been taken by the attorney general's office, and this agency would have actively engaged in the matter in any way possible," he added.

Before the e-mail was released, lawyers from Attorney General Greg Abbott's office said Friday that they would appear the week of March 19th before a Ward County grand jury that will investigate the case.

Burzynski's 2005 report included several statements from students who said they were molested by two former officials at the West Texas State School in Pyote. Semen from one of the students was found on the carpet of one former official's office.

Still, neither of the two men have been charged with any crimes. Ward County District Attorney Randall Reynolds has said the cases stalled because of a "breakdown in communications."

But Burzynski described a different scenario in his e-mail to Tatum, which Abbott's office released to the AP under the Texas Public Information Act.

He said he filed the case with federal prosecutors because his local prosecutor was "very weak." But Department of Justice officials didn't approve the indictment they prepared because the suspects could only be charged with misdemeanors under federal law.

Justice who supported Miers wants state to pay legal fees

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Texas Supreme Court justice who supported his friend Harriet Miers during her unsuccessful U.S. Supreme Court nomination wants the state to pay the legal fees he accumulated in reversing an ethics sanction.

A bill filed Tuesday by state Rep. Tony Goolsby, R-Dallas, would allow a judge who successfully appeals a State Commission on Judicial Conduct sanction to get reimbursed by the state for legal fees. It would apply only to appeals made from Jan. 1, 2006 to Jan. 1, 2008.

The only case that would qualify for reimbursement is Judge Nathan L. Hecht's appeal.

Hecht, the senior judge on the state's highest civil court, said Thursday he asked Goolsby to sponsor the legislation. Hecht said he ran up a \$340,000 legal bill in appealing his sanction.

"Part of being a judge is to answer for what you've done, but I don't think you should be out-of-pocket when you didn't do anything wrong," Hecht said.

The judicial conduct commission sanctioned Hecht in May, saying he improperly used his official position to promote Miers' nomination. Hecht told White House staff to forward reporters' calls to him, and he subsequently appeared in about 120 media interviews sup-

porting Miers.

Hecht maintains his comments did not break state rules about using the prestige of his office to boost his private interests, saying his support was of public interest.

In October, a special review court lifted the sanction and said the state's judicial conduct code needs clarification.

The judicial commission's executive director described the bill as political payback for challenging Hecht.

"I think asking the taxpayers to foot that bill is shameful," Executive Director Seana Willing said.

Texas officials keeping public records secret, audit shows

DALLAS (AP) — Government officials in Texas are less forthcoming with public records than their counterparts in other states, according to an informal audit conducted by newspaper reporters.

In the audit, reporters around the country went to local government officials to obtain copies of their communities' emergency response plans, which Congress mandated must be available to the public.

The audits were organized by the American Society of Newspaper Editors, which has declared Sunday through Saturday to be National Sunshine Week, focusing on "the importance of open government and freedom of information."

Of the nine emergency response plans Texas newspapers tried obtaining, requests for three were entirely denied. Another third of requests were only partially filled, and complete access was given to the remaining three requests.

Though not a statistical analysis — the project mostly provided anecdotal snapshots of public record compliance — Texas seemed less forthcoming than other states audited. Getting only 33 percent of its requests fully granted put Texas among the bottom third of states that audited at least eight agencies.

"I was disappointed and astounded that there are agencies in Texas that still don't know what the law is," said Wanda Garner Cash, a University of Texas at Austin journalism professor and past president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. "It's just mind-boggling that these agencies ... that denied the

request don't seem to understand that this information belongs to the people of Texas and not to them."

Former professor sues seminary, claiming gender bias

FORT WORTH (AP) — A former Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary professor has filed a federal lawsuit against the school and its president, alleging she lost her tenure-track position because of her gender.

The lawsuit filed Thursday in Fort Worth's federal court claims Sheri Klouda was fired because she was a woman teaching men. The lawsuit seeking unspecified damages accused the seminary and its president, Paige Patterson, of breach of contract, fraud and defamation.

Klouda, now a professor at Taylor University in Upland, Ind., declined to comment but referred questions to one of her attorneys, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in its online edition Friday.

Seminary spokesman John Zellers said Friday that school officials do not comment on pending litigation.

The seminary follows the Southern Baptist doctrine that limits the office of senior pastor to men and Patterson's interpretation that, consequently, only men should instruct future pastors.

According to the lawsuit, Klouda was one of eight professors — six men and two women — hired in 2002 for a tenure track position. She was the only woman to teach at the School of Theology.

The lawsuit claims that Klouda excelled in the classroom and built a strong reputation as a teacher and a scholar.

In 2003, Patterson was hired as the seminary's president and he assured her a few months later that her job at the school was secure, the lawsuit contends.

But last spring, school officials informed Klouda that her contract was terminated because she was "a mistake that the trustees needed to fix," the lawsuit states.



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Nation/world news briefs

FBI broke law to pry out personal information about Americans, Gonzales, Mueller say

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's top two law enforcement officials acknowledged the FBI broke the law to secretly pry out personal information about Americans. They apologized and vowed to prevent further illegal intrusions.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales on Friday left open the possibility of pursuing criminal charges against FBI agents or lawyers who improperly used the USA Patriot Act in pursuit of suspected terrorists and spies.

The FBI's transgressions were spelled out in a damning 126-page audit by Justice Department Inspector General Glenn A. Fine. He found that agents sometimes demanded personal data on people without official authorization, and in other cases improperly obtained telephone records in non-emergency circumstances.

The audit also concluded that the FBI for three years underreported to Congress how often it used national security letters to ask businesses to turn over customer data. The letters are administrative subpoenas that do not require a judge's approval.

"People have to believe in what we say," Gonzales said. "And so I think this was very upsetting to me. And it's frustrating."

Bush refuses to be goaded into a war of words with Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP) — President Bush refuses to be goaded into a war of words with Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, who is answering the president's five-country trek through Latin America with taunts of "Gringo go home."

Bush is trying to spread a message of U.S. compassion for the region and ignore Chavez, who blames U.S.-style capitalism for poverty and inequality in Latin America.

The second stop of Bush's trip is in Uruguay on Saturday, where he will meet with President Tabare Vazquez.

Asked at a news conference Friday in Brazil whether his trip counters Chavez' influence or stokes the populist leader's support, Bush refrained from even naming his nemesis.

"I bring the goodwill of the United States to South America and Central America. That's why I'm here," said Bush, who also is visiting Colombia, Guatemala and Mexico.

Military struggles to find ways of keeping up to 20 brigade combat teams in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military leaders are struggling to choose Army units to stay in Iraq and Afghanistan longer or go there earlier than planned,

but five years of war have made fresh troops harder to find.

Faced with a military buildup in Iraq that could drag into next year, Pentagon officials are trying to identify enough units to keep up to 20 brigade combat teams in Iraq. A brigade usually has about 3,500 troops.

The likely result will be extending the deployments of brigades scheduled to come home at the end of the summer, and sending others earlier than scheduled.

Final decisions — which have not yet been made — would come as Congress is considering ways to force President Bush to wind down the war, despite his vow that he would veto such legislation.

In the freshest indication of the relentless demands for troops in Iraq, Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, commander of coalition forces in the north, told reporters Friday that his troops have picked up the pace of their attacks on the enemy in Diyala province, northeast of Baghdad.

Rev. Falwell says Gingrich admitted affair to him, invites him to deliver address

LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP) — Newt Gingrich's admission of an extramarital affair as he pursued President Clinton's impeachment in the Monica Lewinsky scandal has won praise from another conservative Christian leader: the Rev. Jerry Falwell.

It's also helped to gain Gingrich an invitation to deliver the commencement address at Falwell's Liberty University. Gingrich is considered a possible Republican presidential contender, although he has not announced any intention to run.

In an interview with Focus on the Family founder James Dobson that aired Friday, Gingrich admitted to the affair in 1998. In 2000, he divorced his second wife, Marianne, after his attorneys acknowledged his relationship with Callista Bisek, a former congressional aide now his wife.

"He has admitted his moral shortcomings to me, as well, in private conversations," Falwell wrote in a weekly newsletter sent Friday to members of the Moral Majority Coalition and The Liberty Alliance. "And he has also told me that he has, in recent years, come to grips with his personal failures and sought God's forgiveness."

Gingrich, 63, a former Georgia congressman who served as Republican speaker of the House after leading the party to its first House majority in 40 years, has been married three times. He has supported a family-values agenda as a candidate, and his two divorces have sparked reports of extramarital affairs as well as charges of hypocrisy from critics.

GOP strategists say Giuliani's private life may hinder his standing among conservatives

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Ronald Reagan was divorced, had chilly relations with some of his children, and still

easily won two terms as president. Rudy Giuliani has been thrice married and twice divorced, has chilly relations with his children, and wants to be elected president.

Twenty-seven years after Reagan became the only divorced candidate to win the presidency, the former New York City mayor is hoping that when it comes to family values, voters will be as accommodating.

Republican strategists say Giuliani's troubled family relationships are likely to hinder his standing among conservatives who already have questions about his positions on social issues.

Contract Bridge

A Rare Defensive Play

West dealer.
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♠ A 10 5 4 2
♥ Q 4
♦ Q 7 4
♣ Q 5 3
WEST
♠ 9 8 7 6
♥ A K 9
♦ J 3 2
♣ J 6 4
EAST
♠ —
♥ J 10 8 7 6 5 2
♦ K 10 6 5
♣ A 2
SOUTH
♠ K Q J 3
♥ 3
♦ A 9 8
♣ K 10 9 8 7

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 3♥ 3♠
4♥ 4♠ 5♥ Pass
Pass 5♠
Opening lead — king of hearts.

The pre-emptive bid is a defensive rather than an offensive weapon. Its prime purpose is to cramp the bidding space of the opponents and make it difficult for them to find their best contract. It is not at all surprising that it succeeds as often as it does.

Consider East's three-heart bid in this deal and observe the effect it has on South. He has no clear-cut action at this point. He can double for takeout, overcall in spades or clubs, or adopt the conservative course of passing. South knows that any bid he makes can go wrong. This is not an unusual predicament, because problems of this sort are frequently created by a pre-emptive bid.

In the actual case, South decided to overcall with three spades, a daring bid to make on just a four-card suit. He eventually wound up in five spades, and West led the king of hearts. The subsequent play is not without interest, because it gave East an opportunity to use a rare defensive play, the Deschepelles Coup.

West led the king of hearts and continued with a heart, ruffed by declarer. South cashed the K-Q-J of spades, overtaking the jack, and drew West's last trump with the ten. He then led a club to the king, which held, and returned the ten. West and dummy playing low. This forced East's ace and produced the following position:

North
♠ 5
♥ Q 7 4
♦ Q
East
♥ J
♦ K 10 6 5
South
♠ A 9
♥ 8 7

East now made the only return that could defeat the contract — the king of diamonds. Had he led the jack of hearts or any diamond but the king, South would have made the rest of the tricks. The king-of-diamonds return prevented South from making use of the clubs in his hand and left him a trick short of his goal.

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Dr. William Phillips, center, and Thomas Stevens, RN complete an equipment check during a disaster drill held Thursday at Big Spring State Hospital. The drill is held annually to prepare hospital staff in case of an actual disaster.



HERALD Photo/Andrea Medlin
Michelle Biddison, RN and psychiatric nurses aide Brandon Sandridge perform CPR on a mock victim during a disaster drill at Big Spring State Hospital.

16 students honored at UTPB science fair

Herald Staff Report

Sixteen Big Spring students earned honors at the recent University of Texas at Permian Basin Regional Science Fair in Odessa.

To qualify for the regional fair, students were required to earn first, second or third place awards in a local science fair.

Big Spring conducted its district science fair Jan. 17, when students competed for top honors in the Junior Division (grades 3 through 5), Intermediate Division (grades 6 through 8) and Senior Division (grades 9 through 12).

Every Big Spring campus produced winning entries, along with sever-

al Special Awards given in the individual categories, at the regional fair.

Winning entries that qualified for the State Science Fair in San Antonio scheduled for April 5 to 7, are:

Intermediate Division
First Place — Paige Knowlton, Goliad (Electrical/Mechanical); Ashley Yanez and Opel Gonzales, Big Spring Junior High (Team Project)

Second Place — Jackson Watkins, BSJH (Electrical/Mechanical); Robert Barraza and Blake Brorman, BSJH (Team Project); Caysi Holt, Goliad (Mathematical Science); MacKinsey Wolf, Goliad (Microbiology).

Third Place — Nicole

Davidson, BSJH (Animal Science); Cole Pittman, BSJH (Microbiology); Hanna Spense, Goliad (Plant Science-Botany); Haley Dimidjiam and Kylee Borchart, Goliad (Team Project).

Special Awards —
Robin Casebeer, BSJH (Environmental); Brady Weber, Goliad (Chemistry).

Senior Division
First Place — Jessica Stone, Big Spring High School (Behavioral Science); Hanna Weber, BSJH (Chemistry).

Second Place — Alyssa Newton, BSJH (Engineering Analysis).

