

City approves CRMWD water reclamation

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council approved first reading of a resolution that will give the Colorado River Municipal Water District first right of use for the city's effluent water, part of a district-wide reclamation project.

According to Todd Darden, director of public works for the city, the water CRMWD is asking for rights to is currently

being "thrown away" by the municipality.

"The purpose of this amendment is for each member city — Big Spring, Odessa and Snyder — to grant the district first right to use of the city's surplus effluent water generated by each of city," said Darden. "Big Spring's surplus effluent comes from our wastewater discharge at the treatment plant just off 11th Place and FM 700. Currently, we are permitted by

the state to discharge all wastewater into Beals Creek, which is then diverted by the district into Evaporation Lake, which they call Red Draw, which is part of the district's system."

John Grant, CRMWD manager, said the rights to the water could possibly pave the way for a new form of water reclamation that was originally deemed unfeasible, but thanks to new technology could help in the continuing water struggle in

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drought-stricken West Texas. "Seven or eight years ago, we wouldn't even be talking about this," Grant told the council.

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HC revives radiology department

Joint effort between clinics, hospitals and the college

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Despite having been without a certified radiology program for several years, Howard College will once again be jumping into the X-ray game as the college board of trustees approved a new district-wide program this week.

Cynthia Voyce, division director of health professions at Howard College's San Angelo campus, said the project has gone from being unreachable to within grasp, thanks to a joint effort between the college and area health care clinics and hospitals.

"We looked at this program several years ago, and we sort of tabled it because the cost of one room for radiology was \$100,000. It was cost prohibited to do it that way," said Voyce. "We sat on it for a while and looked at some different options.

"This is a district-wide program, so from Lamesa all the way down to Junction, students can participate."

—Cynthia Voyce
director of health professions

"We've come up with a plan where we're going to use our local community partners — hospitals and clinics — for a program that's friendly for the students in terms of travel and we won't have to put the cost out initially. The clinical affiliates will share their lab space with us and allow us to hold clinicals here in Big Spring and San Angelo."

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Big Spring Fire Department and Howard County Volunteer Fire Department personnel were called to a trailer fire on Rainer Road Tuesday afternoon. The trailer was a total loss, but no one was injured in the blaze, officials said.

Herald photos/Steve Reagan

Blaze totals trailer

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A fire south of Big Spring Tuesday afternoon gutted a mobile home but fortunately resulted in no injuries, authorities said.

Units with the Big Spring Fire Department and Howard County Volunteer Fire Department were called to Rainer Road in the Tubbs Addition a little after 3 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

When they arrived, they found a trailer house engulfed in flame and smoke, said Tommy Sullivan, chief of the volunteer fire department.

"There was heavy smoke coming from the trailer ... and the fire from it had already moved into a (nearby) work shed," Sullivan said.

Firefighters also had to quickly extinguish a grass fire caused by the incident in order to save

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Early voting picks up as deadline nears

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

As the Friday deadline to cast early ballots in this year's political party primaries draw near, local election officials say the number of voters has steadily begun to increase.

Early voting surpassed the 1,000 ballot mark at the end of voting Monday, with 284 cast in the Democratic primary and 733 cast in the Republican primary, including all mail in ballots. By late Tuesday afternoon, a total of 1,119 ballots had been cast.

In the 2004 primaries, 1,622 voters went to the ballot boxes early, while voters only cast 1,127 ballots during the 2002 primaries.

Saundra Bloom, election administrator for the county, said she's very pleased with the turnout thus far, and hopes to see even more people avoid the election day lines by voting early.

"We're very pleased with the way early voting is going," said Bloom. "We've had a pretty good turnout so far, and we expect things to continue to

Election day is Tuesday, March 7. Registered voters can still cast their ballot in the early period at the Howard County Courthouse from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. Friday.

pick up as we get closer to the end of early voting Friday. I really hope people will continue to come out and vote."

Bloom said she's seen very few problems at the polls during early voting, despite the use of new electronic voting booths.

"We haven't had many problems at all," she said. "Everything has been going very smoothly. The majority of the people coming into vote are bringing their voter certificates with them, so things are going very well."

Early voting will continue through Friday at the courthouse, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Republican and Democratic primaries are being

held jointly, with election day set for March 7.

This year's primaries feature a number of hotly contested local races.

Walter Brumley Jr. filed his candidacy to run on the Republican ticket for the Precinct 4 seat on the Howard County Commissioners Court in March, putting himself head-to-head with fellow GOP candidate Roy D. Beauchamp. The winner will face off against incumbent Gary Simer in

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GEM SHOW THIS WEEKEND

The Big Spring Prospector's Club will host the 37th annual Gem and Mineral Show Saturday and Sunday at the Howard County Fairbarns.

