

Lay, Skilling trial road to closure in Enron scandal

By KRISTEN HAYS
AP Business Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Like so many other ex-Enron employees suddenly left without a paycheck more than four years ago, Deborah DeForge has moved on. She's more caught up in today than in the past.

But she'll be among those watching Monday's start of the fraud and conspiracy trial of Enron founder Kenneth Lay and former CEO Jeffrey

Skilling.

"I plan to keep a pretty close eye on it, just out of sheer curiosity if nothing else, and closure. It will be good to finally see it come to fruition and move on with our lives," said DeForge, now a bustling Houston real estate agent.

After a dozen jurors and four alternates are chosen from a pool of more than 100, the once-celebrated former executives will begin the journey that will gain them freedom or decades

in prison.

Enron's December 2001 flame-out was the first in a string of corporate scandals that spawned another string of prosecutions. The criminal case against its former top two executives is the biggest to emerge from the rubble.

"The government's prosecutions of corporate fraud will be judged based on the verdict in this case," said Jacob Frenkel, a former federal prosecutor. "If there is an acquittal, the gov-

Corporate fraud

Ken Lay, 63, left, faces seven counts of fraud and conspiracy. Jeffrey Skilling, 52, faces more than 30 counts of fraud, conspiracy, insider trading and lying to auditors. Their trial begins Monday.



ernment's corporate fraud prosecutions will be deemed at best a modest success. To the extent the government is being tested,

this is the final exam." U.S. District Judge Sim Lake.

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The Hangar 25 Air Museum will host a variety of activities for people of all ages throughout the coming year. Museum administrator Heather Wallace takes Robert and Joyce Fuller on a personal tour of the facility.

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Reaching new heights

New programs planned for Hangar 25 Air Museum

By ANDREA MEDLIN
Staff Writer

2006 promises to be a busy year for the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

"You don't have to be a member to participate with any of our programs," said Heather Wallace, museum administrator.

One of the newest programs beginning in March is the Miss Flaming Bomb Social.

It's an updated version of a beauty contest held in the 1940s where the prize winner received an old bomb used for testing on the base. No longer a contest, but more a social for women, this reprise will be a little more conservative this time around.

"Our goal is to get the community involved."

—Heather Wallace, administrator

"It used to be a bathing suit contest," said Wallace. "This (club) is designed to reconnect the women of our community."

Old-fashioned tea socials, speakers, history and preservation such as scrapbooking will be among the many activities planned.

"It's open to women of all ages and there is no fee," said Wallace.

Beginning in May, the second and fourth Saturday of each month

will be dedicated to the Kid's Klub. Open to all school-aged children, this program is designed to involve children with history and aviation.

Connecting the Generations is another program for children, geared toward getting local veterans and children together.

"It's collecting an oral history of the local vets and lets them tell their stories," said Wallace.

Fun and education are the goals for Evening With Educators, which will meet one night a quarter. "We are trying to encourage teachers to use the museum as an educational tool for their students."

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Unemployment falls three points

Seasonal hiring has role as rate tumbles from 5.2 to 4.9 percent

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate in Howard County continued to drop in December, thanks to increases in holiday hiring.

The 4.9 percent unemployment rate — down considerably from 5.2 percent in November and 5.8 percent in December 2004 — was influenced by other factors, also, according to Virginia Belew, Big Spring Workforce Network manager.

"A decrease is expected every time this year when holiday hiring increases," said Belew. "But in this case, it appears the decline in labor force participation added to the decrease. It is not a surprise when the economy appears to be doing well and job seekers may not have a sense



Belew

of urgency to find employment during the Christmas holiday period."

The civilian labor force in Howard County slumped in December to 13,399, down from 13,466 in November and 13,745 in December 2004.

"Our declines in the unemployment rate and civilian labor force appear to mirror what is occurring in the rest of the Permian Basin counties," said Belew. "The civilian labor force for the Permian Basin Workforce Development Area decreased by 695 in December, to 184,489 people."

The number of employed residents also

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New program allows parents to check kids' grades on the Internet

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Tired of getting evasive answers when you ask your child how he or she did in school today?

Now, you don't have to take their word for it, Big Spring Independent School District officials said.

Most parents can now check their children's

grades online through the district's Web site, said Corey Wood, BSISD technology director.

The program is currently available to parents of students at all Big Spring campuses except Marcy and Kentwood elementaries and Bauer Magnet School, and those schools will be online by May, Wood said.

The Gradespeed program allows parents to check their child's grades and assignments, Wood

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOZART

Peng Peng, pianist child prodigy from China, will perform Piano Concerto No. 20 in D Minor with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra Saturday, Feb. 4, at 8 p.m. at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

Conducted by Dr. Keith Graumann, the all-Mozart concert "Happy Birthday, Mozart" will celebrate Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's 250th birthday.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students and may be purchased at the auditorium.

For more information, click on www.BigSpringSymphony.com, e-mail BSSA@bigspringsymphony.com or call (432) 264-7223.

LEARNING TREE ACADEMY

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America," said Valerie

Rodriguez, 5, as she began her day at the Learning Tree Academy located in the Big Spring Mall.

Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance isn't all Valerie and the other students learn at the preschool, however.

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TXDOT HEARING SLATED

The Abilene District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting to gather input from the public on the proposed truck relief route west of Big Spring from U.S. Highway 87 North to U.S. Highway 87 South.

The meeting will be held at the Dora Roberts Civic Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, Tuesday, Feb. 7. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Input gathered at the public meeting will be used along with TxDOT design, and environmental criteria to develop an alignment to be presented at a future public meeting.



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Obituaries

Elvira Nunez

Elvira Nunez, 78, of Big Spring, our mother and grandmother, was called to be with her Heavenly Father Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Elvira was born Sept. 4, 1927, in Rankin to Jesus and Angelita Puga. She was raised and educated in Lomax and attended Big Spring High School where she played in the band. Elvira was of the Catholic faith. Elvira worked as a young girl at the Rio Theater. She worked at Jack Bennett's Grocery Store. Thereafter, she worked at Hall-Bennett Hospital for 13 years. She cared for the elderly for many years. She was very active with her grandchildren and loved family gatherings.

She is survived by her love, Trini Arsiaga; loving daughter, Christina and her husband Simon Barrera; her loving son, Rick Nunez and his wife Patricia; grandchildren, Dickie DeLeon Jr., Ricky Nunez Jr. and Christopher Nunez. She also leaves behind stepsons Manuel Arsiaga and his wife Lori of Lubbock and Sammy Arsiaga and his wife Rosa of Abilene; stepdaughters Beatrice Arsiaga-Mendoza of New York, Diana Arsiaga and Margie Arsiaga-Garcia; 16 step grandchildren; and two step great-grandchildren.

Elvira leaves behind her most beloved, cherished sisters, Emma Brown and Mary Martinez and her husband Jose; her only beloved brother, Joe A. Puga and his wife Delia of Houston. She leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesus and Angelita Puga; one sister, Eloise P. Mendez; one stepson, Arturo Arsiaga; and one step-granddaughter, Bernadette Garcia.

On June 6, 1947, she married Nazario L. Nunez, until his death March 28, 1968. She spent her remaining glorious years of her life with her soul mate, Trini Arsiaga, whom she loved very, very much.

Pallbearers are as follows: Dickie DeLeon Jr., Ricky Nunez Jr., Christopher Nunez, Frankie Martinez, Jim Brown and Sammy Arsiaga.

You will be Missed. God Bless You!
Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

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Judson Henry Lloyd



Judson Henry Lloyd, 87, of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of the 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born April 28, 1918, in Comanche and married Velta Childers June 16, 1949, in Lamesa.

He moved to the Knott Community in the early 1930s and to Big Spring in 1946. He served overseas in the United States Army during World War II. Mr. Lloyd worked as a mechanic and retired in 1987. He loved gardening and tending to his pecan trees. He was the last surviving sibling in his family and was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Velta Lloyd of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lynda and Dee Elrod of Big Spring and Kathy and Phil Laurence of Abilene; one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and J'Nevelyn Lloyd of McAllen; three granddaughters, Laura Elrod of San Antonio, Leslie Elrod of Big Spring and Stephanie Lloyd of Belton; two grandsons, Alan Lloyd of McAllen and John Laurence of Abilene; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and one brother.

The family suggests memorials to the Big Spring Living Tree Memorial in care of Shirley Cross at the city of Big Spring, 432-264-2501, or the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 15186, Austin 78761.

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

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Weather

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 70. West winds 15 to 25 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Northwest winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Monday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Light and variable winds becoming south around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Monday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.

Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Support groups

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. The next meeting is Feb. 6. For more information, call 398-5522.

Ina Faye Kuhlman



Ina Faye Kuhlman, 80, of Lenorah, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, in a Stanton nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Leandro Gonzales, pastor of Lenorah Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

She was born March 15, 1925, in Howard County and married Jack Kuhlman June 17, 1944, in Big Spring.

She was a lifelong resident of Howard and Martin County. She was a homemaker and a member of Lenorah Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Kuhlman of Lenorah; four daughters, Charlotte White and husband Richard of Lenorah, Carolyn Reynolds of Stanton, Sharron Odom and husband Eddie of Waco and Ronda Klein and husband Benny of Cedar Hill; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Venna Mae Fryar; two brothers, Neil and Dale Fryar; and a son-in-law, Royce Reynolds.

The family suggests memorials to the Lenorah Baptist Church, P.O. Box 86, Lenorah 79749.

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

Paid obituary

Nancy Catherine Wilson



Nancy Catherine Wilson, 84, of Midland, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. J.J. Leach officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

She was born Oct. 18, 1921, in Foard County and married Bill Wilson June 19, 1937, in Electra. He preceded her in death in April of 1972. She lived in Martin County (Flowergrove community) for 34 years and in Midland for the last 33 years.

Mrs. Wilson worked as a cook for Midland ISD for 17 years, retiring in 1993.

Survivors include four daughters, Billie Fulcher and husband Bill of Midland, Mary McFarlin of Midland, Annie Feuer of Odessa and Lana Austin and husband Russell; and two sisters, Mildred McConnell of Fort Worth and Ruby Smith of Midland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and three brothers.

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

Eunice Irene Page

Eunice Irene Page, 96, died Saturday, January 28, 2006, in Brownwood. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Ervin Crisman

Ervin Crisman, 69, of Stanton, died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, at his residence. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Police blotter

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

• **JOHN STILWELL JR.**, 42, 2500 Ent, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• **JASON KEY**, 23, 2201 S. Main, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **CECILIA RUBI GARCIA**, 24, San Angelo, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MORGAN LOPEZ**, 24, 2501 Barksdale, was arrested on three local and one Howard County warrants.

• **TIMOTHY JOE FLORES**, 30, 2903 Clanton, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported on the 2300 block of Scurry and the 1800 block of FM 700.

• **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 500 block of Benton.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.

• **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 2500 block of Ent.

• **THEFT** was reported on the 1700 block of FM 700 and the 1700 block of Runnels.

Sheriff's report

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

• **SHOTS FIRED** was reported in East Midway Road.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-7-8-12-23.

Number matching five of five: 5.

Prize per winner: \$6,098.

Winning tickets sold in: Allen, Houston, San Antonio, Seven Points, Sulphur Springs.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-2-9

Bulletin board

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

MONDAY

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. 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 north-west door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

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

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

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

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

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, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

• Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

SATURDAY

• Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

• Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

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• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

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• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

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

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

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

• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacients meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

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AARP Tax-Aide program begins Monday at senior center

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

AARP will begin its annual Tax-Aide program Monday in an effort to help area residents make sense of the tax laws and forms that seem to get more complicated each year.

Gloria Hopkins, coordinator for the annual effort, said the volunteer-based program is designed to help people who might not otherwise be able to file a tax

return. "The AARP program provides free federal tax preparation assistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, people with disabilities, those who don't speak English and people with low-to-moderate income," said Hopkins.

"People need to be sure to bring all of the pertinent information with them, including a tax booklet if one was

received through the mail, W-2 forms and 1099 forms," she said. "They also need to bring any forms that show their 2005 earnings and their 2004 tax returns. We also need a Social Security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing."

Hopkins said the program is a necessity for many area residents who can't afford to have their taxes prepared by a pro-

fessional. The heart and soul of the operation is its volunteers.

"AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns," she said. "These volunteers help people complete their returns, right down to any refunds that may be due them."

Hopkins said Tax-Aide will continue throughout the tax season.

"We'll begin doing taxes at the Senior Center from 8 a.m. until noon Monday and continue each Monday at those same times through April 10," said Hopkins. "For those who are homebound and can't get to the center with their tax information, if they will call us, we'll be happy to pick up the information and get the taxes ready."

The Senior Center is located at 1901 Simler Drive in the McMahon-

Wrinkle Airpark. For more information on the program, contact Hopkins at 267-6733.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 267-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

ENRON

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in the final pretrial hearing this past week, advised participants to rest up for what is expected to be a four-month marathon.

"You all get some rest over the weekend. This is going to be a long trial," the judge said.

Skilling, 52, faces more than 30 counts of fraud, conspiracy, insider trading and lying to auditors. Prosecutors allege he conspired with minions to hide Enron's wobbly financial state from investors through falsely rosy public statements and misleading regulatory filings. He also is accused of selling more than \$62 million in Enron shares inflated by the hype.

On Friday, prosecutors dropped four wire fraud counts against Skilling that had been related to charges pending solely against Richard Causey, former chief accounting officer. Causey was slated to go to trial alongside his former bosses until he pleaded guilty to securities fraud last month. Skilling will go to trial facing 31 criminal

charges. Lay, 63, faces seven counts of fraud and conspiracy. The government alleges he perpetuated the ruse after Skilling abruptly resigned in August 2001, less than four months before the company careened into bankruptcy in December that year.

Both have pleaded not guilty. Both insist Enron was not rife with corruption despite guilty pleas obtained from 16 ex-Enron executives, including former finance chief Andrew Fastow and Causey.

And both say Enron was a strong, vital company undermined by loss of market confidence and the only crimes they know of involved Fastow and a few others in finance skimming millions of dollars from otherwise lawful deals.

"I can understand what they need to do," Skilling told The Associated Press in a recent interview regarding his former friends and colleagues who have pleaded guilty. "Their families are at risk. Their lives are at risk. I can understand where they're coming from."

But other than those who skimmed, "I do not

"This trial is testing our legal system and our regulation of people who have forgotten that they control other people's money."

think they are guilty," Skilling said.

Lay and his legal team have expressed the same sentiment.

Fastow is expected to be a chief prosecution witness, along with former heads of investor relations as well as broadband and retail energy units.

Causey isn't on the government's witness list, but could be added later.

The government contends Lay and Skilling repeatedly assured investors all was well or would improve when they knew Enron's purported success largely depended on fragile structured finance deals either hidden or revealed in deliberately oblique disclosures. The unsustainable structures eventually fueled the company's crash.

"For the government, there's much more at

stake than the conviction of Skilling and Lay because the government's corporate fraud prosecutions on the whole have arisen from the Enron investigation," Frenkel said.

Enron's crash and the subsequent scandals roiled Wall Street, sent investors fleeing, prompted stiffened white collar penalties and upped regulatory scrutiny over publicly traded companies.

Former WorldCom head Bernard Ebbers awaits a 25-year prison term for orchestrating the \$11 billion accounting fraud that bankrupted the company. Martha Stewart did five months in prison and more time confined to work and home for lying about a stock sale. Adelphia Communications Inc. founder John Rigas and his son got double-digit prison terms for robbing the company till.

HealthSouth Corp. founder Richard Scrushy bucked the trend with his acquittal last year of fraud charges despite five former finance chiefs pointing the finger at him in a \$2.7 billion scheme to inflate earnings.

The government has a mixed record on Enron.

The U.S. Supreme Court last year overturned for-

mer Enron auditor Arthur Andersen LLP's 2002 conviction of obstruction of justice, saying vague jury instructions allowed jurors to convict without finding criminal intent behind mass shredding of Enron documents as investigations began.

Four former Merrill Lynch & Co. executives and a former midlevel Enron finance executive are in prison for helping push through a loan disguised as a sale to help Enron manipulate earnings, while a former in-house Enron accountant was acquitted. And five former executives accused of fooling Wall Street into believing Enron's defunct broadband unit was viable face retrials this year after their first trial ended with jurors hung on most charges.

