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# Boys' bodies located

### Authorities say foul play is not suspected

#### By GEOFF MULVIHILL

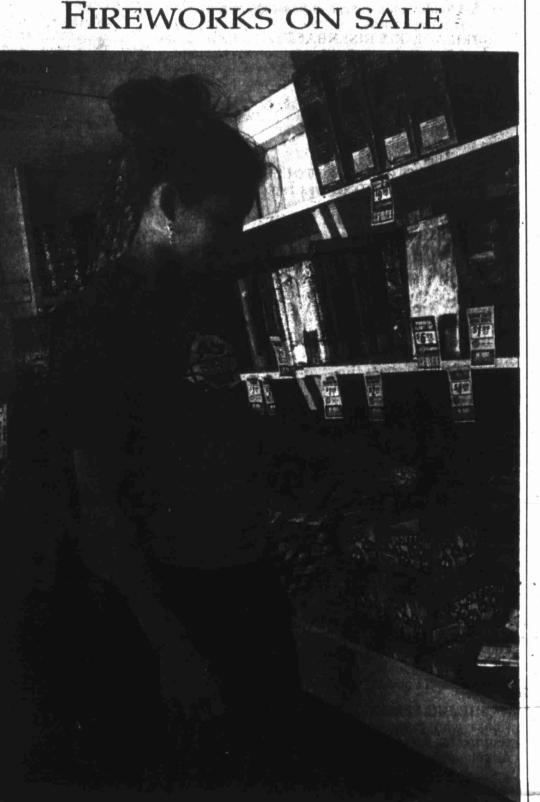
Associated Press Writer CAMDEN, N.J. — Three boys whose bodies were found in the trunk of a car following a massive, two-day search died from accidental suffocation, not foul play, authorities said Saturday.

The bodies were discovered Friday when David Agosto lifted the trunk of a banged-up maroon Toyota Camry in the yard where the boys were last seen. There, he found the bodies of his 6-year-old son Daniel Agosto; 5-yearold Jesstin Pagan and 11year-old Anibal Cruz.

Officials said no foul play was suspected, but it was not clear why searchers — who combed the yard next to Cruz family home — did not find them sooner.

For two days, searchers combed alleyways and woods, abandoned houses and vacant lots. Helicopters scanned from the sky, and boats searched the nearby Delaware River.

A neighbor was watch-



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkin

Porscha Knowiton, a junior at Big Spring High School, gets ready for a day of fireworks sales at a stand on Highway 350, just north of Big Spring. Knowiton said sales have

# Reader's Choice

Who's got the best tacos, fries, car wash? Look inside and see!

#### By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

The people have spoken. After an absence of a few years, the Reader's Choice Awards return in today's *Herald*.

The Reader's Choice Awards were established to let people vote on the parts of this area they like best, including businesses, restaurants, grocery stores and people.

"The idea behind this is just to give our readers a chance to select everything from their favorite restaurant to their favorite hospital worker," said Assistant Advertising Manager Christy Hernandez. "It

just went from A to Z." Contact Readers were asked to select their favorites from four categories: Dining and restaurants, grocery ald.com.

stores, businesses and people. Under those categories, voters were allowed to get even more specific, choosing their favorite car wash or localband or roofing company, among the many other selections, Hernandez said.

Winners of the reader's poll will receive a certificate from *Herald* Publisher Susanne Reed.

"For several weeks, we ran polls where the reader could vote on their favorite business, or person or restaurant," Reed said. "We tallied up the results, and we're proud to present them in today's paper."

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

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been slow since the stand opened Friday, but expects to see an increase as the July Fourth holiday draws near.

# **Pops in the Park draws near;** \$30,000 needed to fund event

#### JOHN A. MOSELEY

#### Managing Editor

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noon Sunday.

Life

It's just a week until this year's Pops in the Park concert and fireworks display at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater and organizers say they're still seeking donations needed to cover the cost of holding the event.

According to Tim Blackshear, the Fourth of July Foundation's chairman for the July 3 event, some \$30,000 is needed to stage the show. To date, the organizing committee has managed to raise about twothirds of the amount needed.

A week ago the committee had raised only half of the money needed, but the Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau signed on as a "Presenter" for the show by providing \$5,000 in funding. The CVB joined the *Big Spring Herald*, Big

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"It's an evening to gather with friends and family at the park and join your neighbors in celebrating the fact that we live in the best nation on earth."

-Tim Blackshear, committee chairman

Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, city of Big Spring, Big Spring Symphony and KBST as "Presenters."

Donations making the show possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. What's more, they make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

"It is the entire community's celebration," noted Blackshear. "It obviously is an event that brings people from out of town into our community for the evening. And that's why the Convention & Visitors Bureau has signed on as a 'Presenter.' That's very important 'for us."

While the committee hasn't yet raised enough money to cover the cost of this year's show, Blackshear made it clear the lack of funding will not keep the foundation from staging the event.

"We don't want anyone to think that there's not going to be a show this year," he explained, "but it is important that we manage to raise the \$30,000 the show costs. The committee began the year with a

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#### HILARIOUS HAT CONTEST

A new addition to the annual Funtastic Fourth Festival, sponsored by the Downtown Revitalization Association, is the Hilarious Hat Contest. The hat contestants

need to be in front of

of Dahmer's Antiques at 1:30 p.m. July 4 to register and have their photo taken. The contest is sponsored by Gale's Sweet Shoppe. For more information about the hat contest, contact Ellen Barefoot at 394-4908.





CENTURY WISE

Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Mamie Roberts celebrated her 100th birthJay with a community-wide party at Mountain View Nursing Home Saturday. Roberts said her key to longevity is having a Christian family and faith.



The Coahoma Patriotic Parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2. The celebration will continue in Coahoma Park with a car show, food booths and vendors. Free set up space for interested vendors. Contact Paulette Lindsey at 394-4975 or 270-0875 to secure space.

The Highland Fourth of July Parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2. Line up starts at 9:15 a.m. at the corner of Stonehaven and Highland Drive. Call Shayla Seymore at 267-4854 or Linda Kay at 267-8427 for more information.

#### **INSIDE TODAY**



Cover Story: Americans eat 20 billion hot dogs each year, according to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council. So when, how and why did

hot dogs become standard American fare and what makes a great-tasting dog? That depends who you talk to.



**Obituaries** 

#### John Marino

John Marino, 81, of Big Spring died at 5:55 a.m. Friday, June 24, 2005, at the Veterans Administration Hospital. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Rev. Carroll Kohl officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

> The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 10, 1923, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Frank and Frances Marino. He moved to Big Spring in 1944 from

Brooklyn. John married Loleda Helma Heckler on April 22, 1944, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on Aug. 3, 1978.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II in the Pacific Theater. John worked for Mead's Bakery as a truck driver. Later, he worked as a driller for Duncan Drilling and then Guthrie Oil Company until retiring. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

He is survived by a son, Bill Marino and wife, Gerry, of Big Spring; two daughters, Sharon Kaiser of Denver, Colo., and Kathy Laning of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Terry Scott Kaiser, Timothy Wayne Marino, Jaclyn Marie Laning, Brandon Lee Marino, Lindsey Michelle Marino and John William Marino; a great grandchild, Aline Marie Kaiser; a brother, Vincent Marino of Brooklyn; and a sister, Anna Coussamano, of Brooklyn.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Michael Angelo Marino, on July 12, 1996.

Mr. Marino's grandchildren will serve as pallbearers.

The family suggests memorials to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry St., Big Spring 79720.

The family will be at 4214 Theo St. in Big Spring. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com **Paid Obituary** 

#### **James 'Jim' Corbell**

James "Jim" Corbell, 80, of Colorado City passed away Wednesday, June 22, 2005, in an Abilene hospital. A Celebration of Life will be 2 p.m. Sunday, June 26, 2005, in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Matt Matlock officiating.

Mr. Corbell was born June 18, 1925, in Vernon to Robert and Jane Green Corbell. He married Wanda Todd July 22, 1943 in San Angelo. She preceded him in death Dec. 1, 2003, after 60 years of marriage.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War and World War II. He was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather and a friend to many.

He is survived by two daughters, Diane and her husband. Tom Tasma of Houston and Marilyn and her husband, Tim McDonough of Elko, Nev.; three grandsons, Cliff Corbell of Iraq, Dwight and his wife, Rose Turner of Lockhart and Russell and his wife, Crystal Boyd of Elko; Nev.; two great-grandchildren, Alyssa Boyd and Q. Dallas Boyd, both of Elko, Nev.; and one brother, Lynn and his wife, Verla Corbell of Colorado City.

# **Police blotter**

LOCAL

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday:

 COURTNEY LORRAINE ROWLETT, 19, of 1302 Lincoln, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

 ASHLEY ANNA BURT, 17, of 611 E. 16th Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

· ZABRINA FREEMAN, 18, of 1302 Tucson, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• SHEILA MARIE EISENBACH, 21, transient, was arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct language.

• THEFT was reported:

- in the 900 block of Willia.

in the 1700 block of FM 700.

- in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.

- in the 1800 block of FM 700.

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

 POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.

 FAILURE TO IDENTIFY was reported in the 2300 block of Old Highway 80.

· DISORDERLY CONDUCT was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700.

• DEADLY CONDUCT was reported in the 1200 block of Harding.

 BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1900 block of Runnels.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported:

in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.

- in the 4800 block of Highway 80.

- in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.

 ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 4200 block of Calvin.

# Take note

• CONCERNED CITIZENS COUNCIL meets at 7 p.m. Monday at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library to discuss bringing a hot air balloon festival to Big Spring. The public is welcome.

• COMANCHE TRAIL NURSING CENTER presents a free seminar, "Learn How To Protect Your Home And Life Savings," at noon Tuesday at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center covering Texas Medicaid Estate Recovery Program, Basic Medicaid Eligibility, Spousal Impoverishment Act and the Miller Trust. For more information, call 263-4041.

 THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL OLDTIMERS (those who graduated before 1940) are planning a reunion for the annual BSHS Homecoming Sept. 16-17. Anyone able to attend a reunion Sept. 17 should call

432-267-2900 and leave phone and address information.

. HIGHLAND FOURTH OF JULY PARADE is set for July 2 at the corner of Highland Drive and Stonehaven. Line-up at 9:15 a.m., parade begins at 10 a.m. For more information, call Shayla Seymore at 267-4854 or Linda Kay at 267-8427.

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BIG SPRING MERALD

If you have items for the Bulletin board, Herald news room at 263-7331 or email

**Bulletin board** 

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MONDAY

 Senior Circle meets at 4 p.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.

• 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 5:80 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. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

· Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

• Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library to discuss bringing a hot air balloon festival to Big Spring. The public is welcome.

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

#### TUESDAY

 Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.

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

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

#### WEDNESDAY

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

· Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center at the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

#### THURSDAY

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

· Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

· Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.



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He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a daughter, Geri Lou Corbell Dalecky and one brother, Bill Corbell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

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# Support groups

#### SUNDAY

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

#### TUESDAY

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

#### THURSDAY

 Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.

· Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

#### FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

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

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PAVING THE ROAD TO CARNEGIE HALL bake

sale fund-raiser to benefit the Big Spring High School band trip in June of 2006 by invitation to Carnegie Hall in New York City is Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. at the east and west doors of Wal-Mart. A car wash is also set. Call Mindy at 432-213-3651 for more information.

• HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM needs volunteers to work Sunday afternoons. Call 264-1999 or visit the museum, 1911 apron, to volunteer.

• COAHOMA PATRIOTIC PARADE begins at 10 a.m. July 2. Celebration continues in Coahoma Park with a car show, food booths and vendors. Free set up space for interested vendors. Contact Paulette Lindsey at 394-4975 or 270-0875 to secure space.

 COAHOMA NON-MARCHING BRASS BAND NEEDS MORE MEMBERS, any age, any instrument, any ability, any experience. For more information, contact Pam Hicks at 394-4312 or Patricia Bennett at 394-4122.

• TEXAS LIONS CAMP is looking for children interested in attending camp this summer. Sessions are for children with physical disabilities 7 through 16 years of age. Camp is free for these children. For more information, call Bob Noyes at 267-5811 or 270-0811.

• SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER'S SCHOOL OF RADIOLOGY is having a reunion of all past graduates in conjunction with the 2005 graduation July 9 at the Spring City Senior Center. The reunion organizer are looking for these individuals: Tere Barrier, Susan Weaver Burton, Cheryl Carroll, Irma Chavez, Caroline Clifton, Paul Decker, Frank Garfias, Randy Gavin, Michelle Gonzales, Sandy Hatfield. Mickie Johnson, Sarah Martin, Janie McLaughlin, Mary Poston, Debbie Richter, Melissa Shafer and Susan Soloman. Contact Vivian Gordon at 268-4885 or e-mail to vivian\_gordon@chs.net.

 REHEARSALS FOR THE BIG SPRING SYM-**PHONY CHORUS FOR THE POPS IN THE PARK** PERFORMANCE continue Monday from 7 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. in the First Methodist Church choral room. New members are welcome to participate in this annual community event.



### Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-19-26-34-35. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$36,906. Winning tickets sold in: Houston. Matching four of five: 113. Prize: \$147. Matching three of five: 3,525. Prize: \$11. Matching two of five: 35,539. Prize: \$2. Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-3-6

# Weather

Sunday-Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night-Mostly clear. Lows around 70. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday-Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night-Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s. . Tuesday-Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. Tuesday night-Mostly clear. Lows around 70. Wednesday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. Wednesday night-Mostly clear. Lows around 70. Thursday-Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. Thursday night-Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s.

Friday-Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.



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# LOCAL/WIRE

# **College trustees to consider lawsuit settlement agreement**

#### By STEVE REAGAN

#### Staff Writer

A settlement agreement to a lawsuit filed against the Howard County **Junior College District** last year will be considered by college trustees Monday morning.

Trustees will meet in executive session at 11:15 a.m. in the East Room of **Dorothy Garrett Coliseum** 

#### to consider a release and settlement agreement pertaining to a lawsuit filed against the district by foremployee Dana mer Turner.

former Turner, a employee at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, filed a lawsuit in U.S. Federal Court against the district on Nov. 8, 2004, two years to the day after ed by former SWCID dean Franklin Fahnbulleh III. Turner alleges that Fahnbulleh injured her back by grabbing her hair and bending her backward. Turner also claims that he kissed her, bit her on the breast and attempted to remove her pants during the altercation.

Fahnbulleh, who is now believed to be residing in are expected to take

she was allegedly assault- Bermuda, was indicted by a Howard County grand jury in March 2003 on a charge of official restraint. Turner's lawsuit against

the junior college district seeks damages for the physical injuries she sustained as a result of the alleged incident.

After hearing details on the settlement, trustees

action on the matter after convening the regular session at 12:30 p.m., College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

In other business Monday, trustees will consider:

• A tax abatement proposal for Wind Plus Inc. A public hearing on the matter will be held at 12:30 p.m. Handbook and catalog

changes.

· Bids for playground equipment at the college's daycare center.

 Change orders for the Visual and Performing **Arts Center construction** project.

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

# Tax abatements, senior center on county's Monday agenda

#### By THOMAS JENKINS

#### **Staff Writer**

Howard County commissioners are expected to consider tax abatements for the Wind Plus Project during their Monday meeting.

With both consideration of a tax abatement contract and a public hearing for the green energy project, the abatements are being considered as part of a reinvestment zone.

"The abatement is for 70 percent of the taxes for 10 years," said Jackie Olson, county auditor. "This is a renewal of an abatement issued in February 1997."

The abatement has been a complicated matter according to Kent Sharp, executive director of Moore Development, the agency that has handled gathering the information for the contract between Wind Plus and Howard County.

"It's been a very drawn out

board of directors during a recent meeting. "There's a lot of information to gather and put together. We should have it ready for Monday's meeting, however."