Times are 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free both days.

More than 12 dealers from across the United States, as well as displays from area rock and gem enthusiasts, will be on hand at the show.

Jewelry, mountings and other decorative items will be for sale. In addition, club members will give free demonstrations throughout the show.

For more information, contact 263-3340.

PRUNING WORKSHOP SET

Howard County Master Gardeners will hold a pruning workshop from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, across from Hallmark in the Big Spring Mall.

Presenting the workshop will be Eric Copeland with the Texas Forest Service. The workshop will teach those who attend the art and importance of healthy tree and shrub trimming.

Cost is \$10 to the general public and no cost to Master Gardeners, who may apply the workshop to recertification.

Refreshments will be provided. Bring gloves and pruning tools if you have them. For information, call the mall at 267-3853 or the extension office, 264-2236.

WEATHER SPOTTING CLASS

The National Weather Service will hold a weather spotting class from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday at the Big Spring City Council Chambers.

The class is free to the public and no prior experience is required. The purpose is to train citizens how to assess clouds and weather conditions.

Those who attend will receive certification from the National Weather Service. Law enforcement and emergency services personnel will receive continuing education type credit for the class.

The class will be taught by Pat Vespers, meteorologist for the National Weather Service office for Midland-Odessa.

Obituaries

Ruby Todd Teague

Ruby Todd Teague, 91, of Midland died Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at her daughter's residence. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Friday, March 3, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland with Gregg Fleming officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

She was born April 27, 1914, in Leonard and married Grady Cleo Teague Sr., Dec. 24, 1930, in Grandview. He preceded her in death May 16, 1987. She was a seamstress for 20 years and also was a customer service representative for professional dry cleaners in Big Spring and Midland.

She was a member of A Street Church of Christ. Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Grady C. and Fayrene Teague of Marble Falls and Garry Wayne Teague of Midland; a daughter, Billie Fowler of Midland; three granddaughters; three grandsons; seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a great-grandson, Justin Teague, a son-in-law, Galen Fowler and five brothers and one sister.

The family request memorials be made to Home Hospice, 901 W. Missouri, Midland 79701.

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

Support groups

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Around Town

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

• **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Take note

• **MASTER GARDENERS PRUNING WORKSHOP** is 9 a.m. until noon Saturday in the Big Spring Mall across from Suggs Hallmark for public and master gardener certification. Cost is \$10. Presented by Eric Copeland with the Texas Forest Service, the workshop will teach the art and importance of tree and shrub health and trimming. Call 267-3853 or 264-2236 for more information.

• **APPLICATIONS TO FILE FOR THE COAHOMA BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION** will be available at the Coahoma City Hall from 8 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. during spring break, beginning Monday through March 10.

• **37TH ANNUAL GEM AND MINERAL BY THE BIG SPRING PROSPECTOR'S CLUB** is 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday in the Howard County Fair Barns.

• **POWWOW COMMITTEE NATIVE AMERICAN FUND-RAISER WEEKEND** Saturday and Sunday to support the second annual Pow Wow March 25-26. A bake sale/garage sale is Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 810 Scurry. Stew and cornbread supper from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third, with a dance afterwards featuring the band, Country Tradition. For more information, call Randy McKinney at 267-4843.

• **RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM CAPTAINS MEETING** is 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Room 133 in the Big Spring Junior High School.

Police blotter

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

- **JOE THOMAS RODRIGUEZ JR.**, 17, of 501 N.E. Ninth Street, was arrested Tuesday on a TYC warrant.
- **ELROY JOHNSON**, 21, of 1002 N. Main Street Apt. 17, was arrested Tuesday on Howard and Collin county warrants.
- **RUBEN GONZALES**, 19, of 1009 W. Eighth Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault Class C/family violence.
- **DONALD CRAIG BAKER**, 34, of Odessa, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.
- **BRANDON LAWSON**, 21, of New Mexico, was arrested Wednesday on two local citations.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 500 block of South Gregg Street.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **PROHIBITED WEAPONS** was reported in the 3600 block of Highway 80.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1300 block of Runnels.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1000 block of Eighth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- **ELIZABETH JONES**, 41, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **SANDRA GUSMAN**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **JOHN RANDALL LEWIS**, 46, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **JOSE PEREZ JR.**, 30, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **TIMOTHY JASON BLAND**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **GARY LEE MOORE**, 51, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - open container.
- **WILLIAM MICHAEL SEYMORE**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a prohibited weapon.
- **VICTOR MANUEL CASTILLO**, 33, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest or detention.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 4400 block of South Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Northwest First Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 100 block of Rainer Road.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

- 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.

