

Lamesa man faces murder trial

23-year-old indicted in shooting death of former BSHS track star Mitchell

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury has officially charged a Lamesa man with the murder of former Big Spring High School track star Tory Mitchell.

Michael Herbert, 23, of Lamesa, was among 15 people indicted during Thursday's ses-



Herbert

Wilkerson said.

sion of the grand jury.

Herbert was indicted for murder in the Dec. 23 shooting death of Mitchell during Thursday's session of the grand jury, District Attorney Hardy L.

Wilkerson said.

Herbert, who also goes by the name of Michael Gibson, allegedly had a series of altercations with Mitchell that led to the fatal shooting, Wilkerson said.

"It appears that the defendant and Mr. Mitchell had their differences, and those differences appeared to have escalated, ultimately culminating in the

state's allegation that Mr. Herbert shot Mr. Mitchell in the back three times with a .357 Magnum (pistol)," Wilkerson said.

Mitchell earned fame as a multiple gold medal winning track athlete at Big Spring High School in the 1990s. He won back-to-back double gold medals at the state track meet

in the 100 meters and 200 meters during that time and eventually signed a football scholarship with the University of Miami in 1999.

Murder is a first degree felony that normally carries a possible punishment of between five and 99 years or life in

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Serpents abound

Rattlesnake Roundup slithering into Big Spring Saturday and Sunday

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**

News Editor

Snake hunters were to begin bringing their catch to the Howard County Fairbarns at 1 p.m. today in anticipation of this weekend's Big Spring AMBUCS Rattlesnake Roundup.

The roundup, in its 44th year, is set for Saturday and Sunday at the fairgrounds, located off FM 700 adjacent to the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Organizers note that it will be the only local rattlesnake roundup for a two-year period. The event will not be repeated in 2008 because the dates — the fourth week-end of March — fall on Easter.

"We've decided not to have it because of the conflict," said Ray Alexander, secretary/treasurer of AMBUCS, the American Business Club, which puts on the event. "So if you want to see it, don't put it off. Be sure and go this year."

The roundup will return in 2009, organiz-



Jackie Bibby, "The Texas Snake Man," holds snakes in his mouth as roundup fans look on. The Big Spring AMBUCS Rattlesnake Roundup is scheduled Saturday and Sunday.

ers say.

This year's roundup runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from noon until 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3

for children age 4 through 11. The price is good for one full day, so roundup-goers can

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Register to vote, official reminds

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Area residents planning to cast their ballots in the May 12 municipal and school board elections should be registered to vote by April 12.

"The registration deadline for any election is 30 days prior to the election day," explained Sandra Bloom,



Bloom

election administrator for the county. "If they haven't received their card or aren't sure if they're registered, all they have to do is come by the office. They can fill out the voter registration card and their card should be mailed to them in time for the May 13 election.

"For those who can't get out, they can call us and we'll mail them the form. They can fill it out and just mail it back to us. It's a very easy process."

Bloom said the registration cards require a Texas driver's license or identification card number, or the last four digits of the prospective voter's Social Security number.

"If the person register-

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Tax-Aide program winding to conclusion

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

AARP will begin to wrap up its annual Tax-Aide program, which ends April 9, as the group continues to help area residents make sense of the tax laws and forms that seem to get more complicated each year.

The annual AARP Tax-

Aide program is in full swing now, according to program coordinator Gloria Hopkins, and while the deadline to file federal income tax returns may seem far in the future, she and her staff will be hard at it every Monday until then.

"We are doing taxes at the Senior Center from 8

a.m. until noon on Monday, and will continue each Monday at those same times through April 9," said Hopkins. "For those that are homebound and can't get to the center with their tax information, if they will call us, we'll be happy to pick up the information and get the taxes ready."

Hopkins said the program is a necessity for many area residents who can't afford to have their taxes prepared by a professional, and the heart and soul of the operation is its volunteers.

"AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people may

claim them on their tax returns," she said. "These volunteers help people complete their returns, right down to any refunds that may be due them."

Hopkins said the volunteer-based program is designed to help people

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FLEA MARKET SLATED

The Third Annual "Spring Clean Community-Wide Flea Market" is slated for 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Big Spring Mall parking lot.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful invites everyone to be involved — all clubs, organizations, businesses and individuals.

Pick up an application for booth space at the Mall office or the Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third. Prices for 10x10 spaces are \$25, 12x12 spaces are \$45 and 24x12 spaces are \$65

Call 263-8235 or 263-7641 for more information. Mail applications and checks to: Keep Big Spring Beautiful, P.O. Box 1350, Big Spring 79721

ADOPTION OVER ABORTION

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposal by state Sen. Dan Patrick would pay pregnant women \$500 for choosing adoption over abortion.

The anti-abortion Houston Republican said Senate Bill 1567 would provide an incentive to forgo abortion, but critics questioned whether such payments would be viewed as baby selling or coercion.

"We want that lady to have an incentive that makes her stop and think about having an abortion and that gives her a reason to put her baby up for adoption," Patrick said.

"My goal is to save as many babies as we possibly can."

NICE THRIFT STORE FIND

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A rare 1823 copy of the Declaration of Independence sold at auction for \$477,650 by a man who found it last year in a Nashville thrift store for \$2.48.

Michael Sparks sold the document Thursday at Raynors' Historical Collectible Auctions in Burlington, N.C.

Six bidders contended for the document when bidding opened at \$125,000. The identity of the winner was not disclosed.

Sparks found his bargain last March. The document turned out to be an "official copy" of the Declaration of Independence — one of 200 commissioned by John Quincy Adams in 1820.

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Obituaries

Dr. John Lowell Carrick

John Lowell Carrick M.D., born July 26, 1937, to Paul and Lena Carrick, passed away in the early morning hours of March 15, 2007.

He was born in Monte Vista, Colorado and spent his early years in Dumas and Pasadena, Texas. John received his undergraduate education at The University of Texas at Austin, and his post-graduate education at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. John spent the majority of his psychiatric practice life in Austin before settling in Midland. John was a devoted son, a father and friend.

He is survived by his mother, Lena; son Robert; long-time friend Tony; and cousins Thelma Steele and Junior Bassinger.

He touched the lives of countless people and he left the world a better place. He will be missed.

There will be a memorial gathering at his home in Austin, Saturday, March 24, 2007.

For those who wish to send flowers or make donations please send them to The Austin School for the Blind.

Arrangements are by Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home, 2620 S. Congress, Austin (512) 442-1446. You may view memorials at www.wcfish.com.

Paid obituary

Doris Mae Parr Standard

Doris Mae Parr Standard, 80, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, March 20, 2007, in a Midland hospital. Graveside funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 22, 2007, at Trinity Memorial Park with Chaplain Terry Johnson of Hospice of Midland officiating.

She was born Feb. 14, 1927, in Kosse and married A.N. Standard on Feb. 3, 1953, in Lovington, N.M.

Doris came with her family to Big Spring in 1943 from Limestone County. She was a homemaker, a christian and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, A.N. Standard of Big Spring; two daughters; three granddaughters and two brothers.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland 79702.