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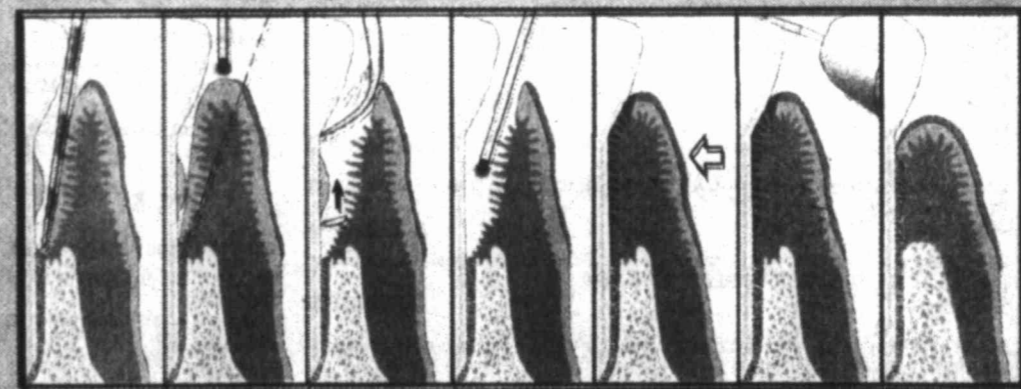
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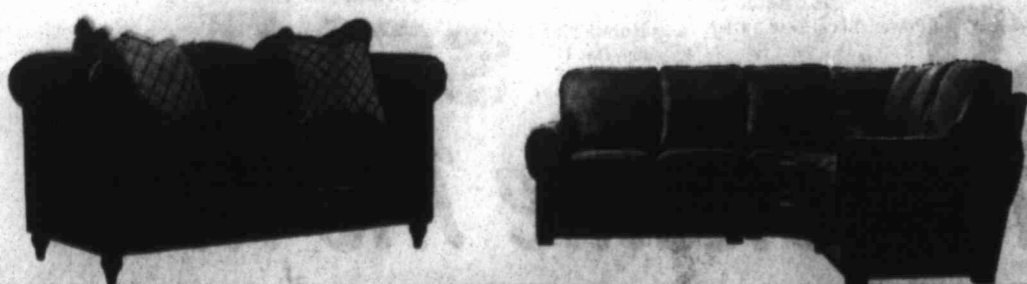
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IN BRIEF

Comanche Trail has last hurrah

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Tim Siegel slates Tennis Camps

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The camp is for children ages 8 to 17 and is open to players with all ability levels.

Siegel has been Director of the TTU Tennis Camps since 1993. For additional information, contact Mr. Siegel at (806) 742-3355 ext. 277.

Cowboys reach deal with Colombo

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys re-signed right tackle Marc Colombo to a two-year contract Friday, another step to solidify the offensive line that was considered a priority this offseason.

Colombo started all 16 games in his first season for the Cowboys. The team didn't release financial terms.

The signing of Colombo came just days after the Cowboys signed free agent offensive lineman Leonard Davis to a seven-year contract worth nearly \$50 million, with \$18.75 million guaranteed. Dallas had already re-signed center Andre Gurode to a \$30 million, six-year deal with \$10 million guaranteed.

Left tackle Flozell Adams and left guard Kyle Kosier were already under contract for 2007.

The Cowboys also Friday released backup offensive tackle Jason Fabini, who played in 15 games last season.

Colombo was a first-round selection by the Chicago Bears in 2002. He spent nearly two years rehabilitating from injuries after dislocating his kneecap and suffering nerve damage in his left leg late in the 2002 season. The Cowboys signed him in November 2005.

Laneville too much for Bearkats

By RICK CANTU

Special to the Herald

Laneville turned the boys state basketball tournament into a personal block party.

Quick and athletic, the Yellowjackets blocked 11 shots in a 60-43 victory over newcomer Garden City in a Class 1A Division II semifinal Friday night.

Guards Marcus Anderson and Mark Carey scored 18 points

apiece as Laneville led from start to finish.

Leading 20-17 at halftime, the Yellowjackets outscored the Bearkats 21-8 in the third quarter to take command. Freshman center Gerraylon Carey was strong on both sides of the court, scoring 14 points and blocking six shots.

"Our defense has been very productive for us all year and we shouldn't change what's worked

for us," Mark Carey said.

"It's been a dream in a lot of ways just to get here," Garden City coach Koby Abney said. "It ended a little short but there are a lot of other teams that wish they were in Austin right now."

Laneville (31-6) is seeking its first state championship since it won consecutive Class A titles in 1992 and 1993.

This was Garden City's maiden voyage to the boys state tour-

namment. The Bearkats (19-9) were led in scoring by senior forward Taylor Niehues, who scored 13 points.

The difference, the coach said, was Laneville's hot third quarter.

"I thought we did a good job of keeping the tempo in our favor in the first half, but you can't have little slip-ups and mental breakdowns when you make it to this level," Abney said.

Hawks knock off Temple

Advance to semifinals facing WJCAC rival South Plains College

By ERIC RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

BELTON — The Howard College men's basketball team definitely wasn't the favorite Friday night in the first round of the Region V Tournament facing the top-seeded Temple College Leopards, who were virtually playing a home game on the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor campus, but that didn't stop the fourth-seeded Hawks from taking an 81-72 win.

In earning the nine-point victory the Hawks defeated Temple for the third time this season.

"We felt like we were the underdog going in just because of that old cliché, 'It's hard to beat someone three times.' Plus we are playing on their home court," head coach Mark Adams said. "We had to play against their fans and all that momentum they showed at the end of the game was a lot of emotion on their part."

The Hawks have played in this match-up before; two regional tournaments ago when Howard upset then No. 1-ranked and undefeated Temple squad in the Region V Tournament in 2005. The Hawks fell just shy of the national tournament that season, falling to Midland College in the regional final.

According to Adams, the Hawks have put themselves in a position to

return to the championship game for a third consecutive season.

"This was a tremendous win for us," Adams said. "I think we've kind of hit the next plateau. I think we are playing a lot tougher and smarter than we've been playing."

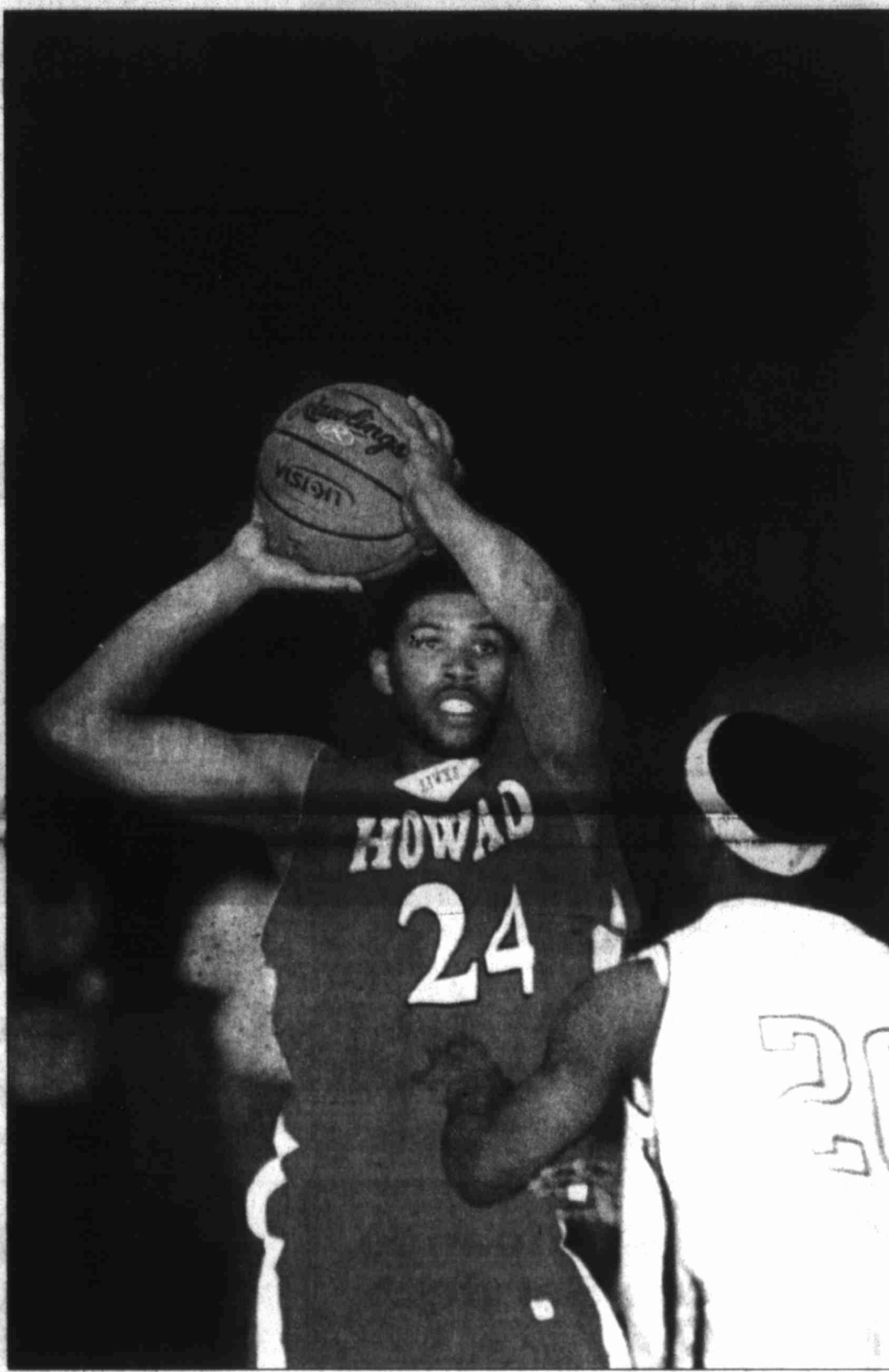
The Hawks held Temple to just 24 first half points with stiffling defense, something Howard needed to carry in to Saturday's semifinal game versus South Plains College.

"If we can play that kind of defense like we did the first half, then I think we've got these guys in a position to where we could win a couple more games," Adams said.

Howard held a 38-24 halftime advantage and was outscored, 48-43, in the second half, but only trailed twice the entire ballgame. Temple hit a 3-pointer to open the game and hit another three with 5:49 remaining in the first half for a 21-19 lead. Howard responded to finish the half on a 19-3 run to head into the lockerroom with a 14-point advantage.

Temple outscored Howard 13-6 out of the break, before Terrence Hill converted an offensive rebound for a basket and then finished off a 3-on-1 break with an assist to Sean Watson. Hill dished out another assist

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HERALD photo/Mike Grimes

Howard College's Terrance Hill (24) looks for an open man in the closing minutes of the Hawks' 81-72 win over top-seeded Temple College at the NJCAA Region V Tournament in Belton. The Hawks advanced to take on WJCAC rival South Plains in the tournament's semifinals.

Kansas State knocks Tech out of Big 12 tourney

By MURRAY EVANS

Associated Press Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — Lance Harris scored 20 points as Kansas State polished its NCAA tournament credentials with a 66-45 win on Friday over Texas Tech in the Big 12 Conference tournament quarterfinals.

Cartier Martin added 17 points for Kansas State, which advanced to play No. 2 Kansas in a Friday semifinal. The Wildcats lost twice to their in-state rival this season, and Kansas has won 34 of the last 35 games in the series, dating to February 1994.

Despite a fourth-place finish and 10-6 league record, skeptics remained about whether Kansas State (22-10) deserved what would be its first NCAA tournament

birth since 1996.

Some had labeled the game between the Wildcats and Texas Tech (21-12) as a de facto elimination game for an NCAA berth, although league coaches have insisted that shouldn't be the case.

The Big 12's top three finishers — Kansas, Texas A&M and Texas — are considered tournament locks.

In the 11-year history of the Big 12, every team that has finished in the top four in the league standings and won at least 10 league games and 20 regular-season games has received an NCAA tournament bid.

Kansas State's win total this season — its first under coach Bob Huggins — is its highest

since its 1987-88 team won 25 games before losing to eventual national champion Kansas in the Elite Eight.

Against Texas Tech, the Wildcats dominated on the boards, outrebounding the Red Raiders 39-25. Of the Wildcats' total, 12 came on the offensive end, giving them numerous second and third chances. Kansas State also shot well from outside, going 10-of-23 from 3-point range.

Texas Tech — which beat Kansas State 62-52 during the regular season — struggled offensively, shooting 32 percent and posting its lowest point total of the season. Jarrius Jackson, who scored 28 points, provided the Red Raiders' only consistent offensive threat and had 10 of

their 17 field goals.

Kansas State didn't make its first basket until 5 1/2 minutes into the game, but heated up after that, shooting 52 percent in the first half, including 5-of-11 from 3-point range.

Texas Tech's last lead came at 23-22, on a three-point play by Jackson with 6:12 left in the half. The Wildcats used an 11-1 run to take a nine-point lead and led 33-26 at halftime.

Jackson provided the bulk of the Red Raiders' offense in the half, scoring 17 points.

Texas Tech proved unable to take advantage when the Wildcats started the second half sluggish on offense.