Also on Monday's agenda is consideration of a corrective action plan for the Spring City Senior Citizen Center.

Bebe McCasland, chairperson of the center's board of directors, is also expected to make a presentation to the commissioners concerning guidelines and job descriptions for the facility.

Howard County commissioners recently voted 3-2 to terminate the employment of Bobbie Leonard, former director of the Spring City Senior Citizens Center.

Commissioners declined to comment directly on Leonard's termination, having deliberated

of the Moore Development session on the matter. They did, however, release a statement shortly after.

"We feel it is time for the county to go in a different direction in order to better serve our senior citizens," the statement reads. "There was nothing personal about the decision to replace the executive director (Leonard). We appreciate Mrs. Leonard's years of service."

Problems with the center began to surface earlier this year when the center failed several health and safety inspections, prompting commissioners to appoint a board of directors for the facility.

Including in a report issued by Perry J. Williams, inspector with the Texas Department of State Health Services, questionable food temperatures for both prepared and stored foods came under fire, as well as a sink

process," Sharp told members less than an hour in executive that was draining into an open pit and lack of hot water in food preparation areas and rest rooms.

> Assistant director Yolanda Mendoza was named temporary director for the center.

Also on Monday's agenda, Olson will present invoices and purchase requests, in addition to a budget workshop.

**County Treasurer Teresa** Thomas is expected to present personnel considerations and a payroll report to the commissioners, while County Construction Administrator Phil Furgueron will discuss ongoing renovations at several county facilities.

Eddy Jameson, county road and bridge administrator, will report on pipeline crossings, road maintenance. while County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom will report on the purchase of new voting equipment and dis-

cuss polling places.

Sheriff Dale Walker is also expected to be present during the meeting, presenting commissioners with a nurse practitioner agreement for inmate care and a report on the Live Scan Grant.

**TxDOT representatives Matt** Evans and Roy Dill are also listed on the agenda and are expected to make a report to commissioners concerning county road and bridges.

As always of late, discussion and action relative to the new jail facility currently being designed and debated is listed on the agenda.

The meeting is to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

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

#### Judge returns **Coral Watts case** to lower court

made the tragic discov-KALAMAZOO, Mich. ery. (AP) - A lower-court judge must reconsider a trunk and he just started whether authorities screaming and he colhave enough evidence to lapsed to the ground," prosecute convicted sersaid Carmen Villa, 37, jal killer Coral Eugene Watts for murder but may not take 'into street. and all added to be account Watts' previous said Melissa Martinez, 25, convictions. weeping as she watched Circuit Kalamazoo Court Judge William G. Schma made the ruling Thursday and sent the case back to District Richard Judge Α. Santoni to review the transcript and findings of the Feb. 22 preliminary hearing — without Watts' criminal record. Watts, 51, is charged with first-degree murder in the death of 19year-old Gloria Steele. The Western Michigan University sophomore was stabbed 33 times in the chest on Oct. 30. 1974, in the apartment she shared with her 3-

yesterday saying Where could they be?' and the whole time, they were right there. It's just heartbreaking.'

The boys vanished without a trace Wednesday night while playing in the yard, according to authorities.

Strangers handed out missing persons fliers to passing motorists, civilians aided in the search HTAccording tho Police star Tinished the fifth and everyone wondered Chief Edwin Figueroa. how three children could the vehicle – which suddenly go missing at neighbors said had sat

The disappearances trig-

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150 police, firefighters

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the neighborhoods of this poor city across the Delaware River from

ing, until Agosto's father made the grisly discovunused in the yard for three months - had been apparently the trunk went unchecked. Cruz and Agosto both

lived in the vibrant multiethnic Cramer Hill neighborhood where the bodies were found. Pagan lived in neighboring Mount Ephraim and was visiting Cruz's home when they disappeared.

Relatives said Cruz often played with younger children, in part because he suffered from neuro-Bogical problems and had grade at a school for special needs students.

"He may be 11 years old, but his mind is more like

last day of kindergarten at the H.C. Sharp **Elementary School just** down the block from his house, had never been off the block alone before, according to his mother. Iraida Roman.

She described him as a regular kid who liked to "ride bikes, play in the dirt — simple kid stuff." Pagan also attended a special needs school, said a family friend, Cornell Worlds Jr.

Philadelphia. But it turned up noth-

ery. He broke out in tears, throwing himself against a car, and was later taken away on a stretcher by paramedics, crying and flailing his arms and legs.

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year-old daughter. Watts attended the university at the time of Steele's killing.

In the February hearing Santoni found that prosecutors had probable cause to continue the prosecution, but Schma ruled in May that only circumstantial evidence ties Watts to the crime and that identifying him as a convicted killer would be too prejudicial.

An Oakland County judge sentenced Watts to life in prison in December a 1979 murder in the Detroit suburb of Ferndale.

Before that, Watts had been scheduled for release from a Texas prison after getting immunity for 12 killings to which he had confessed — 11 in Texas and one in Michigan as part of a 1982 plea deal.

will Prosecutors appeal Schma's ruling barring Watts' record.

from Villa's front yard across the street as police began cordoning off the scene. "They've been there all the time. We were just standing here

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"I saw him open the

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"It's just a tragedy,"

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balance of about \$10,000 and that's necessary, because there are always costs associated with the show that have to be paid long before donations begin coming in.

"So, while we have the money we need to put on this year's program, we still need to raise another \$10,000 or so in order for the committee to have the money it needs for next year," he added.

Blackshear said he is confident the community will respond to the committee's call for support.

"Pops in the Park has become a tradition in our community. It's one of our 'calling cards,' so to speak," Blackshear added. "It's an evening to gather with friends and family at the park and join your neighbors in celebrating the fact that we live in the best nation on earth.

"And we've always gotten the community's help in making the show a reality. The people of Big Spring and Howard County have always come through for us," he added. "For a second year we are selling Pops in the Park T-shirts and will have them on sale during the concert.'

Blackshear While acknowledges that donors have always come through, there's a certain bit of apprehension at this stage of preparation for the show.

"When you look up and there's so little left to get ready and you've still got a significant amount of the money you need to raise, it's hard not to be a little worried," •he explained. "So this is the time ... the next few days ... when we need people to step up and make contributions.'

Crowds of more than 10,000 pack the amphitheater and park grounds surrounding it for the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus' concert and fireworks program every year and several thousand more park along U.S. Highway 87 or in nearby parking lots to watch the show and listen to the program that is broadcast on KBST radio. And, if anything, this year's crowd will be even larger, committee members said.

In addition to the show's "Presenters," who have provided \$5,000 or more in financial or "in kind" contributions, several other local businesses have provided significant donations. At this time, HEB is the only "Star" sponsor, having donated \$3,000, but Paradigm Physical

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Company. Worthy Robinson Drilling and Scenic Mountain Medical Center are "Rocket" sponsors, having donated at least \$1,000.

Countless other businesses and individuals have provided smaller amounts, Blackshear said, and stressed that they "are just as appreciated."

Individuals are also being asked to bring their pictures of active servicemen and women — listing their name and branch of service — to the Chamber of Commerce office, Sears, KBST or the Herald's offices before Monday.

Those photographs will be used to create a special video that will be shown during intermission.

Organizers are also interested in contacting any local service men and women who will be home on leave during the holiday weekend in hopes of asking them to take part in the show's opening ceremonies.

Those interested in making a monetary donation can do so by contacting Debbye ValVerde at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

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vendor's booth must do so before 5 p.m. Monday by contacting Becky Crane at 267-5449.

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**News Editor** 

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## **OUR VIEWS**

# Responsibility with fireworks is really a must

he Fourth of July holiday weekend is just a week away and everyone is making plans. A day in the park or at a lake, Pops in the Park, Funtastic Fourth, parades, bands and a lot more.

As usual, several fireworks stands are already operating on the outskirts of Big Spring. They seem to be doing a good business. We're pleased to see that, but we think some reminders are in order.

We're not opposed to using fireworks, but we are opposed to setting them off irresponsibly. If you plan on using fireworks during the holiday period, take precautions. Most obvious of these is the city ordinance against the setting off of fireworks.

First, make sure you comply with all ordinances. To do otherwise teaches your children that it's not necessary to observe the law.

We hope that a sense of community pride and respect for the property and rights of others is enough to deter anyone from breaking the law; Remember, too, there is a fine of about \$500, plus confiscation of the fireworks for those who are caught.

Second, remember that while the popping of • RANDY NEUGEBAUER

# Flag not in need of constitutional protection

et's make a few points right at the start, OK? • First, I do not support desecration of the U.S. Flag.

· Second, I think people who desecrate said U.S. Flag are mental midgets who perform this despicable act just so they can air their gripe of the week on

national TV • Third, I think the act of flag desecration insults not only America and Americans, but also the brave souls who have given their lives to this country.

 Fourth, seeing said acts of desecration makes me want to walk up to the "protesters" and ... well, this is a family

newspaper, so let's just skip Point No. 4, shall we?

Having said all this, however, I do not believe that we need to go to the trouble of amending the U.S. Constitution just so we can stop these yo-yos from taking a match to Old Glory.

I realize this opinion is contrary to that of the majority of my fellow citizens, not to mention elected representatives.

The House of Representatives, in fact, approved a resolution Wednesday calling for an amendment to the Constitution banning flag desecration. The issue now goes before the Senate, which must approve it by a two-thirds majority before sending it to the states for ratification.

Before you dismiss me as an unpatriotic dunderhead (I may be a dunderhead, but I am most defi-

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nitely patriotic), allow me to make a few more points.

 There is no practical need for this amendment — How many times in the last year have you seen a TV report of someone burning the flag? And I don't mean overseas, where those folks seem required to set fire to the flag as a daily ritual. I mean right here in the good ol' U.S. of A?

**Once? Maybe twice?** 

Okay, let's go back even further. How many times in the last five years? I think it would be fair to say that you could count said occurrences with both hands. In other words, this is not a

widespread problem. In fact, it is very, very rare.

Sure, the very act upsets people greatly. But let's face facts - lots of things upset people. If we go around amending the Constitution just to protect us from upsetting things, the nation's paper supply would be in grave jeopardy.

We need to save Constitutional amendments for correcting grave injustices. Amending the Constitution to ban flag desecration would be like swatting a gnat with a sledgehammer.

• The issue is a political football I do not for a second doubt the patriotism of our elected representatives, but I'm enough of a cynic to believe that some of those folks saw a chance to gain some political mileage out of the issue.

Proponents of the issue could simply point to themselves and say, "I voted for this amendment because I love the flag and all it stands for, and I'm sick and tired of seeing unpatriotic dunderheads desecrating it. Why didn't Rep. X vote for it? Hmmmm?" Now, imagine you are Rep. X.

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You have doubts about the validity of the proposed amendment, but you're also facing a hotly contested race for re-election. Do you want your opponent waving the flag (pun intended) in your face? Or do you take the politically expedient way out and simply vote "aye?"

Hmmmmm?

• The flag simply doesn't need the protection — The U.S. Flag and I'm speaking of it as a symbol, not simply a piece of cloth with some pretty stars and stripes is much stronger than people give it credit for. It is not some fragile thing that would break at the least jostling. Instead, it is the symbol of the most powerful nation on Earth.

It is also a symbol of the freedoms and rights this country has to offer. One of those is the right to protest without worrying about ruffling some people's feathers.

It has survived far worse than a bunch of clueless yahoos who think burning it is a neat way to get their point across. And guess what? It will continue to survive and thrive, because an overwhelming majority of its citizens revere it both as an object and a symbol of our country.

So, to those who would desecrate our flag, I say go ahead. Have your five minutes of infamy. I think you're a jerk, but I guess you have the right to be one, at least in this country.

The flag will live on long after you have retreated to the anonymity you so richly deserve.

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fireworks is permissible outside the city limits, you still need permission from the landowner. Some owners won't mind, but others will. Make sure you know the area well and don't set off fireworks near structures or high grass. Have a bucket of water nearby for safety's sake, and bag up your trash before you leave. Fortunately, rain in recent days has lowered the chance of a brush fire dramatically. However, never assume that a fire cannot start.

Third, never pick up a firework that fails to ignite without first splashing water over it or smothering it with dirt. The most common injury associated with fireworks occurs when someone thought a firecracker was out and picked it up.

Fourth, never shoot off fireworks alone, and, for obvious reasons, never allow children to shoot off fireworks unsupervised. Fireworks can be dangerous and some are very powerful. If used in the wrong way, there can be lifelong consequences.

Have a great holiday, but please, be smart - for you and yours, and for all of us.

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### YOUR VIEWS

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Your paper and yourself should be ashamed for showing such poor taste in printing the article in the June 7 Herald titled "Woman's death ruled hanging.'

It was very insensitive to the woman's family and friends. There is no justification for this article.

I hope you will evaluate your policy in the future. You should at least apologize to her family for your lapse in judgement.

#### **BAXTER MOORE BIG SPRING**

#### TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is regarding a recent article in the Big Spring Herald on Tuesday, June 7, "Woman's death ruled hanging." The Herald's coverage of this article of the recent death of a close friend has left me troubled and very disturbed.

It would be interesting to know if it is the policy of the Big Spring Herald to publish a follow up article on all deaths in our community? If that's the case, the Herald would be full daily, and I would also like to know if all deaths receive equal coverage and headlines?

On another note, it has been brought to my attention by friends, relatives and former BSHS classmates that the Big Spring Herald can no longer be read on the Internet, free of charge. I know from research into this matter that other newspapers owned by Horizon Publishing do not charge for this service. Would it not be more advantageous to focus on the positive rather than the negative, such as the article I'm referring to on June 7?

Quoting Mr. Weber from his June 10 letter, please "use some logic and forethought."

> JEANIE KNOCKE **BIG SPRING**

TO THE EDITOR:

With the high rates of teen pregnancy in our West Texas area...it would be encouraging if the "other" side of the debate received adequate representation.

Recent debate about sex education has left one very important voice unheard — that of the young people it affects.

Fifty percent of all new HIV infections occur among young people under the age of 25 at a rate of two per hour. Despite this fact, the president and the U.S. Congress believe it is best to censor the sex education youth receive in school, providing over \$150 million a year for programs that withhold vital information about concoms and contraception.

Although 68 percent of American teens have had sex by the time they leave high school, one-third of all secondary schools limit the sexual health information that teachers can provide. In fact, in most of these school districts, educators are limited to promoting abstinence-only-until-marriage and are restricted from answering students' questions about the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases like HIV.

The United States has the highest teen pregnancy, birth, and abortion rates, and one of the highest rates of sexually transmitted diseases in the industrialized world. Yet, young people in the U.S. begin having sex at around the same age as our western European counterparts. What is different for young people in the U.S. is the way they are educated. "Just say no" is not enough. Information about abstinence is important but not sufficient.

Teaching teens about contraception will not cause them to have sex

Allowing teachers to answer their questions about sex will help them make responsible and educated

decisions - decisions that just may save their lives.

**KELLI MOUNT BIG SPRING** 

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Today, June 22, the newspaper printed a full page of sex offenders living in Big Spring.

Being a sex offender is a despicable crime, however, with every crime - even murder - each casehas a different set of circumstances.

A predator who preys on young children is one thing, but what about these young teen girls (14 to 16) that lie about their age, saying that they are 17 or 19 so they can date older men?

My grandson at 19 had consentual sex with a teenage girl of 14 who had told everyone that she was 18. He had been to the girl's home and had met her mother. It was not until the father found out that they had been sexually intimate that charges were filed.

The father reported it, but later, after talking to his wife, dropped the charges. The state of Texas then proceeded to file the charges.

My grandson served seven years in prison for this first and only offense, while the girl who lied about her age received no punishment and has been able to go on with a normal life.

My grandson was raised in a Christian home but made a human mistake. Now that he served his time, he is expected to build a new and prosperous life for himself.