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

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-10-16-34. Bonus Ball: 32.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$750,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-11-14-31.
Number matching five of five: 3.
Prize per winner: \$10,234.
Winning tickets sold in: Houston, Lubbock, Livingston.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-3-9

Support Groups

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

• The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

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

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

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

- **KURT FRANK BOUBECK**, 20, of 631 Caylor, was arrested Thursday on a Lynn County warrant.
- **ANTHONY PAUL MUNOZ**, 48, of 1803.5 Lancaster, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MICHAEL LEE MIDDLETON**, 33, of 3609 Hamilton, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 1600 block of Sycamore.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 500 block of Goliad.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 58 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JOHN ANDREW SOWELL**, 25, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for motion to adjudicate - indecency with a child.
 - **JAY CHANCELLOR**, 25, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
 - **OTIS J. PORTER**, 24, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
 - **LEROY COLEMAN JR.**, 18, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
 - **BRIAN GLENN DAVIS**, 21, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported near the 188 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

• **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH** will have Stations of the Cross Friday at 6 p.m. A fish fry will follow in the church hall. Plates are \$5 per adults and \$2.50 per child.

• **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

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

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• **AMBUCS Rattlesnake Roundup**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Howard County Fairbarns. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 4-11. There is also a free arts and crafts show.

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MONDAY

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21** meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756** meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• **Prospector's Club work night** begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• **The Powwow Committee of Big Spring** meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

• **Optimist Club** meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• **Senior Circle** meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

Weather

Tonight...Numerous showers and thunderstorms in the evening...Then widespread showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Some thunderstorms may be severe with heavy rainfall...Large hail and damaging winds. Locally heavy rainfall possible after midnight. Lows in the upper 50s. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 90 percent.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning...Then a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening...Then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the lower 50s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

Monday...Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the upper 70s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 80.

Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

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leave and come back if they wish.

Those who attend the event will have an opportunity to learn about snake safety and watch handlers milk and skin the reptiles.

Among the professionals present will be Jackie Bibby, "The Texas Snake Man," who holds four Guinness Book of World Records for his prowess in snake handling.

The public will also have the opportunity to attend "thrill" exhibits in which professionals interact with the slithery, poisonous creatures in various "don't try this at home" techniques,

including crawling into sleeping bags with them and holding them in their mouths.

Roundup fans will also be able to put snakes in their mouths — but only as a meal. Vendors will be offering snake meat and the more traditional corn dogs, hot dogs, nachos, funnel cakes and the like. Drinks and snacks will be available as well.

Even if the mere thought of snakes has some area residents backing away, they may want to consider heading out to the fairgrounds. In addition to the roundup, the AMBUCS are again staging an arts and crafts show.

"We have about 45 booths right now. It's looking real good,"

Alexander said earlier this week. "And that part of it is free."

That's right, there is no charge to browse through the arts and crafts show, where vendors will be offering all types of items — most of which have nothing to do with reptiles.

For more information about the rattlesnake roundup or AMBUCS, contact Alexander at 267-5277 or Dennis Burns at 263-3409.

Funds from the roundup help a couple of AMBUCS causes. One is for the organization's scholarship fund for therapists. The other is for the purchase of AmTrykes, which are therapeutic tricycles for children with disabilities.

INDICTED

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prison. Because Herbert has previous felony convictions, however, his possible punishment has been enhanced to between 15 and 99 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Among others indicted Thursday was Daniel Lemon, 38, of Big Spring, who faces at least 25 years in prison if convicted as a habitual offender for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Wilkerson said Lemon is accused of accosted a former girlfriend and her dance partner at the San Luis bar in west Big Spring on the night of Nov. 25.

"He discovered his girlfriend dancing with someone else and apparently decided to exact his revenge," Wilkerson said. The woman was unharmed, but her partner suffered several stab wounds in the attack, Wilkerson added.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon is a second degree felony, usually punishable at a term in

state prison of between two and 20 years. However, Lemon will be tried as a habitual offender, hiking his possible prison term if convicted up to between 25 and 99 years in prison.

Also indicted Thursday were:

- Troy Michael Allen, 47, Howard County Jail, for felony evading arrest and failure to register as a sex offender, both enhanced to second degree felonies.

- Misty Bosley, 29, Big Spring, for burglary of a habitation, a second degree felony.

- Simon Chavez, 29, of Coahoma, for three counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child, all first degree felonies, and two counts of indecency with a child, both second degree felonies.

- Rebecca Lynn Comstock, 23, of Big Spring, for possession of a controlled substance, a state jail felony.

- Rufus Andrew Davis, 36, of Big Spring, for failure to comply with sex offender registration, a third degree felony.

- Ricky Dell Hair, 33, of Coahoma, for driving

while intoxicated, a third degree felony.

- David Halbaedier, 28, of Big Spring, for possession of a controlled substance, a state jail felony.

- David Charles Patterson, 30, Howard County Jail, for theft, a state jail felony.

- Darryl Levay Polk, 34, of Big Spring, for possession of a controlled substance, an enhanced first degree felony.

- Cameron Robert Seago, 30, of Big Spring, for driving while intoxicated, a third degree felony.

- Danna Williams, 42, of Big Spring, for kidnapping, a third degree felony.

- Rene Williams, 22, of Big Spring, for kidnapping, a third degree felony.

- Eladio Zubiato, 30, of Big Spring, for aggravated kidnapping and burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony, both first degree felonies.

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REGISTER

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ing doesn't have any of that information, there's a box on the card that they can check and still complete the process," said Bloom. "However, their name will be flagged in the computer, and when they go to the polls to vote, they will be asked to present identification."

Bloom said anyone who isn't sure about their registration status should contact her office, and if a replacement card is needed, one can be provided free of charge.

In the city of Big Spring, a three-way race for the mayoral seat has taken shape, as incumbent Russ McEwen prepares to defend his seat against challengers Shannon Thomason and James "Jim" Hicks.

The District 5 seat on the Big Spring City Council has also drawn a trio of candidates as Troy Tompkins, Woody Jumper and David Scott vie for the position. Longtime District 5 representative Joann Knox is not running for re-election.

In Coahoma, all three incumbents have filed to run for re-election as councilmen David Elmore and Ricky Stone and Mayor Bill Read have all declared.

Read is being challenged by retired city employee Billy Sullivan, while Odis Franklin filed his candidacy for one of a pair of at-large seats on the council.

There are also several contested school board trustee races in Howard County. They include:

— In Big Spring, Terri Myrick will challenge incumbent Mike Dawson in District 5, while mechanical engineer Jeff Bromman and Tom Ralston will contest incumbent Ricky

Robertson for the District 6 position. District 7 incumbent Phil Furquerson is unopposed.

— In Coahoma, Danny Martin, an engineering technician for the Texas Department of Transportation, will join incumbents Sissy Franklin and James White on the May ballot for two at-large seats.

— Forsan ISD voters will decide between four candidates for two at-

large positions. Incumbent Tom Bill Kuykendall, Lee's Rental Center owner Chris Evans, Heritage Museum director Nancy Raney and Big Spring firefighter Glenn Graves are all seeking a position on that board.