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Chinese Dragon Restaurant.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- 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 northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Much cooler. Highs in the mid 60s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may produce small hail. Highs in the mid 60s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s. The chance of rain is 50 percent.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

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Express Care, at Gregg, is offering a discount on oil change service Friday for customers who donate three c food.

The food will be sent to the Salvation Army.

A Valvoline oil change up to five quart.

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And while the program will be based in Big Spring and San Angelo, Voyle stressed that it will be open to anyone in the district.

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Express Care on Gregg offers discount to help local agencies

Express Care, at 1602 Gregg, is offering a discount on oil change service Friday for customers who donate three cans of food.

The food will be presented to the Salvation Army. A Valvoline oil change, up to five quarts, will be \$10 with the non-perishable food items. Other types of oil changes, synthetic and diesel, will receive a special discount as well.

HC

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Trustees unanimously approved launching the program, as well as beginning the search to find an instructor to teach it.

"We've met with our advisory committee a couple of times," said Voyce. "We've begun looking at the job description and the curriculum. The curriculum is an associate of applied science program and it will prepare the student to take the radiographer exam. This is billed as a basic program."

And while the program will be based in Big Spring and San Angelo, Voyce stressed that it will be open to anyone in the district.

"This is a district-wide program, so from Lamesa all the way down to Junction, students can participate," said Voyce. "We'll have what we call a 'home campus,' which will be Big Spring or San Angelo. We're starting small, with 10 students the first year. And those students can come from anywhere in the district. Four of those clinical spots are going to be here in Big Spring, and we have six clinical spots in

San Angelo. That way, many of the students that participate will be able to do their clinicals in their hometown."

Voyce said the program is designed to be less travel-intensive than past project models, but will require a great deal of time and effort in the first few weeks.

"The way we have it scheduled right now, students will attend classes during their first year on Wednesdays only," said Voyce. "Those classes will be face to face, for the most part. The classes we don't have time to do face to face can utilize distance or online programs."

"The first eight weeks, the students are going to have to meet three times a week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday."

"From that point, through the rest of the two years, they only have to meet together as one big group one day a week, which right now would be in San Angelo."

The program is expected to begin during the fall semester. Contact Howard College at 264-5000 for more information.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

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to reclaim this water for a number of uses. It can be sold for industrial purposes to businesses such as the refinery or oil field recovery.

"The water we're looking at reclaiming represents approximately 20 percent of the overall water we use, so we feel this project could have a serious impact on the reclamation of water in

West Texas. The water that could be reclaimed through Beals Creek alone amounts to 1.8 million gallons a day. All three projects would reclaim 12,000 acre-feet of water in a year."

Grant said the project has a fairly large price tag.

"Just the Big Spring part of the project will cost approximately \$8 million," said Grant. "However, we're looking at low interest loans and other methods of finance to keep it from turning

into a large rate increase for our members and their customers. We're looking for ways to bring the overall cost down."

Darden said he sees the project as a major boon for Big Spring and West Texas.

"That's one thing I feel our district has been exemplary at doing in the past. They find unique ways to get us water out here in this desert," said Darden.

"I think it's something great for our community."

VOTE

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November, who failed to draw an opponent on the Democratic ballot.

Simer isn't the only commissioner who is going to the polls in 2006, as the race for County Commissioner Precinct 2 drew two candidates, incumbent Jerry Kilgore and challenger Kathy Lusk, both Republicans.

The race for Howard County Judge drew five candidates. Local accountant Mark Morgan is challenging incumbent Ben Lockhart in the Republican primary. On the other side of the ticket, Democratic candidates Woody Jumper, Ron L.

"Smurf" Sawyers and Mark Barr are vying for their party's nod for the November election.

The race for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Place 2, will be decided in November as incumbent Kathryn Wiseman faces off against challengers Laura Jeanne Wilson and Robert G. "Bob" Smith on the Republican ticket. The seat drew a single Democratic candidate, as

local resident Bobby Roever is unopposed in the Democratic primary. Roever will face the winner of the Republic primary in November.

The District 85 seat on the Texas House of Representatives, currently held by Democrat Pete Laney, who announced he would not run for re-election, is up for grabs in 2006.

The race drew three candidates, including Big Spring businessman and attorney Drew Mouton, who is running on the Republican ticket. Mouton is the only Big Spring resident vying for

a state seat during the 2006 primaries.