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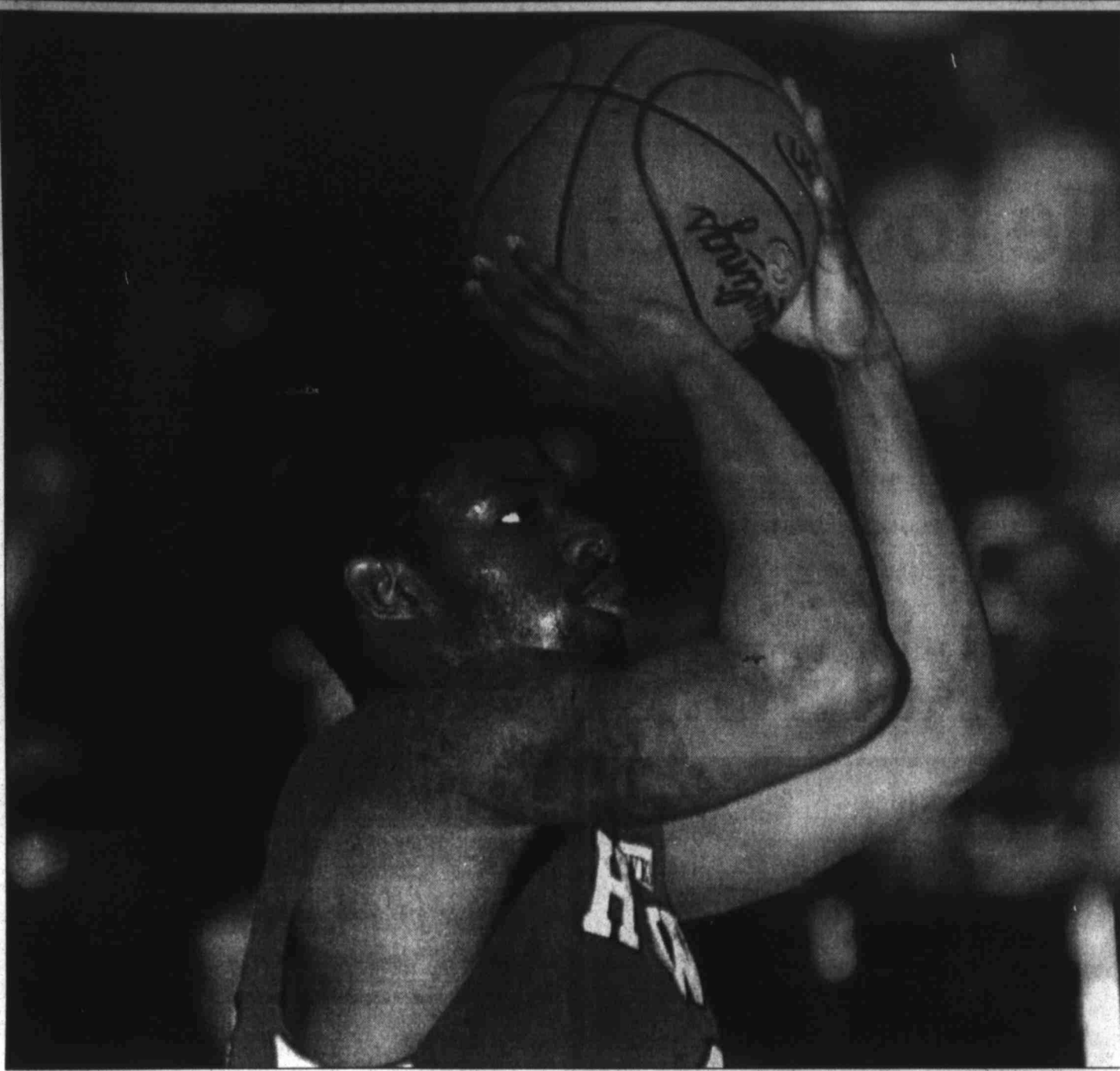
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Howard College's Corey Almond shoots a free throw in the closing minutes of Friday night Region V Tournament game against Temple College.

HAWKS

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to Benson Akpan to cap a 6-0 run, putting Howard up 50-37 with 12:45 remaining in the game.

Over the course of the next six minutes the Hawks outscored Temple 19-7 to establish their biggest lead, 69-44, with 6:40 left. Temple wasn't about to surrender without a fight and rallied to cut the lead to just seven points, 77-70, with 45 seconds remaining on a long 3-pointer. Howard was 4-for-10 from the free throw line down the stretch before Watson and Hill each hit a pair of charity tosses in the final 40 seconds to preserve the nine-point victory. Adams felt the Hawks failed to convert from the free throw line which allowed Temple to stick around.

"One glaring weakness was we just missed a lot of free throws the second half even though they hit some threes, the misses were what kept them in the game," Adams said.

Overall Adams was pleased with the Hawks performance and emphasis on team play.

"I think we played great team defense and offensively we're working together and it was fun to see the guys play that way. It was really satisfying to see the guys go out

and work together and put other players first," Adams stated.

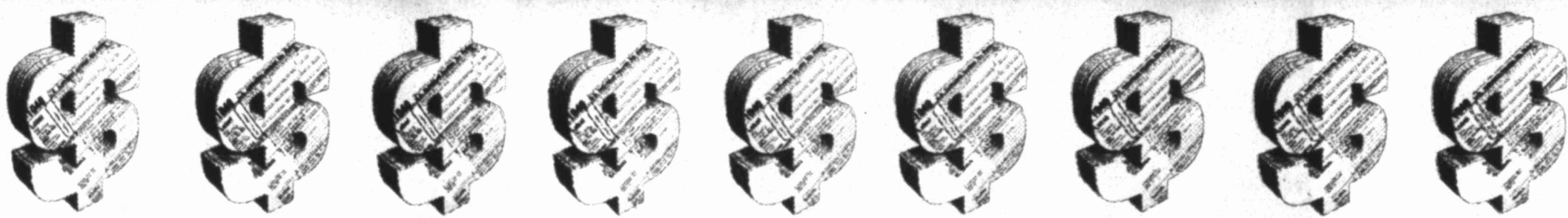
Watson led the Hawks in scoring with 17 points and added eight rebounds. Akpan recorded a double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Brandon Sampay added 12 points and seven rebounds while Catrell Currie scored 11 points, connecting on three of Howard's six 3-pointers. Hill had nine points, six rebounds, and a team high five assists. Rounding out the scoring, Corey Allmond had nine and Dan Sencanski scored seven. As a team Howard shot 64 percent, 32-for-50 from the field overall and an amazing 28-for-36 (77.8 percent) on 2-point field goals.

With all four Western Junior College Athletic Conference teams winning Friday, Howard advanced to face a familiar opponent in South Plains College which defeated a persistent Southwestern Christian College 89-85 to advance to the semifinals.

"I think we are playing the toughest team in the tournament. South Plains is very well coached and I think they have the best guards in our region," Adams said. "They don't have any weaknesses, are very efficient and play hard. It'll be a great game."

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Longhorns rally from 20 down to take win over Baylor, 74-69

By MURRAY EVANS
Associated Press Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant's first-half performance was forgettable. Luckily for Texas, he made up for it by putting on a show in the second half.

Durant, the league's player of the year, missed his first 12 shots but recovered to finish with 29 points and 13 rebounds, and the fifteenth-ranked Longhorns came from 20 points down to beat Baylor 74-69 Friday night in the Big 12 Conference tournament quarterfinals.

It was the largest rally in tournament history. "He just wasn't very good," Texas coach Rick Barnes said of Durant's play in the first half. "I don't know if it was tentative or whatever.

"But he was pretty good in the second half."

Seldom-used Craig Winder scored eight points, including a basket with 1:56 left that put the Longhorns ahead for the first time since the opening minutes, and D.J. Augustin hit a basket and two free throws in the final 18.5 seconds.

Third-seeded Texas (23-8) advanced to play seventh-seeded Oklahoma State in the semifinals Saturday. The Longhorns and Cowboys split a pair of games earlier this season, including a triple-overtime classic won by Oklahoma State.

Texas extended its winning streak against Baylor (15-16) to 20 games, a run that dates to 1988, but not without a major scare from the Bears, who lost three times to Texas this season by a combined total of 11 points.

"This team, I have said before, we don't always do the smartest things but the one thing they do, they keep playing and they haven't flinched all year," Barnes said.

Baylor rode a sizzling first-half shooting performance to an 18-point halftime lead, a margin the Bears stretched to 20 with

17 minutes left. Durant, who had just five first-half points, fueled the Longhorns' comeback, setting a school record for points in a half in a Big 12 game. Durant just missed the Big 12 record for points in a half of 26.

Baylor has lost 27 straight games against ranked foes.

"We really prepared for this," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "We really wanted this. To basically have the lead we did and have it slip away, I mean, that hurts a lot worse than not being in the game."

Texas led 2-0 but then watched Baylor sprint away as the Bears — who had shot 63 percent from the field in a first-round win over Missouri — built an 18-point lead in the first 12 minutes.

Even as Baylor built its lead, Barnes didn't call a timeout "because I think I would have killed them if I would have. And I didn't want to do that, and I just said, 'Hey, let them figure it out themselves.'"

That didn't happen, at least in the first half. The Bears were shooting 67

percent from the field. Durant also began hitting shots, going 7-for-11 after halftime to finish 8-of-24 from the field. In the first half, Durant said, "I wasn't playing like the player I am. I was settling for jumpshots and I wasn't helping my teammates on defense. In the second half ... I was just being more aggressive, going toward the basket. I think I went to the line 12 times today, so that was a plus. Just going at their big men and their guards, and we did a good job."

Winder, who hadn't scored in the Longhorns' last three games and entered the tournament averaging 1.6 points per game, had a steal and layup that tied the game at 65-65 with 3:09 left. Mamadou Diene gave Baylor its final lead by making 1-of-2 free throws with 2:13 left.

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Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$944.11, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

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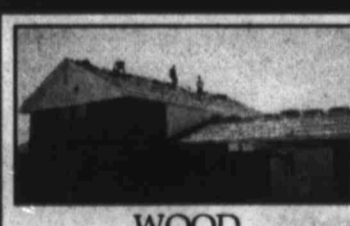
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Kansas State led 44-34 with 11:19 left, but a 17-5 run that included four 3-pointers — two each by Martin and Harris — pushed the Wildcats' advantage to 61-39 by the 5:24 mark, and Texas Tech came no closer than 20 points the rest of the way.

Blake Young added 12 points for Kansas State, while David Hoskins had eight points and 12 rebounds.

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Rhodes signs with Raiders; Droughns traded to Giants

By The Associated Press

Two running backs found new homes Friday. Dominic Rhodes, who ran for 113 yards in Indianapolis' Super Bowl victory, signed with the Oakland Raiders, and Reuben Droughns, who had back-to-back 1,200-yard seasons with Denver and Cleveland, was traded by Cleveland to the New York Giants.

Meanwhile, Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher said he doesn't expect troubled

cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones to report with the rest of the Titans players on March 19.

The NFL is examining 10 separate incidents in which when Jones has been questioned by police since being drafted, including a Feb. 19 triple shooting at a Las Vegas strip club. Two other arrests that Jones had not told the Titans about are among them.

"As an organization it's always been our policy to gather facts and to make sure we have all the infor-

mation, and that's what we're doing," he said. "At this point, I don't see him coming back on the 19th."

Fisher was clearly upset that Jones failed to inform team officials about the two arrests in Fayette County, Ga., last year, including one related to a search for drugs at the home Jones bought for his mother.

"Typically speaking, if there's a situation like this, it's the player's responsibility to inform the club and that did not take place," Fisher said.

In Denver, Jake Plummer officially announced his retirement. He was 40-18 as the Broncos' starter, including a 1-3 mark in the playoffs, but lost his starting job to Jay Cutler last season.

The Broncos traded Plummer to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on March 3 for a conditional pick-in the 2008 draft. The Bucs made the deal despite being aware of Plummer's retirement plans. He said on the Web site of The Jake Plummer

Foundation last Saturday that he was retiring.

"I poured my heart and soul into this game, not just in the NFL, but in college and in high school," Plummer said. "I'm ready to move on with my life and try some new challenges."

One of those challenges is handball. He and his brother, Eric, were scheduled to play in the Colorado state handball doubles tournament this weekend.

"Life is grand, life is exciting," Plummer said.

"I'm excited to move on, and encounter and take on new challenges with my life. ... I'm excited to see my family more, to be spending time with my friends. You guys can probably know that I'll be at a mountain, either at the bottom or the top of a mountain somewhere. Don't worry about Jake, he'll be fine."

As for Rhodes and Droughns, neither may play full-time with his new team. But both are expected to be major factors for them.

No. 7 Aggies come up one point short in loss to OSU

By JEFF LATZKE

AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — Given a chance to keep Oklahoma State's season alive, Mario Boggan came through with the latest in a series of clutch plays.

Boggan scored from the right block with 11.5 seconds left to give Oklahoma State a 57-56 victory over No. 7 Texas A&M in the Big 12 tournament quarterfinals Friday night.

It was the fourth time Boggan put the Cowboys ahead in the final minute of a game this season, and the second time he hit a game-winner against a ranked foe.

"It's not unbelievable if it keeps on happening," the 6-foot-7 forward said. After Antanas

Kavaliuskas missed a baseline jumper that would have stretched the second-seeded Aggies' lead to three, the Cowboys took possession and set up their last chance during a timeout with 21.3 seconds remaining.

Boggan took a feed at the right block, spun and laid the ball into the basket for the winning shot.

"Coach told us, 'Make a play at the end.' That's what it's about right here — a big-time game. I feel I'm a big-time player, so I should go out there and make a play," Boggan said. "Coach drew it up

and I just finished."

A&M's Josh Carter missed a 3-pointer from the right corner, and Kavaliuskas couldn't connect on a jumper from the left side after grabbing the offensive rebound.

Carter missed another shot as the buzzer sounded, and Cowboys flooded onto the court to celebrate with leaping chest bumps and by popping their jerseys to a cheering crowd.

Boggan and David Mond scored 11 points apiece to lead the seventh-seeded Cowboys (21-11), who rallied from nine

points down in the second half and won after trailing at halftime for only the second time in 11 chances this season.

Joseph Jones led the Aggies (25-5) with 18 points, Carter scored 14 and Acie Law IV had 10.

Boggan's first late-game heroics of the season came on a putback that put Oklahoma State ahead to stay in the final minute of a double-overtime win against No. 7 Pitt in December that was also played at the Ford Center. He then made a 3-pointer with 3.2 seconds left in a triple-overtime

win against No. 21 Texas in January, and followed that with a game-winning offensive rebound basket with 4.1 seconds left in double overtime against Texas Tech last month.