How will this newspaper article affect his future and how many times must he be punished for his crime?

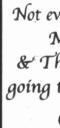
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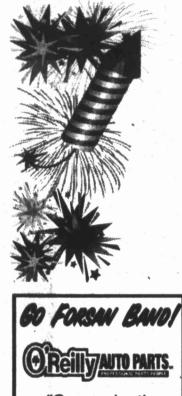
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# Texas lottery officials admit jackpots were inflated

#### By LIZ AUSTIN

#### **Associated Press Writer**

AUSTIN (AP) - Lottery officials admitted they knew ticket sales would not cover an advertised \$8 million Lotto Texas jackpot this month, meaning a winner would not have collected the full amount.

Lottery The Texas Commission used the inflated number for the June 8 drawing to generate interest and get more people to play even though staff reports estimated sales could only cover about \$6.5 million, manager Robert Friday

Tirloni said jackpots had fallen short of the advertised amounts twice before - once last October and again in February. Each involved an advertised \$8 million jackpot that couldn't be supported by ticket sales. No winners emerged, however.

"At the time that we did these estimations. I felt that it was critical for the long-term health of the game for the jackpot to increase if there was no jackpot ticket sold," Tirloni said. "In hindsight, I would have left the Tirloni told commissioners on jackpot amount at the same amount."

The revelations prompted strong criticism from the lottery's three commissioners. The issue is scheduled to undergo legislative scrutiny next week.

"There is nothing more important to this entire business than the integrity of the game," Commissioner Rolando Olvera said.

Tirloni and Lee Deviney, the commission's director of financial administration, proposed the inflated jackpot and it was approved by Executive Director Reagan Greer.

Deviney is no longer with the boards so advertised jackpots commission; a spokesman would not discuss his departure Friday.

Greer said he signed off on the inflated jackpots that Deviney and Tirloni recommended without really looking at their reports. He said his staff has made several changes to prevent the problem from occurring again, including basing future jackpots on the most conservative sales estimates.

Lottery officials also are considering holding jackpots at the same amount more often, adding a decimal place to billcan be more precise or starting the jackpot at \$2 million.

The problem emerges at the \$8 million level because that's the first jackpot that can no longer be covered by lottery reserves if ticket sales lag behind the advertisements.

Once someone's ticket matches all five numbers and a Bonus Ball, the jackpot returns to \$4 million. The commission only is allowed to use its reserves to cover payments during the first four drawings, but ticket sales are usually slow until the jackpot reaches at least \$9 million.

# **TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS**

#### Infant dies after being left in truck four hours

WAXAHACHIE - A 6-month-old girl died after her father forgot to drop her off at a day-care center and left her in his truck about four hours, police said.

Mika Michele Terry was pronounced dead Thursday afternoon at a hospital. The 32-year-old father had gone to Ranch House Cowboy Church in Maypearl to do some construction work, and several hours later he realized his daughter was in the back of his four-door pickup, said Lt. Danny Williams of the Ellis County Sheriff's Department.

The father, whose name was not released, is cooperating with authorities, Williams said.

When the investigation is completed, the Ellis County District Attorney's Office will determine whether any charges will be filed, Williams said. Maypearl is about 35 miles south of Dallas.

#### Woman sentenced to 20 years for tossing baby into trash bin

FORT WORTH (AP) - A woman was sentenced Friday to 20 years in prison for placing her newborn son in a plastic bag and throwing him into a trash bin.

Jurors deliberated nearly three hours before deciding on the sentence for Dana L. Wilson, 25. of Hurst. She faced up to life in prison after she was con-victed Thursday of attempted capital murder.

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Wilson delivered her infant alone in 003 in her bathroom, drove to a trash bin near an animal clinic and tossed the baby inside. The infant was discovered by a veterinarian and his technician a few hours later, but he suffered severe brain damage because of the lack of oxygen. The boy, named Christopher Dale Rechard, has vision, speech and coordination problems and has developed cerebral palsy, a doctor said. He now lives with his paternal grandparents.

#### Friday.

Defense witnesses had testified that Wilson suffers from severe mental illnesses, and her attorney said she never meant to kill the baby.

Her mother Delbra Wilson, a former Tarrant County judge, asked jurors during the punishment phase to sentence her daughter to probation.

#### Grand jury finds insufficient evidence to charge protesters

HOUSTON (AP) - A grand jury has found insufficient evidence to charge three protesters accused of assaulting Houston police at a demonstration outside a Halliburton meeting in May.

The three men had been arrested for assault on a public servant. The grand jury's action June 16 clears them of criminal charges.

The men were among 15 people arrested at a shareholders meeting in downtown Houston.

**Eight members of the Houston Global** Awareness Collective were also arrested for blocking entry to the meeting. Most pleaded guilty to trespassing.

#### Eleven train cars derail causing \$1 million damage, no injuries

BEAUMONT (AP) - Eleven cars of a 74-car cargo train derailed near the Neches River causing \$1 million in damages. Officials reported no injuries or hazardous materials leaks.

The train included four cars with hazardous materials, but they remained on the tracks, said Randy Bennett, chief operating officer for the Gulf region of Watco Company, the train's operator. The materials included three cars of ethylene oxide and one of propionic acid, said Keith Lacaze, assistant chief







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Wilson told a psychiatrist that the baby was a "major curse" and that she didn't want to give him up for adoption, according to trial testimony. The psychiatrist testified that she did not show remorse.

Prosecutor Mitch Poe said Wilson could have given up the baby by taking him to a police or fire station but that "she chose death," the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in its online edition

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operating officer. County Sheriff's The Jasper Department recommended evacuation of a half-mile radius as a precaution when the train derailed Friday after-

Few homes are in the area. The evacuation was later called off.

noon.

Of the derailed cars, contents include ed synthetic plastic, green railroad ties and particle board material.

Watco leases the track from Burlington Northern Santa Fe. No one else uses that particular line, Bennett said. The company will reroute its trains.

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#### **Television**

1. "Dancing With the Stars," ABC. 2. "NBA Finals Game 5: San Antonio at Detroit," ABC. 3. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS. 4. "CSI: Miami," CBS. 5. "NBA Finals Game 4: San Antonio at Detroit," ABC. (From Nielsen Media **Research**)

#### Film

1. "Batman Begins," Warner Bros. 2. "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," **20th Century Fox.** 3. "Madagascar," DreamWorks. 4. "Star Wars: Episode III — Revenge of the

Sith," 20th Century Fox. 5. "The Longest Yard," Paramount. (From Exhibitor **Relations** Co.)

#### **Hot Five**

1. "We Belong Together," Mariah Carey. Island. 2. "Hollaback Girl," Gwen Stefani. Interscope. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units) 3. "Don't Phunk With My Heart," The Black Eyed Peas. A&M. (Gold certified sales of more than 500,000) 4. "Just a Lil Bit." 50 Cent. Shady. 5. "Oh," Ciara (feat.

Ludacris). Sho'nuff-MusicLine. (From Billboard magazine)

1. "X&Y," Coldplay. Capitol. 2. "Monkey Business," Black Eyed Peas. A&M. 3. "Get Behind Me Satan," The White Stripes. Third Man. 4. "Fijacion Oral Vol. 1," Shakira. Epic. 5. "The Emancipation of Mimi," Mariah Carey. Island. (Platinum) (From Billboard magazine)

#### **Concert Tours** 1. U2.

2. Eagles. 3. Elton John. 4. Kenny Chesney. 5. Rod Stewart. (From Pollstar)

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1. "Dora the Explorer:

It's a Party," Paramount Home Entertainment. 2. "SpongeBob **SquarePants:** Fear of a Krabby Patty," **Paramount Home** Entertainment. 3. "Aloha Scooby Doo," Warner Home Video. 4. "Thomas the Tank **Engine: Hooray for** Thomas (w/Toy)," Hit Entertainment. 5. "Thomas and Friends: Sodor -**Celebration**," Hit Entertainment. (From Billboard maga-

#### **VHS Rentals**

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1. "The Aviator," Warner Home Video. 2. "Are We There Yet?" **Columbia TriStar Home** Entertainment.

3. "Boogeyman," **Columbia TriStar Home** Entertainment. 4. "National Treasure," **Dimension Home Video.** 5. "White Noise," **Universal Studios Home** Video. (From Billboard magazine)

#### **VHS Sales**

1. "Pooh's Heffalump Movie," Walt Disney Home Entertainment. 2. "Dora the Explorer: It's a Party," Paramount Home Entertainment. 3. "Shrek 2," **DreamWorks Home** Entertainment. 4. "SpongeBob SquarePants: Fear of a Krabby Patty," **Paramount Home** Entertainment.

5. "Racing Stripes," Warner Home Video. (From Billboard magazine)

#### **DVD Sales**

1. "Chapelle's Show: Season 2 (Uncensored!)," **Paramount Home** Entertainment. 2. "Boogeyman: Special

Edition," Columbia **TriStar Home** Entertainment.

3. "Are We There Yet?" **Columbia TriStar Home** Entertainment.

4. "The Aviator (Widescreen)," Warner Home Video.

5. "The Aviator (Full Screen)," Warner Home Video.

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**Hardcover Fiction** 1. "The Historian" by Elizabeth Kostova (Little, **Brown**) 2. "The Da Vinci Code"

by Dan Brown (Doubleday) 3. "The Mermaid

Chair" by Sue Monk Kidd (Viking)

4. "4th of July" by **James Patterson and** Maxine Paetro (Little, Brown)

5. "True Believer" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner Books)

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by David Sedaris (Back Bay) 6. "Three Famous Short

Novels" by William Faulkner (Vintage)

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8. "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference" by Malcolm Gladwell (Back Bay) 9. "Wicked" by Gregory Maguire (ReganBooks)

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# It's a meter mystery

KALAMAZOO, Mich. lic thefts began June 10 (AP) — Someone is stealing parking meters poles and all - from the city's downtown.

Fifty-seven Kalamazoo's approximately 1,000 meters were taken in 10 days. None could hold more than about \$10 in change.

Several stolen meters, some damaged beyond repair, have been recovered alongside roads and in local parks, said Sgt. Scott Merlo of the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety.

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when five meters were pulled from the ground near Kalamazoo Avenue and Church Street and on of East South Street, Merlo said.

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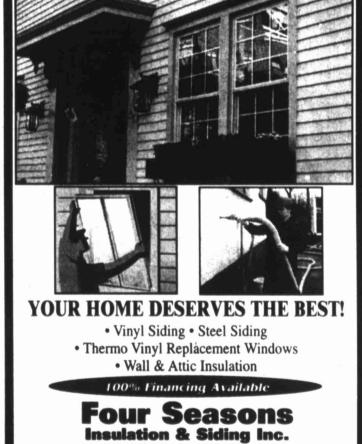
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As recently as Monday. a stolen meter was recovered on Grant Street. The same person or group of people appears to be responsible, he said.

"Somebody that is that brazen to do something in public, to take that big of a chance for that little of a gain is someone that is definitely desperate for money," Merlo said.

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### FEATURES

#### **BIG SPRING HERALD** Weekend Edition, June 25-26, 2005

# Who's Who



**Joy Adams Robertson** 

**Joy Adams Robertson** 

O.D., of Stanton was

among 109 students

recently awarded the doc-

tor of optometry degree

from Southern College of

Prior to graduation, she

received the Drs. Fred

and Charlene Burnett

Award" scholarship for

her academic achieve-

She is the daughter of

Michael and Leatrice

Adams, also of Stanton,

and the wife of Rodney

A 1994 graduate of

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**Optometry in Memphis.** 

Joy Adams Robertson,

received a bachelor's degree from Angelo State University in 1998 and a master's degree from **Texas Tech University in** 2000.

Optometrists are independent, primary health care providers who specialize in the examination, diagnosis, treatment and management of diseases/disorders of the visual system, the eye and associated structures, as well as the diagnosis of related systemic conditions.

#### **James Austin Barton**

James Austin Barton, a Coahoma High School graduate and the son of Debra and Don Barton, was named to the Austin College Dean's List for the 2005 spring semester. All students named to the Dean's List earned a semester grade point average of at least 3.8 on a 4.0 scale and are ranked in the top 20 percent of the student body.

#### **Joanna Inez Ring**

Joanna Inez Ring of Big Spring received a psychology degree from McMurry University at the spring 2005 commencement May 7.

#### **Krystal N. Cline** Krystal N. Cline of Big Spring was named to the

Texas A&M West University Dean's List for the spring 2005 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must have a grade point average between 3.25 and 3.85 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

#### **Odessa College** graduates

Jeana Avant received an associate degree in applied science and Deborah Light received an associate degree in applied science from Odessa College during may commencement.

#### Alex Edgemon

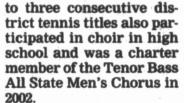
Alex Edgemon, the son of Connie Edgemon, Big Spring State Hospital director of information services and human resources development, recently was given the **Texas Tech University** Dr. Stripling Vocal Award

He was one of two Texas Tech University vocal students who received the award for the 2005-2006 school vear.



Alex Edgemon

Edgemon, a 2002 Big Spring High School graduate who lead the Steers



A senior vocal performance and music composition double major, he sings counter tenor in training with Karl Dent, **Chairman of Texas Tech's** Vocal Studies Department.

He Is a charter member of the Association of Scholars, the Vocal University Choir, and has performed as a soloist in the Carmina Barana and the Messiah.

Alex also was cast as the angel, Gabriel, in "Too Many Sopranos; Nibbles in "West Side Story;" the Priest I in "The Magic Flute;" the chorus of "La Traviata," the "Bartered Bride," and "Showboat."

Edgemon also made the Dean's List two times the latest in the fall of 2004.

He was trained locally under Linda Lindell, Vicky McDowell and Susan Dawes.

He is a member of First Christian Church in Big Spring and sings with the Second Baptist Church Choir in Lubbock.



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# LOCAL/NATION/WORLD

TWO TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

A Big Spring woman is prepared to be transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following an accident at the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Gregg Street Saturday afternoon. According to witnesses at the scene, the driver of the blue Dodge pickup was traveling north on Gregg when he turned left in front of a second pickup. The driver of the blue pickup and one passenger were transported by the Big Spring Fire Department.

Second case of mad cow disease confirmed in U.S

WASHINGTON (AP) -The United States has what may be its first homegrown case of mad cow disease, confirmed a full seven months after officials first suspected have been found. Even the animal might be infected.

Despite the delay in reliable results, the government says the food safeguards are working well.

"The fact that this animal was blocked from entering the food supply tells us that our safeguards are working exactly as they should," Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns said during a news conference Friday.

Still, the emergence of a native-born case could cast a shadow over the nation's 96 million cattle. the largest herd in the world. Taiwan announced Saturday it was immediately renewing its ban on the importation of U.S. beef.

The only previous U.S. confirmed in case. December 2003, was in a dairy cow that had be imported from Can where three other c that 2003 case involving an imported animal prompted some 50 nations to ban U.S. beef imports.

Japan, once the largest importer of U.S. beef, and some other countries have yet to lift those bans. Taiwan, which just two months ago lifted its ban, moved quickly to block further imports.

"The Cabinet office made this decision today," said Chen Luhung, an official in the food control section of the island's Heath Department.

In the year before the ban, Taiwan imported more than \$76 million in American beef and beef products, according to the Agriculture Department.

# Texas volunteer search group arrives in Aruba to search for missing U.S. teen-age girl

#### By PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press Writer

**ORANJESTAD**, Aruba (AP) - A volunteer rescue group from Texas began preparing a major ground and ocean search American for teen Natalee Holloway who disappeared nearly four weeks ago while on a school trip.

Twenty-four volunteers, including eight rescue divers, would begin the search Saturday morning, said Tim Miller, director of Dickinson, Texas-based Texas EquuSearch.