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Contract Bridge

Bidding Quiz

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has gone:

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	?	Pass	Pass

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ Q852 ♥ AJ842 ♦ 73 ♣ K6
- ♠ — ♥ J853 ♦ Q762 ♣ J9642
- ♠ QJ ♥ KJ52 ♣ K964 ♦ QJ3
- ♠ KQ84 ♥ 72 ♦ AJ7652 ♣ 6

- Three spades.** Responses by a player who has passed originally have a different meaning than those made by a player who has not previously passed. For example, the three-spade bid recommended here is not forcing, and partner is permitted to pass. Similarly, a two-heart response would not be forcing. In both cases, partner would be required to bid again had you not passed initially. The reason such bids are nonforcing is logical enough. If your partner opens the bidding third- or fourth-hand after you've passed, he is in a good position to know whether or not a game is possible. If his judgment indicates that a game cannot be made, even though you jump the bidding or change suits, he is under no obligation to bid again. The three-spade bid more or less reflects the strength you hold, and partner will go on to game with a satisfactory hand. If he passes, the chances are he won't make 10 tricks. Change one of the diamonds to a club and you would bid four spades.
- Pass.** There's no point in looking for trouble. The chance of making game is remote, and the chance of improving matters by looking for a better trump suit is more imaginary than real. Your best bet is to leave well enough alone.
- Three notrump.** You'll never be able to convince partner you passed this 13-point hand if you respond with two notrump, which shows 11 or 12 points and is not forcing under the circumstances. Perhaps you shouldn't have passed originally, but it was at best a marginal opening bid. Now there's only one way to compensate for the earlier pass, and that's by bidding game.
- Four spades.** You might have opened the bidding with this hand also, but that's a debatable proposition. Having decided to pass, you must make up for it by bidding game. However, you wouldn't bid this way if partner had opened with, say, one club. In that case, you would have responded with one diamond and awaited developments. What makes the spade game attractive is that partner's opening spade bid changes the value of your hand enormously — so much so that you can treat it as the equivalent of an opening bid or better. A case can be made for jumping to three diamonds if you play this as forcing, but since many players do not play a jump-shift by a passed hand as forcing, it is not recommended.

Tomorrow: A suicide squeeze.
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that might not otherwise be able to file a tax return.

"The AARP program provides free federal tax preparation assistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, people with disabilities, those that don't speak English and people with low-to-moderate income," said Hopkins. "People need to be sure to bring all of the pertinent information with them, including a tax booklet if one was received through the mail, W-2 forms and 1099 forms. They also need to

bring any forms that show their 2006 earnings and their 2005 tax returns. We also need a social security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing.

"AARP has decided not to file any returns if the taxpayer is listed as married but filing separately," she added. "We also have to physically see the social security cards for everyone listed in the tax return. In the past, the

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taxpayer could just provide us the number, but we're being required to actually see the card this year."

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Jacquie Buck, Billy Burns and Globe Energy, Mike Bilssard and Park Construction, Crazy Charlie and Guido's Italian Kitchen and the First Bank of West Texas, all of whom donated \$100 or more to help send three Coahoma children to MDA camp during a local fund-raising drive.

- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring on another successful Powwow at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum last weekend. Fine job, guys.

- Pat Porter, delegate to the National Silver Haired Congress in Alexandria, Va., a group which works with Congress on behalf of senior citizens.

- We want to comment, "Say it ain't so, Joe!" for all of the great things he has done for our community, but, alas, we congratulate Joe Concienne, who will be relocating to Dallas as Alon USA's senior vice president for refinery operations. Joe has been serving as vice president of refining and transportation of Alon USA — but is better known locally as the Big Spring Refinery manager. Congratulations, too, to David L. Foster, who will take over as refinery manager April 2.

- Heritage Museum and the museum board, on the pavilion being erected adjacent to the museum building on Scurry Street. It is going to be a nice addition to that facility and to Big Spring.

- Davis Wilson of Sweetwater on being named West Texas Centers for MHMR's Employee of the Year. Hats off, too, to the other exemplary employees who were nominated: Virginia Barrientes, Tammy Blount, Paul Cline, Irma Garcia, Gilda Gerst, Vickie King, Terrina Oats, Readith Parks, Mary Phelps, Elaine Ryden and Kim Slate.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

The best time to come to You, Lord, is anytime.

Amen

Hillary uncomfortable in Texas?

Though I'm a follower of all-things-Hillary, her pretense of a Southern accent on this year's anniversary of Bloody Sunday — the civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery — was more than a little condescending and a lot comical. It was more like bad dialogue from a B-movie or a scene from the reality TV show, "The Simple Life." A few "ya'lls," a "how ya doin'?" or a twang and a slang do not a South-of-the-Mason-Dixon native make.



CYNTHIA HALL CLEMENTS

Here in the South, we know the real deal from Southerners-comelately — AKA "carpetbaggers." Hillary's speech, her pseudo-preachin' and quoting a gospel song from the pulpit of the First Baptist Church of Selma, didn't make the cut. A former adopted Arkansan should've known better than to insult us by trying, albeit not well, to talk like us.

You are, or you ain't, but you can't pretend to be Southern if you're not. Where Hillary started from was lily-white Illinois suburbia, and her difficult road led her to First Lady in the Arkansas governor's mansion and the White House.

With a mere 20 months remaining, it's crunch time for Election 2008. It's fast and furious in this last year and a half for the presidential-want-to-bes. With 34 electoral votes for the taking here in Texas, we'll get plenty of hoopla during the horse race. The candidates will come a' callin' to court

our votes, like sincere suitors with newly found Southern walk and talk. Every small town newspaper will have a photo op of the candidates eating fried chicken, potato salad, and watermelon.

Maybe she's been gone from Arkansas and living New York for too long, but if Hillary wants to play Southern gal — and if she wants Texas' electoral votes — she'll need a refresher course on country folk, lemon icebox pie, and the War Between the States.

I'm happy to oblige, because if she's in to win, she'll need to do more than kiss a few Texas babies and say a line or two in Spanish. Hillary will be, after all, courting the same people who sent George W. to the White House, not once — which could be dismissed, or at a minimum, discounted, as a "fool me once" moment, but twice — which is a "shame on you" one.

The cardinal rule of campaigning is that any carcass in the closet will come back to bite you in the butt. And Hillary has got more than a few from her many years in politics — from her position as one of the attorneys on the staff of the House Judiciary Committee considering the impeachment of Richard Nixon to her co-presidency with Bill to her more recent years as U.S. Senator from New York. Her opponents have plenty to unearth and reveal this go-around where the stakes are the ultimate political prize, the first Madam President.

Hillary needs to put on her game face and stare down Hollywood executive and former Clinton supporter David Geffen's accusations that she lies with ease. She'll need to learn to transition effortlessly from the Monica Lewinsky scan-

dal to U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East. She won't be able to waffle on her vote on Iraq before she was against it. A trail veteran from her spouse's many campaigns, Hillary should know that to snip first and snipe later at a primary opponent over a measly \$1 million campaign contribution, doesn't leave her sitting pretty. She can feign the lady-in-waiting, ever the victim fearing that her past will bite her from and on her behind, or she can confront it, always the aggressor.

Now that her campaign is fully functional and she's the media darling, Hillary is reasserting her "vast, right-wing conspiracy" theory — those very bad Republicans out to get the long-suffering Democrats. She's claiming Republican election irregularities here, not personal attacks on her husband.