"I don't mean anything bad to my teammates, but I always want the ball," Boggan said. "That's just me. That's just how I play."

The Cowboys had plenty of motivation for this one. They lost eight of their last 10 regular-season games to fall from the Top 10 in the rankings and likely off the NCAA tournament bubble. Their

only sure way to get into the field of 65 is to win the tournament and the Big 12's automatic bid.

They'll face third-seeded Texas in the semifinals on Saturday. The Longhorns rallied from a 20-point deficit to beat Baylor 74-69 in their quarterfinal Friday night.

"Now it is crunch time, your back against the wall. We lose this game, there is no more games. It's back to Stillwater on the bus," said James On Curry, the Cowboys' second-leading scorer who fouled out with 1:04 to play.

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One drawer at a time

Try taking these baby steps to organization

By BRIDGETTE A. LACY
McClatchy Newspapers

It's time for spring cleaning — your chance to straighten up, put away and get rid of the stuff that's lying around your house. But the thought of decluttering closets, attics, garages, and every nook and cranny may have you feeling a bit overwhelmed. You are not alone. "Life these days is just very frenzied," says professional organizer Kerry Crocker, of Chapel Hill, N.C. "We all want to pack so much in, to get the most out of life. But it isn't working. We need to simplify our lives in order to manage them and enjoy them more."

Still, the ability to organize is attainable. Think baby steps, people. "I think slow and steady usually wins the race when organizing," says Crocker, who is a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers' North Carolina chapter and the National Study Group on Chronic Disorganization.

"People want to dive in and do the whole house all at once, but that's not realistic. If you can define the goals so that you have the light at the end of the tunnel when you start, then it makes it more realistic.

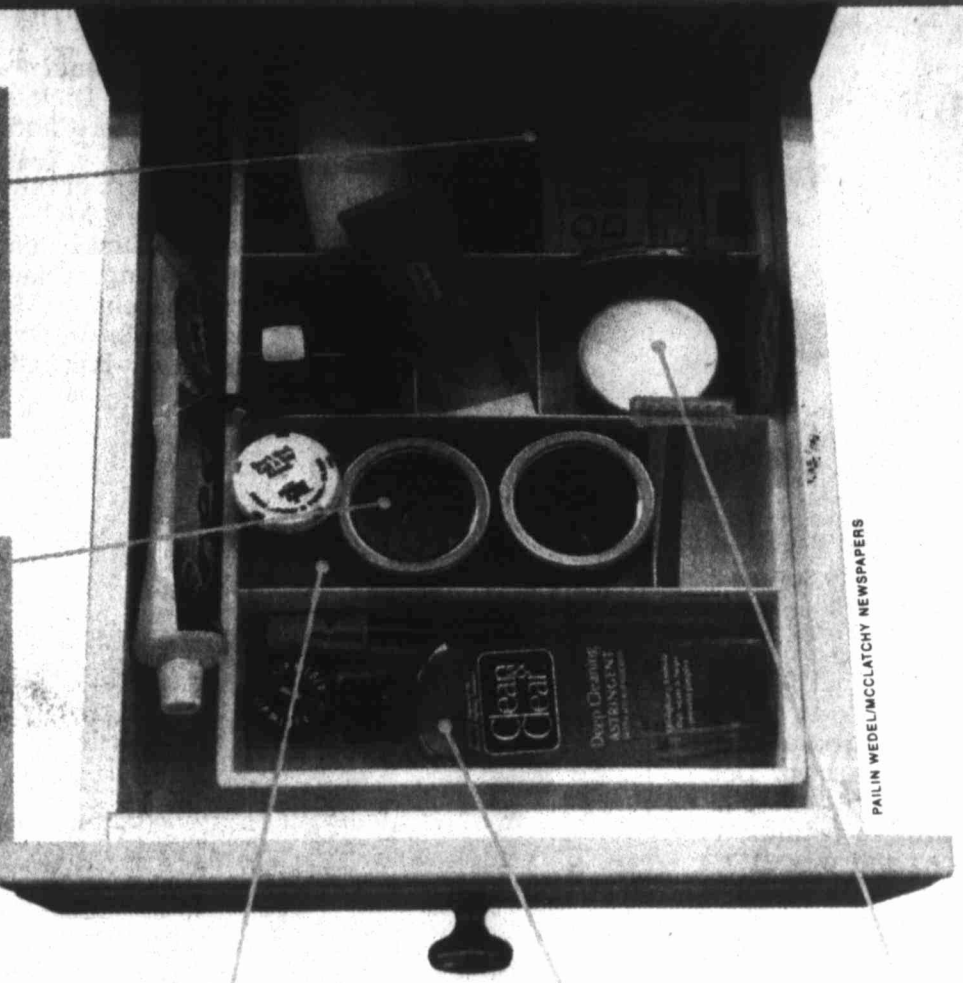
"It's the persistence, doing a little bit on a regular basis that gets the job done. It's true whether you are trying to get organized and put a system in place or in maintenance, where you have a system already in place."

Here we take our own baby steps (with Crocker's help) to declutter and organize a kitchen junk drawer, a bathroom vanity drawer and a workbench — three problem areas found in most busy households. Perhaps you will feel inspired to pick up that trash bag and get back to work.

Bathroom drawer

Label each section of the drawer, identifying what belongs where. It is particularly a good idea if you share a drawer with someone else.

Overized prescription bottles were replaced with smaller containers that can be refilled. (Keep the original bottle in a cabinet or elsewhere out of sight.)



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Like items are grouped together.

A space was made for the husband's items.

Smaller like items are put in small compartments.



BEFORE
This homeowner was tired of the messy bathroom drawer she shares with her husband. It had become the place to throw in just about everything, from razors to floss to prescription drugs, makeup and glue.

THE SOLUTION

- Separate everyday items from rarely used ones.
- Sort. Check expiration dates on medications. Discard those that have expired.
- Assess what type of compartment or containers are needed for the drawer.
- A common mistake, says professional organizer Kerry Crocker, is buying storage supplies before really looking at what is in a drawer. Measure the drawer before

purchasing containers. Make sure to measure length, width and depth.

ORGANIZING TIP

- The bigger the drawer, the bigger the items. Small items should go in shallow drawers. Larger items, such as blow dryers and curling irons, go in bigger drawers.

Garage



BEFORE
The owner of this garage has three children under the age of 6, so his time is limited when he comes home from work. He has gotten into the habit of exiting his truck and leaving random items on the workbench instead of putting them in their proper place in the house. His workbench has become a depository of stuff including children's toys, fishing lures, hunting gear, photographs, instruction manuals and household tools.

THE SOLUTION

- Clear out the area, sorting items into categories — in this case, fishing, hunting, lawn care, household items and children's toys. (Potentially hazardous chemicals are placed on high shelves.)
- Put recyclables together. Store large items that are not used as often elsewhere. Discard trash.
- Re-organize sorted things into more specific categories. Here, items are grouped based on type and then placed in containers. Quill long extension cords. Put power tools together.
- Give items new homes. The owner had an old dresser in his garage that was not being used. It now houses ammunition (guns are stored and locked elsewhere), lure boxes, gun cleaning kits and game calls.

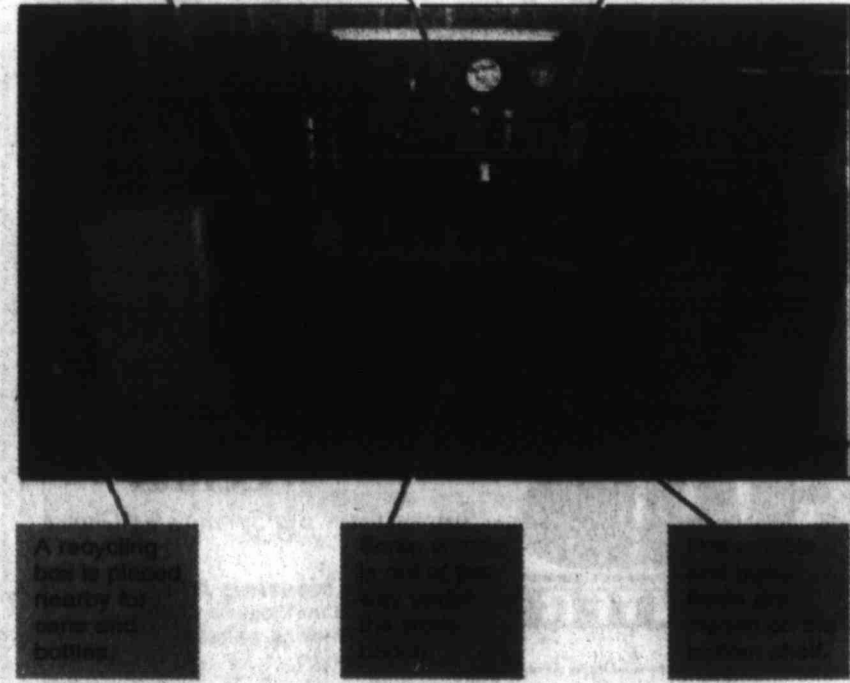
ORGANIZING TIP

- Rome wasn't built in a day. If one pile is too huge to tackle, save it for later. The owner didn't have time to go through all the fishing supplies so he put them in a container to go through later.

Rarely used hand tools and duplicate items go inside the toolbox — not on top.

A shelf on the back holds oils, lures, paint and items that can be recycled to others.

Tools that come in handy are now easily accessible in a two-tiered sliding compartment. Stored beneath are items that are not used on a regular basis.



A recycling bin is placed nearby to help with cleanup.

Groups — packets of floral preservatives, spare key rings, and more pens — go together.

Appliance manuals as well as old and new recipes take up a space.



BEFORE
The kitchen junk drawer often becomes the home for grocery receipts, recipes, instruction manuals for appliances, office supplies and just about anything else. This drawer has stuff just thrown in it. The user wanted a drawer that was functional, so that she could find what she's looking for without having to rifle through everything.

THE SOLUTION

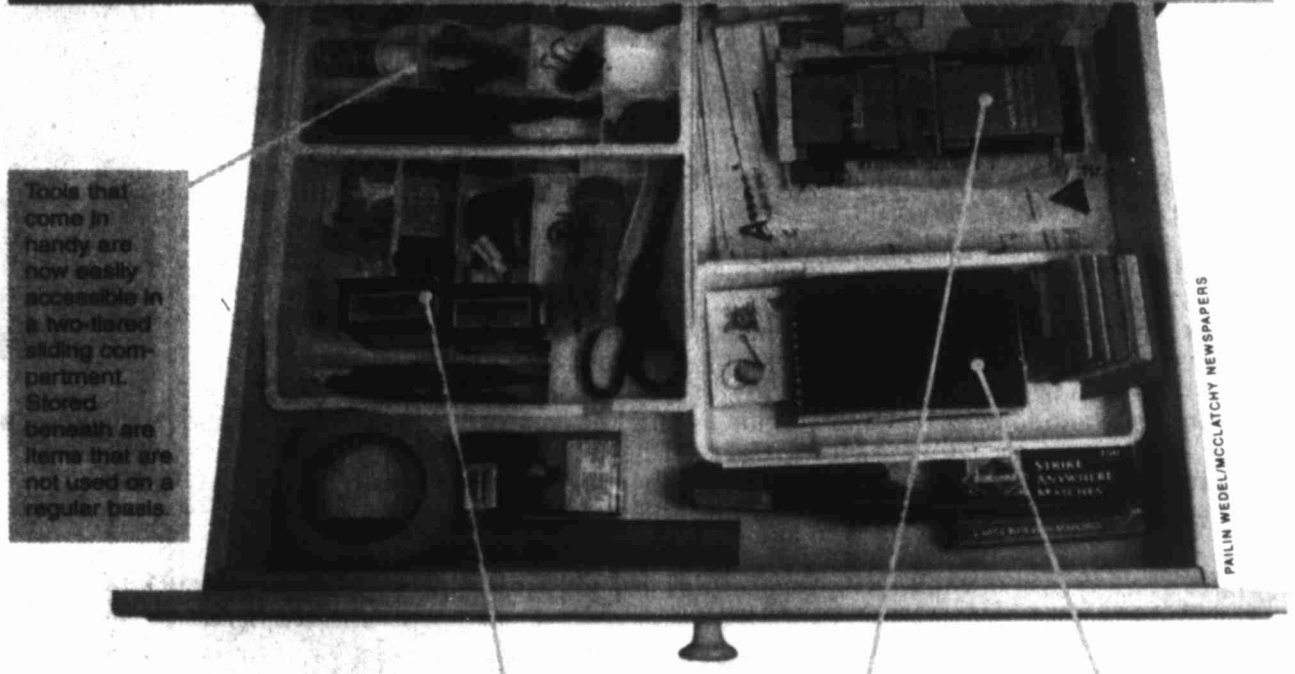
- Pull everything out of the drawer.
- Sort like items into piles.
- Identify items that can be thrown away such as decorative bags that have browned and old grocery receipts. Trash them. If an item fits better in another place in the house, put it there. (For example, the spare Christmas tree lights in the drawer could be stored with holiday decorations.)
- Measure the drawer. Before heading out to pick up containers for the drawer, look at the items you want to store in the drawer to determine what your storage needs.

After buying what you need, implement the new system.

ORGANIZING TIPS

- When searching for organizing supplies, look for storage accessories for the kitchen as well as for the closet. Storage items can vary in dimensions and one style may be more practical — or prettier — for your specific storage needs than another.
- As you put items in their new homes, play around with the placement, making sure it functions with your daily routine.