Tamar Frankel, a professor of law at Boston University, said the outcome of Lay and Skilling's trial will illustrate "how far we will legitimize what Enron management has done."

"This trial is testing our legal system and our regulation of people who have forgotten that they control other people's money," Frankel said.

JOBS

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took a slight hit, with 12,748 reported in December and 12,772 in November. Both are down considerably from the 12,947 employed people reported in December 2004.

"Borden County continues to maintain the lowest unemploy-

ment rate in the region at 2.3 percent, while Reeves County had the highest unemployment rate at 6.7 percent," said Belew.

Other county rates include Andrews, 3.8 percent; Pecos, 4.2 percent; Dawson, 5.4 percent; Ector, 4 percent; Glasscock, 3.6 percent; Martin, 4.2 percent; and Midland, 3.3 percent.

Belew said the Texas unemployment rate was 4.8 percent, and the U.S. actual rate was 4.6

percent, making the Permian Basin performance comparable to the state and federal rates.

"We appear to have a job-seekers market this month," said Belew. "This office currently has 105 job postings. Job seekers should continue to log on to WorkInTexas.com to view information about those jobs."

"We are currently accepting new applications for participation in the employment and

training programs administered by this office."

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

HANGAR

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Other family friendly programs are offered, including Family First Sunday. Beginning in February, it meets every first Sunday of the month and is designed to encourage family time and church events.

Also, there will be opportunities for those seeking a creative outlet. An art contest and essay contest with the theme "I am an American" are planned.

A photo contest is

planned for May or June. "People can submit any photo they want, but we are looking for old photos of the base or of Big Spring during that era," said Wallace.

The adults are hardly left out and have lots of opportunities to choose from. For couples who donate \$1,500, the High Flyer's club plans a variety of events throughout the year.

"This year they are planning to attend a performance by David Copperfield in Abilene," said Wallace. "It depends

on the group's interests that determines what they do."

If you are craving a chance to dress up, the Silver Wings Ball is scheduled April 29.

"This is a very elegant Ball that is catered and will be held at the country club this year," said Wallace. There will be a fee of \$50 a person.

"We are also working on a cookbook which should be out by Christmas," said Wallace. But recipes are not what the cookbook is all about. "We need recipes, but we are also asking people to

write down their memories (of Big Spring) as well."

The Hangar 25 Air Museum offers a variety of programs and activities each year for people of all ages.

"Our goal is to get the community involved,"

said Wallace. For more information, contact Heather Wallace at 264-1999.

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said, adding that plans call for the service to be expanded even further in the near future.

"Soon, it will be a fully functional parent-teacher portal," Wood said. "Parents will be able to leave notes for teachers, and teachers can leave notes for parents. It will be true two-way communication."

To access the program, visit the school district's Web site

(http://bsisd.esc18.net/) and click on the "Gradespeed" button. Parents can then register for the service and will be assigned an account number.

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YOUR VIEWS

Unsung Heroes

TO THE EDITOR:

My wife and I were passing by and I was amazed by the kind people in Big Spring. The purpose of this letter is to say, "Thank you all that came to help me." It's a very good feeling to know that people will help in time of need.

On Dec. 2, 2005, (Friday) we arrived in Big Spring from El Paso around 6:30 p.m. I needed to go to the rest room, so I exited 177 (I believe). I made a left to the Travel Centers of America. My wife stayed in the SUV while I proceeded inside the gas station. When I came out of the rest room, I got a bag of beef jerky, coughed and immediately passed out due to flu symptoms.

I fell on the floor, and when I regained consciousness a lady and young man helped me sit up. The lady yelled "Call an ambulance, I'm a nurse!". I told them my wife was in the car, so the store supervisor sent one of

his workers to get her. I was taken via ambulance to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The doctor there was superior and the staff was terrific. The people in Travelcenters of America were super, kind and nice; it reminded me of the kind of help and concern that people showed during 9/11 and other disasters.

This moment took me back to Vietnam: When I was in actual combat I would think about all the people back in the U.S.A. The U.S. Armed Forces fighting the war for peace and freedom while the citizens back in the U.S. are taking care of the United States. America is beautiful — the U.S. soldier knows this while fighting a war.

Again, I would like to thank all the people in Travelcenters of America, the doctor and medical staff and ambulance and fire department personnel. Thank you for caring. God Bless America.

Respectfully,

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When Reagan is away, the cat will...

Random thoughts while starting my car:

I don't spend a lot of time wondering what my cat is doing while I'm at work or elsewhere, but I might start after reading the following snippet from the Associated Press:

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (AP) — This cat used up his nine lives.

Fire officials are blaming a 20-pound cat for starting a town of Washington house fire that caused about \$25,000 damage.

The gray and white cat apparently jumped on an electric range in the basement of a two-story home at about 4:30 a.m. Wednesday and turned on the push-button control, said Darrell Christy, the fire department's chief of operations. Plastic containers on top of the range smoldered.

"We eliminated everything except for the cat," Christy said.

The cat died, likely of smoke inhalation, he said.

OK, first things first — poor kitty.

But this story got me thinking: Just what the heck do unattended pets do while their owners are away earning their daily bread?

I've always assumed that my cat, Sylvester, spends most of his solo time sleeping or casually inspecting his food dish to see if more chow has magically appeared. After all, that's what he does best.

Now, however, I wonder if he might be up to something more nefarious.

The little paranoid corner of my brain is now conjuring images of him waiting patiently for me to leave, then hosting the Big Spring chapter of "Kitties Gone Wild" as soon as the door closes.

I can just picture him whipping out his little cell phone and dialing up the neighborhood cats.

"Yo, Fluffy, this is Sly."

"Yo."

"Tall and Skinny just left ... It's time to par-tay!"

"Color me there!"

Within a few minutes, La Casa De Reagan is wall-to-wall cat bacchanalia. In one corner of my living room, Sylvester and a couple of his buds are on the computer, surfing the Internet for cat porn, while in the next room, a few more are fighting over who controls the TV remote while the radio blares at full volume.

Meanwhile, in the kitchen, some more of his feline friends are raiding the refrigerator, when they get the bright idea to heat up some of the leftovers.

The next thing you know, the Big Spring Fire Department is paying an unscheduled visit to my house.

Snicker if you want, but remember this — we're talking about my cat. He couldn't have survived 15 years under my care without being a little bit twisted.

And what would a scan of the news wire be complete without an update to the Files of the Criminally Stupid?

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (AP) — The business cards got a response,

but surely not what their owner had in mind when he had them printed up.

Police said they heard Sylvester J. Williams, 21, of Leavenworth, was selling drugs. Then, they got an unexpected tip.

"Then we heard that he was handing out business cards," Maj. Patrick Kitchens said. "In the course of our investigation we were fortunate to come up with one, and we gave him a call."

Kitchens said the business card had an image of what appeared to be an alarm clock being hit by a boxing glove and said: "For a quick hit on time call the boss."

Williams was charged Monday with possessing crack cocaine with the intent to sell it, said Kitchens. He was in custody Wednesday on \$75,000 bond.

"It makes our job considerably easier when they advertise and let us know where to get ahold of them," Kitchens said.

This is more proof that some people just need to be arrested, for their own good if nothing else.

I mean — business cards?

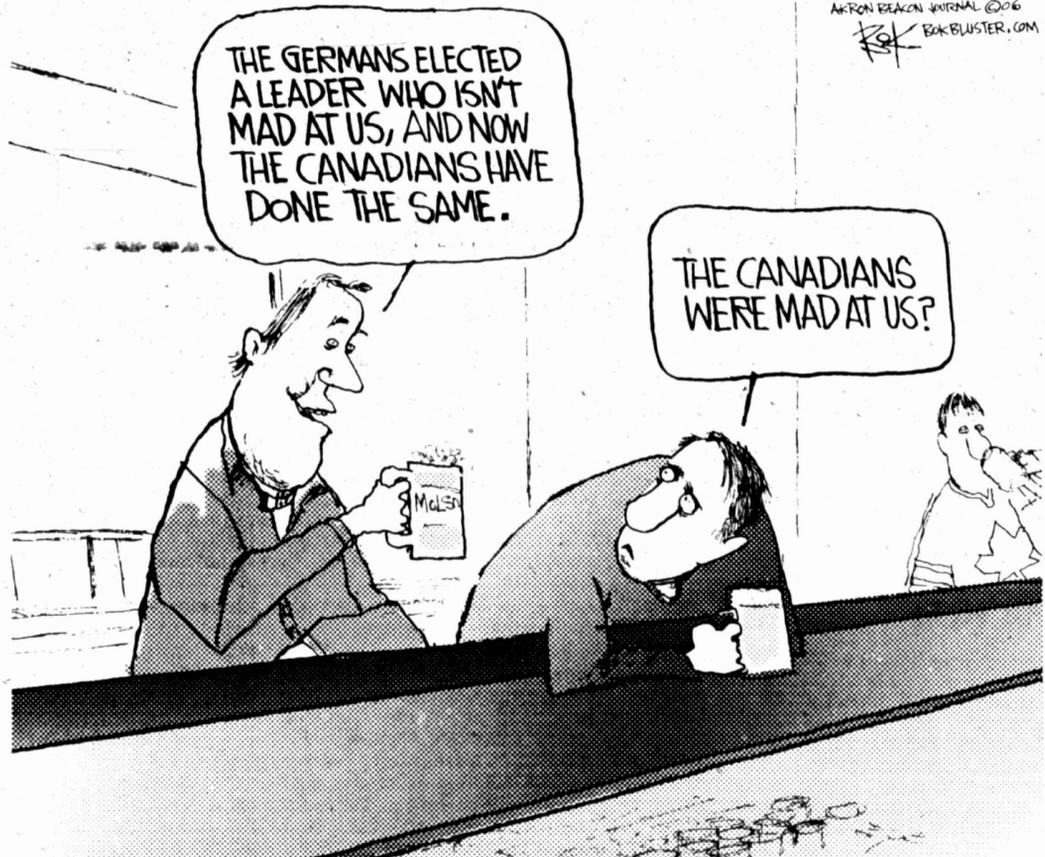
Why don't you just carry around a big sign with "criminal" painted in big block letters? Or, better yet, wear a T-shirt declaring your extra-legal activities for all to see? Save everybody some time and take out a Yellow Pages listing, for Pete's sake.

Yeah, let your fingers do the walking. Maybe, some day, they'll catch up to your brains.

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STEVE REAGAN



Don't believe the latest Mozart fad

This week, or last, we celebrate the birthday of a man who gave great music to the world and great hope to the hucksters in it: Mozart.

Mozart turned 250 Friday (Jan. 27) and this is cause for celebration. But thanks to Mozart we are also saddled with the "Mozart Effect" — the belief that if you blast your baby with Mozart it will become so smart, you shouldn't be surprised if it climbs out of the crib, gets down the alphabet blocks and starts writing its memoirs. ("Again with the Mozart? I WANT BARNEY!")

While there's certainly nothing wrong with playing Wolfgang — it beats "Christmas With The Cobains" — there is something wrong with believing that his music can make your kid a genius, or even smarter than that smug nephew of yours. And yet, a \$1 billion industry has sprung up implying this is so.

"The Mozart Effect" Volume 1 (of seven!) promises, "This volume aids memory development, enhances auditory and emotional

awareness, stimulates rhythmic movement and induces relaxation and sleep." Hey, when does it wash the windows?

Another "Mozart Effect" CD is for pregnant mothers to play to their bump. This can "aid alignment with the unborn child."

Isn't that what we have car mechanics for? It's just hokum — and it's based on hokum, too.

Back in 1993, two professors at the University of California in Irvine conducted an experiment on 36 undergrads: They had half the students listen to 10 minutes of Mozart before taking an IQ test. Those Mozartized students scored 8 or 9 points higher.

Sounds pretty impressive, right? Except that no one has been able to repeat those results since. Moreover, even the professors who ran the experiment admit that any benefits wore off after 15 minutes. Moreover, this experiment was on

college kids, not babies.

Still, we are a country that believes in quick fixes. We run through fad diets (Scarsdale, anyone?) and fad exercises (how's that rowing machine?), and this Mozart-as-brain-booster is just the latest mania. Someday it will seem silly, too.

Sure, many parents say that when they play Mozart, their kids just love it. Wonderful. But kids love it when you sing to them, too. And when you hold them and when you tickle them and pretty much whenever you pay attention to them.

In the end, that's what is going to make them thrive. After all, it's "The Magic Flute," not "The Magic Bullet."

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In the photo at left, a Big Spring Police Department officer investigates the scene of a one-vehicle accident that occurred at mid-day Friday on north Highway 87. The driver of the vehicle sustained minor injuries when his truck jackknifed on the rain-slickened highway. Above, both drivers walked away without any major injuries following this collision at the intersection of Gollad and FM 700 Friday. According to law enforcement officers at the scene, the driver of the Mustang failed to control her speed as she approached the intersection — most likely due to wet roadways — and plowed into the back of the white Toyota Tundra. Several accidents were reported in the Big Spring area as a result of rains Friday morning and afternoon.

► Texas briefs

Elderly man survives four days in woods with no food, rainfall

DALLAS (AP) — A 78-year-old man has been found alive after wandering into the woods at night and surviving four days without food, officials said.

Officers found Jesse Stevens, of Oak Cliff, on Wednesday — four days after he disappeared on his way home from a friend's funeral in Wills Point. He was recovering Friday at Parkland Memorial Hospital, *The Dallas Morning News* reported.

"Every day I screamed, hoping somebody would hear me," he said. "I lost my voice."

Stevens missed his exit on the interstate and left the road with the intent of making a U-turn. But he drove his sport utility vehicle farther and farther into a wooded area and left his vehicle when the road ended. He fell twice and eventually lost the energy to continue on, he told the newspaper.

"I thought that maybe I'll just lay here and die, and that's the way it's supposed to be," he said. But a pair of bicyclists noticed his abandoned vehicle and alerted police, who dispersed to comb the area. Officer Nick Daugherty found the elderly man.

"I was pretty sure it was him," Daugherty said. "He wasn't moving at all. I didn't think it was going to be a good outcome."

He said he was delighted to find Stevens coherent, although hungry and dehydrated. Stevens said he survived with no food and only drank the sparse rainwater.

Daugherty said the rescue reminded him of why he enjoyed working in law enforcement.

"This is one of the highlights of my job, that you can help save somebody," Daugherty said.

Man charged with killing pregnant wife

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas man has been charged with killing his pregnant wife while her six children were present in the home, police said.

Demetria Johnson, 28, was strangled Thursday in her southwest Dallas home, police spokeswoman Senior Cpl. Jamie

Kimbrough told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. Johnson's husband, Gerald C. Johnson, turned himself in to police later Thursday and was arrested on capital murder charges, Kimbrough said. Bond was set at \$1 million.

Kimbrough said the couple's six children were in the home at the time of their mother's death but had since been placed in the custody of a grandmother.

Gerald Johnson, 28, has previously served time in jail for burglary and sexual assault, officials said. He is listed as a registered sex offender.

Officials weighing charges against driver

HOUSTON (AP) — The Metropolitan Transit Authority employee who was driving a bus that fatally struck a pedestrian has refused to cooperate with an administrative investigation, officials said.

Romain Alexandre, 56, was behind the wheel during the Jan. 20 accident that killed Domitila Leon, 43. She was in a crosswalk when the bus turned onto Main Street and hit her, dragging the woman 20 feet and crushing her legs. She died the next day after surgery to

amputate her legs, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

Metro spokeswoman Raequel Roberts said in a statement that the results of a Metro police investigation had been forwarded to the Harris County district attorney's office.

She said the administrative investigation would determine whether the agency should take disciplinary action against Alexandre, who "has been ordered to appear for an interview under threat of discharge."

Explosive devices found, disabled

ARLINGTON (AP) — A Fort Worth bomb squad disabled two explosive devices at an Arlington hotel after employees discovered them while cleaning a first-floor room, officials said.

The bombs and ammunition were found Friday in a duffel bag as workers cleaned the room of a man who was hospitalized about two weeks ago and later died, Arlington fire Capt. Tommy Gray told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

No information was immediately available about the man.

The devices "had the potential to do a lot of damage," said S. Vasquez.