But that dog just won't hunt this time out, which is the Southernism Hillary needs to learn, and quick. In the Queen's English, it means something like some things are better left unsaid the second time around. Bill is not the president, and Democrats are holding down the fort in Congress.

Yankee politicians shouldn't come South if they're all show and no go.

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GOP candidates even worse than Dems

That Chuck Hagel, he's a caution. The Nebraska Republican called a press conference in Omaha the other day and there was a sense of portent in the room.

Fifteen television stations were on hand to record the event, as well as political reporters from all over the map. They smelled a presidential announcement in the air. Then he got up and said:

"I'm here today to announce that my family and I will make a decision on my political future later this year."

"Wow!" I said to myself, thinking like a political reporter, "A decision this year and not next. Stop the presses and break out the big type. I'll bet those television guys are glad they schlepped all the way out there to hear that." No that's not really what I said, not even to myself. It was more like "That's it? The whole thing? You couldn't have sent an e-mail?"

We've grown used to the strange ways of Democrats in presidential contests, but this year the Republicans are outstranding them. While Hagel was announcing his decision to make a decision, someday, Newt Gingrich, the former Republican Speaker of the House, was hinting at his readiness to assume the duties of office by confessing he'd had an extramarital affair while the Monica Lewinsky-Bill Clinton scandal was raging, thereby sewing up the



DONALD KAUL

adultery vote. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, nine-term Texas Rep. Ron Paul, a Republican libertarian, was announcing that he too would seek the nomination and, to prove his seriousness, had already raised \$50,000 for his campaign.

Former Tennessee senator and current "Law and Order" actor Fred Thompson recently indicated a certain willingness to run, but said he'd "wait and see" before making a decision.

Then there's Sam Brownback of Kansas who is going around the country, accosting strangers, saying: "I'm Senator Sam Brownback, and I'm running for president," an approach that risks inspiring the response: "Of what?"

Have I mentioned Mike Huckabee of Arkansas? I won't. The reason for this flurry of unusual activity (Republicans generally take the next guy in line as their nominee) is that the current field of Republican front-runners has more flaws than a cheap engagement ring.

On the family values front, one leading candidate has had three wives, one has had two and one has had one. Guess which is the Mormon. As a matter of fact the Mormon, Mitt Romney, is the candidate most Republican on all the litmus test issues — abortion, gay rights, stem cell research. The only problem is that a few years ago when he was governor of Massachusetts, he was wrong on all of those same issues.

In other words, in the Massachusetts style made famous by John Kerry, Romney was for those things before he was against

them. (Do you think it could be something in the water up there?)

Rudy Giuliani, the former mayor of New York City, is much admired for the stalwart way he responded to the crisis of 9/11, but from a Republican perspective he is wrong on the big issues, even gun control. When this is pointed out to him, he waves dismissively and points out that he's Republican where it counts most. He's for the war, against taxes.

Arizona Sen. John McCain seems conservative enough on key issues, but...he is the master of "but" politics. He favors putting more troops into Iraq, but has offered blistering criticisms of the conduct of the war. He voted against President Bush's tax cuts but now wants to make them permanent. He's against the role of special interest money in elections, but has refused federal funding for his own campaign so he can raise money from — you guessed it — special interests. He's also called his beleaguered president's record on global warming "terrible."

What's a poor Republican voter to do? Lucky for them they're running against a Democratic Party whose handbook on firing squad etiquette begins: "First you form a circle."

It's going to be a long election year.

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We meet Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Parkplace for prayer service.

Salem Baptist is located at the corner of Old Colorado City Highway and Salem Road and is pastored by the Rev. Monroe Teeters.

Please call 394-4566 for more information.

First United Methodist Church

There will be a confirmation retreat led by the Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, especially for fifth- and sixth-graders, on Saturday. Sessions will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 1, will also be Confirmation Sunday, at which time several of our young people will be confirmed in their faith and join the church.

At Sunday's services of worship, Brue will preach on "The Redeeming Cross," based on First Peter 1:18-19. Services are held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with Sunday school classes for all ages beginning at 9:45 a.m.

It's "Night Out" for the young adults Sunday. Those in their 20s through 40s will meet from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Garrett Hall. Junior high youth will meet at 5:30 p.m., while senior high youth will meet at 7 p.m. with a "snack" supper together in the Youth Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Our staff and congregation appreciate the care and concern the community has shown for our pastor and his family. Please continue to hold them in your prayers.

First United Methodist Church is located at Fourth and Scurry Streets in downtown Big Spring. We have a place for you.

West Highway 80 Church of Christ

Ladies Day is Saturday. Registration is 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The topic is "Woman you are the Salt of the Earth." All ladies are invited. The speaker is sister Winnie Dean from Hobbs, N.M.

College Baptist Church

CBC members have set a goal of \$3,007 for their part of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering that supports North American Missions. The offering aids more than 5,300 missionaries, 2,500 chaplains and hundreds of thousands of mission volunteers.

CBC will host the Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic Saturday, March 31, beginning at noon.

The church has started making plans for a mission trip to Colorado in July.

Members of the College Age Sunday School Class are looking forward to attending "Paradigm," a praise and worship service at First Baptist in Lubbock, on March 29. They will be leaving CBC at 5 p.m.

Adult Sunday School Class members are planning a party Saturday afternoon to honor Harriet McGinnis, who will be celebrating her 99th birthday.

First Baptist Church

Dr. Ken Lyle will preach God Word this Sunday.

Kid's Night Out is Saturday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Reserve April 7 for the Easter Eggstravaganza in the Family Life Center at 9:30 a.m. The "Juggler for Jesus" will be here to present the program for the kids and the parents.

The Royal Ambassadors will be serving lunch after Sunday morning's worship service on April 1. A dessert auction led by Steve Osborn, the principal at Elbow Elementary,

will also be held. This is a fund-raising project for the boys to raise money to help them defray their summer camp cost.

For more information, call 267-8223.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

Sunday morning worship begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by Sunday school classes for all ages. A devotional service is held at 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Angel Food Ministries delivery day for March orders is Saturday, March 31, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please bring a box to pick up your order. Order forms for April will be available at that time.

The Wednesday night Bible Study continues with the Disciple New Testament study program. The group meets the first and second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The United Methodist Women of North Birdwell meets on the second and fourth Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

Bishop Ohl will be at St. Mary's this Sunday for his annual visitation. We will have both baptism and confirmations. A reception will follow the service in the Parish Hall.

For more information about St. Mary's, call 267-8201 or visit www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

Friends of Unity

Friends meet at the Center Tuesday at noon. The Rev. Jim Sims is the facilitator for the study of "Consciousness in Transition" by Joel S. Goldsmith.

As the Lenten Season continues Friends anticipate the celebration of resurrection day, symbol of the new life to be found

in Christ.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

Please join us Sunday as we continue worship during this holy Lenten Season. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., followed by the worship service at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, the youth Minitry Team will meet at 6 p.m. at the church for study and fellowship to be followed by Praise Band worship at 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 29, the Minitry Team will meet at 7 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

The Community Choir is rehearsing their Easter Cantata

Spring Creek Fellowship Church

Our mission is to connect you to good, others and ministry. Sundays start off with Holy Grounds Cafe — a time for fellowship — at 9 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m., followed by children's Church and Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Dennis Teeters will begin a sermon series to take us to Easter Sunday. His sermon this week is "The Arrest of Jesus."