The volunteers arrived ate Friday, bringing with them four dogs trained to sniff out human remains, as well as sonar equipment that will be used in searching the coastal waters, Miller said at a press conference Friday night. "We are holding out hope that Natalee is alive. but we know the odds are against us," said Miller, adding that the group would remain in Aruba "until we find Natalee."

and that his group had already raised about \$25,000.

Miller said pro-athletes in the United States had approached him about helping with the search, but Miller declined to say who they were or how they might participate.

Miller said he arrived to Aruba Thursday to meet with authorities and cross check where they had searched and plot out new sites.

He said his initial meeting ..... with .... police day high school gradua-Superintendent Jan van tion trip with 124 other der Straaten had "been tense," but that the two had come to an agreement about the search. Miller declined to say what the agreement was, but that the search parties would be careful not to let media interfere. "If we find something that is evidence, we certainly don't want your

cameras on it," Miller said, declining to say where searchers would begin Saturday.

Miller said that within a few days, they would ask local Arubans to help in the searches.

Previous searches by Aruban police, Dutch Marines and thousands of volunteer islanders and tourists have yielded no trace of the 18-year-old Alabama honors student who went missing May 30, the last day of a fivestudents. Her passport and packed suitcase were

found in her hotel room.

Five men have been

arrested in her disappear-

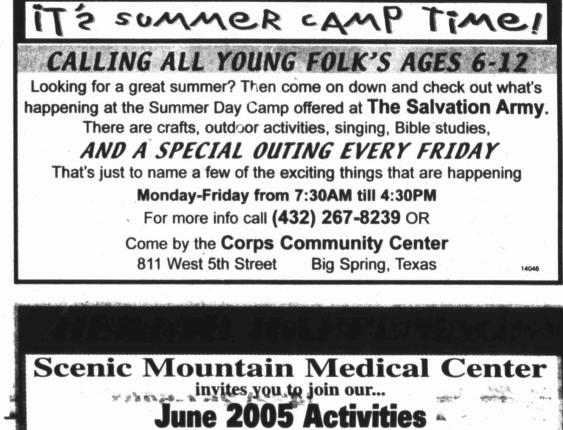
ance, but no one has been

charged. The arrested

include Dutch teenager

Joran van der Sloot, 17,

and his father, Paul van



Miller said the search could cost up to \$100,000

#### Ahmadinejad says he seeks 'modern' model for the world

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) -The winner of Iran's presidential runoff, whose landslide victory dealt a setback to reformers, said Saturday he seeks to create a "modern, advanced and Islamic" model for the world.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad made the comments in a taped statement broadcast on state-run radio. They appeared aimed at easing worries that his ultraconservative views would clash with Iran's attempts to expand its economy and international ties.

Ahmadinejad made no mention of any new policies regarding the social reforms opposed by some of his supporters.

The victory gives conservatives control of Iran's two highest elected offices - the presidency parliament and enabling the non-elected theocracy to rule with a freer hand.

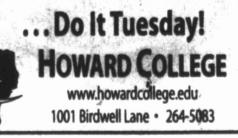
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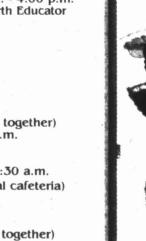
June 25 • Saturday Child Birth Classes 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Laurie Burks, RN Certified Birth Educator 2nd Floor Hospital

June 27 • Monday Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 p.m. (Chair Exercises)

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KRT photo/Robert Me Ileana Soto, center, sings at Corona Park at Flushing Meadows in New York City during the Billy Graham Crusade Friday.

# Graham addresses what could be his last crusade

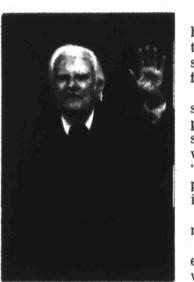
By TRACY CONNOR

New York Daily News NEW YORK — The Rev. Billy Graham kicks off possibly his last U.S. cruat Flushing sade Meadows-Corona Park in New York Saturday night, and no one is more excited than firefighter John Picarello.

The 19-year veteran Staten Island's from Battalion 21 has been tapped to give testimony before massive crowds expected at the evangelist's three-day rally.

Picarello, who was raised a Catholic but now runs his own evangelical church, plans to speak about the sacrifice his fellow firefighters made on Sept. 11.

And he believes the ailing Graham's visit will be a turning point for a city that still bears the physi-



his final crusade in America - and maybe his last ever — at the behest of two local pastors who flew to his retreat in the North Carolina mountains last year.

Graham's announcement this week that he may not preach in public

The program will be heavier on the hallelujahs than the fire and brimstone - and there's plenty for children.

Christian pop groups such as Jars of Clay will perform, and a caped crusader named Bibleman who classifies himself as "Batman for Jesus" preaches Sunday morning.

It's not all show business, though.

Each night, new believers will be invited to pray with Graham and pledge their lives to Christ, and a God squad of volunteer counselors will follow up with them in the weeks to come.

About 1,400 churches are participating - from 24,000-member the **Christian Cultural Center** in Canarsie, Brooklyn, to tiny congregations like

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cal and spiritual scars of the terrorist attacks.

"After all we went through, it's easy to feel God forgot about us," the father of four said. "But this city has always risen up, and this is a message from God that he didn't forget about New York."

Graham, 86, suffers from Parkinson's disease, fluid on the brain. prostate cancer and hearing loss - and is winding down his career as "America's pastor."

He chose New York for

after this weekend has boosted the already healthy interest in the

event. Although the crowds won't approach the 2.3 million who packed Madison Square Garden for his historic 16-week crusade in 1957, organizers expect at least 70,000 each of the three days.

The highlight of each evening will be a 35minute message from Graham, from a special podium that will allow him to sit while he speaks.

Picarello's House on the Rock.

The firefighter formed the nondenominational Christian church in 1996 after "feeling a tug in my heart," and it now has a congregation of about 80.

Though he has spoken to large crowds since the Sept. 11 attacks, the audience Sunday afternoon will be his largest ever with the added pressure of speaking before a master orator like Graham.

"I feel such a responsibility," he said Friday. "I just want to get it right."

# About 350 evacuated in Utah

GUNLOCK, Utah (AP) - Residents of the small town of Gunlock were told to evacuate Saturday because a wildfire that had burned about 40,000 acres was approaching the community and the weather was hot and windy.

4 miles from Gunlock, but officials evacuated the town of about 350 in southwestern Utah as a precaution, Bureau of Land Management spokesman David Boyd said Saturday morning.

"Depending on what the winds do, it definitely could get close to Gunlock," Boyd said.

Elsewhere, firefighters near Kelso, Calif., struggled to surround a 52,000acre wildfire in a wilderness preserve that includes horse corrals from the 1870s, historic mines and sites with ancient Indian pictographs.

There was little change Saturday morning in a Flames were still about -more-than-60,000-acre Arizona brush and grass fire that had turned away from an upscale community northeast of Phoenix. Residents who had fled the wind-blown blaze began returning home Friday.

> southern And in Nevada, a pall of smoke had drifted over the Las Vegas Strip from 19 blazes that charred nearly 54,000 acres of parched

grass, desert brush and mountain pines.

The blaze threatening Gunlock was a combination of five smaller fires started by lightning on Wednesday that had joined and were expected to continue spreading Saturday.

"At this point it's still a ways away, but there's a definite concern there,' Boyd said.

It is the second natural disaster this year for Gunlock, located about 20 miles northwest of St. George. The town was isolated in January when heavy rain caused flooding that washed out bridges and destroyed several homes in the region.

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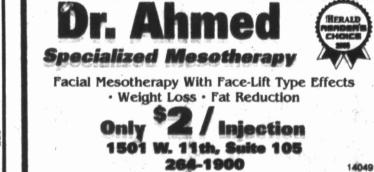
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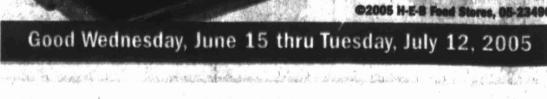
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# 'Horns hope lessons of 2004 learned well

#### By ERIC OLSON **AP Sports Writer**

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or assistant coach Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

Quarterback Club

meeting scheduled

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club will have its next meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, at the BSHS Atheltic

Parents of all junior

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Ragball tournament

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# OMAHA, Neb. - Just about everything came easily for the Texas Longhorns last season — until Cal State Fullerton came along and swept them in the national finals.

This year, the Longhorns believe their bumpy road to Omaha has them better prepared for the championship round of

the College World Series. The Longhorns (54-16) opened the best-of-three championship series Saturday against seventhseeded Florida (48-21), the first meeting between these national powers.

The unseeded Longhorns are playing for the championship for the third time in four years. As the No. 1 seed last year, they

#### CWS notebook: LaPorta hits goal as Gators go for title

LaPorta's alarm clock was set for 5:30 a.m. last fall so he could get up and run the stadium steps.

He wanted to get ready for Florida's season, maybe even become college baseball's top home run hitter.

Now he is, leading all Division I sluggers with 26 homers after hitting his second of the College World Series.

"I mean it was one of my goals before we got into the season. I wanted to lead the country in

super regionals. At the CWS,

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Matt home runs," the Gators solidly aPorta's alarm clock was set built first baseman said. "It happened through hard work."

LaPorta, a 6-1, 210-pound sophomore, hit a towering shot to left Thursday night when the Gators went deep three times and beat Arizona State to clinch a spot in the championship round against Texas.

When LaPorta homers this season, Florida is 22-4.

"We joke with Matt that he has to hit a home run for us to win,'

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rolled through regionals and they beat Arkansas 13-2 and Georgia 9-3 and 7-6 before losing

6-4 and 3-2 to Fullerton.

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"I was surprised in the championship series that we showed our nerves," Texas coach Augie Garrido said. "We'll see whether that happens again."

This year Texas lost 9-2 to Arkansas on its home field in the regionals, then had to win three straight elimination games. The Longhorns lost their super regional opener to Mississippi before winning two straight to reach the College World Series for the fourth straight year.

Once at Rosenblatt Stadium, they beat Baylor twice to avenge four losses to the Bears this season and shut out top-seeded Tulane.

"This year the postseason couldn't have been further from

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# **HEADING TO THE PLAYOFFS**



# Astros down Rangers

#### **By JOEL ANDERSON**

**AP Sports Writer** 

HOUSTON — The way Roy Oswalt has been pitching the past two the months, Texas Rangers almost certainly weren't going to snap out of their offensive doldrums Friday night.

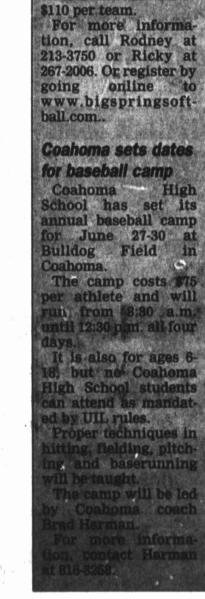
And factoring in the Rangers' recent road woes, it was virtually impossible.

Oswalt pitched 7 1-3 strong innings, Jason Lane broke out of a slump with a two-run homer and the Houston Astros beat the slumping Rangers 5-2.

"There's not much room for error with Oswalt out there," said **Rangers** manager Buck Showalter, whose club has dropped a season high-tying five straight. "He's one of the best pitchers you will face in a given year. It was tough putting a lot together against him." **Rookie outfielder Chris** Burke went 3-for-3, Brad Ausmus went 2-for-2 with an RBI and two walks and Brad Lidge got the final three outs for his 18th save in 21 chances to send the surging Astros to their fourth straight win and eighth in a row at home. Oswalt (9-7) won his third straight start and seventh consecutive at home, allowing two runs and six hits. Oswalt hasn't given up more than two earned runs in eight of his last nine outings, yielding just eight runs in 52 1-3 innings. "I went right at them and I was able to move the ball around a lot," Oswalt said. "I felt really good out there." Ausmus and Willy Taveras had run-scoring singles in the second to give Houston a 2-0 lead. Lane, who entered the game in a 2-for-23 skid, hit a 372-foot homer just inside the left-field pole in the third to make it 4-"I've had a rough couple of days," Lane said. "It's just nice to drive in a couple of runs and get Roy the lead. You usually feel pretty good when Roy's on the mound and you have a 4-0 lead.' But the Rangers rallied in the eighth as Rod **Barajas and Laynce Nix** hit back-to-back homers off a tiring Oswalt. **Reliever** Chad Qualls ended the threat by getting the final two outs of

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**Courtesy photo** 

Here are the Big Spring Girls Softball Association 12 & Under All-Stars: Front row, from left: Mari Carrillo, Kevy O'Brien, Kimberly Muniz and Morgan Marbour. Second row: Valerie Ross, Callie Shafer(14 & Under), Belle Feaster, Lacey Lawrence and Laura Herrera, Back row: Coaches Ed Ross, Ron Shafer and Rodney Jones and manager Stan Feaster. Not pictured are Lani Robles, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Jessica Womack, Claudia Jones and Breanna Hilario.

# Johnson still going strong; posts year's best time in winning 110s



KRT photo/Dean Rutz/Seattle Times Allen Johnson manages a thumbs up as he leave the track, disqualified from the 110m hurdles for a false start at the Prefontaine Classic in Eugene, Ore., pn June 4. Johnson, a four-time world champion, won his fifth U.S. Track and Field Championships title Friday with a time of 12.99 - the festest in the world this year.

#### By BETH HARRIS

**AP Sports Writer** 

CARSON, Calif. – Allen Johnson is still going strong at 34. Marion Jones has all but faded away nearly five years after winning a record five track and field medals at the Olympics.

Johnson won his fifth 110-meter hurdle title Friday night at the U.S. championships in 12.99 seconds - fastest in the world this year.

"That's the 10th time I've run under 13, so I'm happy," said Johnson, a four-time world champion. "Hopefully I can do it a few more times, and hopefully get under 12.91 (the world record)."

Fans who weren't watching closely might have missed Jones, whose appearance was brief. She grabbed her warmup clothes and walked off the track moments before the start of the 100 preliminaries.

"I looked around and she wasn't there," said Shalonda Solomon, who ran in Jones' heat. "And the officials were like 'Marion's gone.'"

Jones was considered a long shot to qualify for

the world championships, but she didn't stick around for the starting gun.

Her agent, Charles Wells, said that she had a hip flexor injury and would not compete in the 200, either. The injury, he said, occurred two weeks ago during training.

"It was something that was very minor," he said. "She worked out and thought she was ready to go. She got to the track and it started bothering her, and she decided not to risk it."

Jones, a two-time world champion and 2000 Olympic gold medalist in the 100, has been dogged by doping suspicions for two seasons, even though she never has tested positive for performance enhancing drugs and has vehemently denied ever taking them.

Jones, running in the final heat, took one warmup run out of the blocks, then walked up and down her lane before picking up her clothes from a plastic bucket. She walked briskly off the track and left Home Depot Center.

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# Federer advances to the fourth round at Wimbledon

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#### By STEVEN WINE **AP Sports Writer**

WIMBLEDON, England – Roger Federer twice rallied from a service break down in the final set Saturday and beat Nicolas Kiefer 6-2, 6-7 (5), 6-1, 7-5 in the third round at Wimbledon. It was his 32nd straight victory on grass and 17th in a row at the All England Club.

Federer hit consecutive double-faults to fall behind 5-3 in the fourth set, and in the next game Kiefer was twice two points from forcing a fifth set.

But Kiefer double-faulted to lose serve, then lost serve again to fall behind 6-5. Federer hit three aces and a feathery backhand winner in the next game to close the victory.

On a damp, chilly afternoon, top-ranked Lindsay **Davenport routed Russian** Dinara Safina 6-2, 6-1. Davenport has lost only eight games in three matches.