Mouton is challenged by fellow GOP candidate and Plainview businessman Jim Landtroop. Joe Heflin, county judge of Crosbyton, filed on the Democratic ticket and is unopposed.

The race for the District 19 seat on the U.S. House of Representatives drew three candidates. Incumbent Republican candidate Randy Neugebauer will defend his seat against the lone Democratic nomination, Robert Ricketts, as well as Libertarian candidate Fred Jones, in November.

FIRE

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nearby structures, Sullivan said.

Damage to the trailer home, tool shed and nearby vehicles was extensive, Sullivan added, estimating total property loss at about \$100,000.

Although the trailer was home to a family of four, no one was injured during the blaze.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, Sullivan said.

"Everything is pointing at it being accidental," he said. "We have some ideas about how it started, but we want to go back at look at it some more."

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An estimated 17 million American women share a common healthcare concern: the uncontrolled flow of urine from their bodies, a condition known as urinary incontinence. For some women, the condition is brought on with coughing, sneezing or exercise. For others, it is a strong urge to urinate and an inability to make it to the bathroom in time. For all of these women, the effects can be devastating.

"Stress urinary incontinence limits lifestyles and relationships because of the embarrassment that accompanies odor and wetness," explains Dr. Rudy Haddad of Haddad Urology clinic. "Typically the symptoms worsen over time, and so lifestyles and relationships are further compromised as the condition progresses."

Stress urinary incontinence occurs when there is uncontrolled urine leakage during a physical activity like lifting, sneezing or coughing. It typically is the result of hypermobility, a shifting of the urethra and bladder neck from their normal positions, and intrinsic sphincter deficiency, a condition in which the urethral sphincter is unable to close tightly enough to hold urine in the bladder.

Any single condition or a combination of conditions can lead to stress incontinence. Pregnancy and childbirth, aging, medical conditions, infections and medications and obesity are common causes.

Currently, there are no medications available to treat stress incontinence. For some women, behavioral therapy (monitoring fluid intake), Kegel exercises, protective undergarments and bulking injections offer temporary solutions. Fortunately, there also are solutions available designed to be more permanent.

One such solution is the female "sling" system for stress urinary incontinence. Doctors treat incontinence by surgically placing a narrow strip of material—called a sling—under the urethra to give it a point of support.

"The sling procedure is a minimally invasive, highly effective procedure," says Dr. Haddad. "It generally takes less than 20 minutes and commonly is performed on an outpatient basis."

Most patients are continent immediately following the procedure and can resume normal, non-strenuous activities within a few days.

Clinical studies support the enthusiasm that patients and physicians alike have for sling systems. One manufacturer, American Medical Systems of Minnetonka, Minn., reports a study in which more than 95 percent of patients remained completely dry and did not need any protection following the procedure with its Monarc™ Subfascial Hammock.

"The potential to give someone back their lifestyle before incontinence set in is great with sling systems," says Dr. Haddad. "It is life changing for so many patients, and yet such a straightforward procedure."

As with any surgical procedure, inherent risks are present. Although rare, some of the most severe risks with transobturator sling procedures include infection, erosion and vessel or urethra perforation. Some of the most common risks include urinary track infections, urge symptoms and urinary retention. Sling procedures should not be performed on pregnant patients.

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OUR VIEWS

Early voting period nears a conclusion

Today, Thursday and Friday — that's all the time left to vote early in the March primaries. It's hard to believe early voting began two Tuesdays ago. Now it's almost over. Have you made it to the polls yet? If not, you still have until 5 p.m. Friday to cast an early ballot at the Howard County Courthouse.

Of course, you can wait until election day, March 7 — that's next Tuesday. But if you do, you'll have to go through that annoying process of looking at your voter registration card for your precinct number, then matching it up with a list or calling the courthouse to find out where you vote. Then you might find yourself having to drive part-way across the county just to vote.

There will be six polling locations scattered from Coahoma to Forsan election day, and only one of them is the correct one for you.

Your only advantage in delaying your vote until March 7 is the extended time period. After all, the polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. that day instead of the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. schedule through Friday at the courthouse.

But actually, our purpose for bringing up the subject is not to get you to vote early, but to encourage you to vote. We're pushing the early period because, depending on your working hours, it's easier for most people to find time to run down to the courthouse today or tomorrow than it is to be locked into a one-day period.

No matter what our intentions are, if something comes up — like a sick family member who needs attention — that one opportunity that we were counting on is likely gone.

You may not want to vote. If so, we hope it is because you plan on backing an independent candidate for the November general election. Hopefully it is not because you just don't feel like your vote matters. It does.