Sunday evening worship is at 6 p.m. and will include a spiritual gifts inventory, led by our pastor.

Wednesday evening is a time for fellowship with a potluck meal at 5:30 p.m. and adult bible study at 6 p.m., along with youth worship and children's choirs. Adult choir practice is at 7 p.m. Stan Hanes is our music minister; Chris Tucker is our student minister.

You can reach us at 714-4584 or at www.springcreekfellowship.org. To get to the church, go down I-20 east to Salem exit, go under the overpass and turn back toward Big Spring, we are about 300 yards down the service road.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

The congregation of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church would like to

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The church is starting a Revival Monday, April 1, through Wednesday, April 4.

Sunday revival times are 10:55 a.m. and 7 p.m. Services Monday and Wednesday night are at 7 p.m.

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Today's Highlight in History:

On March 24, 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

On this date: In 1882, German scientist Robert Koch announced in Berlin that he had discovered the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis.

In 1934, President Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines.

In 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that killed 32 German soldiers.

In 1958, rock-and-roll singer Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in

Memphis, Tenn.

In 1976, the president of Argentina, Isabel Peron, was deposed by her country's military.

In 1980, one of El Salvador's most respected Roman Catholic Church leaders, Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, was shot to death by gunmen as he celebrated Mass in San Salvador.

In 1989, the nation's worst oil spill occurred as the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking 11 million gallons of crude.

In 1995, for the first time in 20 years, no British soldiers were patrolling the streets of Belfast, Northern Ireland.

In 1999, NATO launched airstrikes against Yugoslavia, marking the first time in its 50-year existence that it had ever attacked a sovereign country.

Today's Birthdays: Fashion and costume designer Bob Mackie is 67. Actor R. Lee Ermey is 63. Movie director Curtis

Hanson is 62. Rock musician Lee Oskar is 59. Rock musician Dougie Thomson (Supertramp) is 56. Comedian Louie Anderson is 54. Actress Donna Pescow is 53. Actor Robert Carradine is 53. Actress Kelly LeBrock is 47. Rhythm-and-blues DJ Rodney "Kool Kolliie" Terry (Ghostown DJs) is 46. Actress Annabella Sciorra is 43. Rock singer-musician Sharon Corr (The Corrs) is 37. Rapper Maceo (AKA P.A. Pasemaster Mase) is 37. Actress Alyson Hannigan ("Buffy the Vampire Slayer") is 33. Football player Peyton Manning is 31. Actress Keisha Castle-Hughes is 17.

By The Associated Press

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News briefs

Prosecutor disputes claims of prosecuting few cases

PECOS (AP) — A West Texas prosecutor at the center of a growing scandal about sexual abuse allegations at a state-run juvenile jail has disputed claims that his office has failed to prosecute felony cases.

In a written statement to the Pecos Enterprise newspaper, Randall W. Reynolds, whose office handles felony prosecutions in Reeves, Ward and Loving counties, said about half of the cases handled by his office from 2005 to 2006 resulted in plea bargains.

But an Associated Press analysis of statewide court filings, showed that Reynolds did not prosecute about 90 percent of the 128 cases filed in Ward County and 83 percent of the 210 cases filed in Reeves County. In Loving County, the state's least populous, only one felony case was filed.

Reynolds previously has not returned phone calls to the AP seeking comment.

Reynolds has come under fire for not taking action on a two-year-old Texas Ranger investigation into allegations of rampant sexual abuse at the West Texas State School in Pyote, a small Ward County oil town.

Woman accused of kidnapping baby indicted

LUBBOCK (AP) — A federal grand jury has indicted a woman who allegedly kidnapped a baby from a Lubbock hospital earlier this month.

Rayshaun Parson, 21, was indicted Wednesday on one count of kidnapping in connection with

the abduction of a days-old baby girl, Mychael Darthard-Dawodu, March 10.

Surveillance footage from Covenant Lakeside Hospital showed a woman wearing blue and flower-print hospital scrubs and a gray, puffy jacket with a hood walking out of the hospital around 1:20 a.m. She was carrying a purse

as she walked past an unstaffed information desk near the exit.

The baby was found the next day in Clovis, N.M., where Parson lived.

On Thursday, Parson remained at the Dickens County Correctional Center without bond. She has not entered a plea.

Helen Liggett, Parson's court-appointed attorney, has appealed a ruling to detain Parson.

Liggett argued that Parson be allowed to trav-

el to California to receive treatment at a psychiatric facility near where relatives live.

Jury acquits man whose dogs killed elderly neighbor

CAMERON (AP) — A Milam County jury acquitted a man whose six dogs fatally mauled his elderly neighbor in her front yard.

The jury deliberated

several hours Thursday before finding Jose Hernandez, 55, not guilty of criminally negligent homicide in the November 2005 death of 76-year-old Lillian Stiles.

Investigators have said Stiles was walking back to her house after getting off her riding lawn mower when the six dogs attacked her. She suffered severe bites over her entire body and was pronounced dead at her home near Thorndale, about 40

miles northeast of Austin. Hernandez had faced up to two years in a state jail for the felony charge.

"I feel very sad and I give (the Stiles family) my most sincere condolences," Hernandez said after an interpreter told him the verdict.

Jack Stiles, the victim's husband, was inside the couple's home when his wife was attacked. He shot and killed one of the dogs. The other five were later euthanized.

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IN BRIEF

Quarterback Club to meet Monday

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

W. Texas Disc Golf Tournament slated

The West Texas Disc Golf Champions Tournament has been scheduled for April 21-22 at Comanche Trail Park.

The tournament will be three rounds of 27 holes.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three players in each division and player packages will be provided for the first 100 entrants.

Entry fees are \$50 for the open division, \$45 for the open master division, \$35 for the amateur master division, \$30 for the women's division, \$40 for the advanced division, \$30 for the amateur division, \$20 for novices and \$10 or juniors (under 16).

On Friday, a random draw doubles event is scheduled, as is a Lake and par 9 event. Entry fees are \$10 per person.

Those wishing to enter the ace pot will pay a \$5 fee.

For more information, contact Greg Brooks at 432-59-5076.

3-person scramble at Big Spring CC

There will be a scramble golf tournament on March 31 and April 1 that includes a practice round on Friday and a barbecue lunch Saturday for all players.

The field will be flighted by first round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of participants.

There will also be optional cash players pools for each day.

Entry fee is \$60, plus a cart fee.

For additional information, contact Larry Bryan at the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

Tim Siegel slates tennis camps

Tim Siegel, the Big 12 Tennis Coach of the Year in 2005, will be conducting overnight tennis camps on June 2-6 and June 17-21.

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 Tim Siegel at (806) 742-3355 ext. 277.

Bowlers roll into Big Spring

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

The annual Big Spring Open Mixed Bowling Tournament takes place Saturday and Sunday at the Bowlaroma with teams from all over Texas and New Mexico competing for the purse this year.

Louise Booth, tournament director, has been organizing and putting this tournament on for more than 30 years and some of the teams — three from Abilene alone — have been participating every year. The purse is not the draw, according to Booth, rather the friendship and camaraderie that has developed over the years.