Two-time champion Venus Williams, seeded 14th, beat No. 20 Daniela Hantuchova 7-5, 6-3. Williams has lost only one set in seven matches against Hantuchova.

Defending champion Maria Sharapova and No. Nadia 8 Petrova advanced, giving Russia six women in the final 16.

Sharapova sent Katarina Srebotnik sprawling to the grass in vain pursuit of a shot, then hit a forehand winner on the next point to close out a 6-2, 6-4 victory. No. 8-seeded Petrova beat wild card Cara Black 6-4, 6-3.

Sharapova, seeded second, has lost just 11 games so far, but her play was more erratic than in the first two rounds.

She shanked an overhead, blew an easy volley and finished with 21

unforced errors, including 14 in the first six games.

Still, Sharapova advanced to the fourth round for the third time in as many career appearances at the All England Club.

She hit 21 winners, broke serve four times and lost serve just once.

Conchita Martinez's consecutive 14th Wimbledon ended when she lost to Kveta Peschke 6-4, 6-1. Martinez, 33, won the 1994 title.

French Open runner-up Mary Pierce, seeded 12th, defeated No. 19 Ana Ivanovic 6-1, 6-4.

No. 23 Juan Carlos Ferrero, the 2003 French Open champion, reached the fourth round to equal his best showing at Wimbledon. He rallied eliminated 2004 and Wimbledon quarterfinalist Florian Mayer 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1. Ferrero will play Federer next.

In the completion of a match suspended Friday because of rain, No. 31seeded Mikhail Youzhny celebrated his 23rd birthday by beating Jonas Bjorkman 7-5, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (9). Youzhny will next play No. 21 Fernando Gonzalez.

Russian Anastasia Myskina thinks a harrowing week of tennis at Wimbledon will be good therapy for her ailing mother back home in Moscow.

Myskina won her third wrenching match in a row Friday. She failed to convert two match points in the second set, fell behind 5-1 in the third, squandered 24 of 33 breakpoint chances and still advanced.

Seeded ninth despite a prolonged IBIC slump, Myskina beat Jelena Jankovic 6-0, 5-7, 10-8. Watching at home was her mother, who is bat-

tling a serious illness. "She's really proud," Myskina said. "Right now, she's really happy.

That's really good.' Last month, Myskina became the first defending champion at the French Open to be eliminated in the opening round.

And she has flirted with defeat in each of her matches this week.

She won in the opening round despite losing serve nine times. In the next round, she failed to convert 12 set points in the first set, yet won again.

"Maybe I'm not playing my best tennis," she said. "But at least I fight and I do my best."

Myskina's latest victory helped Russian women go 4-0 Friday, winning all but two of the six thirdround matches played. Among those also advancing was two-time Grand Slam runner-up Elena Dementieva, sounding especially confident after she received serving tips from 1996 Wimbledon men's champion Richard Krajicek.

The big Dutchman, armed with one of the most dominating serves in tennis, upset Pete Sampras at Wimbledon nine years ago and then beat MaliVai Washington in the final.

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Dementieva, a top-10 player even though her serve rivals the worst on the women's tour, said Krajicek gave her lessons during the past two weeks.

with my serve," said Dementieva, seeded sixth. "I was very pleased that he was working with me because I think he had the best serve on the tour. You know, it looks so simple when he does it."



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Russia's Maria Sharapova waves to the crowd during her second round victory over Bulgaria's Sesil Kraratancheva at Wimbledon on Thursday.



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#### the inning.

Houston got another run in the bottom of the eighth when Adam Everett scored on a double steal.

"You don't see that a lot," Astros manager Phil Garner said. "It's the element of surprise. They executed it perfectly."

The Rangers, coming off a three-game sweep to the AL West-leading Los Angeles Angels, have lost nine of their last 10 games away from home.

Even more telling about their recent struggles: The Rangers, the thirdhighest scoring team in the majors, have scored only 11 runs in losing the first five games of the road trip. Six of those runs came in Tuesday's loss to the Angels.

"We need a shot in the arm. We're just not getting it done offensively," Rangers shortstop Michael Young said. "Everyone fell into a rut at the same time. That seems to be what happens when a team goes into a slump."

Ricardo Rodriguez (2-1) lost for the first time in three starts since taking over in Texas' rotation for opening day starter Ryan Drese, who was designated for assignment June 8 and claimed by Washington.

He allowed four runs and eight hits in five innings.

"When you face a guy like (Oswalt), you've got to be tough," Rodriguez said. "We're going through a long slump. We'll worry about it a little, but I think we're going to come back and start scoring some runs again."

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Jones' stunning departure came hours after her boyfriend, former world record holder Tim Montgomery, withdrew from the men's 100, ending his chances of qualifying for the world meet in Finland.

"Considering everything that's going on, he just can't concentrate on track and field," Wells said.

The father of Jones' child. Montgomery is awaiting word on his appeal of a lifetime ban proposed by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

Olympic champion Justin Gatlin had his own problems in the 100, where four false starts occurred in the first two heats.

Gatlin was disqualified for a false start. However, he protested and was reinstated into the semifinals on a referee's decision.

Gatlin was called for a false start based on computer readings of the pressure he puts on the blocks. The field had already been assessed one false start, so the next one eliminated Gatlin.

Meet referee Ed Gorman ruled that computer printouts showed movement in the lane next to Gatlin, by Mark Jelks, which may have caused Gatlin to flinch and register a false start. As a result, there were to be be three 100-meter semifinal heats Saturday.

"I'm happy that the head referee gave me the opportunity to compete for the world championship," Gatlin said.



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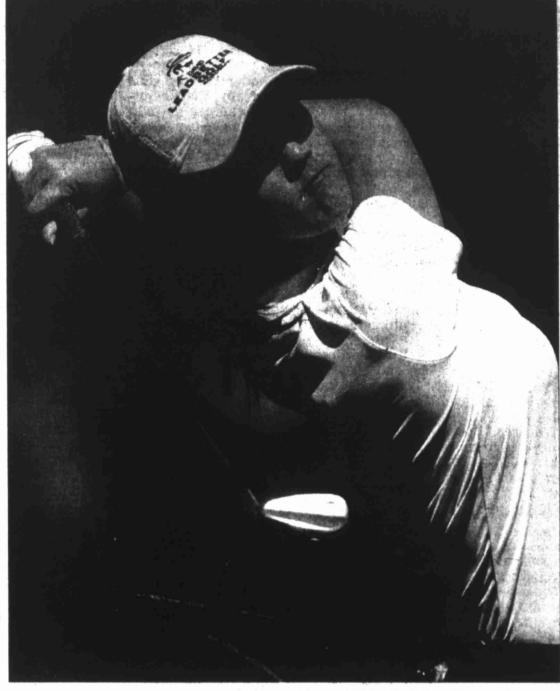
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# SPORTS

LPGA's kids slamming Annika's major hopes at Open



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Michelle Wee hits an approach to the 17th green in the second round of the U.S. Women's Open on Friday at Cherry Hills (Colo.) Country Club. Wee and a collection of other younger players in the LPGA have all but ruined Annika Sorenstam's bid to become the first woman to ever a Grand Slam.

# Furyk holes out for eagle, to lead Barclays Classic

#### **By JOHN NICHOLSON**

HARRISON. N.Y. -Caddie Mike "Fluff" Thursday afternoon. Cowan picked the club

Club course. He took a criticizing tour officials three-stroke lead into ms Trucsul y for failing to AP Sports Writer morning round after emorce slow-play rules.

opening with a 65 "I feel good about my game," said Singh, the 1993 and 1995 winner. "Five shots on this golf course is nothing."

#### By EDDIE PELLS

**AP Sports Writer** 

CHERRY HILLS VIL-LAGE, Colo. — Michelle Wie and others in the young set are making a case that the future is now in women's golf.

And that could be trou-Annika ble for Sorenstam's bid to make history.

Surprising Nicole Perrot shot 1-under-par 70 on Friday to finish at 2under 140 and take a twoshot lead over Lorena Ochoa (68) and Wie, the 15-year-old prodigy from Hawaii, after the second round of the U.S. Open.

**Teenagers** Paula Creamer (1 over) and Morgan Pressel (2 over) also played their way into contention in the tournament, which has become anything but a coronation for Sorenstam.

Seeking the third leg of the Grand Slam, the best player in the world finished with three straight bogeys to stagger to a 4over 75 and fall six shots behind Perrot.

"Right now, I want to forget about this round and come back tomorrow," said Sorenstam, who was in a six-way tie for 22nd. "Hopefully, it will go my way.'

If not, there are plenty of young kids who would love to take her place.

The list starts with Wie, who kept her cool during a round of 1-over 73 and afterward said she was, indeed, ready to win the splash. U.S. Open. /

"If I never think I'm ready, then I can never win," Wie said. "Always think positively."

Pressel, the 17-year-old already playing in her third Open, kept it together after a tear-filled first round. She closed the day by nearly skimming the ball over the lake on No. 18, but getting the ball to the green in two, making her par and putting herself in decent position for the weekend.

"Four shots off with two days left?" Pressel said. "That's not bad. I could be higher, but I'll deal with

Creamer, 18, had the wildest day of all.

It included six birdies, four bogeys, one double bogey, an eagle, a trip to the top of the leaderboard and one trip to the bathroom to throw up. In the end, she too felt she had a chance at winning the Open in this, her first year as a pro.

"Anything can happen out there," she said, "and I'm a prime example of it."

Perrot was the biggest unknown among the leaders, although she has a resume as good as those she's trying to fend off. The U.S. Junior Girls Champion in 2001, she has slowly made her way through the ranks, coming from Chile to the LPGA Tour, and now in position to make a big I'm a fighter.

Perrot started the tournament with three bogeys in her first five holes. Since then, she has been pretty much unflappable.

"You just keep playing shot by shot," she said. "You get in your moment. You have to accept it. That's the key to the sport, is learning to accept what happens.'

Nobody has done it better over the years than Sorenstam, although there were moments during her round Friday that were confounding.

In an attempt to make up ground over the final three holes, she hit a tee shot into the rough and made a dubious decision to go for the green on No. 16. That was followed by another bad tee shot into rough so deep she had to lay up twice on the par-5 17th. Her shocking finish ended with a conservative play off the 18th tee, leaving her a 4-wood up the hill toward the green.

The result was three bogeys that dropped her three more strokes out of the lead.

"Sometimes you just can't analyze things," Sorenstam said. "You've got to drop it and move on."

She was practically offended when asked if she still had a chance to win the tournament.

"I have to play good golf, there's no doubt about it," she said. "But



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and fixed the ballmark. Jim Furyk took care of the rest.

The 2003 U.S. Open champion holed out from 153 yards for an eagle 2 on the eighth hole — his 17th Friday - and finished with a par for a 2-under 69 and a one-stroke lead over Brian Gay after the second round of the Barclays Classic.

"I wås between 9-iron and 8-iron," Furyk said. "I wanted to hit the 9, but my caddie talked me out of it. After he told me what he thought the wind was doing and described the shot, I thought he was right."

The nine-time PGA Tour winner, fully recovered from a wrist injury that sidelined him for most of the first half of last season, had an 8under 134 total on the tree-lined hilly, Westchester Country

Gay birdied three of the last five holes for a 66 Friday.

"I'm very pleased," said Gay, the only afternoon starter in the top eight. "It was very tough out there. The greens are really getting baked out." Padraig Harrington (65), Len Mattiace (65), Kenny Perry (68), John Senden (67) and Hidemichi Tanaka (68) were tied for third at 6 under.

"I think they set the pins up brutal for the first two rounds," said Perry, a two-time winner this year. "I've never seen them set up this tough. They seem to be more on the edges. ... It's a tough old girl. You got to watch what you're doing.'

Kevin Sutherland (68) was four strokes back at 4 under, and Vijay Singh (71) and Tom Pernice Jr. (69) were 3 under. Singh was in a much

better mood Friday after

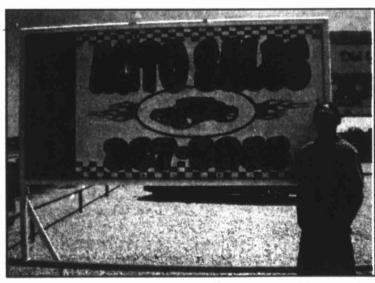
Winless in 38 events since the 2003 Buick Open, Furyk tied for second in consecutive starts earlier this year including a playoff loss to Singh in the Wachovia Championship. Furyk certainly appeared to be in winning form on No. 8, with his approach shot over the water landing about 8 feet short of the hole - cut 4 yards off the left edge — and falling in on the second bounce.

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# **Rivals have final chance to dethrone Armstrong in Tour de France**

#### By JAMEY KEATEN

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**Associated Press Writer** 

PARIS — When Lance Armstrong climbs onto a bicycle next weekend in a French coastal village for the start of the Tour de France, it will be the beginning of the end of an era.

All eyes will be on the 33-year-old Texan for his final lap around France, which ends an illustrious - some would say miraculous – career in a sport that will bear his mark for years to come.

But will he go out with another victory, or will rivals long eager to dethrone him have the last word?

Armstrong, whose return from a bout with cancer is the stuff of legend,

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teammate Jeff Corsaletti said.

In nine NCAA tournament games so far, the Gators are 8-1 and they have a 14-6 advantage in home runs. Brian Leclerc and LaPorta have hit three each in the postseason.

Florida has outhomered its opponents 84-43 in its 69 games this season.

"We've used the long ball a lot. It gives us momentum, it gives us life,' Corsaletti said. "I think we'll have to use long ball in this series, but it won't

last year," Texas shortstop Seth

Johnston said. "The difference is this

year's team has had to fight through a

lot more ups and downs. If we're able to

use that experience and use what we

learned from those games we lost, we're

going to be a much stronger team

The Southeastern Conference champi-

on Gators have had their hard times

this season, too, losing seven of nine

games from April 29 to May 11. But they

won their regional in three games and

swept Florida State in the super region-

als to earn a chance at their first nation-

"This whole year has been about per-

severing," Florida center fielder Jeff

already has rewritten cycling's record eastward and dips into Germany, enters book with six straight Tour wins. A seventh would cement his iconic status in the cycling world.

Even though last year's victory elevated him above four other five-time champions, Armstrong says he still wants to finish in style.

"This year my main motivation is that I want to end on a high note. In that way it could be more motivating than a big bonus or making history," Armstrong said during the Dauphine Libere tuneup race earlier this month in which he finished fourth.

The three-week, 21-stage Tour begins with a July 2 time-trial prologue along the Atlantic coast. The race then heads

#### come easy."

LaPorta on Friday got to meet legendary Texas coach Augie Garrido, who was impressed with the Gators' power hitter.

"I've watched some of those balls that he hits. They go far, man," Garrido said, adding that one of LaPorta's blasts "burned up on re-entry."

TEA TIME: Texas coach Augie Garrido has no reservations about letting star catcher Taylor Teagarden call his own pitches.

"We feel good about him. We think he senses when the hitters are leaning over the plate, when they're moving up in the

the Alps, moves to the Pyrenees, briefly crosses into Spain and then into the Massif Central mountain range before heading to Paris for the July 24 finish.

Then, Armstrong hangs it up for good. He'll have time to focus on raising his children, hanging out with girlfriend Sheryl Crow — and, he says, drinking some beer.

In the Armstrong era, fans have wondered each year what horrendous mountain climbs, time trials or other surprises Tour organizers would plot to challenge him. Organizers reply that the course is never designed around one rider.

"If it's the Armstrong we knew in 2004

box," Garrido said. "He pays attention and he makes it easy.

Having Teagarden behind the plate has helped the development of young pitchers like Adrian Alaniz and Kenn Kasparek.

"It has it advantages. It helps control the tempo of the game and keeps the defense on its feet," Teagarden said. "Obviously they have confidence in what I'm calling back there."