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Agents focus on stopping cash at border

By DAVID MCLEMORE

The Dallas Morning News
LAREDO — For Mexican smuggling organizations, the border is a two-way street. Drugs, people and other contraband move north. The money moves south.

In the last three years, customs agents have seized more than \$20 million in currency at the eight ports of entry from Brownsville to Del Rio — roughly one-fifth of the value of the bulk cash seizures the agency made nationally.

While U.S. drug agents have long concentrated their efforts on stopping drugs at the border, they're increasingly going after the money, hitting the drug cartels in the pocketbook and providing invaluable intelligence of the trafficking networks. And with stricter controls on bank accounts and wire transfers, trafficking organizations are running piles of cash into Mexico, in cars, trucks, boats and airplanes, and even strapped to the bodies of couriers, federal officials said.

"We're seeing bigger amounts of cash coming across, and we're seeing deeper concealment," said Hector Mancha, assistant port director for security at Laredo. "They don't just throw it in a bag in the trunk of their car anymore."

In just one hit in February, agents at Laredo found \$1.2 million in \$20s, \$50s and \$100s stashed in the rear quarter panel of a 2003 Honda Accord.

And Jan. 15, at the international bridge in Hidalgo 150 miles downriver, three women were charged with bulk currency smuggling when officers found \$55,940 in cash hidden in bundles underneath clothing and wrapped in white plastic bags in the back of their 1995 Mercury Villager. They were turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

"It's never a dull moment on the border," said Mark Pacheco, Customs and Border Protection's assistant port



A Mexico-bound vehicle is searched for illegal cash by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer and his dog at the Lincoln-Juarez Bridge near Laredo. For Mexican smuggling organizations, the border is a two-way street. Drugs, people and other contraband move north and the money moves south.

director for tactical operations at Laredo. "There are days it seems almost impossible. But then you find that hidden compartment filled with cash, you get pretty excited. You know that's going to hurt the bad guys."

Although it's not a crime to carry any amount of cash across the border, it is a federal offense not to declare any amount over \$10,000, or conceal it from agents as you enter or leave the country.

If the proceeds are determined to stem from illegal activity, charges of bulk currency smuggling can lead to a prison sentence.

Customs agents, Drug Enforcement Administration agents and the FBI are cracking down on currency smuggling as a way to attack the Mexican trafficking organizations, some of which have roots in Dallas and other Texas cities.

In a Jan. 11 national money laundering threat assessment, officials cited

an increase in the movement of bulk cash south across the border. It was the first multi-agency analysis of methods that drug traffickers use to disguise their profits.

DEA Administrator Karen Tandy, during a Senate hearing on narcotics control last March, called tracking the money the key to controlling the \$65 billion-a-year trade in illegal drugs.

"To make a significant impact on the drug trade in America and around the world, there is no strategy more effective than following the money back to the sources of drug supply and taking away the dirty proceeds of that trade," she said. "But our efforts to date clearly have not successfully done the job."

Total seizures — which include all assets and can be in the form of cash, houses, guns and vehicles — amounted to well short of \$1 billion, Tandy said.

"Drug traffickers pay more than that each year in fees to launder their ill-gotten gains," she said.

Officials said there is no established formula to determine what percentage of cash gets across the border successfully.

Homeland Security's investigation arm, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, has taken a lead role in the escalating hunt for trafficking organizations' money.

Since it was created in 2003, ICE arrests in financial investigations increased from 1,224 that year to 1,567 in fiscal year 2005. Nationally, ICE agents have seized more

than \$477 million in trafficking assets over the last three years, with \$100 million of that in bulk currency. The seized cash goes into a fund to buy equipment and to be given in grants to local law enforcement, officials said.

In South Texas, ICE investigators participate in multi-agency investigations that target the choke points for the movement of money southward: bus stations, trucking firms and what investigators call the money services

businesses — wire transfer offices and "casas de cambio" or currency exchange houses.

"We don't depend on one strategy," said Jerry Robinette, deputy special agent-in-charge of the San Antonio ICE office. "We don't look just at bulk currency but all the ways that money can move into the pipeline south."

The last stop for federal investigators is the border.

In Texas, customs officers have found currency "in car speakers, engine manifolds, boxes of detergent and any number of false compartments in vehicles," said Donna De La Torre, customs director of field operations at Laredo.

"The smugglers are limited only by their creativity on how they will smuggle cash across the border," said De La Torre. "Often, the way they brought the drugs in are used to carry the cash back."

She said officers at ports of entry go through an eight-day school on how to conduct outbound inspections and act as "human lie detectors."

Still, much of what they do, she said, "stems from years of experience in studying people as they cross the bridge."

Over the Christmas holidays, when cross-border traffic swells, customs inspectors searched a 51-year-old man as he attempted to walk into Mexico.

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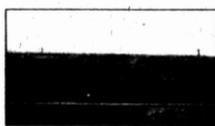
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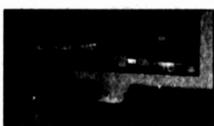
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President: 2008 race wide open

By DEB RIECHMANN

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Friday that Sen. Hillary Clinton, a potential candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, is "formidable," but he declined to speculate on which Republicans might run for the White House in 2008.

"This is an unusual year because this is the first time there hasn't been a kind of natural successor in the party," Bush said in an interview with "CBS Evening News." "Two wide-open primaries with no sitting vice president running in either primary, so this is — I can't remember a time when it's been this open."

In a wide-ranging interview at the White House, Bush also took a hard-line stance against the Hamas party, which swept Palestinian elections on Wednesday. He said he'd emphasize the development of alternative fuels in his State of the Union address on Tuesday and shared his views on presidential powers.

On foreign issues, Bush said the United States would cut aid to the Palestinian government unless Hamas abolishes the militant arm of its party and stops calling for the destruction of Israel.

"If they don't, we won't deal with them," Bush told CBS anchor Bob Schieffer. "The aid packages won't go forward. That's their decision to



Chuck Kennedy/KRT
President Bush answers questions at a recent news conference at the White House in Washington, D.C.

make, but we won't be providing help to a government that wants to destroy our ally and friend."

He declined to predict whether the United States would still have large numbers of troops in Iraq when his successor takes office in 2009 but discussed the mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Graib prison.

"I know it caused a lot of people that want to like us to question whether they should, and equally important it gave the enemy an incredible propaganda tool — no question," Bush said.

Bush defended his order permitting the National Security Agency to listen in on phone calls and read e-mails of Americans suspected of communicating with terrorists.

Critics claim the program violates civil liberties and say the government is circumventing the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

"I have looked at this program from all angles, and my dilemma and my problem is I can't explain to you how it works in order to justify your question without telling the enemy what we are doing," he said.

Asked if he thinks there is anything a president cannot do if he considers it necessary in an emergency, Bush said he thought there were "clear red lines" a president cannot cross.

"I don't think a president can ... order torture, for example," Bush said about his presidential powers under the Constitution.

Clinton supports filibuster to halt Alito appointment

By GLENN THRUSH

WASHINGTON — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton announced she'll join potential 2008 Democratic presidential candidate rival John Kerry in voting to filibuster against Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito, just as top Democratic leaders predicted the effort is likely doomed.

With three Democratic senators pledging support for Alito, the New Jersey conservative seems virtually assured of being confirmed by the full Senate Monday or Tuesday, party leaders predicted Friday. Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., told reporters in Washington that "everyone knows" Senate Democrats couldn't muster the 40 votes needed to support a last-ditch filibuster.

"History will show that Judge Alito's nomination is the tipping point against constitutionally based freedoms and protections we cherish as individuals and as a nation," Clinton wrote in a

statement during a fund-raising stop in Seattle.

Several senators had urged their colleagues to filibuster this week, but Clinton wasn't among them, Capitol Hill aides said.

Her move seems to put her at odds with New York's senior senator, Charles Schumer, who spent last week privately arguing that a filibuster would damage Democrats' chances of taking back the Senate this year.

Analysts said Clinton had little choice but to back the filibuster, given Kerry's announcement that he was reviving the stop-Alito movement.

For all the talk of Clinton's shift to the center on abortion, she can ill-afford to let a possible adversary outflank her on the left among liberals who favor abortion rights, according to Jennifer Duffy, who monitors the Senate for the non-partisan Cook Political Report.

"It's an empty gesture," Duffy said of Clinton's announcement. "What Democratic primary voter is going to vote for her if she didn't do everything to oppose Alito?... She had to join John Kerry."



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Mother charged in death of son

ALMA, Ga. (AP) — The body of a 3-year-old boy was found Friday after his adoptive mother reported him kidnapped and then finally confessed to slaying him, police said.

After a two-day search, police found Ahmad King's body on a tree farm off a dirt road in Appling County, about 15 miles from the boy's home in rural south Georgia.

"The body was approximately 20 yards off the road in a row of pines and concealed with straw," said Jeff Evans, special agent in charge of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation office in Douglas.

Evans said an autopsy was scheduled to determine the cause of death.

Mary Jane King reported her son was kidnapped Tuesday at a Wal-Mart in Jesup 30 miles from

King's home near Alma. She said Ahmad had been taken from her car in the parking lot after she left him there briefly to get a shopping cart.

"Just bring him back or leave him with somebody," King had pleaded tearfully during an interview.

Investigators said Thursday that King, 34, admitted she concocted the story to cover up that she had slain the boy.



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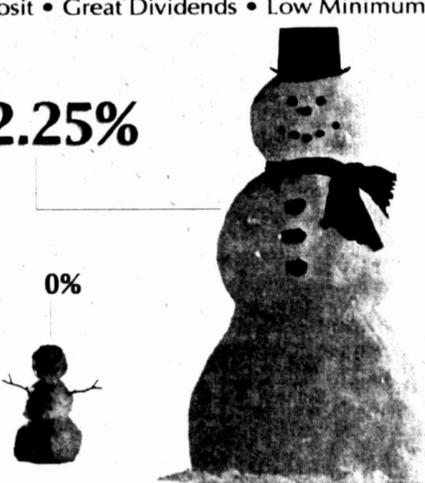
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Palestinian women supporters of the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas celebrate the Hamas election victory in Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip, Friday. Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia announced he will step down, with Hamas looking set for a majority in parliamentary elections over his Fatah Party.

Christian activists kidnapped in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The kidnapers of four Christian peace activists threatened to kill them unless all Iraqi prisoners are released from Iraqi and U.S. prisons, according to a new tape broadcast Saturday.

Al-Jazeera TV aired a tape dated Jan. 21 showing the four workers — two Canadians, an American and a Briton — from the Chicago-based Christian Peacemaker Teams, who disappeared Nov. 26. The previously unknown Swords of Righteous Bridges claimed responsibility for kidnapping them.

The news reader said the group issued a statement with the tape saying it was the "last chance" for U.S. and Iraqi authorities to "release all Iraqi prisoners in return of freeing the hostages, otherwise their fate will be death."

No deadline was set. Canadian hostages James Loney, 41, and Harmeet Singh Sooden, 32; Tom Fox, 54, of Clear Brook, Va., and Norman Kember, 74, of London, had been warned repeatedly by Iraqi and Western security officials before being abducted that they were taking a grave risk by moving around Baghdad without bodyguards.

The footage showing the men was gray and apparently shot using the camera's night-vision function. It showed each of the four men standing near a wall, before cutting away to another shot in which they were seated and talking but their voices were not heard.

Israel vows no contacts with Hamas

By IBRAHIM BARZAK
The Associated Press
GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Thousands of Fatah supporters burned cars and shot in the air across the Gaza Strip Friday, demanding the resignation of corrupt party officials and insisting there be no coalition between their defeated party and the victorious Hamas.

The protest against the party that dominated Palestinian politics for the past 40 years came after President Mahmoud Abbas, who was elected last year to a four-year term, said he would ask the Islamic militant group to form the next government. Abbas later fired six Fatah officials.

Israel's government, caught off guard by the Hamas parliamentary

landslide after its vaunted intelligence services predicted a slim victory for Abbas' Fatah Party, said it would have no contacts with a Palestinian government that includes Hamas.

Acting Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni appealed to the international community not to legitimize a Hamas government, saying elections "are not a whitewash for terror."

President Bush said Friday in an interview with "CBS Evening News" that the United States would cut aid to the Palestinian government unless Hamas abolishes the militant arm of its party and stops calling for the destruction of Israel.

Despite international pressure, Hamas leaders said Friday they had no intention of recognizing

Israel.

"It's not in our mind now to recognize it as we believe that it's a state that has usurped our land and expelled our people. These issues should be handled before we talk about recognition," deputy Hamas leader Moussa Abu Marzouk said from Damascus, Syria.

Hamas held a celebratory rally in the central Gaza town of Khan Younis, as supporters waved green party flags and caps and chanted slogans.

An argument there between roughly 20 Hamas and Fatah loyalists degenerated into gunfire and rock-throwing that left three people injured, one with gunshot wounds. A second gunbattle wounded a police officer and a Hamas supporter, police said.



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Mustangs too much for Big Spring late

• Rodriguez scores 28 points in Andrews' road win over Steers

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Steer Gym was rocking Friday night when the Andrews Mustangs came to town. Unfortunately for the home team, the Mustangs left Big Spring with a victory, taking down Big Spring, 69-52, in a very physical game played at the Steer Gym.

Big Spring trailed the entire first half, but came storming back in the second half only to fall short in the end. The Steers missed several baskets inside, which hurt their chances for a comeback against the school's biggest rival.

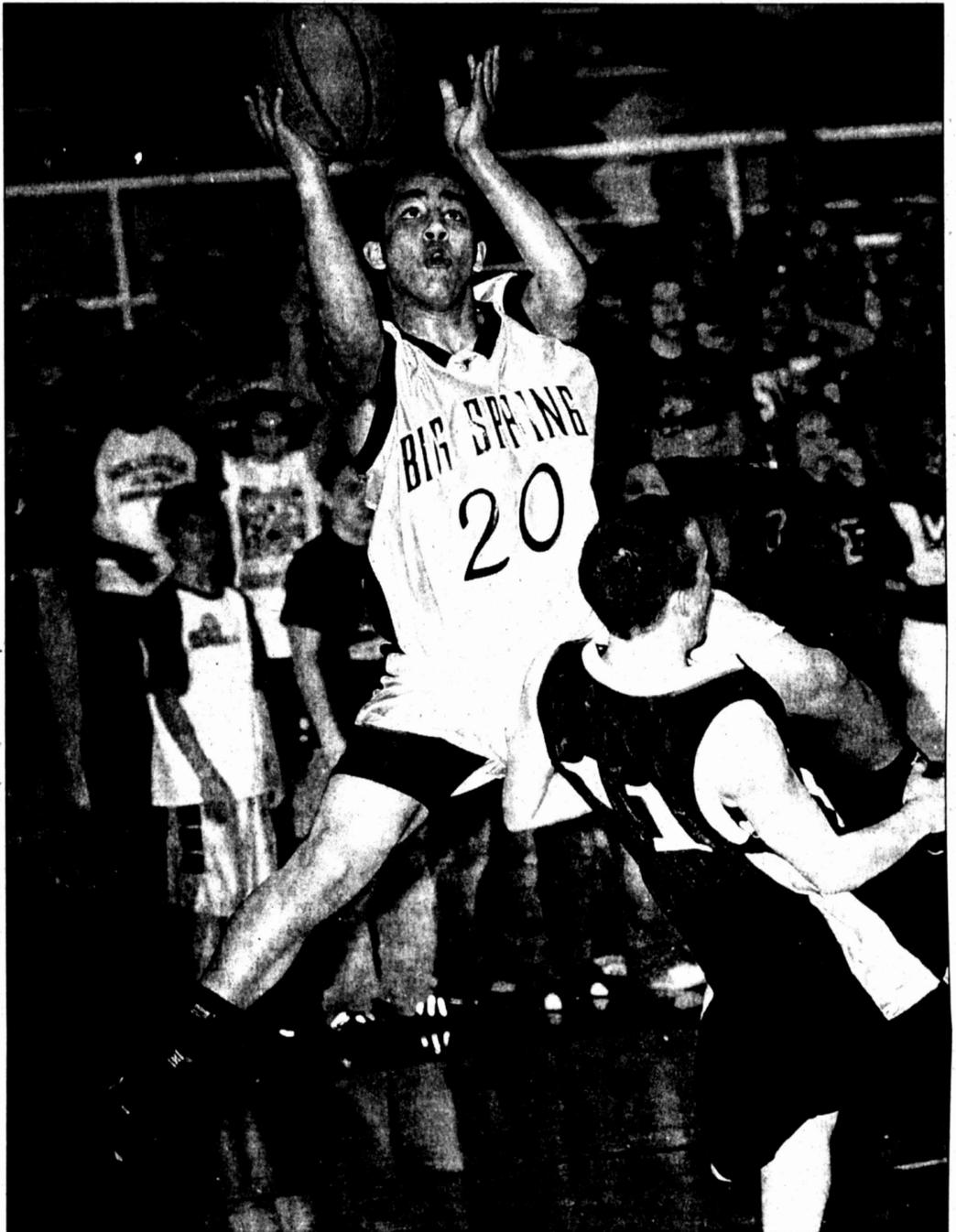
"We missed a lot of everything tonight," said Big Spring head coach Robert Ridgley. "We had good looks, but the shots just didn't go. Credit Andrews for playing good defense, though."