"Fun and friendship, that's what this tournament is all about," Booth said. "When you have been doing something for this long, why else would you bother to do it? This is about friends getting together for a special weekend of bowling right here in Big Spring."

The tournament, which will have a purse of just under \$2,200 divided over several categories, is thrown by Booth and her two directors, Shelia Armstrong and Anne Sigmon. Between them, the trio organizes 36 teams for three games and 71 sets of doubles for another three games over the weekend. The winnings are divided amongst the top four places in team competition and the top seven in doubles, plus the high scratch series for the



Big Spring bowler Fabion Ontiveros works on his game before this weekend's Big Spring Open Mixed Tournament. Ontiveros is expected to be one of the top contenders with competitors coming to town from all over the state.

women and men.

"Most of our work is in promoting the tournament and getting out all of the invitations," explained Booth. "This is not a

house tournament like so many people think. We have a wonderful relationship with Bowlaroma and its employees, but this is being held by the three of us. We

do everything from the computer work for scoring and results, the bookkeeping that is involved and

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Texans introduce Schaub as QB, say they'll trade Carr

Owner admits to mistakes

By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — David Carr is done as the starting quarterback of the Houston Texans.

The Texans acquired Matt Schaub in a trade with Atlanta on Thursday and said for the first time publicly that Carr's five-year tenure as the starter is over.

"Matt is our starting quarterback," general manager Rick Smith said. "We're trying to help David find another place. We're trying to trade him today, maybe the next couple of days."

The Schaub Era begins with the same cloud that lingered over Carr's final season: Vince Young. The Texans could've drafted the hometown star who led the Texas Longhorns to a national championship, but opted to stick with Carr in hopes he'd finally live up to his status as the first pick in franchise history.

Houston showed its faith in Carr by giving

him a contract extension last offseason.

"Yes, we've made mistakes," team owner Bob McNair said. "Not just there, that's not the only place. And we'll make mistakes moving forward. The key is you've got to make more good decisions than bad decisions."

Carr became the face of this expansion team from the time he was taken No. 1 overall in 2002. He won his opener, but the Texans have gone 24-56 over five years, never posting a winning record.

Houston went 6-10 last season and Young added to the sting by carrying the Tennessee Titans to wins in eight of their last 11 games, including a dramatic overtime victory in Houston.

Now, Schaub gets a chance to make Texans fans forget about Young.

Schaub's agent, Joby Branion, said Schaub signed a six-year deal

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Houston quarterback Matt Schaub fights off a West Virginia defender in the 2002 Continental Bowl. Schaub has spent his NFL career backing up Michael Vick for the Atlanta Falcons, now he is being slated as the starter for the Texans.



Houston quarterback David Carr (8) is sacked by Baltimore's Terrell Suggs (55) this past season. The Texans have announced they are looking to trade Carr.

Aggies blow opportunity to advance; Tigers escape with win

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Captain Clutch couldn't come through when Texas A&M needed him the most.

Thanks to Acie Law's bad night with a blown breakaway layup in the final minute and their own unlikely star, the Memphis Tigers are in another NCAA regional final. And this one will be without a partisan crowd after a 65-64 victory over the Aggies.

"I thought I made it. I left it a little short," Law said of the miss with 47 seconds left after he took a long inbound pass. "Little plays like that just cost you."

That was the last good shot for the Aggies,

whose season was ended by a player who had missed two open layups and three straight free throws until it counted most Thursday night.

Antonio Anderson made two free throws with 3.1 seconds left, going to the line after being fouled at the end of a wild sequence in which the Tigers (33-3) missed three quick shots before he grabbed the final rebound and was fouled.

"We were small out there, but we were quick," said Anderson, who finished with only five points. "I ran to the basket and the ball just fell in my hands. Nobody boxed me out, and I put it up and got fouled."

Anderson's only other offensive rebound in

the game set up that final sequence.

After the crucial miss by Law, who earned his nickname with a series of last-game heroics this season, Jeremy Hunt missed a 3-pointer. But Anderson came down with the ball and Memphis called timeout.

Memphis, which has won 25 games in a row, plays top-seeded Ohio State in the South Regional final Saturday. The Buckeyes beat Tennessee 85-84 on Thursday night for their 20th straight victory, the second-longest winning streak in the country.

For Texas A&M (27-7), three seasons with coach Billy Gillispie removed from an 0-16

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Big 12 record when Law was a freshman, it was the end of the winningest season in school history.

And there were immediately questions about the future for Gillispie, already being mentioned as a possible replacement at Kentucky after Tubby Smith left the Wildcats on Thursday to become Minnesota's coach.

"I don't worry about that," Gillispie said before a long pause. "I'm honest with my players."

When asked if he talked to them about the situation, he responded, "Would you? Goodness gracious."

By beating Texas A&M, the Tigers have already eliminated the team whose fans had the most tickets for the South Regional. The stands in the Alamodome were filled mostly with maroon-clad fans providing a football-like atmosphere and waiting to celebrate another big victory.

Instead, that small contingency of fans in blue behind the Memphis bench — including former Tigers star Penny Hardaway — were cheer-

ing at the end, and waiting for another game.

"This is what we wanted, to come to Texas in front of 30,000 and prove ourselves," coach John Calipari said.

In a similar situation in a regional final last season, when the Tigers also had the better seed, they lost 50-45 to UCLA in Oakland before a crowd full of Bruins fans. Memphis hasn't been to the Final Four since 1985.

Instead of Law, Dominique Kirk took the last shot for the Aggies. His desperation heave from just inside half-court was woefully short.

"I was disappointed in the way that I performed. It's just a tough loss out there," said Law, who had 13 points on 6-of-17 shooting. "But I really believe that we came a long way. We had a great season."

Hunt, the Tigers' sixth man, had 19 points. Chris Douglas-Roberts, wearing a brace to support his sprained left ankle sustained last weekend, scored 15 points on 5-of-8 shooting.

While the Douglas-Roberts' status had been in question all week, Memphis' leading scorer never doubted he'd be on the court.

"Honestly, it really didn't matter how I was going to feel coming into this game, because I was playing," Douglas-Roberts said. "I worked around the clock to get it healthy as it is. ... It's felling real good right now."

Antanas Kavaliauskas had 17 points and eight rebounds for the Aggies, who played in their first regional semifinal since 1980. Joseph Jones scored 14 points.

The Aggies blew a 42-37 lead by hitting only three of their first 13 shots after halftime and allowing the Tigers to take the crowd out of the game.

Willie Kemp, scoreless in the first two games of the NCAA tournament, and Hunt hit consecutive 3-pointers to start a 10-0 run.

Memphis led 53-48 by the time Douglas-Roberts hit two free throws after being fouled on a drive to the basket.

"We all play like we have a chip on our shoulder, and we've been playing like that since early in the year," Douglas-Roberts said. "Now we're winning in the NCAA tournament and we're playing all the elite people and we're still winning."



MCT photo/Erich Schlegel/Dallas Morning News Texas A&M player Logan Lee hugs guard Dominique Kirk (22) after he missed the game winning point against Memphis during the NCAA South Regional semifinal basketball tournament in San Antonio.

TEXANS

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worth \$48 million.