The people you elect in elections this year will represent you at the local, state and federal level.

We encourage you to take advantage of these handful of days left and head to the courthouse to cast your ballot. Your voice is important. Let it be heard.

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We've lost sight of Bin Laden's vision

Osama bin Laden's plan to use terrorism to trigger an Islamic reawakening that will challenge Western dominance of world events and assure the ascendancy of Sunni extremists is moving forward — at an alarming rate.

Hibernating securely somewhere along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, bin Laden and his Egyptian sidekick, Ayman al-Zawahiri, must be deriving warmth from the fact that the Iraqi insurgency has taken on a decidedly Sunni extremist coloration; that Hamas has successfully exploited political opportunities in Palestine; that radicals within Europe's Muslim communities are gaining strength and destructive force; and that caricatures of the prophet Muhammad have led to violence even among Muslims not inclined toward terrorism.

Terrorism, in bin Laden's strategy, is only a tactic, a means to achieve what he believes is a providentially ordained objective — global domination by an Islamic caliphate.

Yet dangerously, the United States is focusing on countering that tactic, missing the growth of the extremist Islamic forest as we flounder among the terrorist trees. Maybe it's because we have led ourselves to believe that the term "al-Qaida" means "Kill Americans." It doesn't. It means "foundation" or "base" in Arabic. Bin Laden chose the word intentionally and cleverly. He knew that his battle-hardened core of veterans from the Soviet-Afghan war of the 1980s would serve only as the foundational wellspring to irrigate fields of political, social and economic discontent among the Muslim masses.

He also recognized that the global explosion of mass media outlets over the last decade gave al-Qaida a ready recruitment vehicle. Headline-grabbing violent attacks against the West, especially the United States, broadcast by al-Jazeera, CNN or the BBC — and abetted by instantaneous Internet communication — were certain to impress and win adherents.

Bin Laden has also insidiously

convinced us to use terminology that lends legitimacy to his activities. He has hijacked the term "jihad" to such an extent that U.S. and other Western officials regularly use the terms "jihadist" and "terrorist" interchangeably. In doing so, they unwittingly transfer the religious legitimacy inherent in the concept of jihad to murderous acts that are anything but holy.

While al-Qaida has been rocked by a well-financed and increasingly successful international counterterrorism effort, there is no equivalent successful campaign to counter bin Laden's strategic plan and vision. Sunni extremist activists roam virtually unchallenged in the Islamic world, spreading political and ideological seeds among a younger generation thirsting for attention, power and celestial reward.

Leaders of Islamic countries, organizations and local communities have most of the burden, as well as the best chance, of steering Muslim hearts and minds away from bin Laden's world vision. Yet while most distance themselves from his terrorist acts, their penchant for engaging in fiery rhetoric castigating the West helps breed greater intolerance of non-Muslims.

The wide disparity between the haves and have-nots in the Middle East also fuels the fires of Islamic activism.

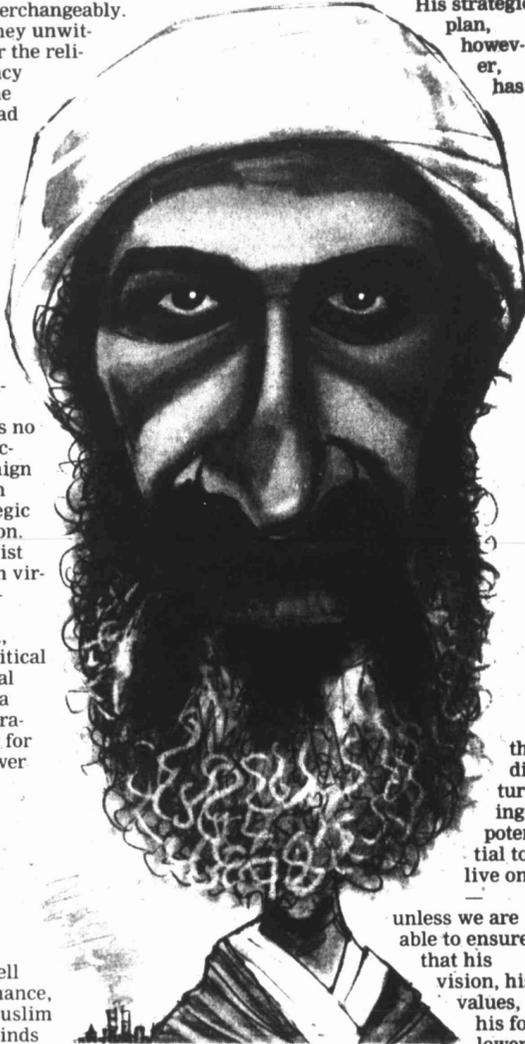
It would be in the United States' best interests to locate and deal with bin Laden sooner rather than

later, to undercut his image of invincibility among his followers. But whether his ultimate demise is the result of a well-targeted missile, disease or old age, his days are numbered.