The Mustangs led 36-23 at halftime, but Big Spring cut its deficit to nine at the end of three quarters. After Andrews hit a 3-pointer to go up 16, Big Spring scored six straight points — a layup and two free throws from senior Tyler Dunn and a putback from junior Scott Fankhauser — to cut the Mustangs lead to 10 with 6:09 to play in the third period.

Andrews went back up 11 points just before Fankhauser picked up his fourth foul of the game. He left the contest with 3:16 to go in the quarter.

"Scott getting that fourth foul killed us," said Ridgley.

With Fankhauser on the bench, Andrews pushed its advantage to



Big Spring senior Matt Hilario draws contact on a layup during action at the Steer Gym Friday night. The Steers fell to arch rival Andrews. Hilario finished with eight points.

IN BRIEF

Garrand match set for Sportsman Club

The Western Sportsman Club will be hosting a Garrand match Sunday, Feb. 5, at 4 p.m. at the club range, nine miles out on the Andrews highway (Highway 176).

For more information, contact 263-1345.

Howard announces wear red promotion

The Howard College athletic department will again be implementing a "wear red" get in free during the Hawk men and women's next home game against rival South Plains. Anyone wearing red to the game will get in free of charge.

The game will take place Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The women's game will begin at 5:50 p.m. and the top-ranked Hawk men's team will tip off around 7:50 p.m.

Also getting into the game free will be any student who currently attends Bauer Magnet School. Several elementary schools will have the chance to get in free this year as part of another Howard promotion.

Davis shines for Minny in debut

HOUSTON (AP) — Ricky Davis scored 26 points in his first game with the Timberwolves as Minnesota defeated the Rockets, 96-92, despite 19 points from Tracy McGrady.

Minnesota acquired Davis in a seven-player deal Thursday and he wasted no time making an impact with his new team. He hit 10 of 18 shots, the last one a jumper from the wing with 1:08 left that put Minnesota up 92-88.

Kevin Garnett scored 26 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for Minnesota.

Rangers sign two to one-year contracts

ARLINGTON (AP) — Right-hander Vicente Padilla and outfielder Gary Matthews agreed Friday to one-year deals with the Texas Rangers, and free-agent pitcher Antonio Alfonseca agreed to a minor league contract.

Padilla will get \$4.41 million and Matthews settled at \$2,387,500. Their agreements leave outfielder Kevin Mench as the last Rangers player in arbitration.

Matthews batted .255 with 17 homers and 55 RBIs last season. Padilla was 9-12 with a 4.71 ERA with the Phillies.

Mench, eligible for arbitration for the first time, asked for a raise from \$345,000 to \$3.05 million. Texas offered \$2.15 million.

Alfonseca, a right-hander, was 1-1 with a 4.94 ERA in 33 appearances for Florida last season.

Buffaloes march into postseason after win

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald
WINK — The Forsan Buffaloes took down the Wink Wildcats Friday night, 60-53,

exacting revenge for their only district loss of the season.

The Buffs beat the Wildcats on their own floor and moved into a first-place tie with Wink, setting up a potential district championship showdown Feb. 7 in Forsan. The team which doesn't win the

title can still finish no worse than second as both teams will be in the postseason this year.

Forsan played from behind most of the contest, trailing by as many as nine at one point in the third quarter.

But each time Wink tried to pull away, the Buffs found someone who provided a spark and kept them within striking distance.

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Bearkats, Lady Kats complete sweep of district rival Grady

• Garden City girls clinch playoff berth, both teams 7-0 in 7-A

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — The Garden City basketball teams completed the season sweep against rival Grady Friday night at home.

The Lady Kats held Grady to four first-half points and clinched a playoff berth with an easy

42-23 victory, while the Bearkats withstood a game-high 30 points from Grady sophomore Justin Tubb and remained undefeated in District 7-A play with a 58-50 win.

Garden City girls 42
Grady girls 23

The Lady Kats' only close game in the district during the first run through was against

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BSHS girls lose tough one to rival

• Lady Steers' comeback falls short at home

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Lady Steers nearly pulled off the upset against rival Andrews at the Steer Gym Friday night. But, Diandra Marquez and the Lady Mustangs were too much for Big Spring to handle in the end as Andrews took down the Lady Steers, 54-50.

Big Spring looked dead in the water in the first quarter as it got down to its arch rival 14-4. The Lady Steers managed to stay within 10 points at the break and the game got interesting in the third quarter.

Junior Mallory Dunn started the third quarter with a 3-pointer, but Andrews pushed the lead back to double-digits with four straight points. After another long range shot from Dunn, the Lady Steers went on a run.

Senior Ja'Leza Terrell sparked Big Spring off the bench with eight straight points and the Andrews lead was down to just three with 2:15 to go in the third quarter.

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Big Spring junior Katy Abner puts up a jumper against Andrews Friday at the Steer Gym. The Lady Steers came back from a 10-point halftime deficit, but lost to Andrews, 54-50.

STEERS

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17 points, but Big Spring continued to fight. The Steers got back to within nine with eight straight points. Senior Matt Hilario started the run with a 3-pointer, junior Raymond Porter hit a jumper and junior Ryan Tannehill ended the spurt with another 3-pointer.

The two teams traded 3-pointers to end the period and Big Spring entered the final period down 49-40. Porter connected on the 3-pointer just before the buzzer for the Steers.

"I thought he gave us some strong minutes tonight off the bench," said Ridgley.

Senior Kalan Whitehead began the fourth quarter with back-to-back jumpers to pull Big Spring within five, but a 9-0 Andrews run sent the lead back to 14 quickly and the Mustangs never looked back.

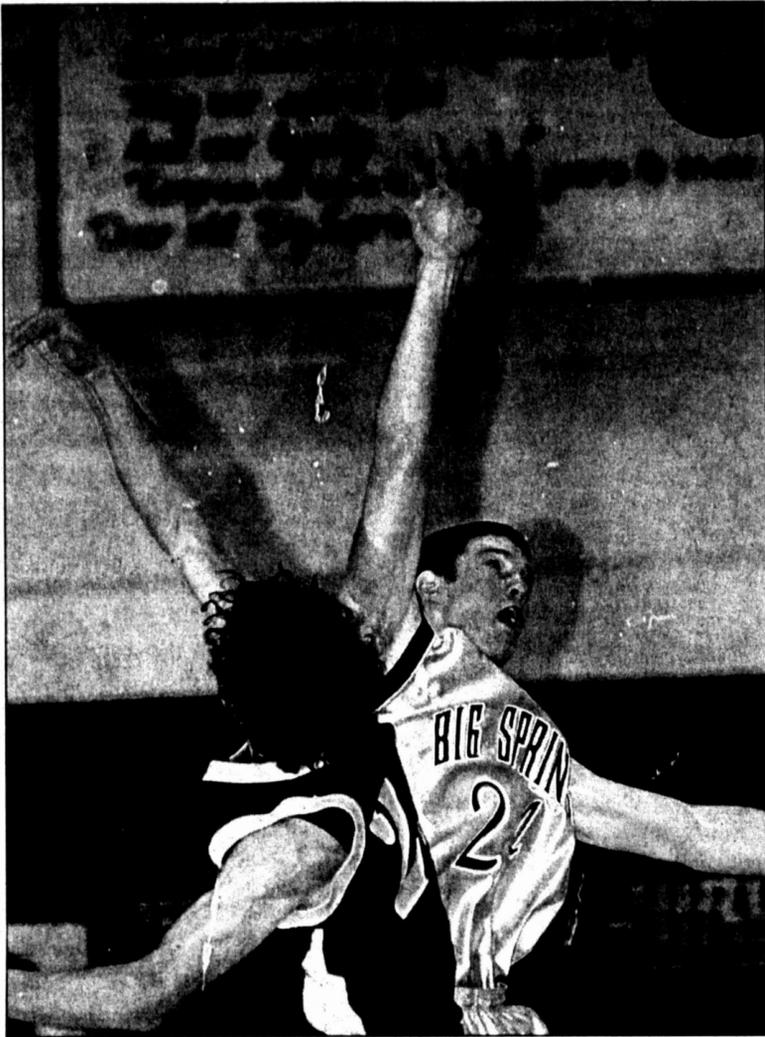
The Steers were outscored 20-12 in the final period and lost by 17 points.

Andrews used an 8-0 run in the first quarter to lead 18-8 after one frame and then extended the lead to 13 at halftime.

Whitehead led the Steers with 11 points, while Hilario, Tannehill and Porter each scored eight.

Dunn added seven and Fankhauser was held to just six points before fouling out.

Dave Rodriguez hit a game-high 28 points to lead Andrews. Jose Ramirez and Ryan Roberts added 13 and 11 points, respectively.



Big Spring junior Ryan Tannehill, right, battles for a loose ball against Andrews Friday night at the Steer Gym. The Steers fell to the Mustangs, 69-52.

The Mustangs might have played their final district game at the Steer Gym at least for the next two years.

The new districts will be announced Thursday and Andrews is expected to drop down to Class 3A.

The Steers continue District 4-4A play Tuesday against Lubbock Estacado.

The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be played in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Steers had trouble break-

ing the Matadors' press in the first meeting, which was easily won by Lubbock Estacado.

"We have to handle Estacado's press if we want to have any chance to win the game," said Ridgley.

RIVALRY

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Grady, but things were different the second time around as junior Lauren Plagens led Garden City back to the postseason with 12 points, 12 rebounds, six steals and three assists.

The Lady Kats led 22-4 at halftime and forced Grady into 30 turnovers in the game.

Garden City, which improved to 22-6 overall and 7-0 in District 7-A, had 19 steals and turned it over 17 times. Ten of the 11 players on the Lady Kats' roster also scored.

Grady started the second half on a 7-1 run but Garden City scored the final nine points of the frame and led by 21 points after three.

Juniors K'Lann Niehues and Erin Hirt scored nine and eight points, respectively.

Grady, which had more turnovers than shot attempts in the first half, fell to 14-11 overall and 4-3 in District 7-A. Sandi Cox led the way with eight points, while Kenzie Madison scored five before fouling out.

The Lady Kats need just one more district win to clinch the 7-A title. That can be accomplished Tuesday when Garden City travels to Ackerly to take on Sands.

Grady will host Klondike Tuesday as both games begin at 6:30 p.m.

Garden City boys 58

Grady boys 50

A fast start to each half was enough for Garden City's boys basketball team Friday against rival

Grady.

The Bearkats led by four at halftime, but used an 18-4 run at the start of the third quarter to pull away from the Wildcats at home and then held on to put themselves in great position for a run at the district title.

The victory for Garden City keeps it undefeated in district play with three

games to go. The Bearkats, who are 17-4 overall, have a chance to get to 20 wins, as

Niehues well. Junior Taylor Niehues scored 20 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and had six steals to lead the way for Garden City.

It was the third straight game in which Niehues scored at least 20 points.

Also turning in a nice performance for the Bearkats was junior Evan Jansa, who finished with a team-high 21 points. Jansa hit three 3-pointers and six clutch free throws.

The Bearkats won the rebounding battle, 34-24, and made 20 of 28 shots from the foul line.

Tubb's 30 points and nine rebounds was the only thing which went right for Grady, which fell to 12-12 overall.

The Wildcats dropped to 3-4 in District 7-A play and must now need lots of help to get into the postseason.

Garden City can take one more step toward the school's first-ever district crown with a win on the road against Sands Tuesday. Grady hosts Klondike at 8 p.m.

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Terrell hit two layups and drew contact on both makes, but missed both free throws before her 3-pointer made it 34-31.

Senior Raegan Ritchey's putback nearly one minute later made it a one-point game with 1:25 to go in the third quarter. Andrews hit two free throws and then senior Chalesa Johnson kept the lead at one with a basket and the harm, but missed the free throw. Andrews hit a 3-pointer to go back up four, but sophomore Desiree Yanez splashed home a shot from long range just as the buzzer sounded and the Lady Steers went into the fourth quarter down only 40-39.

The game would be tied shortly into the fourth quarter as senior Carmen Davis connected from long range after an Andrews bucket began the period. The Lady Steers grabbed their first lead of the game with 6:20 to go in the game after junior Katy Abner hit a shot from downtown.

The Lady Mustangs got into the double bonus early in the fourth quarter and Marquez connected on two free throws to put Andrews back up one with 5:21 to play. Abner tied the score on the next trip with a free throw of her own.

Ritchey would give the lead back to Big Spring with a nifty putback, but it was short-lived as Andrews scored the game's next six points to go up 52-48. Three of those points came from the foul line and the other three came on a 3-pointer. Ritchey brought the Lady Steers to within two with



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring senior Raegan Ritchey scores two of her team-high 14 points against Andrews Friday at the Steer Gym. The Lady Steers lost the game, 54-50.

1:17 to play, but Marquez put the game away from the foul line with two free throws with 56 seconds left.

The Lady Steers dropped to 0-7 in District 4-4A with the loss and might have played Andrews for the final time — at least in the next two years — at the Steer Gym as the new district pairings come out Thursday. Andrews is expected to drop down to Class 3A.

Ritchey led Big Spring

(3-28) with 14 points, while Dunin hit four 3-pointers and finished with 12.

Marquez paced Andrews with a game-high 16 points and Erica Rawls added 15.

The difference in the game came at the foul line where Andrews made 20 more free throws than Big Spring.

Big Spring will take on Lubbock Estacado at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Tuesday beginning at 6 p.m.

Coahoma lifters compete well against Class 4A, 5A schools

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma boys and girls powerlifting teams competed at the inaugural Odessa Permian Power Classic this past Saturday.

The Bulldogs and Bulldogettes were very competitive against 4A and 5A lifters.

Gus Yanez placed 3rd in the 123-pound class with a 690-pound total. Justin Ditto, Ryan Walker, and Jessie Medina placed third, fourth and fifth in the 132-pound class with

totals of 695, 695 and 540, respectively.

Blaine Henderson lifted 805 in the 148s and Antonio Gonzales lifted 800 in the same class. Jake McCain had a three-lift total of 1,055 in the 198-pound class, which put him in second place. Jeremy Winn placed fourth in the 220-pound class with a 790-pound total and Chase Clanton competed in the 242-pound class where he totaled 675. The boys earned enough points to

place fourth overall.

The girls were successful as well, bringing home the third place trophy. Chelsea Gonzales placed third in the 114-pound class with a total of 460. Melanie Gutierrez was right behind her in fourth in the same class with a total of 385. Esmeralda Urias was 4th in the 165s with a total of 350.

All of these lifters and some more will be in action Saturday at the Fifth Annual Coahoma Powerlifting meet.

Steer freshman win with defense

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Big Spring freshman team took down San Angelo Lake View's freshman team this past

Tuesday and handed rival Andrews a 35-point loss Friday night at home.

The Steers beat the Chiefs, who were previously unbeaten, Tuesday, 41-38, in a game that went

back-and-forth, according to freshman coach Nick Roberson.

"This team just battles," said Roberson. "We're

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In the first period, Jeremy Johnson scored six of the Buffs' nine points, helping them recover from a Wink run of 10-4 to start the game.