Schaub hasn't started a game since 2005 and threw only 27 passes last season. McNair said Schaub brings "the leadership that we think is needed."

Schaub acknowledged that he'll have to overcome his lack of experience.

"There are going to be a lot more things as the starter that you have to do and handle on a day-to-day basis, as opposed to being the backup," Schaub said. "It's just a matter of knowing that going in and meeting it head on."

Schaub, who was a restricted free agent, could have signed with any team, but was sold on the Texans during a round of golf he played with coach Gary Kubiak on Monday.

"The thing he told me was he was going to do what it takes to be successful, as an offensive team, especially," Schaub said. "It's just an incredible opportunity for me to take the next step in my career, leading a team and running the huddle."

The Texans and Falcons also swapped first-round picks in the upcoming draft — Atlanta now has the eighth pick and Houston dropped to No. 10. Atlanta also received second-round picks in the next two

drafts.

Schaub entered the league through the same draft as Eli Manning, Phillip Rivers and J.P. Losman. Kubiak said the Texans grabbed Schaub just as he's starting to blossom.

"We wanted a player who's ready to go into his prime and that's what this young man is," Kubiak said. "This guy is ready for his opportunity to run a football team. We're catching him at the perfect time. We could walk across that field today and he could take us out of the huddle."

Before landing Schaub, Houston tried to sign Jeff Garcia and Patrick Ramsey before the two joined other teams. The Texans also reportedly were pursuing Jake Plummer, who retired.

The Falcons took Schaub in the third round of the 2004 draft. The 6-foot-5 Schaub set school records at Virginia for pass completions (716), passing yards (7,502) and touchdown throws (56).

"This player is what an NFL quarterback should be," Smith said. "He's a leader. He's a strong, smart accurate passer. As we looked at the market and assessed how to get better at the position, we entertained a lot of ideas."

"At the end of the day, the acquisition we've made today is perfect for us."

Carr had similarly glowing numbers at Fresno State when the Texans chose him with the first pick in 2002.

He completed 60 percent of his passes with Houston, but also threw 65 interceptions and was sacked 249 times in five seasons.

Houston also has quarterbacks Sage Rosenfels, Bradlee Van Pelt and Quinton Porter on its roster.

Carr has two years left on his contract that will pay him about \$11.5 million over the next two seasons.

"We're hopeful he will continue his NFL career and be successful," Smith said.

A message was left seeking comment from Mike Sullivan, Carr's agent.

BOWLING

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all of the invitations that are mailed to individuals and bowling leagues around the state. We also make sure that the teams all have snacks and beverages. We do a lot of work, but it really is great fun and we all enjoy doing this."

This is the only tournament held in Big Spring that is open to the public. Anyone who is a league bowler and has bowled 21 league games since December 2006 can enter a registration form and

qualify to compete.

"I'm really excited about all of the competition coming in from all over the state," Fabion Ontiveros, one of the favorites to finish in the money, said this week. "I play in Midland, Lubbock and San Angelo in leagues throughout the year. So of course I think it's great that we have a tournament where they all come to Big Spring to play."

Saturday and Sunday the schedule has the first squads bowling at 1 p.m. and the second at 3:30 p.m.

On the women's side of competition, Margaret

McMillan of Abilene is the lady to beat. For three straight years McMillan has won the high game and the high series for women. As for the men, according to Booth there is no clear cut favorite this year.

Junior Brown, Ron Coatney and Ontiveros are local bowlers to keep an eye on.

"This is a wonderful event and I want to thank Bowlaroma and all the bowlers participating this year," Booth added. "I can speak for the other directors and say that we want to do whatever we can to make sure everyone has a wonderful time. I plan on

doing this as long as my health permits and as recently as last year I still competed in the tournament, but at 82 years old, hosting this tournament is enough of a challenge. Now I just want to make sure everyone has a much fun playing as I do managing it."

Bowlaroma is located at 3318 East I-20 and will be open to the public during the tournament. Operating hours are from 7 a.m. to close, Monday through Saturday. On Sunday they open at 1 p.m.

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INTERIM HEALTHCARE is looking for a Self Motivated person to work in our Big Spring Office in a clerical position. Benefits and Paid time off available. Please apply at 1716 Gregg Street OR Call 432-550-7593. EOE

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MOUNTAIN VIEW Lodge is seeking PRN, LVN's & CNA's for all shifts & weekend doubles. RN & LVN charge nurses. Please call Lana, 432-263-1271 for details.



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NEED BOB Tailor Transport Driver for fuel deliveries. Excellent starting pay with benefits. Must have CDL & good driving record. Come by 1st & Johnson, Park Fuels, Big Spring.

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PARKVIEW NURSING & REHABILITATION is now hiring for Activity Assistant. Must be friendly, energetic and outgoing. Experience preferred, but not required. Please apply in person at 3200 Parkway Rd.

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THE MARTIN County Hospital District of Stanton is seeking a FULL TIME NURSE FOR A RURAL HEALTH CLINIC. Please contact Paul McKinney, CEO at 610 N. Saint Peter, Stanton, Texas or Call (432)756-3345. ext. 225.

THE MARTIN County Hospital District of Stanton is seeking a full time Insurance Biller. Hospital and Physician Billing preferred. Please contact Alison Isreal, CFO or Gwen Hawkins, Business Office Supervisor at 610 N. Saint Peter, Stanton, Texas or call 432-756-3345 ext. 226.

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TRANSIT MIX CONCRETE MATERIALS COMPANY is now hiring MIXER TRUCK DRIVER. Starting pay \$12.50 hour, after 6 months, \$12.50 hour. CDL license is required. We offer competitive wages along with an excellent benefit package including medical, dental, 401(k) profit sharing and a pension plan. EOE/AA Please apply in person at the following location:
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ALL BILLS PAID
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Housing Assistance Accepted

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DARLING STARTER home. 1108 Mulberry, \$39,900. 1804 Main, \$49,900. 1211 Lloyd, \$44,900. 1102 Mulberry, \$49,900. Call Kim @ Heart of the City Realtor, (432) 213-2842. Owner finance available.

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Need a House? OWNER FINANCE Open House NOON-5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 24th. Tough Credit OK Only 1% Down, \$300 Off Closing Cost Before 4/1/07. Homes from \$49,900. For a list call (432)687-2696 or pick up on Saturday, March 24th - After Noon at 905 East 14th, Big Spring.

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2001 FORD Expedition. Black with leather interior, tinted windows, 20 inch custom wheels, 75,000 miles. Asking \$13,000. Call (432)267-7603.

2002 SATURN SL1 81k miles, auto, all power equip. \$4950+TT&L. Call Matt 432-557-4474.

EXCELLENT CONDITION Toyota Sequoia Limited 2003. Loaded, black w/tan leather. 77,000 miles. \$17,995. Call (432)267-8143.