Kitchen junk drawer



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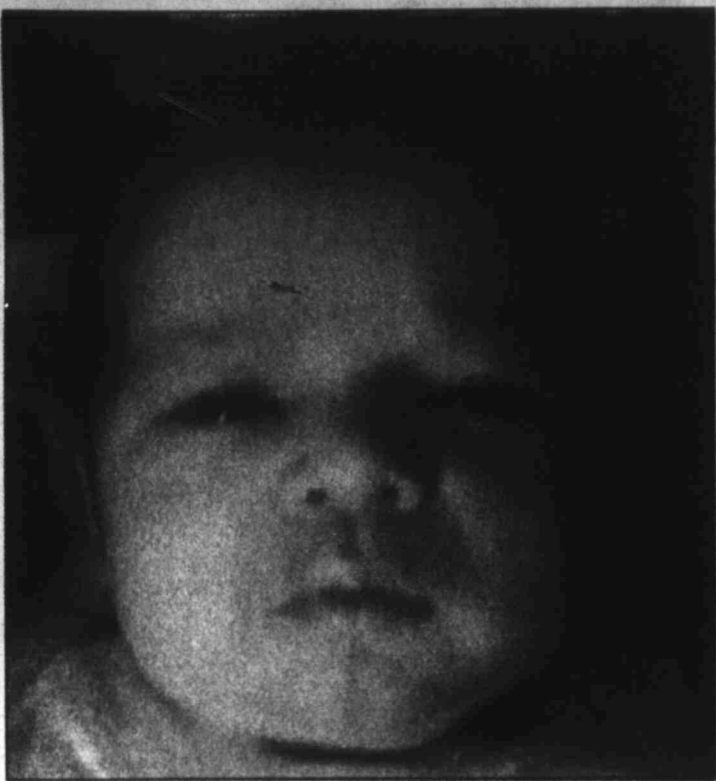
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Savannah Michelle Cantu

Savannah Michelle Cantu, girl, born Feb. 27, 2007, at 7:37 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Her parents are Danielle Dickerson and Michael Cantu of Big Spring.

Maternal grandparents are Mel and Denise Dickerson of Big Spring. Paternal grandparent is Jerry Stanhope of Big Spring and the late Stella Cantu.

Jaedon Atreyu Hale, a boy, was born Dec. 30, 2006, at 2:35 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long.

He is the son of Kaitlin Jones and Brian Hale of Big Spring. His maternal grandparents are Renea Jones of Big Spring and William Hogan of Big Spring. His paternal grandparents are Rocky and Yvonne Hale.



Jaedon Atreyu Hale

Larry and Connie Williams would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Glenda Williams of Big Spring and her Raney Lane Williams. She was born in Snyder at Cogdell Memorial Hospital Jan. 30 at 4:35 p.m.

She has one big sister Lauren and three big brothers Lane, Colton and Justin. Her paternal grandparent is Glenda Williams of Big Spring and her maternal grandparents are Ricky and Gena Rone of Gorman. Raney has two honorary grandfathers, Robert "Catfish" Fuqua and Jerry Heatley, both of Big Spring.

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Four Generations



Courtesy photo

Four generations of the Hughes family are pictured from left, Jade Hughes of San Angelo, originally from Big Spring, Eddie P. Hughes of Lamesa, Mike Hughes of Big Spring and Will Hughes, 1 1/2 weeks old. Will's parents are Jade and Lizbeth Hughes.

Who's Who

The Dean's Honor Roll at Texas A&M University recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours during the fall semester who have maintained a 3.75 or higher grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0.

A second designation, "Distinguished Student," recognizes those who earned a 3.5 to 3.74 GPR while taking at least 15 hours for the fall semester.

Recognized students:
Crystal Leanne Wingert, junior, Big Spring, bachelor of science in kinesiology (lower), distinguished.
Crystal Leigh Sturm, junior, Big

Spring, bachelor's degree in general studies, Dean's Honor Roll.

Kristin Kay Kellar, senior, Coahoma, bachelor of business administration/finance, distinguished.

Ashley Stromberg of Big Spring was one of 209 students at Eastern Wyoming College students receiving recognition for achieving high scholastic standing in the fall semester.

Stromberg was named to the Dean's Honor Roll, which requires full-time students achieve a grade point average of 3.5, but less than 4.0.

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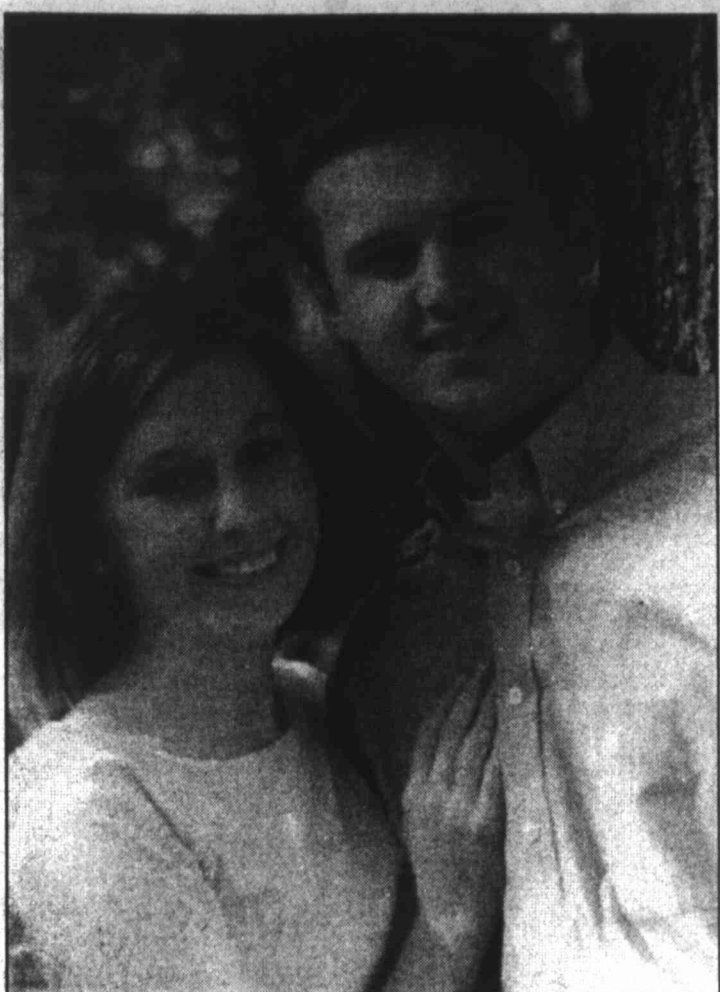
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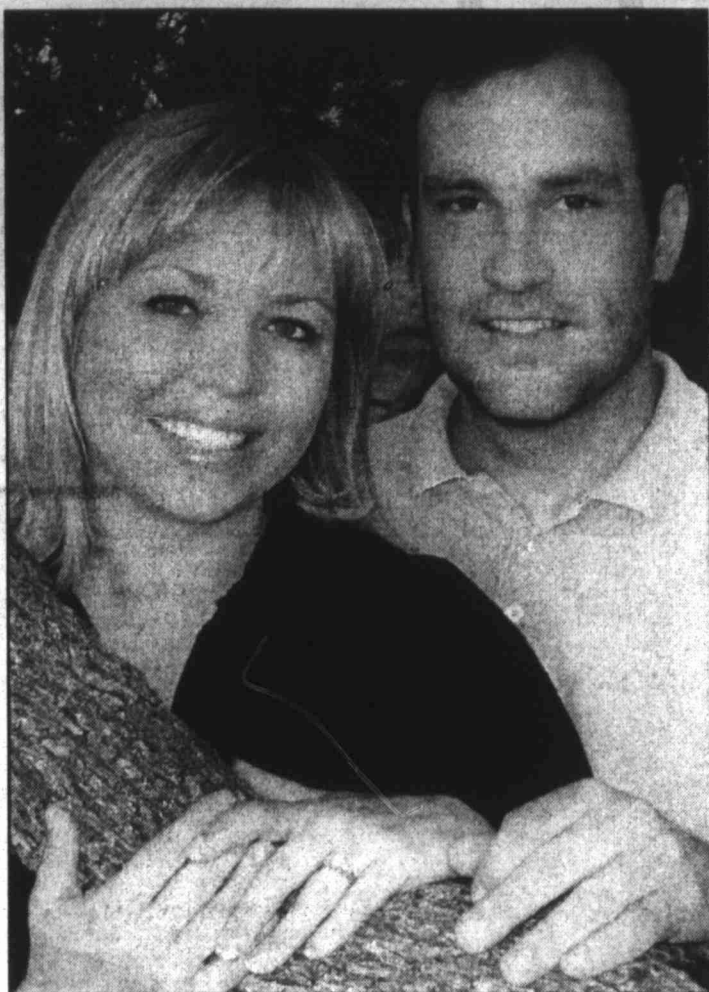
Allen and Matthews

Jennifer Kay Allen and Justin Ross Matthews, both of Houston, announce their intention to wed at 4:30 p.m. March 17, 2007, at Crosby Brethren Church in Crosby.

The bride elect is the daughter of Roger and Leona Allen of Crosby. She is a 2005 graduate from Texas Tech University with a double major in finance and accounting. Jennifer is employed as an internal auditor for Encore Bank in Houston.

The future groom is the son of Bryon and Debra Seal of Big Spring and Gary Matthews of Odessa. He received his BA in English in 2004 and his MBA with an emphasis in energy commerce in 2006 from Texas Tech University. He is employed by ConocoPhillips Company as a landman in Houston.

Following a honeymoon to San Lucia, the couple will reside in Houston.



McLellan and Emerson

Kimberly Joyce McLellan and Cade Anders Emerson, both of Forney, will unite in marriage on July 14, 2007, at Maple Manor in Dallas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Larry and Susan McLellan of Big Spring. Her grandparents are the late Lamar and Joyce Green and the late Duncan and Virginia McLellan of Fairmont, N.C.

The future groom is the son of Jan and the late David Emerson of Abilene. His grandparents are the late Ross and Ruby Spencer of Altus, Okla., and the late Buford and Fay Emerson of Abilene.

Kimberly is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas State University with a bachelor of science and a minor in childhood education. She is employed as a first grade teacher in Rockwall. Cade is a 1997 graduate of Abilene High School and is employed by Intex Electrical.



Yanez and Rivera

Rosa Maria Rivera of Big Spring and Christopher Anthony Yanez of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, will share wedding vows at 11 a.m. May 5, 2007, at Saint Thomas Catholic Church.

Rosa is the daughter of Donald Rivera and Maria Rivera, both of Big Spring. Anthony is the son of Ricky and Alma Yanez of Big Spring.

Rosa graduated from high school in Big Spring in June 2006. She is planning to attend nursing school in the fall.

Christopher received his bachelor's degree in business management at the University of Texas at Permian Basin. He is currently working in car sales in San Angelo.

Saint Thomas Catholic Church is located at 605 N. Main St. in Big Spring.

Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday, March 5, in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Kathryn Wiseman, president, presided and Gloria McDonald gave the invocation. After reading of minutes and financial report by Jan Forseyth, discussion centered on upcoming events sponsored by the committee. Sandra Rhodes-Bartlett reported on the annual golf tourney to be held at the Big Spring Country Club on Saturday, April 21. Format will be a four person scramble with a 9 a.m. tee-time. Call the club at 267-5354 to

enter your team. Alon is sponsoring chances to win two pair of men's and two pair of women's shoes.

Tickets will be priced according to shoe size.

Other major efforts of the group include the annual Trash Off on April 14 featuring a concert in Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater (free) of the Vocal Trash Band, as well as other local talent. Clean-up crews will police the whole town and be treated to lunch at the Old Settler's Pavillion

in the park. Also, our annual flea market will be held on the east parking area of the Big Spring Mall on April 21. Bring your treasure and trash to sell. Pat Simmons continues to come up with new ideas to better our town. The City Council has given their blessing and will help wherever possible in neighborhood area cleaning.

Willia Leford will check on prices of signs to show where projects have been sponsored by KBSB. We welcomed two members. Room for more.



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Health Fair is good business

"The Health Fair is a great opportunity to showcase your business. It's an opportunity to reach a lot of people in a short time."



ValVerde

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Spring is a good time for businesses to catch the public's eye and an excellent opportunity for many merchants and health care providers is the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Health Fair, set for April 14 in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Health Fair organizers are looking for providers and others who can offer free or reduced-cost screenings. The Chamber wants to get the word out — this year's theme is Good Health, Now and For Our Future — which in turn offers a low-cost opportunity for businesses to "strut their stuff."

"We are especially interested in those who provide any kind of health-care services," said Debbye ValVerde, Chamber executive director. "If you provide insurance, any kind of screenings or products that would be of interest to the community, we want you to join us."

Among the screenings lined up for the event so far are blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, PSAs, PulseOx and weight. Also available will be fluoride treatments for children and DNA kits for IdentiKids.

Ten-foot by 10-foot booth spaces are available to health care providers, merchants and others for \$80.

The price includes a skirted table, two chairs, trash can and a sign with the name of the vendor or organization. The deadline to obtain a booth space for \$80 is March 23; after that, the cost will be \$100. No booth space will be rented after March 30.

"We'd encourage you to make reservations now, because we've filled up the last several years," ValVerde said.