Forsan leaned on Seth Johnson and Josh Paredez in the second, relying on 3-point shots from each as the Wildcats led 25-22 at halftime.

Things got a little shaky for the Buffs in the third as Wink got hot from the field and enjoyed a 9-0 run, giving them its biggest advantage of the game at 38-29.

Clay Fernandez, who led all scorers with 20, and Cody Thomas led the third-quarter charge and took Wink into the final frame leading 41-34.

Adam Bailey scored inside to start the period and sparked a 12-3 run for the Buffs.

He, along with Johnson and Steven Chavez, scored all 12 points in the run, including two huge 3-point shots from Johnson, the second giving the Buffs their first lead with 5:25 to go.

After Johnson sank two free shots, the Wildcats pulled to within one on a 3-pointer by Fernandez and briefly took the lead when Thomas scored, putting the Wildcats up by one.

That's when the Buffs went to their go-to man — Tye Baker — who had been quiet early, and Baker showed up in a big way.

Baker scored the Buffs'



Courtesy photo/Bob Flashback
Forsan senior Tye Baker, center, scores two points in the lane Friday during the Buffaloes' win over Wink. Forsan and Wink are now tied at 5-1 in District 8-A with three games to go. The two teams will meet again in the season finale Feb. 7.

final 12 points, including 10 in the last two minutes. In that stretch, Baker was three-for-three from the field and six of nine from the line.

With 1:30 left, Baker gave the Buffs a two-point cushion and then on an inbounds play, executed to perfection, gave them a 57-53 lead as he raced from halfcourt, reaching the rim ahead of the Wildcats and getting the bucket and a foul.

From then on, Wink could only foul and hope to make quick baskets, but the Buffalo defense stiffened and never gave in to the Wildcats as Forsan secured the victory, 60-53.

Baker finished the night with 19 points and seven boards. Bailey scored 10 and finished one rebound shy of a double-double.

Johnson added 13 on the night and Jeremy Johnson added nine points.

Wink was led by Fernandez with 20 and Thomas, who had 14 points.

Both teams have two more district games before meeting again Feb. 7 in Forsan.

**Forsan girls 38
Wink girls 49**

The Forsan Lady Buffs were in Wink Friday night as they played the Lady Cats, losing 49-38.

The ladies played Wink tough in the first half, enjoying a 23-18 halftime lead.

In the third, Wink was able to take a small lead, going up 34-30, but was not able to completely put the Lady Buffs away.

A quick 5-0 run to open the fourth gave Forsan a one-point lead at 35-34,

but Wink knocked down back-to-back 3-pointers, giving them a lead they would not surrender.

Refusing to give up, the Lady Buffs began to foul in an effort to stop the clock and give them time to score after sending Wink to the line.

But the Lady Cats went six of six from the line to end the game and secured a win that was much closer than the score.

Leading the ladies was Tessa Montgomery, who finished the night with 13 points. Adding six each were Kayla Spence and Kimmy Berry.

The Lady Cats were paced by Ashley Sellers and Gaby Garcia, who each scored 13 points.

Next up for Forsan is McCamey at home Tuesday. The game begins at 6:30 p.m. It plays Iraan Friday.

Coahoma boys get first district victory

• Bulldogettes suffer first district loss, struggle to score

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
STAMFORD — The Coahoma basketball teams split during action against District 4-2A rival Stamford Friday, but this time, the Bulldogs won and the Bulldogettes lost.



Kamrun Green led Coahoma, which scored a season-high 60 points, with 14 points. Terrell Bibb added nine, while Curt Lang, Colter Morgan and Blaine Kerby all scored eight.

The Bulldogettes were tied 5-5 after the first quarter, but got outscored 10-6 in the second quarter. They grabbed a two-point lead heading into the fourth frame with a 10-4 advantage in the third, but couldn't hold the lead and dropped to 6-1 in District 4-2A.

Senior Sterling Gee led Coahoma (16-11) with seven points, while freshman Laci Sterling was held to just six.

Both Coahoma teams will host Stanton Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., respectively.

The Coahoma girls won the first meeting against the Lady Buffaloes, while the Bulldogs lost to Stanton in Stanton.

The Coahoma boys won its first district game of the year with a 60-53 win, while Bulldogettes suffered their first district loss and ended a six-game district winning streak, falling 31-29.

The boys trailed by nine after one quarter, but slowly worked back into the game.

The Bulldogs trimmed the deficit to seven at halftime and then to six after three quarters before outscoring Stamford 16-5 in the final frame.

Stanton gets two wins over District 4-2A rival

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
STANTON — Both Stanton basketball teams knotted marks in the win column Friday against rival Hawley. The Lady Buffaloes used a 13-point third-quarter advantage and ran away with a 64-41 victory, while the Stanton boys defeated Hawley 69-59 behind a career-high 34 points from sophomore Mike Carmona.

The Lady Buffaloes improved to 14-11 overall and 4-3 in District 4-2A with the easy win as Traci Carr led the way

with 15 points. Bonnie Kendall added 11, while Eva Dyck scored eight points. Stanton outscored Hawley 20-7 in the third quarter after leading 33-15 at the break. Hawley scored 19 points in the fourth quarter, but its deficit was too large to overcome.

Carmona's 34 points helped Stanton improve to 3-2 in District 4-2A play. The Buffaloes jumped out to a nine-point lead after the first quarter and went into the locker room up 13. added Sophomore Garrett Fulton added 18 points.

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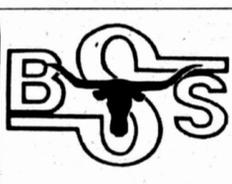
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really starting to learn how to win with our defense, which is what I am trying to make the emphasis this year."

Cade Hollandsworth led the team with 14 points, while Tyrone Clemons added 13. Sydney Parker scored eight points, as well.

The freshman team is 12-3 this year with the only losses coming to Seminole, district rival Lubbock Estacado and Lamesa in overtime.

The first meeting between Lamesa was immediately following the football season, but the Steers avenged that loss by beating the Tors by 32 later in the year.



The Steers also have wins against Merkel (43-41) Lubbock Cooper and Sweetwater and have defeated Greenwood, Midland Christian and Snyder twice.

"This group is talented and they just refuse to lose a lot of the time," said Roberson. "If these guys stick together throughout high school, it will be a special team."

Roberson said Hollandsworth, Parker and Clemons have led the team throughout the season, but several other players have done well in their roles.

"Cade and Sydney are playing well right now," said Roberson. "Sydney has loads of talent. Tyrone is the point guard and the leader of this team. Sammy Segundo

Area scores from Friday night

Boys	Girls
Andrews 69, Big Spring 52	Andrews 54, Big Spring 50
Forsan 60, Wink 53	Wink 49, Forsan 38
Garden City 58, Grady 50	Garden City 42, Grady 23
Stanton 69, Hawley 59	Stanton 64, Hawley 41
Coahoma 60, Stamford 53	Stamford 31, Coahoma 29

makes things happen and Keagan Hunt plays good defense for us every night."

The team also includes Kadrian Groage, Nathan Doporto, Ernest Simmons, Chayson Holt, Jonathan Stiles, Chris Brooks, Matt Guinn, Giorgio Taylor, Josh Harris, Lanny Hall, Hutton Evans and Cade Parker.

"We are getting great play from our bench players this year this year, too," said Roberson.

The team hasn't been hit too hard by the injury bug, but Holt will not play again this year after suffering a broken ankle.

The squad will play Estacado Tuesday.

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Andrews 44
Big Spring 58
Lake View 44

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Chinese New Year is a time of great celebration in China and around the globe. Millions will mark the special day with a delicious feast as the Year of the Dog is ushered in on January 29, 2006. It's easy to take part in the festivities at home with friends and family by cooking a special meal. If any children in the group don't know how to use chopsticks, Chinese New Year is a fun time to teach them!

Incorporate noodles into any New Year menu — they symbolize long life in Chinese culture. Noodles are an ancient Chinese invention; history suggests that they come from creative street vendors in Northern China.

An endless variety of noodles abounds, offering infinite culinary possibilities. These include thin noodles and fat noodles, egg noodles and rice noodles, crispy noodles and glass noodles, wheat noodles and flat noodles, and the list goes on. The longer the noodle, the stronger its symbolism, so on Chinese New Year don't serve noodles that have been cut. Chef Andy Kao from Panda Express provides two recipes here for dishes featuring noodles to bring good fortune into the new year.



Celebrate with SYMBOLIC FOODS

Many foods carry special symbolism in the Chinese culture. Whether it's Chinese New Year or any other special occasion, serving these dishes can bring good fortune to everyone at your table:

- Noodles reflect long life; the longer the noodle, the stronger its symbolism.
- Chicken symbolizes happiness and is said to lead to a long, happy marriage.
- Peanuts and green beans both stand for longevity.
- The word "shrimp" sounds like the word for "laughter" in Chinese, so eating shrimp is associated with joy and happiness.
- Oranges and tangerines symbolize wealth and prosperity.
- Dumplings and pot stickers convey good wishes toward one's family.

Beef With Chilled Noodles

In addition to featuring noodles for long life, this dish also makes use of the color red through the red chili powder and Japanese shredded red ginger — red symbolizes life, good fortune and happiness.

Courtesy of Panda Express
Serves 2

- 1 pound sliced beef**
- Marinade**
- Pinch salt
 - 1/2 egg
 - 1/4 cup water
 - 2 tablespoons cornstarch
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1 tablespoon cooking oil

- Group A (Flavored Broth)**
- 10 cups chicken broth
 - 1 tablespoon salt
 - 2 tablespoons salad oil
 - 1 cinnamon stick
 - 2 star anise
 - 1 teaspoon peppercorns

- Group B (Cold Noodle Sauce)**
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
 - 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
 - 3/4 cup rice vinegar
 - Juice from 1 lime
 - 1 tablespoon soy sauce
 - 1 tablespoon sesame oil
 - 1/3 cup water

- Noodles**
- 5 ounces Chinese white noodles
 - 1 tablespoon cooking oil

- Group C (Condiments)**
- 1 ounce shredded cucumber
 - 1 ounce shredded pickled yellow daikon (available in Asian markets)
 - 1 tablespoon Japanese shredded red ginger (available in Asian markets)

- Garnish**
- Red chili powder (cayenne)

1. Combine beef with marinade ingredients, and refrigerate at least 2 hours.
2. Remove beef from marinade. Combine Group A ingredients and cook in stockpot with beef approximately 1 1/2 hours, until beef is tender.
3. Mix Group B ingredients in bowl until completely dissolved into a sauce. Store in refrigerator.
4. Cook white noodles in boiling water approximately 1 minute. Remove and place in ice water until cold. Drain well. Coat noodles with 1 tablespoon cooking oil.
5. Set beef on plate. Top with cold noodles.
6. Pour 1/4 cup sauce (Group B) over noodles, and place Group C ingredients around plate.
7. Garnish with dash of red chili powder and serve.

Shrimp With Pan-Fried Noodles

This dish is full of ingredients that carry symbolism: noodles for long life, shrimp for joy and happiness, and bamboo shoots for wishing your family well.

Courtesy of Panda Express
Serves 3 to 4

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 pound flour noodles, cooked
- 1/4 pound shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 tablespoons sliced bamboo shoots
- 2 tablespoons sliced fresh mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons shredded Napa cabbage
- 2 tablespoons sliced water chestnut
- 1 ounce baby corn
- 1 ounce broccoli florets
- 1 ounce snow peas
- 1 tablespoon chopped green onion
- 1 teaspoon minced ginger root
- 2 tablespoons chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon Shao Hsing Cooking Wine
- Dash sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch mixed with 2 tablespoons water

1. Heat oil in wok until hot. Add dry, cooked flour noodles to wok. Pan-fry noodles until browned and then lightly flatten against wok bottom. Fry until crispy and golden brown. Lift and drain extra oil, reserving 4 tablespoons. Remove noodles to serving platter.
2. Heat 2 tablespoons reserved oil in wok until hot. Add shrimp and cook 1 minute. Add bamboo shoots, mushrooms, Napa cabbage, water chestnuts, baby corn, broccoli florets and snow peas. Stir-fry until done. Remove and drain; set aside.
3. Heat remaining 2 tablespoons reserved oil in wok until hot. Add ginger and green onion. Stir-fry until fragrant. Add chicken broth, salt, wine and sesame oil. Bring to boil and add shrimp and vegetables. Slowly stir in cornstarch mixture to thicken sauce. Mix evenly. Remove and pour over pan-fried noodles.



Births



Gatlin Lane Martin

Gatlin Lane Martin, a boy, was born Nov. 22, 2005, at 8:14 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 inches long.

His parents are Gary and Summer Martin of Big Spring. His grandparents are Gary and Connie Mays, William "Bubba" and Shirley Martin and H.L. Eason, all of Big Spring.

His great-grandparents are Donnie and Bonnie Tubb of Big Spring. Gatlin was welcomed home by siblings Sydni Sparks and Brookie Martin.

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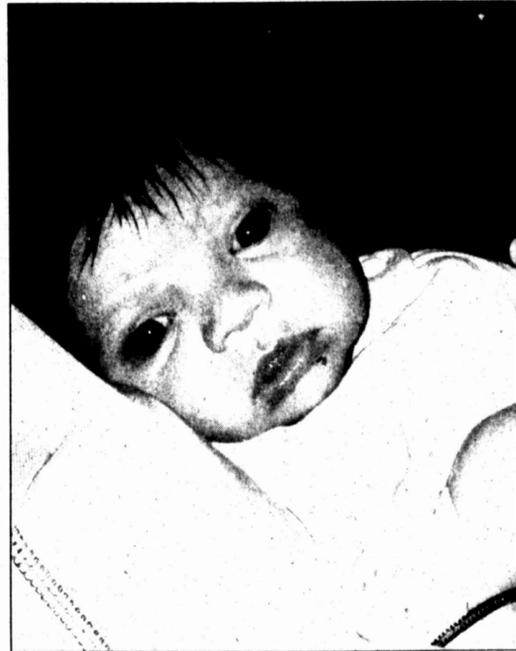
Marcos Daniel Paredez, a boy, was born Dec. 30, 2005, at 8:17 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

His parents are Christina Martinez and Jack Daniel Paredez of Big Spring. His grandparents are Lorenza Martinez and Ismael Sr. and Emelia Paradez, all of Big Spring.

Marcos was welcomed home by siblings Sarah Lynn and Carlos Nathaniel.

Isaac Randall Ramon, a boy, was born Dec. 17, 2005, at 3:59 a.m. weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

His parents are BJ and Shanna Ramon of Amarillo. His grandparents are Randy and Jann Dickens and Elmer and Loubel Dickens, all of Big Spring and Ben and Diana Ramon of Balinger.



Isaac Randall Ramon

Engagement

McLellan, Proctor engaged

Leslie Kay McLellan of Big Spring and James Matthew Proctor of Abilene announce their intention to unite in marriage at 6:30 p.m. April 22, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Larry and Susan McLellan of Big Spring.

She is the granddaughter of the late Lamar and Joyce Green and the late Dunc and Virginia McLellan.

The future groom is the son of James and Janie Proctor of Abilene. He is the grandson of Bernice and the late James Proctor of Abilene and Doris and the late Herb Johnson of Abilene.

Leslie is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor of science degree in nutri-



Leslie Kay McLellan and James Matthew Proctor

tion and dietetics. She is a registered dietitian for Labatt Food Service in Austin. James received his bachelor of applied arts and science degree in technology from Texas State University. He works as a production manager for P.S. Landscapes of Austin.

Reed, Rice to wed

Deedre Lynn Reed and Clayton Charles Rice will exchange wedding vows Feb. 25, 2006, at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity in Midland with the Rev. Mark Canaday officiating.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Debby Reed of Abilene and the late James Melvin Reed. She is the granddaughter of Bernice Coats and the late Q.T. Coats and the late A.E. and Irene Reed, all of Big Spring.

She attended Big Spring High School and Tulsa Community College. She is currently employed by Alldredge Gardens.

The groom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Allen Rice of Midland.

He is the grandson of Mr. Ronald Clay Roetschke and the late Elizabeth Roetschke and Lillian Ann Harper and the late Jeff Harper, all of



Deedre Lynn Reed and Clayton Charles Rice

Midland, and Natilee Brite and the late Earl Brite of Junction. Clay attended Robert E. Lee High School and University of Texas at the Permian Basin. He is currently employed by Coastal Pipe Company.