Teagarden missed six games before the NCAA tournament with a sore back and then was named the outstanding player of the Longhorns' regional, batting .565 with three homers and eight

Falkenbach (3-3). Locke has started 10 games, Wynn has started three and Falkenbach has appeared in 49 games as a reliever.

Offensively for the Gators, designated hitter Stephen Barton has hit .429 in Omaha, while Adam Davis and Matt LaPorta have two home runs apiece. LaPorta leads the nation with 26 homers this season, and the Gators are 22-4 this season when he hits one.

LaPorta, Adam Davis and Brian Leclerc each homered Thursday as the Gators rallied from a 3-0 deficit to beat Arizona State. They have a series-leading six in four games.

"For us to be successful, we're going to have to use the long ball this series, and it's not going to come easy against the quality pitching they've got," Corsaletti said.

Texas' Will Crouch and Taylor Teagarden are batting .417 and .400,

and there is as much difference between him and his rivals, it won't matter what course it is," assistant Tour director Christian Prudhomme said Tuesday. "I hope Armstrong will have the rivalry he deserves and come up against people who take risks."

Though the 2,236-mile course is less physically challenging than in recent years, expect a shakeout in stage 11, featuring a one-two punch of the Col de la Madeleine and the Col du Galibier two climbs so punishing they are beyond categorization.

Three straight days of punishment await riders in the Pyrenees, with a roller coaster profile of six mountain climbs in stage 15.

#### **RBIs**.

Heading into Saturday's opener of the best-of-three championship series against Florida, Teagarden is 4-for-10 in the CWS with a homer. But it's his defense and ability to control the game that makes him so valuable.

He was a third-round draft pick of the **Texas Rangers.** 

"First of all he can catch everything. It's not an effort for him," Garrido said.

"The pitchers are better because they are not afraid of a ball getting by the catcher. He's a student of the game, so he calls most of the pitches. He tells them what to do."

respectively, in the College World Series. The Longhorns, who have three homers in three games, are more adept at the hit-and-run, and have moved run-

> ners over with sacrifices seven times. Texas holds the records for CWS appearances (32) and wins (76) and is playing for its sixth national title, which would rank second to Southern California's 12. The Longhorns' most recent title came in 2002.

> The Gators have made all five of their CWS appearances since 1988 and haven't finished better than third.

> "We don't have much in the experience category, but we have a lot of guys who want to win and a lot of guys who play hard," Corsaletti said.

> Texas center fielder Drew Stubbs downplayed his team's edge in experience.

"This is a different team with a different identity this year," he said.

Corsaletti said. "A lot of people doubted us, and a lot of people in the nation didn't think we'd be here today. We're playing our best baseball right now."

The Gators beat Tennessee and Nebraska in their first two College World Series games, lost to Arizona State 6-1 on Wednesday and then advanced to the championship series with a 6-3 victory over the Sun Devils on Thursday.

The teams' pitching plans were uncertain Friday. Texas coach Augie Garrido said either redshirt freshman Adrian Alaniz (7-3) or sophomore Kyle McCulloch (11-4) would go in Game 1.

Texas pitchers have combined to allow just three earned runs in 27 CWS innings.

Florida coach Pat McMahon said he has three possible starters for Game 1: freshman Stephen Locke (5-1), freshman Tommy Wynn (0-2) or senior Connor





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oma Jean Wynn and her brothers, Jack Buchanan and Sammy Don Buchanan, all of Coahoma continue to carry on a 100-year long pioneer family tradition of community service and neighbor helping neighbor, putting God and family first.

# Sandy Hill Farm Recognizing 100 years in Howard County

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### Grandma's House

When I was 3 'til I was past 27 I lived just down the road from heaven You might not think that it was much — An old brown house, a yard and such; The pearly gate had a hinge that squeaked, The mansion fair had a roof that leaked; But there was an angel living there, An angel with hardly graying hair. Whose cookie jar was always handy, Just like her stock of hard lemon candy. No matter how bad I had been, What childish mischief I'd been in, I found a special sort of grace Reserved for me at Grandma's place.

Wynn, who taught school in Coahoma for more than 30 years, volunteers at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Jack, a farmer and rancher married to Mildred, was recently honored as the Grand Marshal of the 72nd annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo parade

But their family's induction into the Texas Family Land Heritage Program this year for their family home, the Sandy Hill Farm, which has been within their family for more than 100 years, may be one of their proudest accomplishments.

S.D. (Samuel Douthitt) Buchanan, 1859-1939 and his wife, Parthenia Lazette Coats Buchanan, 1874-1961, married in 1891 and homesteaded 640 acres in Howard County before acquiring the land's title in 1899. They hand-dug the water well and lived in a dug out until they built their house, which is located in the Salem Community.

They had 13 children: Gordon Pinckney, Gerald Edward, Alma Pearl, who died when she was 18 from an appendectomy, which Wynn said was performed in the kitchen at home, Addie Eugenia Phillips, Amanda Malvina Hull, Samuel Ford, (father of Jack, S.D. and Loma Jean) Oma Dale Buchanan, Omega Coates Bond, Martha Barclay Wolf, James Alexander, who died when he was 2, Roscoe C. Buchanan, Parthenia (Darther) Buchanan, Parthenia Phillips, Partheria

(Parthy) Buchanan Bailey and Douthitt Hurt Buchanan.

S.D. Buchanan was truly a West Texas pioneer, growing a variety of fruits and vegetables on his property, as well as one of the first settlers to raise Hereford cattle, registering the Anxiety 4th Hereford breed.

S.D. donated land to create Salem Cemetery and he and his sons were responsible for taking care of the cemetery until his death. When S.D. died in 1939, more than 100 people walked from the family home to the cemetery to attend the funeral.

"It was stated that this was the largest funeral ever noted in our county, and old timers agreed there were more friends at Mr. Buchanan's funeral than there were people in Howard county when he came here to make his home," *Big Spring Herald* Dec. 8, 1939.

The family still owns about five sections of land. Wynn said she recalls visiting her grandmother's home practically every day.

"We called it the Up House and I thought I had to visit her every day. Grandma didn't like to leave the house Sunday afternoons because she said 'some of the kids might come by.' She liked to cook and she tended her garden and flowers every day," Wynn said.

S.D. retired and spent his latter years traveling into town wearing his work clothes and suspenders and sometimes his house shoes.

"One day someone stopped him and asked if he could spare a dime. Grandpa answered him, saying 'I'm working this side of the street, you work the other side," said Jack Buchanan, who is also known for a similar sense of humor.

Although they no longer live in the family home, the siblings visit nearly every day and continue farming and ranching, part of their inheritance from their pioneering grandparents.

Marsha Sturdivant is the features editor for the Big Spring Herald. Contact her at 263-7331 or e-mail life@bigspringherald.com.

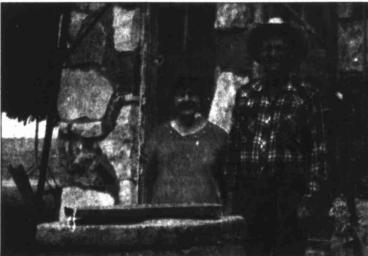
The Buchanan family, top photo, in the early 1900s with six of their 13 children; the Buchanan daughters, top right, Addie, Mandy, Mattie (Sister), Omega, Parthenia (Parthy) in a Pearl Bradshaw of Bradshaw Studios color portrait; the family home, center, built in 1941-42; S.D. and Parthenia Buchanan in the early 1930s; Loma Jean Wynn and Jack Buchanan near the original well behind the home place; a tombstone for "Little Jim," Buchanan, right, who died in 1914 from "summer complaint" just before his second birthday, shows how hard early ploneer life could be. The tombstone reads : "Our darling one hath gone before to greet us on that blissful shore; and bottom right, receiving the award from Texas Land Commissioner Susan Combs.



Oh yes, she spoiled me, that I know But oh! we both loved it so We had our special bit of heaven When I was 3 'til I was past 27.

Author unknown Adopted by Loma Jean Wynn for her grandmother, Parthenia Lazette Coates Buchanan







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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Middleton Middletons celebrate 50 years wed

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Middleton of Big Spring celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 24 in Dallas at the Lone Star Park.

The event was held in the Silks Club and included lunch and a day at the horse races, an enjoyed pastime of both.

The occasion was hosted by the couples' two children, John Middleton and his wife, Cindy of Big Spring and Candy Brown and her husband, Jacky of Stephenville.

Also in attendance were the couples' four grandchildren, Kim Middleton of Irvine, Calif., Lauren Craig and her husband, Cody of Dallas and Jake Brown and Clay Brown, both of Stephenville.

Harry and Jenetwore married June 24, 1955, at the First Presbyterian Church in Garden City.

Harry is the son of the

They both attended and studied at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, where Harry received a bachelor's degree in the field of agriculture.

Upon finishing his duty in the U.S. Army, he went on to pursue an agricultural career in the farming and ranching industry.

Harry is a past president and board member of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

Both Harry and Janet are long-time members of the First Presbyterian Church.

Janet, known for her outgoing and adventurous nature, enjoys traveling the globe and spending time with her family.

...Harry enjoys all things outdoors and spends his time working the ranch and watching for "up and coming" thoroughbreds.

Carolyn Elizabeth Brown and Ruel Lynn Metcalf Brown, Metcalf to wed Carolyn Elizabeth Carolyn is a 2003 gra

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Carolyn Elizabeth Brown and Ruel Lynn Metcalf of Big Spring announce their intention to be married at 8 p.m., July 2, 2005, in the Civic Room at the Hilton in Midland.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Gary and Pam Saunders of Midland and Tommy Gibbons of Lubbock. She is the granddaughter of Virgie and the late Fred McCurry of Welcome Home, Ark., and the late Lewis and Louise Gibbons of Lubbock.

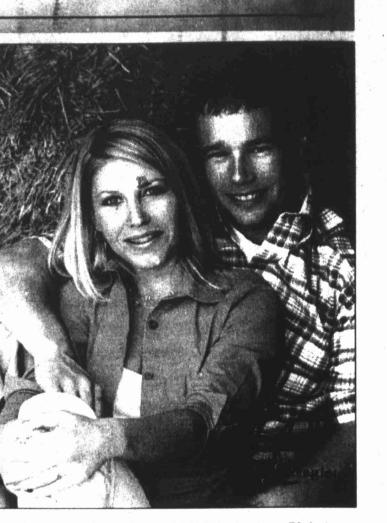
The future groom is the son of Jerry and the late Leta Metcalf of Big Spring.

Carolyn is a 2003 graduate of Howard College, where she earned a licensed vocational nursing certificate. She plans to attend Howard College this fall to complete her associate's degree in nursing. She works for Home Hospice in Big

Spring. Ruel has owned and operated several business in Big Spring during the past 32 years, including Big Spring Radiator. He is also an honorary member of the Blue Knights Chapter 26, a member of Permain the Basin Speleological Society and the **Bulchitness** of

the Bulchitness Midland Big Spring Herald Weekend Edition, June 25-26, 2005

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Sabrina Leigh Hertig and Edwin Andrew Picket

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### Hertig, Picket to wed

Sabrina Leigh Hertig and Edwin Andrew Picket, both of Aubrey, are announcing their upcoming wedding set for 5:30 p.m., July 30, 2005, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Denton.

She is the daughter of Jack and Dee Hertig of Olney and the stepgranddaughter of A.J. Edwards of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of the late Albert Bea Edwards and the late John and Gertie Hertig.

Jack is the son of Nancy and the late Edwin Picket of Denton and the grandson of the late Clarence and Katherine Picket and Helen and the late Russell Johnson of West Virginia. The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Tolar High School and attended Weatherford College before earning a degree in home furnishing/design and business at the University of North Texas.

The groom is a 1995 graduate from Denton High School and earned a bachelor's degree in business and animal science from Kansas State University. He is currently in a master's of business administration program at the University of North Texas in business and accounting.

He is employed by Estate Manager in Aubrey.

late Robert and Louise Middleton of Big Spring and Janet is the daughter of the late Ray and Emma Hightower of Garden

Both are avid horse race fans, spending both their honeymoon and 50th wedding anniversary at the horse races.



#### **Big Spring ISD**

Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the high school and Marcy, Bauer and Moss elementaries.

Those 18 and younger are free, adults pay \$2.35. Monday: pizza burger on a roll, potato rounds, fresh veggies with dip, strawberries, milk.

Tuesday: crispy chicken, mashed potatoes, black eye peas, fruit cobbler, rolls, milk.

Wednesday: ground beef stroganoff, garden salad with honey, mustard or ranch, vegetable wrap, carrot cake, milk.

Thursday: ham and

cheese sandwich, chips, fruit, pickle spears, ice cream, milk.

#### Spring City Senior Citizens Center

Monday: smothered steak, potatoes, carrots, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.

Tuesday: large baked potato, chili, sour cream, broccoli and cheese salad, milk, crackers, pie.

Wednesday: meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, spinach salad, milk, rolls, fruited gelatin.

Thursday: catfish, French fries, bean, coleslaw, milk, fruit.



CLUB NEWS

Katle Lara, left and Maru Schuelke of the Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, present blb and shirt protectors to Iva Jo Hanslik, center, community relations coordinator for the VA Medical Center, for use by the nursing home patients. Sarah Johnson of Girl Scout troop 8 in San Angelo made 75 items as a Gold Star project with materials supplied by the Pocahontas DAR Chapter in San Angelo.

#### Army Pvt. Felicia B. Daily

Army Pvt. Felicia B. Daily has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

She is the daughter of Delores Daily of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Betty and Tom Daily of Big Spring.

The private is a 2004 high school graduate of the Howard College GED Program, Big Spring.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle



Army Pvt. Felicia B. Daily

marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

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Divengood, a boy, was born June 12, 2005, at 3:20 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long.

He is the son of Bethani and Douglas Livengood of Big Spring. His grandparents are Jack and Donna Nixson and Diane and the late Douglas Livengood.

June 17, 2005, at 10:18 a.m., weighing 7 pounds,

7 ounces and was 20 inches long.

His parents are David H and Amanda Galaviz of Ang Big Spring. of E

He is the grandson of Erminio Ramirez and the late Linda Ramirez of Ackerly, Rita and Augustine Cantu of Stanton and the late Domingo Galaviz.

David was welcomed home by siblings Desiree, Makayla and Ruby Galaviz.

> Pesse Ray Anglin, a boy, was born May 29, 2005, at 2:53

p.m., weighing 8 pounds and was 21 inches long. His parents are Roland

Anglin and Andrea Solis of Big Spring.

His grandparents are Esmeralda Reyes of Big Spring, Ruben Reyes of Odessa and Ismal Solis of Coahoma.

2005, at 9:21 a.m., weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He is the son of David M. and Felipa Salazar and the grandson of

Margie Munoz and Rodrigo and Elva Chavera of Big Spring.

aleigh Michelle Mundell, a girl, was born June 16, 2005, at 12:41 p.m., weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Her parents are Jason Mundell and Stephanie Yanez of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Stan and Debbie Gregory of Big Spring, Abraham and Irene Yanez of Big Spring and Michael and Jeanette Mundell of Temple.