Businesses can also choose to be a corporate sponsor. Those signed up so far include Alon USA/Big Spring Refinery, Caring Hearts Home Health, H-E-B, Interim Healthcare, Parkview Nursing and Parkplace



The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair draws a large number of local and area residents to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum each year. The 2007 edition of the fair is set for April 14. Booth spaces are available for \$80 each. For more information, call the Chamber at 263-7641.

Retirement Living, St. Joseph's Home Health, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Warren Chiropractic/Big Spring Physical Therapy, KBST, KBYG and the *Big Spring Herald*.

The Health Fair will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and draws thousands of local and area residents who take part in the screenings and other

activities. Among the speakers will be Kim Shafer, RN, FNP, with Scenic Mountain Medical Center who will present topics for teens and their parents and Valerie Reyna with the crisis center in Odessa, who will hold talks on Internet safety and date violence for young men and women and their parents. Those attending will

also be able to donate blood through United Blood Services.

Unrelated except for its "good health" emphasis, but always held in conjunction with the health fair, is the Master the Mountain Fun Run and Walk at Big Spring State Park.

"The Health Fair is a great opportunity to showcase your business,"

said ValVerde. "It's an opportunity to reach a lot of people in a short time."

To reserve booth space at the Health Fair, contact Chamber Executive Assistant Nancy Newell at (432) 263-7641. To learn more about the Master the Mountain Fun Run and Walk, contact State Park Manager Ron Alton at 263-4931.



KRT photo/Jack Plunkett

John Lockwood, owner of the real-time, online hunting and shooting website Live-Shot.com, stands by the trailer housing his remote-controlled gun on a Boerne, Texas ranch in 2005. Lawmakers in several states have set their sights on stopping remote control hunting in its tracks.

Illinois lawmaker pre-emptively targets 'remote-control' hunting

By **JIM SUHR**
Associated Press Writer

Slouched at a computer, the "hunter" perks up as a 12-point buck eases into view on his screen. Maneuvering his mouse, he swivels the rifle and focuses the cross hairs. With a click of the mouse, the rifle fires a bullet, mortally wounding the animal.

Call it hunting by remote control. And though still more concept than trend, lawmakers in several states have set their sights on stopping the practice in its tracks.

Illinois state Rep. Dan Reitz has proposed banning such hunting in Illinois, saying such "ready, aim, click" kills, or the prospect of them, push the ethical envelope and violate the spirit of "fair

chase" hunts.

"I just think it's wrong," Reitz said, adding that use of such technology — which features a webcam and a .22-caliber rifle atop a remote-controlled rig — would "give all sportsmen a black eye."

Technology that enables people to stalk online and kill real prey has alarmed hunters and lawmakers intent on preemptively blocking the practice. About two dozen states already have outlawed the method, which the Humane Society of the United States calls pay-per-view slaughter.

"The animal has no chance. There's no challenge for you — except knowing how to use a computer and push a button," Arkansas state Sen. Ruth Whitaker said ear-

lier this year while introducing a measure that calls for banning potential cyber hunting in her state. "You never left your tufted sofa. What's sportsmanlike about that?"

The issue emerged in early 2005, when Texas entrepreneur John Lockwood set up a Web site that allowed subscribing hunters with a high-speed connection to shoot antelope, wild pigs and other game on his 220-acre San Antonio spread via remote control — from anywhere. Lockwood offered to send the animals' heads to subscribers.

During a demonstration, a friend of Lockwood used a computer 45 miles away to shoot a wild hog as it

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Monday is deadline to file for boll weevil state board of directors

Special to the Herald

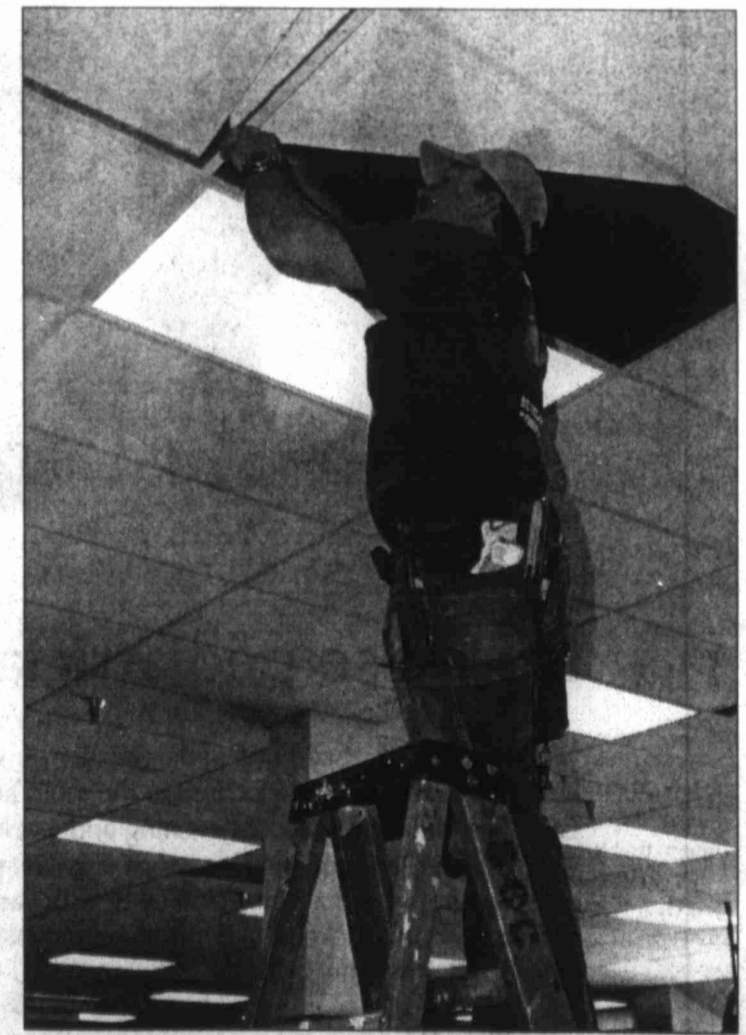
Monday is the deadline for cotton producers in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone to file for a position on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's statewide board of directors.

The deadline comes as cotton farmers and landowners who farmed cotton in 2006 are set to decide in an April 12 referendum whether a boll weevil eradication pro-

gram should continue in the Permian Basin Zone.

Cotton producers who farm in the zone and who have at least seven years of experience as a cotton grower may place their names on the ballot for the board member position. Those wishing to be placed on the ballot must fill out a nomination form along with a biographical information sheet. In addition, the signatures of at least 10 other eligible

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Doug Cook, with Steve Cook & Co., makes some wiring adjustments in the Bealls Department Store, located in the Big Spring Mall, as renovations to the local retail outlet continue.

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County Court Decisions:
Judgment and Sentence: Edward Martinez, criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$2,000 fine, \$366 court costs, 180 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Arnulfo Chavera Jr., driving while license suspended, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Luis Alberto Garfas, evading arrest, \$500 fine, \$374 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Manuel Escamilla Jr., possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$324 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Luis Garfas, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Amanda Jonelle Barker, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Ronald Covington, failure to identify - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Mark Hickman Jr., possession of a controlled substance, \$1,500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Manuel Escamilla Jr., driving while intoxicated - open container, \$1,500 fine, \$439 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Darcy Suemei Trevino, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Jimmy V. Cain, failure to identify - giving false information, \$274 court costs, 45 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Adrienne Reynolds, failure to identify - giving false information, \$324 court costs, three days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Michael Marquez, resisting arrest, \$250 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
District Court Filings: Raven Mitchell vs. James Edward Mitchell, divorce.

Christopher Lawrence Terry vs. Shannon Dawn Terry, divorce.
Danya Zane Porter vs. Clinton Thomas Porter, divorce.
Jeff Angelo vs. April Angelo, divorce.
Charlene Marie Rushin vs. Gerald Rushin, divorce.

Hilda S. Cantu vs. Jesse Cantu, divorce.
Vanessa Lynn Garvin vs. Kenneth Ray Garvin Jr., divorce.
Dianita Cruz vs. Abel G. Cruz, divorce.
Marty Dewayne Richter vs. Juan Carlos Garza-Benitez, family protective order.

Crown Asset Management vs. Richard Neels, accounts, notes and contracts.
Hudson and Keyse vs. Ralph R. Matteson and Elaine R. Matteson, accounts, notes and contracts.
Joe N. Torres and Abel Torres vs. Jose Armando Montaz, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.

Ruben A. Hilario Jr. vs. Werner Enterprises and Marlon M. Washington, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
Maria R. Garza vs. Wal-Mart Stores Texas and Joe Russin, injury or damages - other.

Marriage Licenses:
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Reynaldo Nava Jr., 25, and Carol Ann Rivas, 18, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:
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Grantee: Sammy A. Prince Jr. and Laura Prince
Property: Lot 6, Block 13, Kentwood Unit No. 1
Date: Feb. 28, 2007

Grantor: Virginia Berry Pherigo
Grantee: Swartz & Brough Inc.
Property: Lot 1, Block 2, Fairview Heights
Date: Feb. 28, 2007

Grantor: Big Spring Realty Inc.
Grantee: Swartz & Brough Inc.
Property: Lot 16, Block 4, College Heights
Date: Feb. 28, 2007

Grantor: Raul Vasquez
Grantee: Dianne Arslaga
Property: Two acres out of Section 44, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Feb. 28, 2007

Grantor: Amanda Gillespie
Grantee: Heath Gillespie
Property: Lot 3, Block 4, Seton Place
Date: Feb. 28, 2007

Grantor: Broughton Farm Co.
Grantee: Sonny Glen Kinard
Property: A tract out of Section 28, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Feb. 28, 2007

Grantor: Clay Harris
Grantee: Larry Torres
Property: Lots 6 and 7, Block 2, Sunset Addition
Date: Feb. 28, 2007

Grantor: Phyllis Carroll
Grantee: Thomas Jane Carroll
Property: Lot 9, Block 4, Hillcrest Terrace
Date: Feb. 28, 2007

Grantor: Mikie Towne
Grantee: Tony Castillo and Jamie Valdez
Property: Lot 12, Block 21, Monticello Addition
Date: March 1, 2007

Grantor: Charlette Parchman
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Property: Lot 3, Block 25, Monticello Addition
Date: March 1, 2007

Grantor: Barbara Ruth Ringener
Grantee: Robert Henshagen and Phyllis Henshagen
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Property: Lot 3, Block 21, North Park Hill
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Grantee: Cindy Pittman
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Property: Lot 15, Block 7, Washington Place
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Grantor: Anneliese Centza
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Property: Lot 2, Block 3, Highland Caprock
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Grantor: Elena Hernandez
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Property: The W/90 feet and the E/120 feet of Lot 14, Block 4, Wright's Second Addition
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Grantor: Shirley J. Runyon
Grantee: Christopher B. Ellis
Property: Lot 34, Block 26, College Park
Date: March 1, 2007

Grantor: Todd D. Bryans and Jerica Bryans
Grantee: Ronald Crouch and Pamela Crouch
Property: Lot 31, Block 26, College Park
Date: March 5, 2007

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fed at his ranch. But, according to news reports, he only wounded the animal. Lockwood, who was on site, finished the kill.

Lockwood's venture barely got started before Texas lawmakers swooped in and shot it down. Since then, other states have hustled to get something on their books barring the practice.

Even die-hard hunters are opposed, saying that shooting an animal via computer isn't sporting and doesn't require the element of fair chase in conventional hunting through forest, field or marsh. Some states have posed similar objections to "canned" hunting, during which big game is hunted in captivity as trophies.

"We believe sick ideas have a bad way of spreading, so want to make sure we nip this in the bud and ban it in all 50 states," Michael Markarian, executive vice president of the Humane Society, said of cyber hunting. The group also is pressing for a federal ban.

Pro-hunting groups including Safari Club International and the National Rifle Association also oppose remote-control hunting.
Gary Harpole, an

Illinois hunter who figures he's killed 100 deer, most with a bow, said such a practice "takes away from what hunting really is all about: getting outdoors, experiencing nature."

"To me, 90 percent of hunting is the experience, 10 percent is the harvest," said Harpole, who runs a hunter's lodge at his rural home. Bagging a buck by computer, he said, "is a lazy way of hunting."

But Lockwood has said the technology could help people with disabilities or perhaps servicemen overseas shoot game. And an attendant in the blind with the remote-control rifle can override any unsafe or unethical shots.

Lockwood could not be reached for this story, but told The Associated Press last year that legislatures barring the practice "have no clue what they're passing laws against."

"Ever since we stopped running after our prey and killing with our hands, we've evolved by distancing ourselves further and further from the game and making it more and more efficient for whatever reason we want to take it," he said.

Reitz isn't swayed by such arguments.

"There's a lot of opportunities out there for people with disabilities," he said. "I just think this is a bad way to do it."

His bill, which was

referred to an Illinois House rules committee on Feb. 22, would amend the state's wildlife code to bar a person from operating, providing, selling, using or offering "any computer software or service that allows a person not physically present at the hunt site to remotely control a weapon that could be used to take wildlife by

remote operation."

Use of such equipment would be a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail and \$1,500 in fines. Those who provided the software or services could face a misdemeanor carrying a possible 364 days in jail and \$2,500 in fines.

Missouri already has such a ban on the books,

last year adopting an administrative rule specifying that "wildlife may be taken only in the immediate physical presence of the taker and may not be taken by use of computer-assisted remote hunting devices."

Bill Heatherly, the Missouri Department of Conservation's wildlife programs supervisor, said

he never imagined the need for such a measure despite the sport's astounding technological leaps since man first chucked rocks to kill dinner.