New book details life of Doc Holliday

From history books to art to movies, the legend of Doc Holliday continues.

He became a Western folk hero for his part in the gunfight at the O.K. Corral, but he burning question remains: Do people today really know him at all? Tom Barnes has written a novel "Doc Holliday's Road to Tombstone: The Life and Times of John Henry Holliday."

Based on facts, the book tells of the budding romance between John Henry and cousin, Mattie Holliday, which was cut short by tuberculosis and family strife. A young dentist at the time, John left Mattie in pursuit of life in the Western frontier hoping to prolong his life. But with her strong love for him, Mattie writes letters, waits and prays that John Henry will return to her someday.

Now known as Doc Holliday, the adventurer sharpens his gambling skills and caustic wit in Dallas. Along the way, he meets Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson and Kate Elder. His loyalty and courage are tested when he joins the Earps in the legendary shoot out at the O.K. Corral.

Charged with murder, Doc and the Earps' thought they would be

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UTPB Homecoming Basin Bash 2006

Friday, Feb. 3, 2006

- 6:00 p.m. Float Building Party__Founder's Building
- 7:15 p.m. Concert featuring Local Bands __Housing
- 8:30 p.m. Bonfire__Library Parking Lot (tentative)

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006

- 10:00 a.m. UTPB Parade__UTPB Circle
- 12:30 p.m. Alumni Association Buffet on the 2nd Floor Mesa Building Foyer
- 2:00 p.m. Women's Basketball Game__Falcon Dome Vs. Southwest Assemblies of God
- 4:00 p.m. Men's Basketball Game__Falcon Dome Vs. Southwest Assemblies of God (King and Queen Crowned at Half-time)
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Wedding

Davis, Nix wed

Terri Jo Cook Davis and Richard Lee Nix II were united in marriage Saturday, Jan. 14 by Robert Martinez, a friend and colleague of the groom.

The bride is the daughter of Loretta Cook and the late James Cook of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Richard Lee and Lorene Nix of Big Spring.

The bride wore a red satin gown with a lace overlay off the shoulders and carried a bouquet of daisies. A small reception followed the wedding with a German chocolate cake and punch.

The entire immediate family attended.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas.

The bride is currently employed by Howard



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lee Nix II

College as assistant professor of Workforce Education.

The groom is currently employed by Atmos Energy as town operator

in Lamesa. They have made their home in Lamesa.

Quinceañera



Abigail Aceredo

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Edward and Angela Aceredo of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, are proud to announce the 15th birthday of their daughter, Abigail Aceredo. A Holy Mass in her honor takes place at 3 p.m. Feb. 4 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Parish in Lubbock. A reception and dance follows in the White Knights ballroom in Lubbock.

She is an honor student at O.L. Slaton Junior High School in Lubbock and a member of the O.L. Slaton Knights Advanced Gymnastics squad.

She attends Catholic education classes at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Parish in Lubbock.

She has three younger sisters, Charmaine, 13, Jacklyn, 11 and Miceala, 7.

Her grandparents are David and Mary Arguello Sr., of Big Spring, Valentin and Elena Acevedo Jr., of Florence and Juan and Lydia Arguello Jr., of Big Spring.

Worried you won't be able to retire?

Learn the secrets to retirement success

About two-thirds of American workers fear they'll have to work full or part-time after retiring from their main job because they'll need the money, according to a new survey. Anxiety is rising among Americans who worry about their retirement income.

The survey, conducted last summer by the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University, found that 12 percent of the 800 workers interviewed believe they'll never be able to afford to retire.

The traditional notion of retirement, where one stops working completely and enjoys leisure time with friends and family, has become nearly obsolete. In fact, many workers fear they will not be financially able to leave the workforce at the traditional retirement age.

Poor money management skills may be the cause of employees' lack of ability to manage their investment plans, leaving them financially vulnerable in retirement. Because of this inadequate knowledge, coupled with the varied financial needs of different employee populations, employers must establish a solid foundation of education and advice to ensure workers get the most out of financial education programs.

Employers need to offer more than just investment advice, including the establishment of HR policies designed to prevent early financial problems and stressors as well as free money management seminars, especially if plan providers offer no

advice. Businesses should bring in a professional financial advisor, such as a chartered financial consultant, (ChFC) and ensure the instructor does not solicit business from the employees.

According to Jeffrey B. Harris (ChFC), author of the book, "Retire Rich and Happy: 12 Secrets to Retirement Success," "Quality of life is just as important as money. Most people should delegate the management of their retirement money and find a good, unbiased investment advocate to help them."

Harris points out that there is a critical difference between a commissioned salesman and a true investment advocate like himself.

"Traditional stockbrokers sell financial products regardless of how appropriate they may be for the customer. An advocate like me earns a fee for service and has a legal obligation to work for the client's best interest."

In his book, Harris explains a simple, yet powerful process for prudent investment management that has helped people accumulate the funds they need to enjoy financial independence.

"Most importantly," Harris adds, "This process has worked regardless of stock market ups and downs."

Harris says being rich won't necessarily make you happy.

"My book outlines a process that has helped those who use it enjoy a fulfilling, meaningful life focused on family, faith and strong personal relationships."

Who's Who

Manfried Robinson

Big Spring resident Manfried Robinson has earned a place on the President's Honor Roll for the Fall semester at Texas State Technical College Waco. Robinson is a student in welding technology and is among those recognized with a scholastic achievement of a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

to the Provost's Honor Roll at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls for the fall 2005 semester. To earn a place on the provost's honor roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.74.

Shakeesha C. Giffin

Shakeesha C. Giffin of Big Spring earned a master's in education degree in health and human performance Dec. 23, 2005, from McNeese State University in Lake Charles, La.

Krystal N. Cline
Jamie L. Corse

Krystal N. Cline and Jamie L. Corse, both of Big Spring, were named to the West Texas A&M Deans List for the fall 2005 semester. To qualify, students must have a GPA between 3.5 to 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 graduate hours.

Leslie D. Phinny

Leslie D. Phinny of Coahoma received her bachelor's of business arts degree in general business Dec. 16, 2005, from West Texas A&M University.

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Flower Girl

This young lady carries the basket of flowers down the aisle or sprinkles flower petals down the aisle for the bride to walk upon.

Best Man

He walks down the aisle with the maid/matron of honor and stands next to the groom during the ceremony. He holds the bride's ring until the officiant asks for it and he signs the marriage certificate as a legal witness. At the reception, he proposes the first toast to the bride and groom.

Groomsmen

These friends or relatives of the groom walk with the bridesmaids down the aisle. They pay for their own attire rental.

Maid/Matron Of Honor

Before the wedding, she helps with addressing the invitations and plans the bridal shower. On the big day, the maid or matron of honor helps the bride get ready, adjusts her train and veil during the ceremony, holds the groom's ring and the bride's bouquet, and signs the marriage certificate as a witness.

Ring Bearer

He carries the ring pillow down the aisle. He can walk with the flower girl or after her.

Ushers

These gentlemen lead all the guests to their seats and unroll the aisle runner before the processional. You should have one usher for every 50 guests.

Bouquet

For ancient Greeks and Romans, the bouquet was a pungent mix of garlic and herbs or grains. The garlic was supposed to ward off evil spirits and the herbs or grains were to insure a fruitful union. In ancient Poland, it was believed that sprinkling sugar on the bride's bouquet kept her temper sweet.

Cake

The wedding cake has always played an important part in the wedding. Ancient Romans broke a cake over the bride's head to symbolize fertility or abundance. Many other cultures dropped wheat, flour or cake on the bride's head, and then ate the crumbs for good luck. The early British baked baskets of dry crackers, and every guest took one home after the wedding. In medieval times, guests brought small cakes and piled them on a table. The bride and groom then attempted to kiss over the cakes. Eventually, a young baker decided to put all the cakes together and cover them with frosting, thus the tiered wedding cake was born.

Dress

Traditionally, brides did not wear white wedding gowns. Through the 18th century, most brides just wore their Sunday best to their wedding. Red was a favorite during the Middle Ages in Europe. Other colors were worn for symbolic reasons: blue meant constancy and green meant youth. As years passed, white was worn as a symbol of purity. Today, white merely symbolizes the wedding and is worn by any bride, no matter if it is their second marriage.

Kiss

The first kiss a bride and groom share at the close of the ceremony has carried special significance through the centuries. Many cultures believed that the couple exchanged spirits with their breath and part of their souls were exchanged as well.

Honeymoon

The first weddings comprised of a groom

taking his bride by capture. He would take her somewhere hidden away so her relatives and villagers couldn't find them. There they stayed for one moon phase and drank mead, a wine made from honey, to make them more amorous. Thus, the word "honeymoon" was born. Today, the honeymoon is the time when the couple can get away for awhile.

Ring

The wedding ring has traditionally been worn on the third finger of the left hand because it was believed that a vein in this finger ran directly to the heart. The third finger of the left hand has become the customary wedding-ring finger for all English-speaking cultures.

Throwing Rice

One of the oldest wedding traditions, the custom of throwing rice, originated with the ancient Hindus and Chinese. In these cultures, rice is the symbol of fruitfulness and prosperity. Tossing it after the ceremony was believed to bestow fertility upon the bride and groom. Eating rice and other grains was thought to guarantee health, wealth and happiness for the newlyweds. Today, rice tossing is being replaced by the more ecologically friendly birdseed tossing, because uncooked rice is damaging to birds who eat it off the church lawn.

Veil

Mystique and romance has surrounded the veil for more than one thousand years. Originally, the veil is thought to have been used to hide the bride from abductors, just as the similar dress of her bridesmaids was meant to do. But a more romantic interpretation evolved later which believed that concealment (as the bride's face beneath a veil) rendered what was hidden more valuable. Another early interpretation of the veil was that it symbolized youth and virginity.

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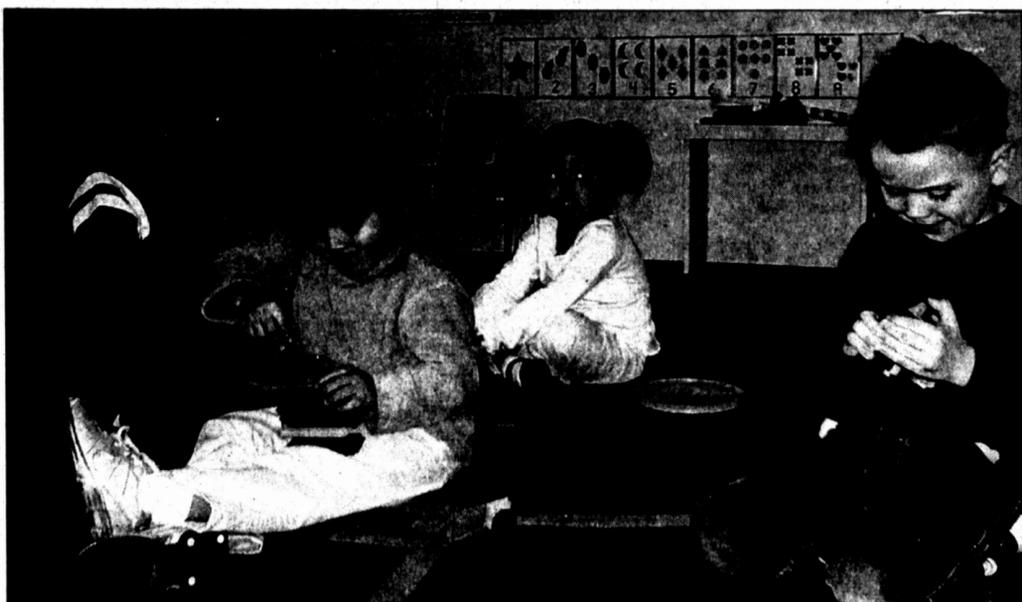
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Exploring their world



Kavon Cross, Valerie Rodriguez, Alyssa Martinez and Draven Kincheloe enjoy a play break during their busy day at the Learning Tree Academy. The family owned preschool located in the Big Spring Mall is taking enrollment now through February with no registration fee.

Preschool promotes hands on learning through play

By **Andra Medlin**
Staff Writer

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America," said Valerie Rodriguez, 5, as she began her day at the Learning Tree Academy located in the Big Spring Mall.

Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance isn't all Valerie and the other students learn at the preschool, however.

"It's a Christian-based program and we teach them phonics," said Deidrei Knight, director.

With seven years experience as a preschool teacher, Knight prefers to do her own thing, but the Self Pronouncing Alphabet (SPA) is her curriculum of choice. "It's a great phonics program and I really like it."

Through hands on learning, the children are taught everything they need to know before they enter kindergarten. "They learn letter recognition, numbers and colors," said Knight. "We also teach sign language and Spanish."

A computer class is held once a week and is included with the tuition. Field trips that do not go outside the mall provide an opportunity to learn social skills and provide fun time for the students. "We go to the ice cream parlor and we have a movie on Friday," said Knight.

While learning is the goal of the academy, safety is of paramount importance.

"There is a uniform, just for the children's safety," said Knight.

"The merchants are aware of us, but we ask that the children wear a green top and khaki pants (or skirt) so that they are easily identifiable."

The teachers are all certified in CPR and first aid and the doors are safety secured to prevent any unsupervised adventures.

Three teachers provide individual attention to the currently enrolled eight students. Therefore, the classes are kept small which allows the academy to take up to 17 students.

"We opened Sept. 20, and we only had two for a long time," said Knight. "We now have eight and we are really starting to grow."

Tuition is \$15 per day with a 20 percent discount for the second

child. Breakfast and two snacks are included. Parents are required to provide lunch.

Now through the end of February, students who enroll will not be charged a registration fee.

Financial aid is available through Child Care Management Services for those who qualify.

Growing in knowledge, social skills, language development and physical skills are just part of the Learning Tree Academy's purpose to help guide children towards learning about the world around them.

For more information, contact Knight at 268-8762.

To contact **Andra Medlin** call 263-7331 or e-mail at newsdesk@bigspringherald.com

McGaughey slated to speak at seminar

Special to the Herald

Business trainer and professional speaker Patrick H. McGaughey will be providing his acclaimed national seminar "Activating Professional Performance in the Workplace" from 7:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. Feb. 3



McGaughey in the

Cactus Room at the Howard College Student Union Building.

Among the topics he will be discussing are:

— How to set yourself

up for success.

— How to improve personal performance.

— How to make the customer feel like No. 1.

— How to improve communication skills.

— How to have success with difficult people.

— How to build an ownership attitude in the workplace.

Local business owners, managers and supervisors can register by calling the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office.

Admission for the seminar will be \$39 per person or \$289 for a reserved table for eight.

To register, call 263-7641.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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Noelia Carillo, 1806 E. 11th Place, Big Spring

Scott Carter, 3223 Cornell, Big Spring

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Johnnie Lou Dry, RR11, Box 156, Longview

Fernando Gonzales, 3000 Schadt No. 8, Fort Worth

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Robert Stephen Hoback, 1516 Cumberland Rd., Odessa

Emily Howard, PO Box 2224, Big Spring

Joann Baldwin Hubbard, 504 Eugene or 4000 W. Illinois, Midland

Erica Ortega, 214 Grimes, Big Spring

Julie Owens, 1107 Douglas, Big Spring

Richard Wayne Rains, 4601 Parkway, Big Spring

Salome Rios, 2511 Albrook, Big Spring

Inez Rodriguez Rocha, 1303 Lamar, Big Spring

Robert Christopher Rosamond, 801 Lancaster, Big Spring

Emily K. Sartain, 1806 37th, Snyder

Julian A. Tovar Jr., 511 S. Second Street, Coahoma

County Court Decisions:

Probated Judgment: David Fierro, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Jon David Montes, unlawfully carrying a weapon, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Robert Diaz Jr., criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Joel Brent Howard, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$2,500 fine, \$381 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Stephanie Ann Alvarez, resisting arrest, \$250 fine, \$266 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Timothy Christopher Overton, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$270 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

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Big bark for small business

Day care not just for kids

By **Nancy Luna**

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Amy rises from her pillow embroidered with her name and pads to the kitchen for a breakfast of oatmeal with organic yogurt, peanut butter and applesauce drizzled with cranberries.