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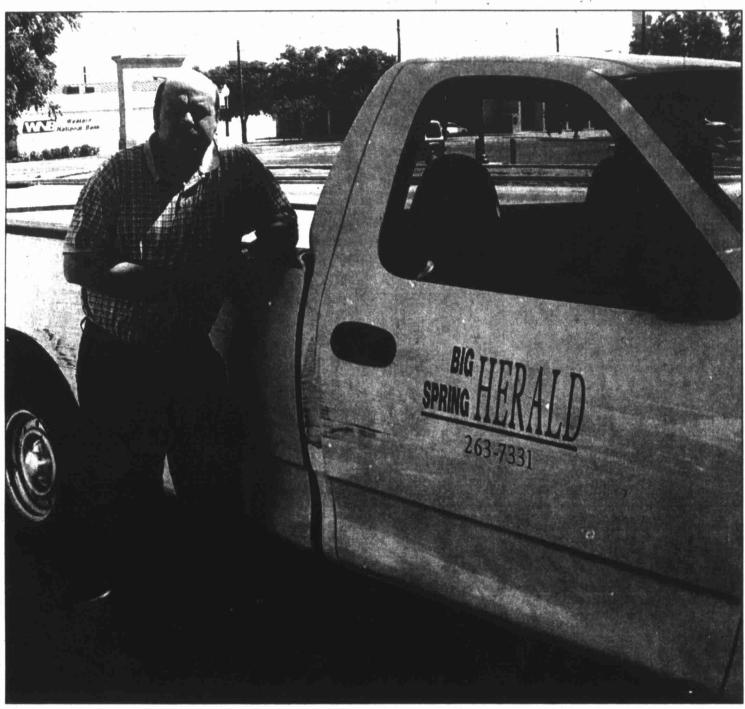
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# **Business After Hours** set at Texas RV Park

#### By STEVE REAGAN

**Staff Writer** 

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's third Business After Hours event will be held Thursday at the Texas RV Park.

The RV park, located on 4100 S. Highway 87, will host the event from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said.

ValVerde said the **Business After Hours pro**gram allows Chamber members to meet and "network" with their associates, and also allows the Chamber to showcase different businesses.

"You can go there and pass out your business card, hand out flyers, any way you want to do it,"

she said. "This also gives (businesses) the opportunity to get to understand other businesses in this area, as well."

Texas RV Park, aside from offering traditional vehicle recreational hookups for travelers. also offers what ValVerde described as a "non-traditional" bed and breakfast establishment housed in the hulls of World War IIera aircraft.

Refreshments and dessert crepes will be served, and a tour of the park will be conducted. For more information, contact the chamber at 263-7641.

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

# **Nominations continue** for committee member

#### **Herald Staff Report**

Nominations for the election of a County Committee (COC) mem-Local ber for Administrative Area 2 begins is under way. Area producers are encouraged to participate.

Local Administrative Area 2 (LAA2) represents the northeastern quadrant of Howard County. According to Rick Liles,

county executive director for the local Farm Service Agency, the election is of major importance to local producers, regardless of how large or small their operations may be.

Nomination forms for the 2005 election must be postmarked or received by the close cf business in the local Farm Service Agency office by Aug. 1.

establishment of allotments and yields, conservation programs, incentive, indemnity, and disaster payments for some commodities and other farm disaster assistance.

#### By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

us." McCollum, a native of Kansas City, Kan., got his first taste of the

Kan., comes to Big Spring from Ruston, La., where he was distribution manager for the Daily Leader.

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12 years old. In a very real sense, he's still doing the same job.

Big Spring Herald Publisher Suzanne Reed recently announced the hiring of McCollum as circulation manager.

"We're very excited to have Duane as part of our team," Reed said. "He has a proven track record in this industry, and we're confi-

Duane's McCollum's first job was newspaper industry at age 12 when delivering newspaper when he was he began delivering copies of the Kansas City Kansan, and joined the newspaper in 1984 as an assistant district manager in the circulation department.

Duane McCollum was recently named circulation manager of the Big Spring Herald. McCollum, a native of Kansas City,

Getting the news out

Herald circulation manager has long history in field

Over the years, he has worked in both the circulation department and pressroom of newspapers in Mount Pleasant and Greenville, as well as distributing USA Today.

He spent a year as distribution dent he'll do an outstanding job for manager of the Ruston (La.) Daily

Leader before coming to Big Spring.

"I really like it here," he said. "I'm impressed with the climate and all the friendly people I've met since I moved here. I'm looking forward to a long association with the Herald."

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"We think it is crucial that every eligible producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of

Agriculture," said Liles. Committee members make decisions concerning commodity price support loans and payments,

Liles said a nomination form signed by the nominee is needed to nominate a candidate. The form includes a statement that the candidate agrees to serve if elected. The nomination form (FSA-669) is available at FSA offices and online at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/pu

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# Judge increases verdict against Morgan Stanley

#### **By JILL BARTON**

**AP Business Writer** 

WEST PALM BEACH. Fla. (AP) - A judge added \$130 million to the \$1.45 billion verdict a jury awarded financier Ron Perelman in his fraud lawsuit against Morgan Stanley.

Circuit Court Judge Elizabeth Maass took off about \$84.5 million from the verdict because of related settlements Perelman had previously received.

But she added more than \$208 million in interest to increase the verdict by nearly 10 percent to \$1.58 billion, according to a written ruling Thursday. Perelman, the billionaire

chairman of Revlon Inc., won his case alleging the investment bank covered up the failing finances of Sunbeam Corp. so he would sell his Coleman camping-equipment maker to the company in 1998. A jury last month awarded him \$850 million in punitive damages and \$604.3 million in compensatory damages.

Morgan Stanley spokesman Andrew Walton repeated the firm's intention to appeal. The company has previously said

fere with the company's business

"We believe we have multiple grounds on which to appeal and fully expect to prevail," Walton said in a prepared statement.

Perelman's attorney, Jack Scarola, said his side "prevailed on every significant post trial argument that was made." He said a settlement was plausible, given the more than \$300,000 in interest that accrues each day.

"With interest accumulating at enormous sums on a daily

the judgment would not inter- and yearly basis, plus the likelihood of failure for the appeal in this case, that has got to result in very strong pressures to resolve this claim," Scarola said.

> Morgan Stanley's appeal will be based largely on a ruling Maass made before the trial that said because the firm failed to produce potential evidence in the case, jurors should assume Morgan Stanley helped Sunbeam cover up its financial problems.

of the ruling, Because Perelman had to prove at trial only that he relied on fraudulent statements made by Morgan Stanley when he decided to sell Coleman.

Sunbeam filed for bankruptcy protection in 2001 after its financial troubles were discovered, and its chairman, "Chain Saw" Al Dunlap, was accused of leading an accounting fraud. He agreed in 2002 to never again hold a leadership role in a public company and paid \$500,000 to settle an SEC lawsuit charging him with inflating income and other improper accounting practices.

CNOOC tries to ease U.S. security worries over Unocal bid

#### By JOE McDONALD

Associated Press Writer

**BEIJING** – Trying to allay U.S. national security worries about its bid for Unocal Corp., Chinese state-owned oil company CNOOC Ltd. said Friday it was willing to discuss selling some Unocal assets and putting others under American management.

The announcement came after four members of Congress called on the U.S. government on Thursday to review the security implications of allowing a Chinese state-controlled firm to take control of the ninth-largest American oil producer.

**CNOOC's unsolicited \$18.5** billion offer Thursday for Unocal was the most ambitious foreign acquisition attempt yet by a Chinese company. It set up a possible takeover battle with rival bidder Chevron Corp. amid efforts by Beijing to secure foreign energy supplies for its booming economy, the world's second-biggest oil consumer.

"We have proactively made assurances to Unocal to address concerns relating to energy security and ownership of Unocal assets located in the United States," **CNOOC** chairman and CEO Fu Chengyu said in a statement released in Beijing.

Fu said CNOOC was "fully prepared" to participate in a U.S. government security review.

He offered to discuss selling some Unocal pipeline and storage assets and putting assets that aren't involved in oil and gas exploration or production "under American management." He said Washington has approved similar arrangements in the past for foreign buyers of American companies.

# Aging owner base aside, Harley says it's no Buick

#### By RICK POPELY

Chicago Tribune CHICAGO - Harley-Davidson, chrome and black leather just seem to go together.

Increasingly, thinning gray hair and wrinkles also are part of the Harley look.

The median age of Harley buyers is 47, six years older than the industry average and an indication of how much the brand's fortunes rest

on free-spirited baby boomers who have money to burn.

Because boomers have the most See HARLEY, Page 5C money to spend on discretionary

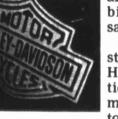
purchases such as motorcycles, that's the right bracket to be in, says Tom Watson, Harley's marketing director

> demographics mirror America. Baby boomers are buying most of the big ticket items," he said.

But Atlanta marketing strategist Al Ries says Harley's close association with boomers could make the brand harder to sell to younger cus-

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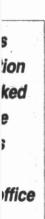
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Shawn Lowe, 500 S. Aylesford, **Big Spring** Grantee: Michael Simer neterio Milton Lozano III, 1101-Property: Lot 3, Block 1, Cedar 1/2 Bell, Big Spring Diana Luna, 715 Shinnery Lane, **Crest Addition** Date Filed: June 17, 2005 Brownfield Valerie Martinez, 1408 E. 16th Grantor: Federal National St., Big Spring Mortgage Association Judy Mata, 6309 E. Midway Rd., Grantee: Mary Jean Newton **Big Spring** Property: Lot 9, Block 12, North Marta P. Matthews, 1220 E. 16th Park Hill Addition Street, Big Spring Date Filed: June 17, 2005 Brandi Lynn Mayo, 1801 State Street, Big Spring Grantor: Anne Homan Vincent Linda Molina, 1545 Locust, Grantee: Sara Beth Warren Colorado City Property: The N/100 feet of Lot 1 Debra Montez, 103 N. 18th, and the E/16 feet of Lot 2, Block 70, Lamesa **Original Town of Big Spring** Esiqueio Moreno, 508 S.E. First, Date Filed: June 20, 2005 Andrews Arthur Ortega, 607 Bristlewood Grantor: Mary H. Morales and Cove, Cedar Park Carmen Chavarria Dandra Ortega, 2300 Camp Dr., Grantee: Ezekiel Munoz Midland Property: Lot 11, Block 56 Erica Ortega, 214 Grimes, Big **Birdwell Heights Addition** Spring Date Filed: June 20, 2005 Melissa Pena, 208 N. Nolan, Big Spring Grantor: Welton B. Tilley and Elva Perkins, 2414 N. Anderson Cynthia A. Boadle Rd., Big Spring Grantee: Danny W. Tilley Lori Ann Pichon, 65159 Sylve St., Property: A part of Lot 1, Block Lacombe, La 4, Lockhart Addition Karla Quimby, 1005 W. Debaca, Date Filed: June 21, 2005 Hobbs, N.M. Margarita Olivarez Ramirez, 538 Grantor: Roy D. Riley and Westover, Apt. 223, Big Spring Dorothy P. Riley Sierra Ramos, 200 M. Estes Ave., Grantee: Richard D. Hafley Midland Property: A tract in Section 11, Edward R. Rangel, 1611 State, Big Block 35, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey Spring Date Filed: June 21, 2005 Salome Rios, 2511 Albrook, Big Spring Warranty deeds with vendors Jessie Robles, 1417 Millspaush, lien: San Angelo Grantor: Phyllis A. Rowe Evelyn Rodriguez, 3402 Grantee: Lisa M. Harwood Lancaster, Odessa Property: Lot 17, Block 11, Jennifer Roth, 2630 Dow, Big Kentwood Unit 1 Spring Date Filed: June 15, 2005 Debra Ruth, 1311 Mobile Street, **Big Spring** Grantor: William G. Taylor and Allen Stanford, 774 E. Eighth, Sharron M. Taylor Colorado City Stephan Street, 2611 Ryan Pl., Grantee: Darrell L. Ryan and Traci Diane Ryan Fort Worth Property: Lot 2, Block 7, Abelina Tercero, 127 Arthur, Highland South Addition No. 4 Longview Tracy Jacqueline Trevino, 3306 Date Filed: June 15, 2005 Auburn, Big Spring Grantor: Oren Newton Lancaster Jacob Unger, Co. Rd. 402, ш Seminole Grantee: Eliseo B. Gamboa and Shuang Cheng Zhang, 1201 Gregg Mary Gamboa St., Big Spring Property: Lot 1, Block 3, Amended East Park Addition **County Court Decisions:** Date Filed: June 17, 2005 **Probated Judgment: Maria** Teresa Rodriguez, theft by check **Grantor: Laverne Gary** more than \$20 less than \$500, \$250 Grantee: David A. Holleman and fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in Rebecca G. Holleman jail (jail time suspended, 12 months Property: Lot 8 and the S/40 feet probation) of Lot 9, Block 14, McDowell Probated Judgment: Kimberly **Heights Addition** Gaye Cain, theft by check - more Date Filed: June 20, 2005 than \$20 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail Grantor: Robert Wood and Denise (jail time suspended, 12 months Wood probation). Grantee: Dana Kirby **Probated Judgment: Juan Angel** Property: A 4 acre tract out of Madrid, evading arrest, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail Section 25, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey (jail time suspended, 12 months Date Filed: June 20, 2005 probation. **Probated Judgment: Steven** 

Warranty deeds: Grantor: Rafael Luevanos Grantee: Rafael Luevanos Jr. Property: Lot 3 and the W/27.5 feet of the N/2 of Lot four, Block 1,

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**Cole and Strayhorn Addition** Date Filed: June 15, 2005 Grantor: Sidney Robin Clifton

and Alice Kay Clifton Grantee: Lonnie D. Wright and Nita Wright

Property: A tract of land in Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date Filed: June 15, 2005

Grantor: Hughes Rental and Sales Inc.

Grantee: James Hughes Property: Two tracts out of Section 19, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR

Co. Survey Date Filed: June 17, 2005

**Grantor: James Hughes** 

# BUSINESS

# HARLEY

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"Harley-Davidson is so embedded in people's minds as the brand for old fat guys in black leather," Ries said. "Kids want something different. It's almost universal that the younger generation rebels against the older generation," whether it's music, fashion or the toys they buy.

**Ries points to Buick in** the auto world and Levi's in clothing as examples of brands that forged strong links to an older generation but had trouble winning over younger consumers.

"The stronger the brand is with the older generation, the weaker it is with the younger generation," he said.

Watson says Harley is in no danger of becoming the next Buick, whose average buyer age is older than 60, because it attracts new buyers and wins the aspirations of "wannabes."

Last year, 31 percent of Harley buyers came from competing brands, and 27 percent were new to the hobby or hadn't owned a bike for at least five years.

When Harley uses response cards in its print advertising, 30 percent of those who request information are younger than 35. Moreover, 30 percent of those who enroll in the Rider's Edge, Harley's training program for new riders, are younger than 35

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### NOMINATE

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"the emotional attachment to the dream of owning a Harley," Watson says. "People have such an affinity for the Harley brand and Harley experience."

Younger buyers favor sleek, high-revving sport bikes over the heavyweight touring models and custom cruisers that are the bulk of Harley's business.

Suzuki, for example, sells mainly sport bikes, and its median buyer age is 37 overall -10 years younger than Harley's and 33 for its sport models.

Part of that, Watson says, is because of the "need for speed" among younger buyers, who prize horsepower over comfort or accessories.

Economics also are a factor. Sport bikes with engines smaller than 1,000-cc typically sell for less than \$10,000, and offroad bikes are cheaper still. Most Harleys range from \$14,000 to \$18,000, beyond the reach of many younger buyers.

"If money is an issue, you have to look at the sport segment," Watson said.

Harley doesn't offer a small-displacement sport model under its flagship brand and doesn't intend to. because it wouldn't fit its image.

Instead, it has Buell Motorcycles, a sub-brand it acquired in 1998 that starts at \$4,595 for the 500cc Blast and runs to \$10,495 for larger displacement models.

Buell caters to younger buyers on a budget but

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has yet to have a major effect on Harley's U.S. business. Shipments to dealers have dropped 3 percent since 2000 to about 9,900 last year, and 60 percent of those in 2004 were shipped overseas.

About 250 of Harley's 659 U.S. dealers don't sell Buell bikes. Watson said the low sales volume might have discouraged some from giving the brand space in their showroom and dedicating staff to sell them.