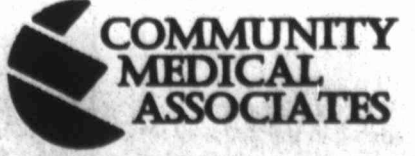
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- ACROSS**
- 1 More overbearing
 - 8 Climb up
 - 15 London's home
 - 16 Take over for
 - 17 Woodworker's chore
 - 18 Politicians may have them
 - 19 Rubber disks
 - 20 Halsey's org.
 - 22 Around
 - 23 Viscid
 - 24 Dye source
 - 26 Music genre
 - 27 Squeeze (out)
 - 28 Some murals
 - 30 Common Korean surname
 - 31 2000 Olympics site
 - 33 Sheet material
 - 35 Chances
 - 37 Board membership
 - 38 Pans, perhaps
 - 41 Counsel
 - 45 Brady Bunch girl
 - 46 Some watches
 - 48 Bolivian export
 - 49 Latin flapper
 - 51 Saw wood
 - 52 Forced to go
 - 53 Exactness
 - 55 Understanding
 - 56 Less cluttered
 - 57 Arugula alternative.
- DOWN**
- 1 California state flowers
 - 2 Star-crossed
 - 3 Like some decks
 - 4 Crying need
 - 5 Rainbow goddess
 - 6 German article
 - 7 Loose cannons
 - 8 Cozy places
 - 9 Race stage
 - 10 Obi-Wan portrayer
 - 11 Small stuff
 - 12 Cowboy's need
 - 13 One getting away
 - 14 New-owner deal
 - 21 Dragon leader
 - 24 Tomboys
 - 25 Rancher's pride
 - 28 They may be mixed
 - 29 Large amount
 - 32 Calendar letters
 - 34 Off-rd. wheels
 - 36 Most elegant
 - 38 Dumpling relative
 - 39 Mysteries
 - 40 Blackthorn fruit
 - 42 Do over
 - 43 Mall features
 - 44 Competitor
 - 45 Shook
 - 47 Busy-looking
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 - 60 Tyler of films

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Estate Auction Estate of Wendall Barber-Forsan & Rex Shive-Coahoma Saturday March 17th, 10:00 a.m. Preview 8:00a.m. till Sale Time 411 E. Main Street Forsan, TX East Main Street at Entrance to Garrett Ranch Forsan is Located 10 Miles South of Big Spring Off of Hwy. 87 2 Craftsman Riding Lawn Mowers (18 1/2 Hp & Nearly New 17 1/2 Hp), Mini & 5 Hp Rototiller, Large Shop Air Compressor, Small Air Compressor, 9Hp Generator, AC Welder, Cutting Torch & Bottle, Little Giant 50 Trip Hammer, Dewalt Chop Saw, Metal Bench Lathe, Chain Saws-Gas & Electric, Drill Presses- 1 Lrg & 1 Small, Drill Bits, Grinders, Cutting Torches & Tips, Small Wenchers, Crescents, Machinist Tools, Hydraulic Jacks, Bolt cutters, Port a Power, Stone Polisher and Scales, Dowel & Plug Cutters, Transfer Punch Sets, Pipe cutters & Threaders 3/4 Impact & Sockets, DeWalt Screw Gun, Welding Rods, Brazen Rods, Tap & Die Sets, Bench Grinders, 1/2" Drive Sockets, Punches & Chisels, Dremel Tool & Dies, Hydraulic Cylinders, C Clamps, Pipe Wrenches, Work Lights, Creeper, Hydraulic Motor, Spray Rig, Measuring Wheel, 199 lb Anvil & 2 Smaller Anvils, Canoe, Small Aluminum Boat, Blacksmith Tongs, Blacksmith Floor Cone, Smelting Ladles, Forge & Forge Blowers, Old Coffee Grinders, Railroad Spike Hammer, Antique Wall Mounted Drills, Antique Vises, Old Lanterns, Cast Iron, Wagon Wheel Hubs, Axels & Springs, Set of Hammers, Steel (Angle Iron, Round & Flat Stock), Nuts & Bolts, Table Saw, Belt Sander, Power Tools, Metal Cabinets, Miter Saw, Metal Lawn Chairs, Fishing Holes, Livestock Panels, Tractor Manuals, 410 & 22 Shells, Lee Reloading Kil, Borden's Milk Bottle, Deer Horns, Propane Tanks, 1 Way Flow, Vintage Tools ??, Lots & Lots More. Real Estate to be Offered at 12:00 Noon: 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Office, Fireplace, Carport & Shed on Large Lot, Next to Garrett Ranch. Sold with Owners Approval, 10% Down Day of Sale. Remainder at Closing in 30 Days. Auctioneers Note: Wendall Barber was a Noted Blacksmith & Built & Repaired Chuckwagons. We have moved Rex Shive's Work Shop Tools from Coahoma & added to this Sale. Don't Miss This Sale! Concession Provided by Lakeway Grocery View Pictures at www.crossroadsauctionco.com Crossroads Auction Co. David Lefeaver-Auctioneer Lic. #13251 (432) 264-9900 Save this Ad, as it will only run one time

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2003 TOYOTA Sequoia Limited. Loaded, black. \$21,950. Call (432)267-8143.

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Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of EMIL ZILAI, Deceased, were issued on March 5, 2007, in Cause No. P-13512, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: GAIL ZILAI.

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

c/o: GAIL ZILAI Independent Administratrix of EMIL ZILAI #8 Indian Ridge Big Spring, Texas 79720 DATED the 5th day of March, 2007.

Glynn Mouton Attorney for Applicant State Bar No.: 14606500 200 West Third Street P.O. Box 189 Big Spring, Texas 79720 Telephone: (432)263-8397 Facsimile: (432)263-8686 #5273 March 11, 2007

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of the State Property Tax Code, Section 33.06 styled: DEFERRED COLLECTIONS OF CERTAIN TAXES.

(a) An individual is entitled to defer or abate a suit to collect a delinquent tax if he is 65 or older; or disabled Person and he owns and occupies as a residence homestead the property on which the tax subject to the suit is delinquent.

(b) To obtain a deferral, an individual must file with the Chief Appraiser for the Appraisal District in which the property is located an affidavit stating the facts required to be established by Subsection (a) of this section. The Chief Appraiser shall notify each taxing unit participating in the District of the filing. After an affidavit is filed under this subsection, a taxing unit may not file suit to collect delinquent taxes on the property until the individual no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.

(c) To obtain an abatement, the individual must file in the court in which suit is pending an affidavit stating the facts required to be established by Subsection (a) of this section. If no controverting affidavit is filed by the taxing unit filing suit or if, after a hearing the court finds the individual is entitled to the deferral, the court shall abate the suit until the individual no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.

(d) A tax lien remains on the property and interest continue to accrue at a rate of 8% per year during the period collections of taxes is deferred.

(e) NEW LAW ENACTED BY 97 LEGISLATURE SENATE BILL 841 SEC. 33.065: DEFER PENDING TAXES ON THAT PART OF THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THEIR HOMES THAT IS MORE THAN 5% ABOVE THE PRECEDING YEARS APPRAISED VALUE, EXCLUDES THE VALUE OF ANY IMPROVEMENT ADDED. Applications Forms are available at: Howard County Appraisal District Courthouse Annex, 315 Main Street P.O. Box 1151 Big Spring, TX 79721-1151 Authorized by 1989 Texas Law Section 33.06 #5269 March 4 & 11, 2007

Legals

Legal Notice

The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission is seeking a training provider for short-term/one-day motivational and leadership seminar for adult and youth WIA and Choices Program participants to be scheduled through September 30, 2007. The seminar should include basics of, motivation, leadership and team building skills development self-esteem and goal setting. Event date and class size to be arranged upon contract award. For more information or to request a proposal package, contact Cheryl Keith at Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, P.O. Box 60660 Midland, TX 79711, (432)563-1061. Bid proposals should be received no later than 5 p.m., Friday, March 30, 2007. #5290 March 11, 2007

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Juan Arias Gonzalez and Sharon Kay Gonzalez

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 persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

A 4.97 acre tract, more or less, out of the NW part of Sec. 105, Blk. 29, W & NW Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$661.10, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed 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 Juan Arias Gonzalez as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the 29th day of January, 2006, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JUAN ARIAS GONZALEZ AND SHARON KAY GONZALEZ, 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 5163 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove 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 hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and intervenors, 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 therefore, 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 23rd day of April, 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 condemning said property and ordering foreclosure 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 allowed 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 5th day of March, A.D. 2007. Priscilla Ginnetti Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5287 March 11 & 18, 2007

CAUSE NO. T-5321 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. O.J. ALLRED, ET AL IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS 118TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF SUIT TO FORECLOSE TAX LIEN PURSUANT TO PROPERTY TAX CODE SECTION 33.57

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

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

1. A petition to foreclose the tax lien against each parcel shown on the Petition was filed on the 26 day of February, 2007, commencing foreclosure proceedings;
2. The legal description, tax account number, and, if known, the street address for each parcel, is shown in the Exhibits to the Petition attached hereto;
3. This notice is addressed to each owner of an interest in each parcel as shown in the Exhibits to the Petition attached hereto;
4. Final hearing on the Petition is scheduled for the 18th day of April, 2007, at 1:00 o'clock p.m.
5. Each and every owner of any interest in each parcel the subject of this suit may lose whatever property interest they own in such parcel as a result of the hearing and any subsequent tax sale;
6. A person's interest in any parcel may be preserved by paying all delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, attorney's fees and court costs before the date of the scheduled hearing on the petition, or, you may contest the Petition by filing with the clerk of the court a written response to the petition not later than the seventh (7) day before the date scheduled for hearing on the petition and specifying in the response any affirmative defense. A copy of such response must be served on the taxing unit's attorney of record in the manner required by Rule 21a, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure;
7. The name, address and telephone number of the taxing units are as follows: Howard College 1001 Birdwell Lane Big Spring, TX 79720 Phone (432)264-5000 Howard County 300 S. Main Big Spring, TX 79720 Phone (432)264-2232 City of Big Spring 310 Nolan Big Spring, TX 79720 Phone (432)264-2401 City of Coahoma P.O. Box L Coahoma, TX 79511 Phone (432)394-4287 City of Forsan P.O. Box 714 Forsan, TX 79733 Phone (432)547-2355 Big Spring ISD 708 11th Place Big Spring, TX 79720 Phone (432)264-3620 Forsan ISD P.O. Drawer A Forsan, TX 79733 Phone (432)457-2223 Howard County Water Control and Improvement District 7917 N. Service Rd. Big Spring, TX 79720 Phone (432)393-5233 Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District P.O. Box 1314 Stanton, TX 79782 Phone (432)756-2136

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

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"A-00" if living, and if any or all of the named Defendant(s) be deceased, the unknown heirs of each of such deceased Defendant(s); the unknown owner or owners of any of the property the subject of this suit; the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees of the any Defendant; and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon any of the property the subject of this suit, on which property there are delinquent taxes, penalties and interest, assessed and justly due, owing, and unpaid to Plaintiffs in the amounts and for the years shown on the Tax Statement(s) made a part of each Exhibit attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as if repeated verbatim, on each property separately assessed for all delinquent years up to and including 2005.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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EXHIBIT "BB" Property and Amounts Owed Lot No. 12, Blk 3, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

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EXHIBIT "X" Property and Amounts Owed Lot 18, Blk 9, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

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EXHIBIT "Z" Property and Amounts Owed Lot 3, and N25 of Lot 4, Blk 10, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

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

EXHIBIT "TT" Property and Amounts Owed Lot No. 12, Blk 10, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

EXHIBIT "UU" Property and Amounts Owed Lot 10, Blk 5, Jones Valley Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

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TO MOISES TORRES Defendant, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday 2nd day of April, 2007, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas at the Court House of said County in Big Spring Texas, said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 4th day of OCTOBER, A.D., 2006, in this case, numbered 45011 on the docket of said court, and styled, BIG SPRING GOV. EMPLOYEES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Vs. MOISES TORRES

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: PETITION FOR SUIT ON NOTE as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Big Spring, Texas this the 13th day of FEBRUARY A.D. 2007. COLLEEN BARTON, District Clerk 118th District Court, Howard County, Texas By Priscilla Ginnett, Deputy #5260 February 18 & 25 and March 4 & 11, 2007