The rest of her day might include an agility workout, a massage from a European-trained therapist, a jog on her home treadmill and a seven-course dinner.

For this 13-pound bichon frise, life as Diane Jansey's dog is luxurious. "She runs me about \$500 a month," Jansey said of the tab for Amy's products and services.

Jansey, of Orange, Calif., is among a growing number of pet owners lavishing glitzy collars, leopard-print stoles and spa services on pets. The result:

The \$36 billion-a-year pet industry has doubled from a decade ago, surpassing U.S. spending on children's toys and trig-



Mindy Schauer/KRT

Nicole Diconzo gets some love from Grr, "part Australian short-haired pinscher and part baby" she joked. Diconzo takes care of canines at My Doggie's Day Care in Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., helping pet owners keep their animals safe and happy while they are working.

gering a tidal wave of products.

"It's not about walking the dog anymore. It's about pampering," said Linda Grimsley of Kyjen Co., a designer of high-end pet products.

While Grimsley declined to talk about Kyjen sales, she said the 10-year-old company's travel gear, strollers and dog toys are "extremely

popular, especially among baby boomers, considered the industry's chief splurgers.

"The pets are their children. They're taking them camping and traveling, so everything we develop is with that in mind," she said.

Nationally, the average pet owner spends about

See **DAY CARE**, Page 6C

Dog Laundry takes a bite out of surge in D-I-Y pet services

By **Kathy Van Mullekom**

There's nothing easy about bathing a big dog indoors — your aching back bent over the side of the tub. Even getting into the shower with your precious pooch is trying. Before you can shout "stay," Fido jumps out, runs around the house with canine glee, shaking water and shedding loose hair while he romps and rolls.

Connie Rawles found the solution to keeping her 65-pound chocolate lab, Annie, clean and smelling good — minus the mess and hassle at home.

She walks less than two blocks to The Dog Laundry, a self-serve dog wash that opened last month in Newport News, Va.

Nationwide, there's a surge in do-it-yourself pet services, including options at the national pet chain Petco (to find one, visit www.petco.com).

At The Dog Laundry, Annie steps into one of two 6-foot-long fiberglass tubs elevated to a waist-high level that's comfort-



Joe Fudge/KRT

Sharlene Kohler, shop owner for The Dog Laundry, a full-service and self-serve dog wash, grooms Maggie.

able for Rawles to use. Cost: about \$20, including shampoo, conditioner, spa towel, face rag and some spritzes of doggie cologne. In addition, a pet owner gets to use a rubber apron to keep clothes dry.

"Annie really seems to enjoy it," says Rawles. "I walk her home, which is really nice, and she comes home smelling real

sweet. It's nice to leave the mess behind, all the hair and stuff."

The walk-in tubs handle large dogs weighing up to 250 pounds.

Each is equipped with a hand-held spray nozzle with several settings that vary from a soft shower to a pulsating spray, a non-slip rubber mat and restraint straps.

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RECORDS

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Probated Judgment: Philip Garcia, driving while license suspended - enhanced, \$1,500 fine, \$270 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Victor Manuel Dehoyos, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$270 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Sonya Gay Biddle, Driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$270 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Jason M. Threats, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$320 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Charles Joseph Wilson III, \$250 fine, \$266 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

Probated Judgment: Andy Ybarra, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,000 fine, \$385 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Virgle Rene Garza, evading arrest, \$750 fine, \$270 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Robert Diaz Jr., resisting arrest, \$270 court costs, 180 days in jail.

District Court Filings:
Misty Micale Bryan vs. John William Salazar, divorce.
Melanie D. Henderson vs. Jerry L. Henderson, divorce.
Ladonna Torres vs. Sammy Torres Jr., divorce.

Tina Marie Renteria vs. David James Renteria, family protective order.
Manuel Delreal vs. The Texas Department of Aging and Disability, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
Laura Dobbs, et al, vs. Howard County Sheriff's Department, injury or damages - other.
Brandi Michelle Alvarado vs. Ray Alvarado, family protective order.

Marriage Licenses:
Guadalupe Rodriguez, 33, and Laura Isela Martinez Gonzalez, 30, both of Big Spring.
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Property: Lot 3, Block 4, College Park
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Halliburton to sell minority stake in controversial contractor

DALLAS (AP) — Halliburton Co. said Friday it plans to sell a minority stake in its engineering and construction unit KBR through an initial public offering. KBR has generated controversy over how it has become the largest U.S. contractor in Iraq. Halliburton shares rose 5 percent, a jump analysts attribute directly to the IPO announcement. Halliburton, whose chief executive was Vice President Dick Cheney from 1995 to 2000, has been criticized since the beginning of the war in Iraq for multibillion-dollar government contracts. Halliburton is an oil-field services company based in Houston. Halliburton President and CEO Dave Lesar told analysts the compa-

ny will file for an initial public offering of shares in KBR with the Securities Exchange Commission. "We believe the IPO market in general and the public market for engineering and construction companies in particular is very attractive and the public valuation of KBR will benefit Halliburton's stock price," Lesar said in a conference call. Analysts said the time for such a sale is right. They noted shares have risen sharply for KBR rivals such as Fluor Corp. and Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. over the past year. "The public market is looking at the engineering construction favorably as an industry," said Poe Fratt, analyst for A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc.

DAY CARE

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"Consumer demand for pet products and services is expanding into almost every corner of what has typically been reserved for human consumption," said Bob Vetere, the association's chief financial officer.

David Lummis, pet-market analyst for research firm Packaged Facts, said much of that consumption is centered in "suburban areas with pockets of wealth and large, two-income households." Leading this social shift of "humanizing" pets are boomers facing empty nests and singles and couples without kids, he said. "Those are our guys," Sher Dean of Precision Pet Products said of the pet-supply company's main customers.

Paula Otteson, 40, of Fullerton, Calif., said she dresses her thin-skinned dogs — greyhound Phaelin and whippet Zuma — in furry coats,

rain jackets and pajamas costing up to \$60 each.

The married bookkeeper also confessed to a "colossal addiction," having spent more than \$800 on a collection of 40 beaded, Burberry and animal-print collars for the dogs. Sometimes she'll buy matching collars and coats.

"I don't have kids to dress up and buy for, so I do it for my dogs," she said.

Jansey, Amy's owner, is also a self-admitted pet spoiler.

"Nobody pampers their pet more than I," the former stockbroker-turned-canine nutritionist said.

For dinner, Jansey serves her champion show dog a home-cooked meal of squash and black lentils mixed with a fist-size helping of natural chicken.

Amy eats at the kitchen table with Jansey, whose own diet consists of McDonald's and KFC.

"If I don't get much to eat, sometimes I dig into her food," she said. Jansey, 53, indulges

Amy in other ways: \$1-per-minute massages at the hands of an Italian- and French-trained dog therapist; \$450 a year for doggie "boot camp"; \$70 for a week of agility training.

Last year, she spent \$500 on a dog treadmill so Amy could exercise on rainy days.

"One of us has to stay in shape," Jansey said with a chuckle.

The spending frenzy has spurred 20 percent annual increases in sales at local companies, including Moe Toys of Santa Ana, Firstrax of Aliso Viejo and Precision Pet Products, the last two popular designers and distributors of crates.

Revenue at Firstrax, which designs collapsible soft crates sold at Petco and PetSmart under the lines Noztonoz and Petnation, reached \$20 million in 2004, three years after the company was founded.

Spotting the rapid growth, pet-supplies giant United Pet Group snapped up Firstrax in 2005. United is one of the nation's leading pet suppliers, selling brands such as Eight in One and Nature's Miracle.

When Elizabeth Moe started Moe Toys nine years ago, she hawked a line of 50 products from her Honda Civic.

She now supplies retailers with hundreds of pet

toys and travel gear from a warehouse in Santa Ana. Her sales are up 20 percent.

Grooming and day-care services are also on the rise.

Within two months of opening My Doggies Daycare in Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., in October, manager Angie Diconzo said the facility was caring for an average of 25 dogs a day. The center's capacity is 70.

Karen Miner's Molly is a frequent guest there. The soft-coated wheaten terrier scampers daily at the 6,000-square-foot facility, sprawling with beds, squeaky toys and colorful plastic jungle gyms.

The single Rancho

Santa Margarita resident pays about \$460 a month for day care because her dog is high-energy, needs constant attention and couldn't be trusted alone in her condo.

"The only solution was to take her to doggie care," said Miner, adding that the expense is tough on her pocketbook.

"I didn't think these things out when I saw the cute doggie in the window," Miner said.

"It's like dropping them off at a (children's) day care. It's hysterical," Miner, 60, said.

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LAUNDRY

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Don Branch was recently at the laundry bathing his two miniature dachshunds in one of the three big sinks reserved for smaller breeds. At home, he refuses to bathe the dogs in the kitchen sink because he's particular about the use of the room where he cooks. That means it's tub time for Munchkin and Bingo, something Branch dislikes more and more as he gets older.

"This is high so I don't have to bend over," he says of the waist-level sinks at the grooming business.

Branch also admires how the facility is maintained. All bathing units are disinfected between dogs, and tools are sterilized in the same blue chemical you see combs immersed in at hair salons for people.

In fact, owner Sharlene Kohler is a former hair stylist. Now, she prefers grooming dogs for people who need drop-off services instead of doing it themselves.

"I'm a dog lover from way back," she says. Her companion these days is a 70-pound white-and-blue chow she calls Khan.

After having back surgery and struggling to bathe Khan without hurting herself, Kohler figured there had to be a better way. She knew self-serve dog washes existed in other areas, so she began investigating

equipment options. She spent more than a year planning her new venture.

"It's all about pampering the dog and making it easier for you," she says. "You can bathe any washable animal here, cats, iguanas, sheep, anything except a snake."

David Whynot is happy he found an easier way to pamper his canine friend. Mandy, his 12-year-old part-collie, part-golden retriever, is blind from old age and suffers from hip problems caused by a car hitting her nine years ago. Even so, she's known to spring out of the tub mid-way through her bath, running to hide under a bed or behind a chair.

When Whynot visited the dog laundry without Mandy, he liked what he saw and returned for a trial run.

"Four to five years ago, I took Mandy to a self-serve groomer in New Jersey where I was stationed, and it was a very large sink basically, nowhere near the set up she has," he says of Kohler's operation.

Whynot's visit cost him about \$52, he says, because he used some extra grooming supplies. He also took home a packet of homemade dog treats Kohler keeps on hand. That price is a bargain, he says, because he's paid as much as \$80 to have a full-service groomer do the same job.

"This is certainly a lot easier," he says. "And I don't have to clean the tub."

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FOR SALE OF PROPERTY**
Sealed bids will be received by the City of Big Spring in the office of the Director of Public Works, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720, until 2:00 P.M. February 8th, 2006, to solicit bids to purchase property that is described as follows:
A 1790.04 square foot building located at 108 N.E. 8th Big Spring, Texas. The successful Bidder shall have 60 days from the date of the award of bid to have the building removed from the existing lot. The City of Big Spring shall have the right following the 60 days to remove without permission of the bidder, any material or property left by the bidder.
Bid forms will be available for pick up at the Director of Public Works office, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas. Bid forms can also be mailed upon request by calling (432)264-2501.
Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bid, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be evaluated and presented to the City Council for award on February 14th, 2006.
The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.
#4840 January 22 & 29, 2006.

Public Notice
The Forsan Independent School District intends to apply for a waiver of the prohibition concerning the date of the first day of instruction for students. The district plans to make an application for waiver to the Texas Education Agency for a school start date of August 14, 2006. The Forsan Independent School District Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on February 13, 2006, to hear any opinions regarding the proposed date for the first day of instruction for the 2006-07 school year. The hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular board meeting.
#4842 January 29, 2006.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sale of District Surplus Equipment
The Howard College District has contracted with the Big Spring State Hospital Recycling Program to sell the District's Surplus property. Please contact the Big Spring State Hospital Recycle Program at (432)263-0518 for the dates and times to view and bid.
Auction Location:
Big Spring Recycling Program
1405 North Hwy. 87
Big Spring, TX 79720
#4856 January 29, 30 & 31, 2006

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE
January 20, 2006
An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Big Spring Amending Chapter 18, Article 3, Section 18-73, Designating Additional Boundaries to School Zones around Moss Elementary.
**Big Spring City Code Article 3
Entitled Operation of Vehicles
Generally, Sec. 18-73. Speed
Limits in School Zones.**
(G)
Moss Elementary School.
A speed limit of 20 mph from 7:30 o'clock a.m. to 9:30 o'clock a.m. and from 2:45 o'clock p.m. to 4:30 o'clock p.m.
(1) On Baylor Street from a point 115' south of the south right-of-way line of Fordham Ave. to the south right-of-way line of Greenbriar Street.
(2) On Fordham Ave. from a point 15' west of the east right-of-way line of Baylor Street to a point 15' of the east right-of-way line of Marquette Ave.
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(5) On Greenbriar Ave. from a point 15' west of the east right-of-way line of Baylor Blvd. to a point east of the east right-of-way line of Marquette Ave.
#4846 January 25 & 29, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE
Advertisement for Bids
The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following:
**RFB#06-013
Theatrical Sound Equipment
RFB# 06-014
Theatrical Lighting Equipment**
Specifications may be obtained from Mr. Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167, e-mail: dchurchwell@howardcollege.edu. Sealed bids will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 in the Howard College, Administration Building, A2, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting.
Technical questions are directed to Clay Grizzle, Instructor, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5068, e-mail: cgrizzle@howardcollege.edu. All bidding questions are to be directed to Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167, e-mail: dchurchwell@howardcollege.edu. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
#4851 January 29 & February 5, 2006.

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In the
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263-7331

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
OF PROPOSED TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT)
CONTRACTS**
Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.
CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6141-94-001 for LITTER REMOVAL in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on February 27, 2006 at 1:30 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$62,727.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO:19050

State Office
Constr./ Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist/ Div Office(s)
Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800
Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.
#4852 January 29 & 30, 2006

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Big Spring Area Local Federal Coordinating Committee (LFCC) is soliciting applications from federated groups, charitable organizations or a combination thereof, interested in being considered to serve as the Principal Combined Fund Organization (PCFO) for the 2006 campaign. A legal notice has been published in The Big Spring Herald announcing this solicitation for a PCFO. The applicable CFC regulations are:
- Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 950.104 authorizes the LFCC to solicit applications from federations, charitable organizations, or combinations thereof to serve as the PCFO; and to select a PCFO to act as its fiscal agent and campaign coordinator for the CFC.
- Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 950.105 outlines the responsibilities of the PCFO. In addition, § 950.601 provides additional requirements governing the release of contributor names. The primary responsibility of the PCFO is to support the federal government in managing a comprehensive local workplace fundraising campaign while ensuring the fiscal integrity, accountability, and transparency of the process. A primary goal of the PCFO is to conduct an effective and efficient campaign in a fair and even-handed manner. Only federations, charitable organizations or combinations thereof may serve as the PCFO.
All application proposals submitted for consideration must be received by the LFCC postmarked no later than February 14, 2006. Applications may also be hand-delivered. Interested organizations should submit their application proposals to the LFCC, c/o Lou Ann Atkins, West Texas VA Health Care System, 300 Veterans Boulevard, Big Spring, TX 79720. Only application proposals addressing all of the key elements and deliverables outlined in Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 950.105 will be considered for review by the LFCC.
#4862 January 29, 2006.