His strategic plan, however, has



JOHN BRENNAN



the disturbing potential to live on

unless we are able to ensure that his vision, his values, his followers

and he himself are discredited in the Islamic fields he has so adeptly cultivated.

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Bonnie Parker's last hairdo

I was in Mineola the other day and someone told me I ought to go interview Odelle Strickland, who lives in the small community of Alba. The person who recommended her to me said she is 95 years old and lives alone in a house that she maintains by mowing the lawn and doing roof repairs.

So I went to Alba and interviewed Odelle about her life. She grew up on a farm and milked cows and plowed fields. She was a beauty operator for 75 years and still has a beauty shop in Alba. Occasionally she'll fix somebody's hair. She also has a collection of old clocks and some antique beauty shop equipment that she keeps in good working order. She bowled a lot and owns three bowling balls. A couple of pictures she painted hang in her living room. She thinks she is the oldest living beauty operator that is still working.

"I could fix hair every day if I wanted to," she said.



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In the early days of her career she charged a quarter for a shampoo and set. Some people thought that was too expensive.

I recorded our conversation for about 30 minutes and was satisfied I had enough material for a column or program and was putting away my recorder and microphone when she said, "I gave Bonnie Parker her last hairdo two weeks before she and Clyde Barrow were shot."

I got out my microphone and sat down to hear all about that.

"We were not busy one day and this lady came in and said 'lock the door and don't let nobody in and don't answer the phone.' She said she wanted her hair done. The other girl in the shop washed her hair, but she was so nervous she could hardly do anything. Bonnie didn't bother me. I rolled her hair up then put her under the dryer. She kept a towel over her face. She had a half-opened umbrella and kept her hand in it all the time she was in the shop. I tried every way to see in it, but she always moved it. She knew what I was doing. I'm sure she had a gun in there.

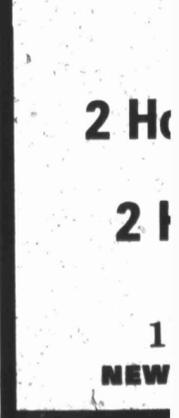
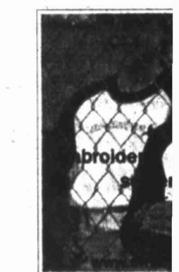
"The county doctor had an office next to our shop and we had a big double door that joined our place

to his. When he was gone, we always answered his phone. His phone got to ringing and Bonnie told us not to answer it. I told her if we didn't, people would get suspicious. Bonnie told me 'you look honest enough. Go ahead and answer it. But leave the door open.' So I went ahead and took the message. While I was on the phone, I wrote a note saying 'Bonnie Parker is in the beauty shop. Go get the sheriff.'

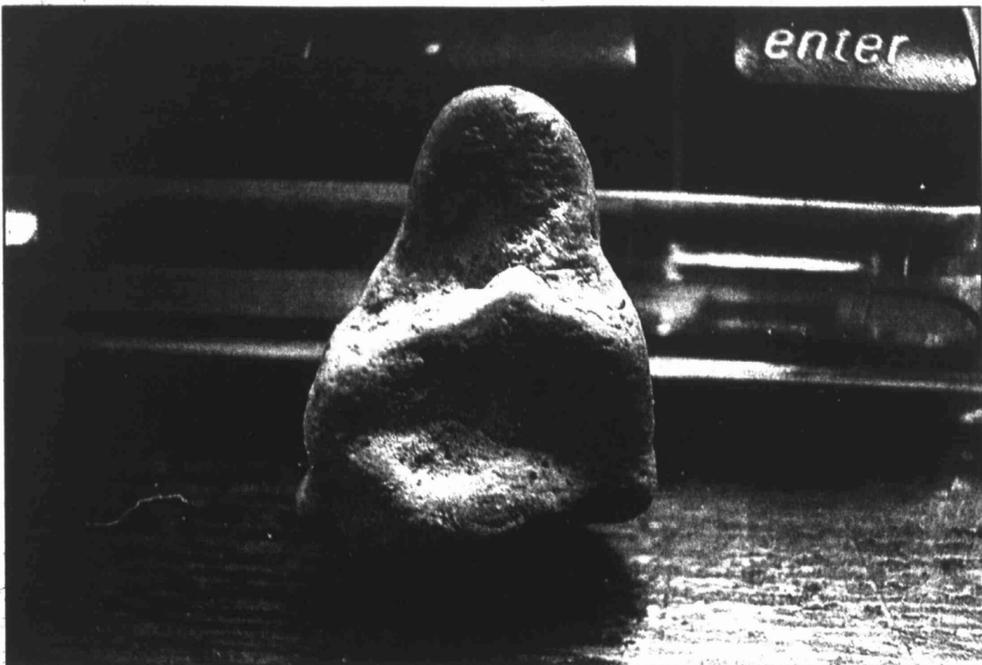
"The doctor came while she was still there and tried to open the door to our shop. Bonnie told us not to let him in. I told her he needs to know where the patient lives. Bonnie let me go to the door and talk to the doctor. I told him Bonnie was still in the shop. The doctor went to the sheriff's office but nobody came. She wouldn't let us finish dying her hair real good, but I went ahead and fixed her hair best I could. She paid us and said 'don't follow me or say nothing.' Then she left. When we thought she had time to get gone, we rushed outside. I figure Clyde was waiting for her and she got in the car and they took off. We went to the sheriff's office and asked why they didn't come over. They said they were afraid we'd get hurt."