FOR SALE. 2004 Wilderness Advantage. 30 ft. travel trailer. Looks new. Loaded, wide slide out, 2 awnings, air & TV, fiber glass exterior. Below book price. Call 432-267-8078.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Does gravity age us? Or is it, as one anonymous poet suggested, "the insidious constancy of seconds ticking, reverberating from mirrors, reflected in the shade of large trees" that ages us? Mars and Saturn tug from opposite sides of the zodiac, representing our chronic struggle with time. But to humans, struggle is always optional.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can be it all,

Legals

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2. The qualification and reputation of proposer
3. Quality of the contractor's proposal
4. The extent to which the goods or service meeting the school district's needs.
5. The Proposers past relationship with the school district.
6. The technical aspects of goods and services in the proposal.
7. The total long-term cost to the District to acquire the goods or services.
8. Any other relevant factors that a private business entity would consider in selecting a vendor. The Big Spring Independent School District has the right to reject any or all bids. #5293 March 16 & 23, 2007

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AMERICAN SELF STORAGE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, American Self Storage which is located at 3314 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on Saturday, March 24th, 2007, at 3314 E. FM 700, Big Spring. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property may be sold item by item or in batches, or by the space. All sales are subject to Texas State Sales Tax. Sale is on the contents of:

Tenant: Mike Klas
Consisting of: Miscellaneous items
Tenant: Justin Bolding
Consisting of: Miscellaneous items
Tenant: Ted Lewis
Consisting of: Printers, Miscellaneous items.
Tenant: Moses Cervantes
Consisting of: Miscellaneous items
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

feisty, motivated and driven. And what's even better is that you can do this without challenging anyone but yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A sluggish feeling comes at exactly the wrong time — a signal for you to take control. Vitamin-packed food and inspirational quotes keep energies moving in a positive direction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Loved ones want to know the real you. But what they may not understand is that there are so many real yous — and today several of them come out to enjoy the tasks on your agenda. You're a constant surprise.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In art, hyperrealism exaggerates the subject by exploding little details into big ones. You're in a hyper-realistic moment about what it will take to achieve your financial goals, but your progress has been monumental.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's easy to find something wrong with the citizens of the world. Are they all ignorant, or apathetic? Who knows, and who cares? You're on to the harder task of finding something to love about every person you meet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). With every meeting, an eventual parting is inevitable. Remember this, and don't take it personally when a situation comes to an end. The temporary parting of ways means a new cycle is about to begin.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Celebrate your success, and maintain your optimism, but be aware of



HOLIDAY MATHIS

your limits. A certain someone who loves you can come to your aid by keeping you anchored in reality.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Creativity boosts your energy level. While it's probably not a good idea to let the boss catch you doodling in your notepad, giving your mind the time and permission to wander a bit could prove incredibly productive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Pay attention to those things that put you on the defensive. Is your boss questioning your work? Did a spouse's joke hit a raw nerve? Instead of a knee-jerk reaction, pause for a moment of clarity. Get to the bottom of it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Remember when you used to want to get into a certain "club" — be it a job, social circle or relationship — so badly that you would have paid through the nose to do so? Now you're bored by it all — and that's progress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Too much making sense becomes just a lot of nonsense. Intelligent thought that goes on and on and on will eventually put everyone to sleep. The wisest people need to be silly, and you're among them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A little well-placed anger can inspire you to make great changes, either in the world or in yourself. But if you're holding on to anger or resentment for no good reason, it's time to ask yourself what purpose that's serving.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Your whole being, conscious and unconscious, is devising a plan to get to your shimmering vision of love. **TAURUS:** The

happier you are right now, the more likely you are to attract the person who will also be there for you later. **GEMINI:** Those whose opinions matter to you seem to be impressed with you ... but this is only the beginning of what you can do. **CANCER:** Relationships stretch you to the limit. **LEO:** If you make someone feel that they can become great, you've done the job that only a great person can do. **VIRGO:** You want to be loved, not possessed. Assert your independence. **LIBRA:** You have fantastic rapport with someone, which you can turn into a more permanent fixture in your life. **SCORPIO:** The right partner will help you make most of your weekend. **SAGITTARIUS:** With charm, you bridge the gap between your world and someone else's. **CAPRICORN:** Love is like a choreographed dance number. It helps to have a partner who knows the moves. **AQUARIUS:** Getting acquainted with someone new is awkward, but exciting. **PISCES:** What you learn from your love life will affect other areas of your life, as well.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Scorpio and Leo are both "fixed" signs, meaning they like to perfect and finish things. It's a quality the world needs more of. But these signs must be reminded that people aren't "things" to be perfected and finished. This weekend, Scorpio and Leo find the path to love through accepting each other's different styles and approaches. When they connect with no strings attached, it's sensational.

If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Let me start off by saying that I adore your column and read it every day. I trust your advice.

I think my best friend since kindergarten may be anorexic. This is only a small suspicion, but I have some proof to back it up. "Molly" hardly ever eats more than half of her sandwich, which she buys every day at school. All she gets, every day, is a sandwich and a piece of fruit. Then she eats half of her sandwich, picks at her fruit and drinks a pint-sized carton of chocolate milk.

The other thing that makes me nervous is that two of my other friends were over at Molly's house and found a scale under her bed. Annie, we are really starting to get scared. Do you think Molly has a problem? — Worried Friend

Dear Worried: Maybe. Although Molly isn't eating a lot, she is getting some nutrition every day. The scale under her bed may indicate that she's obsessing about her weight, but it might also just be a convenient storage space.

You should talk to your parents about your concerns, and they can discuss it with Molly's parents. You should go to your school counselor or nurse if you notice Molly is eating less, exercising excessively or making frequent trips to the bathroom after lunch. Also check out kidshealth.org for more information on eating disorders. Molly is lucky to have such good friends to watch out for her.

Dear Annie: A family member is about to visit us for several days. It is



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fine with me, but she told my partner that she had invited a friend to come with her. They already have their airplane tickets.

Annie, I have problems living under the same roof with people I've never met. My partner said he told my relative to ask me first, but she didn't. This happened once before with someone else. At the end of that visit, the guest said she felt like family, but I hid how hard it was for me. My partner says I am unreasonable and a troublemaker. What do you think? — Much Too Anxious

Dear Anxious: No one should be visiting you without an invitation. It is rude and intrusive. And there's no reason for you to open your home to a complete stranger. Many people would have a problem extending their hospitality that far.

Feel free to say, "So sorry, but we can't accommodate you." Your partner should be supportive instead of blaming you for not running a hotel. Tell him so.

Dear Annie: Dr. Larry S. Fields suggests that Congress should do more about health care. May I

suggest that he and others in the medical field take a long look at themselves? When a doctor charges \$168 for a 15-minute office visit and gives you a prescription that costs \$1,700 for 28 pills, something is wrong.

What are people without insurance supposed to do? How does he expect a person earning minimum wage to pay for health insurance that costs \$300 a month? In order to fix the health care crisis, pharmacies, insurance companies, doctors and hospitals need to start by reining in their costs. — Louisville, Ky.

Dear Louisville: We sent your letter to the American Academy of Family Physicians and received a reply from its current president:

Dear Annie: It is indeed true that high health care costs cannot be blamed on any one sector. It will take Congress, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, insurers and doctors working in concert to effect any meaningful change.

We believe every American should have access to affordable, high-quality health care coverage. The uninsured are four times more likely to not have a regular source of care and four times more likely to delay seeking care until a small health problem becomes a catastrophe. A system guaranteeing care would result in a healthier and more productive society and keep costs down for all. — Rick D. Kellerman, M.D., FAFPP, President, American Academy of Family Physicians

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