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to the provisions of the State Property Tax Code, Section 33.06 styled:
DEFERRED COLLECTIONS OF CERTAIN TAXES
(a) An individual is entitled to defer or abate a suit to collect a delinquent tax if he is 65 or older; or disabled Person and he owns and occupies as a residence homestead the property on which the tax subject to the suit is delinquent.
(b) To obtain a deferral, an individual must file with the Chief Appraiser for the Appraisal District in which the property is located an affidavit stating the facts required to be established by Subsection (a) of this section. The Chief Appraiser shall notify each taxing unit participating in the District of the filing. After an affidavit is filed under this subsection, a taxing unit may not file suit to collect delinquent taxes on the property until the individual no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.
(c) To obtain an abatement, the individual must file in the court in which suit is pending an affidavit stating the facts required to be established by Subsection (a) of this section. If no controverting affidavit is filed by the taxing unit filing suit or if, after a hearing the court finds the individual is entitled to the deferral, the court shall abate the suit until the individual no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.
(d) A tax lien remains on the property and interest continue to accrue at a rate of 8% per year during the period collections of taxes is deferred.
(e) NEW LAW ENACTED BY 97 LEGISLATURE SENATE BILL 841 SEC. 33.065: DEFER PAYING TAXES ON THAT PART OF THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THEIR HOMES THAT IS MORE THAN 5% ABOVE THE PRECEDING YEARS APPRAISED VALUE, EXCLUDES THE VALUE OF ANY IMPROVEMENT ADDED.
Applications Forms are available at:
Howard County Appraisal District
Courthouse Annex, 315 Main Street
P.O. Box 1151
Big Spring, TX 79721-1151
Authorized by 1989 Texas Law Section 33.06
#4848 January 29 & February 5, 2006

Legals

**BUSINESS PERSONAL
PROPERTY OWNERS**
State law now requires the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50% penalty is mandated. A rendition can be obtained from the appraisal district office where the property is located. A 30 day filing extension is available by written request.
This is a public service announcement by the following appraisal district:
Howard County Appraisal District
315 Main Street
Big Spring, TX 79720
432/263-8301
**DUENOS DE PROPIEDAD
PERSONAL**
La ley ahora requiere que Ud. haga una declaracion de propiedad personal. Debe hacer un declaracion de propiedad personal - por ejemplo, el inventario y equip utilizado en un negocio. Si usted no declara a tiempo, o si presenta una declaracion incompleta o falsa, se le pueda imponer una multa de 10 a 50 por ciento. La declaracion se puede obtener en el distrito de valoración local.
#4849 January 29, 2006

LEGAL NOTICE:
These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on March 2, 2006. You have until August 29, 2006, to redeem any tickets for these games: #448 WEEKLY GRAND (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.56, #459 MONEY MONEY MONEY (\$10) overall odds are 1 in 2.74, #507 HOLIDAY MILLIONS WISHES (\$30) overall odds are 1 in 2.17, #540 INSTANT BINGO (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.28, #550 MUSTANG MONEY (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 4.36, #554 MAGIC WHEEL (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.39, #562 LUCKY DIAMONDS (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.90, #563 \$500,000 CASH BONANZA (\$10) overall odds are 1 in 2.42, #565 POWER 7'S (\$7) overall odds are 1 in 3.14, #569 I LOVE LUCY® (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.25, #571 HOT 7'S (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.75, #575 MULTI-MONEY (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 4.49, #591 TRIPLE 3'S (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 4.48, #595 CASHWORD (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 3.20. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over \$99,999 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at 1-800-37LOTTO or visit the Lottery Web site at www.txlottery.org for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures, and final decisions of the Executive Director. A scratch-off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. Play Responsibly. The Texas Lottery supports Texas education.
#4857 January 29, 2006

Legals

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION
IN THE NAME AND BY THE
AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF
TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:**
**TO: George Kaye Edwards and
John Raymond Edwards**
If living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:
Lot 7, Blk 3, Mittel Acre Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$8,430.00, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.
You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against George Kaye Edwards and John Raymond Edwards, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 23rd day of January, 2006, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. GEORGIE KAYE EDWARDS and JOHN RAYMOND EDWARDS, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is T-4923 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinafore described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.
Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinafore described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.
All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.
You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 13th day of March, 2006 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
#4858 January 29 & February 5, 2006

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ORBA WAYLAND, Deceased, were issued on January 25, 2006, in Cause No. P-13372, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Letha Wayland.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
Letha Wayland
Through her attorney:
C.E. (Mike) Thomas III
Attorney at Law
501 S. Gregg Street
Big Spring, Texas 79720
DATED the 27th day of January, 2006.
C.E. (Mike) Thomas III
Attorney for Estate
State Bar No.: 19845200
Attorney At Law
P.O. Box 2117
Big Spring, Texas 79720
Telephone: (432)263-4142
Facsimile: (432)267-2763
#4864 January 29, 2006

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- 40 Good source of vitamin A
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The new Aquarius moon and the crowd of celestial visitors near it in the sky bodes well for friendly connections — especially of an oddball, awkward and downright strange variety. People meeting for the first time hit it off like bosom buddies from way back. In fact, the more casual the connection, the more familiar it feels.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Events that seem arbitrary are not. Instead, they are direct consequences of an agreement you have made either with yourself or someone else, consciously or

unconsciously. Take back the power.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Someone who is key to your life's work enters the picture this week. To be sure you're in the right frame of mind to accept and even follow this person, spend today in some grateful, thoughtful way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If life is a stage, you are a master at improvisation, quickly becoming the exact "character" you need to be in order to turn the current plot into a delightfully romantic tale.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What is socially acceptable varies from family to family, job to

job, person to person. You'll be privy to someone else's version of the rules today. Comedy strikes after 3 p.m. — quick, startling comedy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). No relationship is perfect. Dealing with the imperfections of a relationship in a generous, lionhearted way could transform the broken little thing into a majestic force in your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're already adept at making things work and making them beautiful. Now, relate your creativity to humanity. This means risking rejection. You're ready.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The things that make your home feel cozy make you feel more confident. Add some strong colors (try magenta or red) in the form of a wall hanging, shelves or new linens. You'll feel revitalized just to look at them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Flirting takes various forms. What looks to others like warfare is nothing but friendly banter to you. Partners you choose this weekend complement you nicely. Singles tip: Let someone work for your phone number.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your every thought seems geared toward success. Even if you're doing it right, dreaming of a particular outcome is tricky business. To get what you want, keep the "what" in mind and let go of the "how."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can motivate someone stubborn by using a variation of the carrot-and-stick approach. Of course, in the end, you should always give up the carrot — otherwise, it's too cruel.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Being around people who believe in you and encourage you affects your attitude, which monitors your talent, which determines your productivity. Try a Leo and a Sagittarius.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Chances are, the so-called "enemy" is an unconscious attitude or belief that you're not ready to let go of. The stars give you flashes of insight that let you know what others are thinking. This helps you gain perspective.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married for 18 years. I adopted her children, "Jim" and "Andrew," and we also have two younger boys under 14.

Andrew, now 21, has no job, won't look for a job and has been arrested three times for drugs. I have caught him repeatedly with drugs in his room, and I want him out of the house. When I bring this to my wife's attention, all she does is ask him not to bring drugs into the house.

I just found part of a dope pipe in Andrew's room and also a bag that I'm sure he used for crack. These bags have been showing up in the same place in his room for almost a year. Andrew admits that he used crack, but when his mother questions him, he says he's "straight now." I find that answer a little vague. Does he mean completely, or that he hasn't used any in the last two days?

As always, my wife believes every word that comes out of his mouth. I don't understand her naivete after all his lies,

and she doesn't seem to think her tolerance of his drug use will have any effect on our younger two children.

I want Andrew gone, or I'm going to take the boys and move out, and I truly do not want to do that. Please give me some guidance. — Prematurely Balding in Indiana

Dear Indiana: It's easier for your wife to be in denial about Andrew's drug use than to deal with it. She fears if she throws him out, he may not survive.

Talk to your wife, and make it clear that she is doing a disservice to your younger children by showing them that there are no consequences to this behavior. She also is allowing Andrew to be at risk if his drug use is not addressed. Both of you must be responsible parents and tackle this difficult situation head-on. Contact Because I Love You (becauseyouloveyou.org) for information and help.

Dear Annie: I am having a hard time getting my dream job. I have a form of dyslexia. When I have applied for this particular job, I am asked if I have dyslexia or any similar problem. When I tell them yes, that's the end of the job interview, even though I meet every other requirement. They treat me like a monster.

I have tried job counseling, but it is just a waste of time, energy, effort and money, as their idea of a job would make me very unhappy. I don't have a college degree and don't want to go back to school. What can I do? — Dyslexic in Louisiana

Dear Dyslexic: We have no idea what kind of "dream job" would require you to admit that you are dyslexic and penalize you for it. We suspect there may be other reasons behind the rejection. Nonetheless, when you cannot get the job of your dreams, it may be time to dream about something else. Every job you take provides you with experience. Allow the job counselors to direct you to a position for which you are qualified, and then learn from it so you can use that experience to move into something you like better.

Dear Annie: You printed some letters about co-workers with body odor. Here is the perspective of someone who HAS body odor.

I keep myself exceptionally clean. I shower daily, wear fresh clothing, use deodorant and still have been told that I smell musty. This has been going on since adolescence. I've been tested for allergies and diseases and have avoided certain foods, but nothing has solved the problem. The impact on my life has been significant. I tend to stand away from people, and it is hard to form friendships.

Incidentally, I cannot smell any odor at all. — Stinky in the Rockies

Dear Stinky: When we last covered this topic, readers suggested switching soap, deodorant, shampoo, moisturizer, detergent and fabric softener, as well as eliminating one food at a time from your diet and wearing all-natural fabrics. We hope one of these will work for you.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, long-time editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: Pearly Mae Green
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 3, Blk 6, Banks Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$5,787.73, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Pearly Mae Green, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the 23rd day of January, 2006, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. PEARLY MAE GREEN, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4913 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 13th day of March, 2006 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
#4860 January 29 & February 5, 2006

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of CLEM MCELREATH, Deceased, were issued on January 25, 2006, in Cause No. P-13337, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: LOUISE MCELREATH
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: LOUISE MCELREATH
705 Bray Central Drive #1101
Allen, TX 75013
DATE the 25 day of January, 2006.
Joshua Hamby
Attorney for Estate
State Bar No.: 24034471
306 Scurry Street
P.O. Box 2199
Big Spring, Texas 79721-2199
Telephone: (432)263-8395
Facsimile: (432)263-4798
#4863 January 29, 2006

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: Crist Delgado Cuellar
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

S/72' of Lot 1 & E/15' S/72' of Lot 2, Blk 3, Settles Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$5,815.17, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Crist Delgado Cuellar, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 23rd day of January, 2006, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. CRIST DELGADO CUELLAR, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is T-4827 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 13th day of March, 2006 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
#4861 January 29 & February 5, 2006

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: Laura R. Gutierrez
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 16, Blk 19, Monticello Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,178.71, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Laura R. Gutierrez, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the 23rd day of January, 2006, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. LAURA R. GUTIERREZ, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit 4857 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

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Poetry

'A Man Called Jobe'

Bernice Reed Jones

Once upon a time
He built a stairway like a spiral
Once upon a time they loved
But only for a while.
And when the stars
Shine bright at night
She looks down Mission Road
She thinks she sees him riding.
This man they all called 'Jobe'
She can hear the bells a'ringing
She can see the horse he rode.
And she knows he rode
Way back in time
When he crossed the Mission Road.
She climbed upon the stair case
So very weak and tired
She could hear the bells a'ringing

There in the Mission choir
Ringing, ringing, ringing
So beautiful they ring.
The bells so softly ringing
You could hear the Angels sing.
Far across the mountains
He heard the bell ring out,
He got down from his pony.
And on his knees he knelt.
He could hear the angels singing
Way down on Mission Road.
And the bells just kept on ringing.
This time they rang for 'JoBe.'
From far across the mountains.
There came a man called Jobe.
He came to build a stair case,
In a mission by the road.

Doc Holiday

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hanged. But after all the evidence and testimonies were presented in court, Judge Spicer finds them not guilty and sets them free.

The cowboys battling Doc and the Earps were described by the judge as "armed and defiant men accepting the wager of battle and succumbing only in death." Desperate in her loneliness and convinced that Doc will never return, Mattie becomes a nun and takes the name Sister Mary Melanie.

Doc is stung when he

reads Mattie's last letter but is quick to realize that his own neglect placed Mattie in the nunnery. Knowing that his days are numbered, Doc's gentle side comes forward and realizes he still loves the girl back home.

Containing elements of history and fiction, combined with the author's research, the book easily provides readers the most realistic view of Doc Holliday's life and most importantly his personality.

From a moral standpoint, Doc represents courage as well as man's instinct for both survival and a new environment, while Mattie represents

love and faith. To immerse ourselves into Doc Holliday's legend, be sure to get a copy of "Doc Holliday's Road to Tombstone: The Life and Times of John Henry Holliday" at a bookstore or library today.

About the Author

Tom Barnes grew up in the south. Following his hitch in the Navy Tom went to New York in pursuit of a career in theater and writing. He was hired by PBS as host narrator and writer for the TV series "Georgia's Heritage." During the final episode of that series Tom has his first brush with the Western legend, Doc Holliday.

Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, sausage patty, grape juice, milk; Lunch, ravioli, broccoli and cheese, garden salad, pineapple tidbits, garlic rolls, (high school second choice, bacon cheddar burger).

Tuesday: Breakfast, peanut butter treat, apples, milk; Lunch, beef and bean burrito, meicali corn, peaches, mixed fruit (high school second choice, sloppy Joe).

Wednesday: Breakfast, French toast sticks; Lunch, pig-in-blanket, green beans, seasoned new potatoes, rosy apple sauce (high school second choice, pizza).

Thursday: Breakfast, toaster pastry, pears, milk; Lunch, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, pears, rolls, (high school second choice, ham and cheese pockets).

Friday: Breakfast, sausage biscuits, fruit punch, milk; Lunch, cheeseburger, salad, ranch-style beans, French fries, chocolate cake, (high school second choice, fried chicken).

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast, French toast, ham, apple juice, milk; Lunch, fried chicken, creamed-potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk, hot pockets.

Tuesday: Breakfast, pancakes, sausage-on-a-stick, grape juice, syrup, milk; Lunch, tostada, pinto beans, salad, chocolate cake, ilk, McRib and bread.

Wednesday: Breakfast, Pop Tarts, sausage, grape juice, milk; Lunch, hamburger chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, oranges, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, sweetened rice, ham, grape juice, milk; Lunch, chicken-fried steak, gravy, green bean mashed potatoes, rolls, milk, corn dog.

Friday: Breakfast, waffles, syrup, sausage, applesauce, milk; Lunch, Frito pie, baked beans,

pears, cookies, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, yogurt, juice, milk; Lunch, grilled cheese, vegetable soup, fruit cup, crackers, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, eggs toast, juice, milk; Lunch, soft tacos, pinto beans, lettuce and tomatoes, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, muffins, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, mixed fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, biscuits, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit gelatin, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, breakfast pockets, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken patty sandwich, southwest beans, tarter tots, apples, milk.

Sands CISD

Monday: Breakfast, sausage and biscuits, milk or juice; Lunch, chili-cheese dogs, French fries, apples and orange smiles, sherbet cup, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, Nurti-bars, milk or juice; Lunch, enchiladas, salad, refried beans, cinnamon cookies, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, muffins, milk or juice; Lunch, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, frozen fruit bar, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, waffle sticks, milk or juice; Lunch, hamburgers, lettuce and tomatoes, baby carrots, baked beans, crispy cereal treats, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, cereal and graham crackers; Lunch, chicken taco, casserole, corn, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, crackers, milk.

Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast, pancakes, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue wieners, cheese sandwiches, corn-

on-cob, vegetable sticks, apples, French bread, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, beef goulash, country steak, mashed potatoes, spinach, peaches, hot rolls, milk.

Westbrook ISD

Monday: Breakfast, French toast sticks, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fajitas, cheese, tortillas, salsa, tossed salad, refried beans, peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, assorted cereal, Texas toast, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, frito pie with chili and cheese, corn, pear halves, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, sausage 'n' blanket, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue-on-bun, black-eyed peas, pickles, onions, pineapple chunks, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, oatmeal, toast, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, chicken patty, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit cups, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, peanut butter and jelly Uncrustables, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburgers, French fries, salad fixings, fruit snack, milk.

Spring City Senior Center

Monday: Lunch, spaghetti, meat sauce, salad, milk, garlic bread, fruit.

Tuesday: Lunch, chicken, rice/broccoli casserole, salad, milk, bread, lemon pie.

Wednesday: Lunch, cheeseburger, French fries, beans, lettuce and tomatoes, milk, buns, fruit.

Thursday: Lunch, hamburger steak, seasoned rice, broccoli and cheese, milk, rolls, gelatin.

Friday: Lunch, meatloaf, creamed-whole potatoes, black-eyed peas, cornbread, milk, fruit salad.

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