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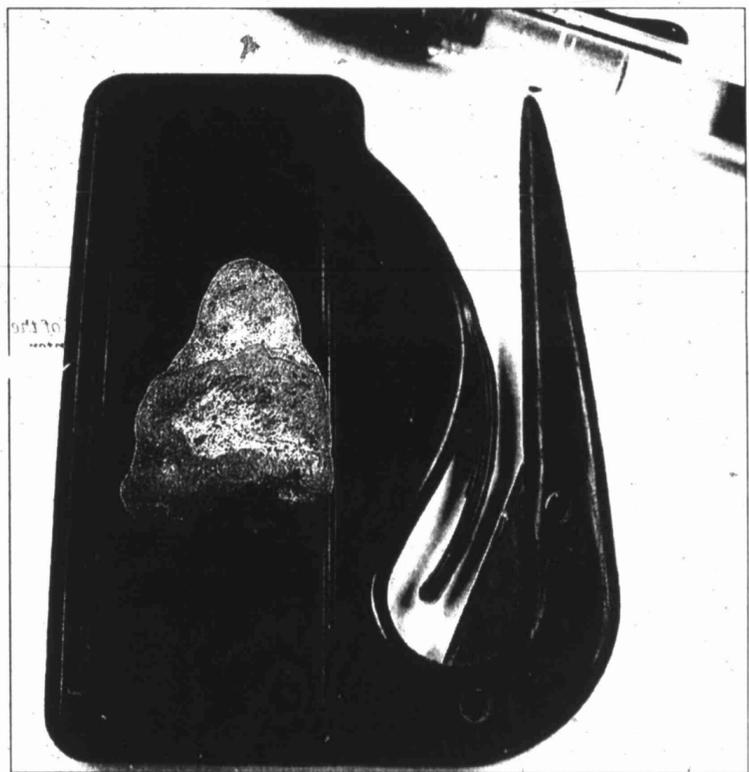
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BOUND FOR EBAY



This small rock, above, and shown below in a photo with an envelope opener for size contrast, will be auctioned on ebay as a possible religious icon, since its owner and finder, Harry Vela, believes the rock resembles the Virgin Mary praying or the Virgin Mary holding the Baby Jesus. Vela received his inspiration for the auction from the recent ebay auctions and subsequent news stories of a potato chip that received a \$13,000 winning bid, a Funion that sold for about \$609 on ebay and a grilled cheese sandwich that received a winning bid of \$63,000, all for looking like religious icons. Vela found this rock in 2002 on a rancher's land in Howard County, and he's had several offers to buy it. "People seem to be in awe of it, and everybody who sees it sees either one or the other; her praying or her holding a baby. People of faith are taken aback when they see it," he said. The rock will be posted on ebay in the next few weeks and



Vela is hoping to see a better return than the grilled cheese sandwich. Vela also found a small, hand-beaten cross made of copper that he's had valued and was told it was made in the 1800s. Vela said he found both artifacts, this rock and the prayer medallion within yards of each other, a fact he finds remarkable.

A&M scholarships

The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from students who are currently enrolled at Texas A&M University or graduating high school seniors who have been accepted at the university for the fall 2006 semester.

Students must be Howard County residents and enroll for at least 12 hours.