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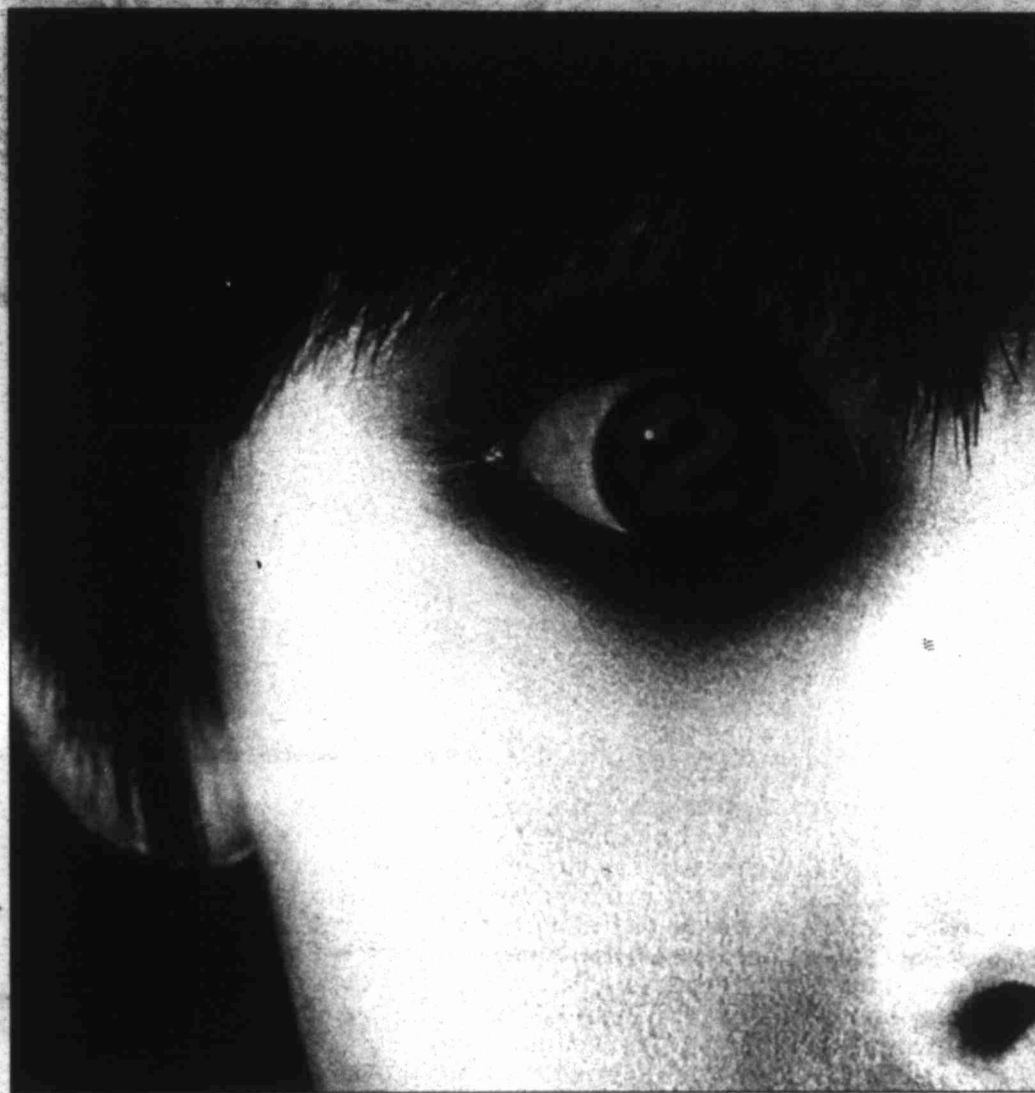
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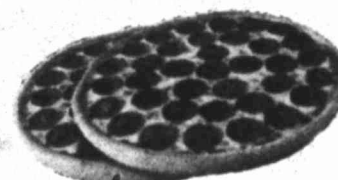
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Sixth time no charm for 'Grudge 2'

In the rich tradition of remakes of sequels of remakes, we have "The Grudge 2," which dares to answer the age-old question: How many blue-skinned ghouls does it take to bore an American audience?

"The Grudge 2" takes place in three separate timelines. The main plot involves events occurring immediately after the events of the first "Grudge." Here, Aubrey Davis, played by Amber Tamblyn of "Joan of Arcadia" fame, rushes to Japan to be at her sister Karen's — once again played by Sarah Michelle Gellar — side.



Thomas Jenkins

If you're thinking of seeing this because you're a Sarah Michelle Gellar fan, you'd better also be a Sarah Michelle Gellar completist, because she appears here for maybe five minutes all told.

There's really no reason to see the first film in the series — you get the back story three of four times in this film — but it goes a little something like this: A long time ago — I'm guessing it's the mid-'80s — a man killed his wife, child, and obnoxious black cat. Then he hung himself.

It seems Karen has suffered some sort of mysterious accident, and Aubrey is urged by their mother, played by Joanna Cassidy, who can't attend in person due to terminal illness, to see what the hell's going on.

Of course, we know Karen set fire to a cursed house to free herself of its evil spirits, killing her boyfriend in the process. But Aubrey has no knowledge of this, and — after consulting with Eason (Edison Chen, "Gumball

3000: Driving Me Crazy"), a dogged journalist covering the house's legacy — foolishly decides to check things out for herself.

Meanwhile, a group of oblivious American teenage girls — students at Tokyo's International High School — have been drawn by tales of the house's sinister past. The three unwisely enter the dwelling, setting off the now familiar "grudge," ensuring a good 80 minutes or so of unpleasantness.

Of course, there's also the family from Chicago, who are dealing with their own housing issues and a familiar ghostly young boy.

Karen at least had an excuse for her foolishness. She wasn't aware of the curse hanging over the house when she made her fateful visit to check on her missing co-worker. Her sister can't make the same claim — Eason actively tries to prevent her tagging along — and so commands little of our sympathy.

A better movie would've had Tamblyn playing her "Joan of Arcadia" character and summoning the mighty power of the Christian god to combat these supposedly lesser Japanese spirits. This would've elevated this scarcely entertaining B-movie into a thoughtful and hyperviolent meditation on spirituality and cultural superiority, culminating in one or more nuclear detonations, which always make for good cinematography.

But no, we're left with a skeletal narrative fleshed



out by jump scares and annoyingly indestructible bad guys. Granted, the horror stalwarts of the '80s — Freddie, Jason, Clubber Lang — were entertaining because their very immortality made them amusing. You can't take a killer who survives decapitation or immolation seriously, and the "Friday the 13th" and "Nightmare on Elm Street" movies played to their inherent campiness.

All movies like "The Grudge 2" leave us with a sense of bored futility.

Perhaps this calculating demeanor is because Shimizu's essentially made the same film six times now. The first Ju-on in 2000. The second in 2000 as well. Then he did both of them again in 2003.

Then the American remake in 2004. That makes Grudge 2 the sixth version of the same film made in only six years (In between he made the similar "Marebito" and "Rinne"). It's not surprising that the film feels mechanized,

paint by numbers.

Shimizu has either got it down so pat that he can operate on autopilot or he's just bored senseless.

If the vengeful ghosts are able to ignore the laws of physics, time, and thermodynamics, and the curse

itself is unbreakable no matter what the protagonists do, what possible interest should an audience have in paying money to sit through it?

And while I'm thinking

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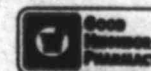


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about it, why is that house still standing?

We know from the first "Grudge" that the cops were aware of the curse upon it, so why not claim the thing was a crack den and bulldoze the thing?

It's already been gutted by fire, so what's the hold-up?

Because then Takashi Shimizu wouldn't have a

tales are presented out of sequence with each other to the point where you're practically begging for that freaky boneless chick to show up and start snapping necks.

At least with the teenage girls, Shimizu appears to be catering to that lucrative Catholic schoolgirl fetishist market.

That's a huge



sequel — and a third installment, due in 2007 — and we wouldn't be subjected to yet another in the increasingly tired flood of Japanese horror remakes.

The same problems that plagued the original are on display here.

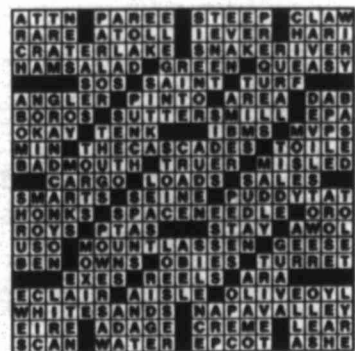
The creepy mother and son ghost duo pop up unexpectedly and grab a lot of legs, but didn't we see enough of that in the first movie?

There are also a three times as many main characters, whose individual

market, by the way.

The unrated director's cut DVD includes deleted scenes and numerous making-of featurettes.

Shimizu knows how to make an effective shock



sequence. He's good at tension. Good at lighting scary set pieces.

But despite this technical proficiency there isn't an original bone in Grudge 2's over-long 95 minutes.

Of course, if I'd made the same film six times I'd be pretty good at it too. That or really, really bored.

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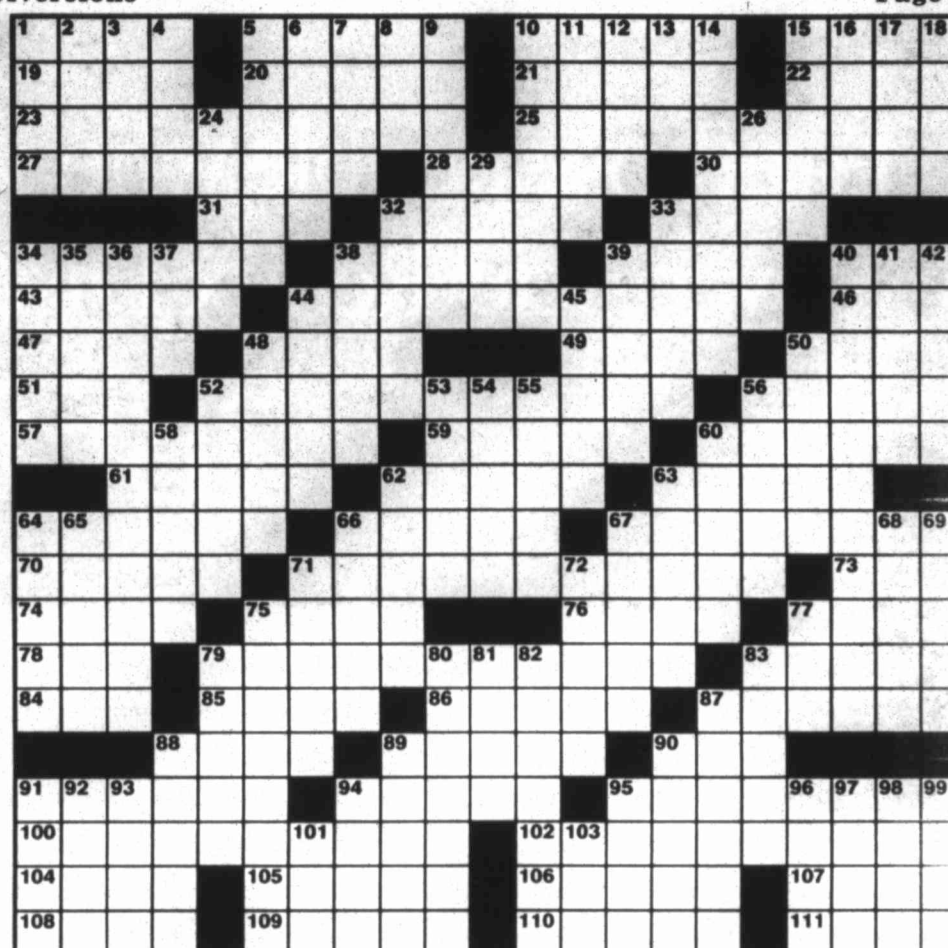
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71 Seattle structure
73 Gold, in Granada
74 Bean and Rogers
75 Bake-sale sponsors
76 Don't leave
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79 Active volcano in California
83 Sixth-day Christmas gift
84 *Bonanza* dad
85 Has
86 Off-Broadway awards
87 Tank top
88 Paper-ballot marks
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90 Altar constellation
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33 Shortens slightly
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35 Finland's largest company
36 Arizona attraction
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40 Wyoming national monument
41 Computer name
42 Founded
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45 Large beef quantities
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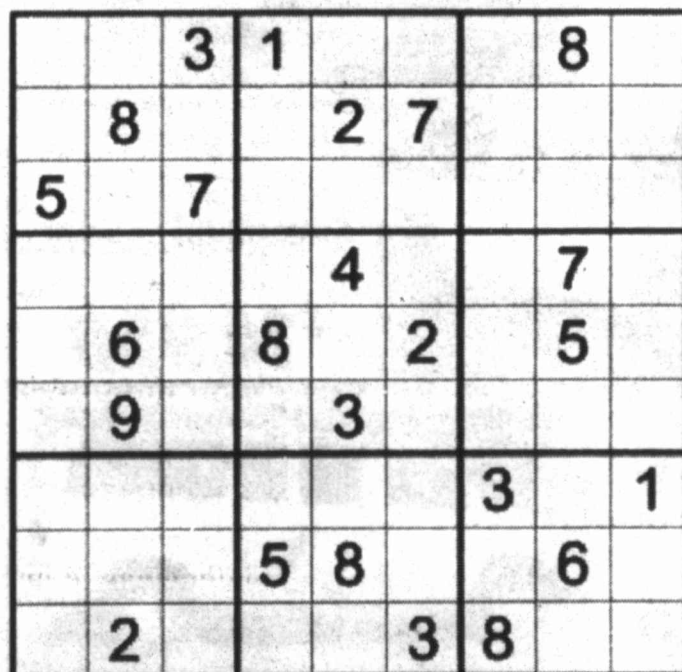
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3 Brit's streetcar
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5 Drawing room
6 Book of the world
7 Pathway



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65 Antlered beast
66 Goes across
67 *Dragon*
(kids' film of '77)
68 Got up
69 Rental sign
71 Surprises and then some
72 Road curves
75 Carpenter's device
- 77 It means "atmosphere"
79 Nerve
80 *Guys and Dolls* composer
81 Explorer Tasman
82 Soundlessness
83 Jelly flavor
87 Hot-food stand
88 Eroded
89 High-pressure system
90 Battleground of 1836
- 91 Meadow grazers
92 Stylish
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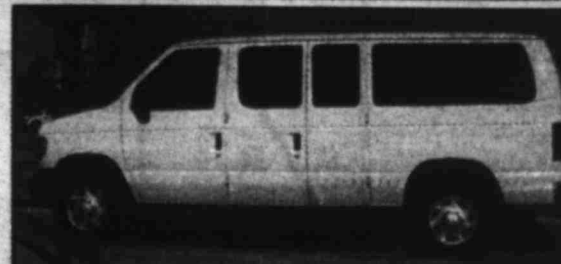


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