But he said tweaks to the engine and suspension should make Buells more appealing, though he said the company has not forecast higher sales.

Marketing strategist Ries says Harley is following the right course in steering its two brands in different directions, like Toyota is doing by aiming its Scion model at Generation Y. Watering down the Harley brand

ate in an FSA program may be nominated for candidacy for the committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate. In addition, organizations representing socially disadvantaged (minorities who participate or cooper- and women) farmers or their offices on Jan. 1.

with lighter, less expensive models would alienate loyalists without a guarantee it would attract new buyers.

"The last thing Harley wants to do is lose their core audience, the 45year-old buyer," he said.

"The more people you appeal to, the less you stand for. Look at Chevrolet; they're a brand that sells a large, small, cheap, expensive car or truck."

Indeed, Watson says Harley has only scratched the surface with potential. buyers in its core customer group, men age 35 to 54, which numbers about 40 million today and should remain that large another 15 years.

Harley sold about 120,000 bikes to that group in the United States last year, or 0.3 percent of the men that age.

"We have lots of room for growth," he said.

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Tonya M. Williams Property: Lots 4 and 5, Block 15,

North Park Hill Date Filed: June 20, 2005

Grantor: Marina A. Ramirez and **Rose Carrillo** Grantee: Heidi Arriaga and

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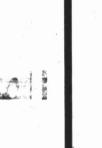
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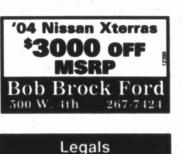
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confusion. Hint: You are not your body, your possessions or your family name.

**ARIES (March 21-April** 19). One of the finest gifts you can give is the opportunity to acquire your knowledge and wisdom. If you offer this, you'll have many takers. Choose the most receptive and willing.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're proactive, and that's why you'll save yourself and those around you time, energy and money. For instance, you won't wait until something's broken to fix it. Continue to anticipate problems, and therefore, prevent them.

**GEMINI (May 21-June** 21). You can appear wildly confident and talk the great talk, but there's no amount of posturing that can make up for not getting a promised result. The answer is either not to promise or to make sure you can deliver.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). "Hermitic" would be a good description of your social life about now. Not for long. The stars favor you coming out of your shell and making a public appearance. Your company has been missed, and your return is celebrated. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Remantically you ware

some time with loved ones, even if you're just eating a meal together or watching TV. You will also feel healed by the

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Keeping things in perspective is overrated. While this may be a detriment at times, your friends are flattered when you show more enthusiasm for their success than they do themselves. Everyone loves the cheerleader.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Overextending yourself financially bruises your bank account and strains your mental peace. Cut back on frivolous expenditures. Be your own barista by morning and personal chef by night. Side benefit: Cooking skills improve.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Jupiter ruled. you tend to be luckier than the average Joe or Jane. But this week, your brand of luck means putting yourself on the line and risking rejection every day! You'll be handsomely rewarded.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's better to relax and think things over now than to act prematurely. A boxer who throws 100 punches but doesn't land any is useless. To make sure your "punches" hit the target, you need the benefit of a broader perspective.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It seems you spend the whole day looking for things - from your car keys to your heart. And where's that kind person you can trust to guard your feelings? You'll find the ally you need.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The cosmic clock says it's prime time for a famian argument. Take advan-

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excellent time to get surroundings in perfect working order, it's most beneficial to keep one thing in mind: Cleaning house is seldom really about cleaning house. The little extensions of ourselves that we dust, dry clean, frame or sort into piles are things we keep around for an emotional reason. They represent who we think we are and who we want the world to think we are. Some items stand for who we love and how. As we alter the outer world, our inner world also transforms. While tending to possessions, you might realize your priorities are not as you would like them to be. This realization could produce immediate and effortless change. Also as the week progresses, we are reminded that anything worth having is worth protecting. Many are called to do so Thursday through Saturday. In mythology, the little crab earned her constellation through her willingness to protect her beloved goddess, Hera. For her sacrifice in the battle against Hercules, she was cast into a place of honor in the heavens.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Handsome Chris O'Donnell was reportedly bribed by his mother to audition for his first film role. Cancer people are at once drawn to and repelled by the arts. Acutely emotional, Cancer needs to creatively express those feelings. At the same time, Cancer avoids criticism and rejection at all costs. For moonchildren, family love is more motivating than any symbol of career success.

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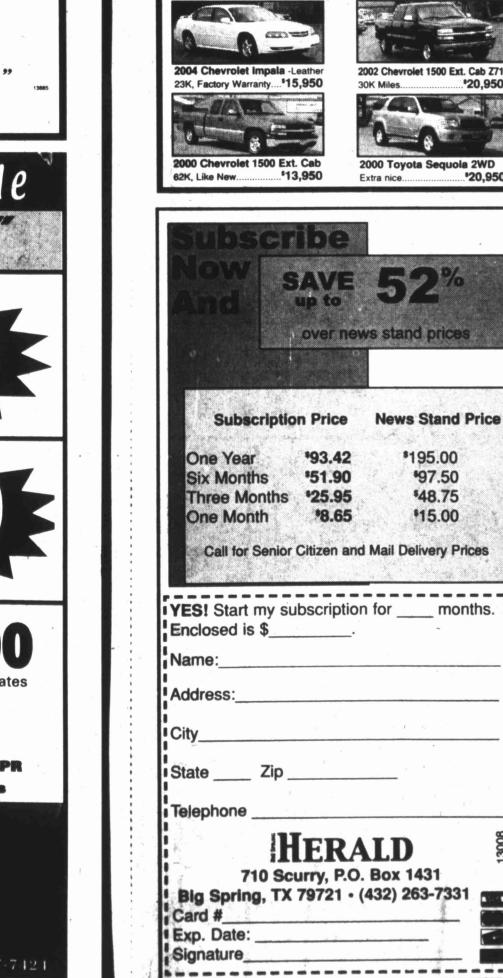
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TO: JOHNNY RAY PAYNE, JR. Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Amended 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 1 day of August, 2005, before the Honorable 118th District Ccurt of Howard County, Texas at the Court House of said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Amended Petition was filed in said court on the 26th day of MAY, A.D. 2005, in this case, numbered 44111 on the docket of said court, and styled, RONNIE COVERT

Vs JOHNNY RAY PAYNE, JR.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: IN-JURY DUE TO A MOTOR VEHI-CLE as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ hall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs #4601 June 19, 26 & July 3, 10, 2005.

#### Answer to previous puzzle

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er, the only line that matters is the bottom line. Is this person someone you can entrust your tender heart to?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your presence has a soothing effect on the lives of others. So, spend home. Though it's an DICATE, INC.

Dear Trudie says...

the World's Worst Mother-In-Law. She is mentally ill and manipu-

lative, and she abused

my husband in countless ways when he was grow-

we're married and have moved away, she is still at it from a distance. She sends photos and letters from ex-girlfriends and had a family friend send a wedding invitation to us as "Mr. XXX and guest." She has told him twice she has cancer, only to admit she made it up after several weeks of torment.

I hate this woman for what she has done to him and what she continues to do. I refuse to have any contact with her. I've expressed my anger about this to my husband, but he continues his relationship with her.

While he doesn't react to her sabotage attempts, I feel that he is disrespecting me and our marriage by continuing his relationship with such a toxic woman. What can I do? -Fuming and Frustrated

Dear Fume: Get thee to a marriage counselor, and

Dear Prudence: I have a take him with you. With and in that wonderful husband, but luck, a neutral third party can open your husband's eyes to the fact that his mother's behavior doesn't even come close to acceptable.

It is often difficult for a grown child of such a parent to break away, but with some edification and therapy, he might be able to do it. It would be drastic to put your marriage on the line, but the frustration and exasperation may leave you no other choice. Good luck. -Prudie, supportively

Dear Prudence: My boyfriend and I have been dating for a while now, and although we are very happy together, I find myself in a predicament. When we first started dating, he bragged to me about the lavish gifts he would buy for his previous girlfriends and about the expensive flower arrangements he would send. I told him that I'm not the kind of girl who needs or really wants to be showered with gifts.

I would much rather have my partner by my side than a new bracelet on my wrist. But now I feel like kicking myself for making those statements. Even though I am only 23, I have never had a man give me flowers. I have always dreamt that when it would happen it would be from someone special. I feel this guy is that someone. It's been three months, however, trick. - Prudie, florally

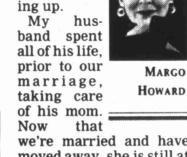
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Valentine's Day has passed, and still no flowers. I feel he has taken my

statement too literally to mean no gifts, period. Now I find myself looking wistfully into flower shops hoping that he will realize how badly I want just that one gift. So my question to you is: How do I politely/subtly let him know I want him to buy me flowers without rudely coming out and saying so? - He Doesn't **Bring Me Flowers** 

Dear He: Prudie has made this mistake, herself - though never with flowers . . . or jewelry. There are times when one just feels that declining is the polite thing to do - ineffect saying, "Oh, no, don't bother." Sometimes we say certain things to show that we are gracious, well-grounded or maintenance-free.

With time, Prudie has learned to let nature take its course, if you receive her drift. As for retracting your statement of oh-noyou-mustn't, when the time seems right (perhaps walking by a flower shop?) you might say that you wish to amend a previous assertion. Tell him that now that you're an established couple, you would happily accept whatever would please him to give you and you actually love flowers. Prudie hopes this does the





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Annie's Mailbox .: Advice for those in need

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Dear Annie: I do maintenance work at a local elementary school and supervise in the cafeteria. I love children, but there is one kindergartner who has been physically abusive toward me. I told him and his teacher that if this boy ever hits me again, I would knock the demons out of him. His teacher made him apologize.

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That is not the first time I've had a run-in with this boy. He has stomped on my foot and threatened to hit me numerous times. I told the principal and the office secretary, so that there would be a report that this boy is mean. I was going to tell his mother the next time she came to the school, but felt it was not my place to do so.

This boy is always picking on other children, and I am afraid one day he may bring a gun to school and hurt someone. Something needs to be done for everyone's protection. What should I do, and how much abuse should I take from this boy? I do not want to lose my job over this. — Troubled in Virginia

Dear Troubled: It is not unusual for a child in kindergarten to have some self-control issues. Nonetheless, you should not have to worry about getting hit or having your feet stomped on, even by a 5year-old. You were right to report this. If it happens again, please do not threaten the child. Inform the principal that the boy continues to be abusive, and insist that he be supervised in your presence and that his parents be notified immediately. The boy may need professional help.

Dear Annie: I am fortunate to be a stay-at-home



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

mom with two small children. For some extra money, I agreed to take care of the baby of a friend.

The problem is that "Patty" often picks up her child 40 minutes late, and once she finally gets here, she stays and visits for another half-hour. I have tried leaving the room or telling her I have to go out, but nothing gets rid of her.

I enjoy caring for Patty's baby, but I also enjoy spending time with my family. Please tell me a polite way to ask her to leave. — Tired of Company

Dear Tired: Patty is using your house as a time-out spot before going home, and she may not realize she is imposing. Be more direct. When Patty drops off her child in the morning, remind her what time to return. When she comes back, pick up the baby and walk to the door, saying with a smile, "Sorry, I don't have time to chat. I'll see you tomorrow." Open the door, hand her the child, and close the door behind them. She will stop taking advantage of you when you stop permitting it.

Dear Annie: Yesterday,

my mother treated me to a trip to a casino, plus lunch, like she did last year. The trip cost \$99. While I was playing slots, I hit a jackpot for \$938. Before the money was even in my hand, Mom asked me to repay her for the trip. This exchange took the

wind right out of my sails. I admit I was petty and handed my mother a \$100 bill and made her give me back a dollar. The next day, when I told Mom how deflated I'd felt, she gave me a tirade on all the money she's spent on me my entire life and all the things she's treated me to. I say she treated me to the day and she was wrong to ask for her money back. What do you say? — Angry in New York

Dear Angry: We agree that it isn't a "treat" if you have to pay back the cost of the trip. However, it sounds to us as if Mom treats you regularly, and it would have been nice if you had offered — willingly and gratefully

- to give her a portion of your winnings as a way of saying "thank you." Of course, it would have been better if Mom had given you the opportunity to make the gesture, before demanding that you do so.

Dear Annie: My mother allows my 22-year-old brother, "Matt," to send her \$150 every month. Mom is married, and although their money is budgeted, there is no problem paying bills.

I asked Mom why Matt is sending her money, and she said it was to pay her back for all the years he lived in her house rent-free. I'm not sure what she means by that. Matt joined the Navy at 18 and hasn't lived at home since. Does she expect him to pay for those years he was a child in her house? Mom uses the extra money for furniture and new clothes. She told me Matt wants her to spend it on herself. I told Mom that taking money from your child as "payback" when you don't need it for any particular emergency was not the right thing to do. She says Matt is an adult and can spend his money however he wants.

I don't think Matt owes Mom a dime. Until he was 10 years old, he was brought up by an abusive father figure. After that, Mom had dysfunctional several boyfriends, and my brother's entire world revolved around her safety. Matt dropped out of high school to get a job so he could give money to Mom. When he didn't get along with her then-boyfriend, he joined the service.

My mother says it's none of my business, and I agree, but I have a hard time doing nothing about it. I don't want Matt to be sucked into this obligation for the rest of his life. Please help. — Concerned Sister

Dear Concerned: Matt is not doing this because Mom needs the money. He is doing it because it makes him feel like he is protecting her. This is not uncommon for boys who grow up seeing their mothers abused. By providing her with money, he is letting her know she can rely on him. It would be nice if Mom would take this money and put it into a savings account for Matt's future, but she isn't going to do it, and it will serve no purpose for you to keep arguing with her about it. You and your brother both sound like very caring people. Stay close to each other.

Dear Annie: A friend of

mine is breastfeeding her new baby. I'm a new mother as well. Recently, when "Sonia" was at my home, I walked into the nursery and found her breastfeeding MY baby. I was shocked but assumed it was a cultural thing. (Sonia is from South America.) However, I also witnessed her offering her breast to her 4-year-old. What's your take on this? — Surprised in Florida

Dear Surprised: While some mothers don't mind sharing breastfeeding duties, one should never make that assumption, especially when there are health risks. (HIV, for example, can be transmitted through breast milk.) Sonia should have checked with you before nursing your baby. Mothers have the right to determine how and when their babies are fed, and by whom.

Tell Sonia that your milk supply is regulated by your baby's nursing and it is important that you are the one to feed him. As for the 4year-old, that's a personal choice between the parents, the child and the pediatrician.

Dear Annie: This is for the woman whose 6-year-old is adopted and looks different from other family members. People often make rude comments about the child's features.

My husband and I were the foster parents of a boy who is multiracial. We are about as WASPy-looking as you can get, so we would get these questions all the time. When people asked me, "What does his daddy look like?" I would smile and say sweetly, "I don't know, I didn't get a good look at him." Then I would just stare at the clod who asked. The reactions were priceless. - Foster Mom

Dear Foster Mom: A sense of humor always makes such rudeness more tolerable. Thanks for writing.

Dear Annie: I am a mom who works outside the home. I enjoy exercising to stay in shape, so I get up early to jog outside. The problem is that a neighbor has taken it upon herself to join me. She shows up nearly every morning, and frankly, I find it quite annoying. She can't keep up with my pace and yaps the entire time.

I want this time to myself. I love being outdoors and shouldn't have to change my routine. How can I get this woman to stop intruding on my exercise time? — Ready To Turn in the Shoes in Wisconsin

Dear Wisconsin: Many people like to exercise with a friend because it makes the time go quicker. Your neighbor has no idea that you are annoyed by her presence. Tell her, "I wish I could chat, but my morning jogs are so time-constrained that I really have to get moving. Maybe we can see each other later." Either that or run faster.

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