More information and an application may be found on the club Web site at clubs.aggienet-work.com/howard-countyamc/.

Deadline for applications is April 1.

For further information, contact Jerry Foresyth, scholarship chairman, at 263-3532 or 270-5051.

March blood drives

United Blood Services will be conducting several drives in Howard County next month.

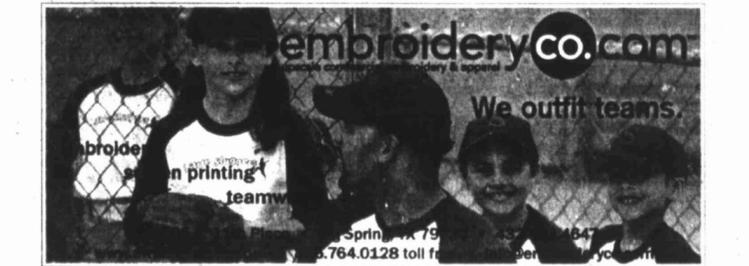
March 9, a drive will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Star Tek. Coordinator is Anna Osborne, 264-2700.

March 11, a drive will

be at the Eastside Baptist Church Fellowship Hall from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

To reach coordinator Troy McClendon, call 267-6025.

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Science foresees a brave old world

By ALAN BAVLEY

Knight Ridder News

ST. LOUIS — Arthur Berrier and Irene McAnally are still exceptions in our society.

They've both made it past their 100th birthdays, living healthy, productive lives. They've seen their children grow to old age and their grandchildren mature and become parents themselves.

But the rare status enjoyed by centenarians such as these is likely to change.

Scientists are predicting that new technologies could extend the average person's life span decades or longer.

Much longer. It may be possible, according to one theory, to increase longevity virtually indefinitely, making Biblical life spans of hundreds of years, even 1,000 years, a reality.

Just adding several decades — among the more modest predictions to be offered — would have enormous consequences for society, experts say. If scientists could turn their anti-aging hopes into reality, life expectancy might climb from 76 years currently to 101 in 2050. The median age in the United States would rise from 35 to 48. About a fourth of the population would be older than 100.

In a session recently at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, researchers clashed over how long humans might one day live. But they all agreed that the prospects were good for adding decades.

"People alive today may be able to live indefinitely," was the startling claim by Aubrey de Grey, a biomedical gerontologist at the University of Cambridge.

Of course, if people live much, much longer, retirement accounts would be emptied and health-care resources would be strained.

"If we live another 30 years, that's a substantial amount of money, and it has to come from somewhere," said Shripad Tuljapurkar, a professor of population studies at Stanford University who has been making such projections.

"The scenarios we came up with say that we've got major challenges we need to think about."

Aging occurs as the body becomes less able to cope with the byproducts of metabolism and other chemical processes that make life possible.

Exercise becomes harder; thinking gets slower. Eyesight dims. Bones grow frail.

Halting the aging process completely is far beyond the current understanding of science, de Grey said. Instead, researchers should act like engineers, repairing damage to the body's cells and tissues before it progresses to disease.

The techniques for doing that are within reach, according to de Grey.

"The engineering process is more realistic," de Grey said. "Repairing, reversing or in some cases making harmless the damage caused by metabolism."

Given enough financial resources, scientists have a 90 percent chance of doubling the life span of



KRT photo/Shane Keyser, Kansas City Star
Irene McAnally, 100, talks about the possibility of living three times as long as she has in the comfort of her John Knox apartment in Lee's Summit, Mo. Scientists are speculating that in the not-too-distant future we will be able to extend our life spans to 300 years or longer.

laboratory mice in 10 years, de Grey said. Given 15 more years, they have a 50 percent chance of doubling the remaining life span of a 55-year-old.

De Grey's claims have raised a storm of criticism in the scientific community. A group of prominent scientists went so far as to call his ideas more science fantasy than fact.

One of those researchers, Steven Austad of the University of Texas Health Science Center, spoke at the meeting immediately after de

Grey. Austad dismissed de Grey's ideas as mere "thought experiments."

Austad agreed, however, that progress in delaying aging would come in the next couple of decades.

People will live to be 150, he predicted.

"I think that person is alive right now," he said.

But slowing the aging process will not be as easy as de Grey suggested, Austad said, and it could have unwanted side effects.

For example, scientists have been studying the

Ames dwarf mouse, which differs genetically from average mice. The Ames mouse lives 50 percent longer and retains its ability to learn well into old age. But the mouse is very slow on its feet.

"If you put an Ames mouse out in the field, it would be dead before tomorrow," Austad said.

Even the most promising possibility for extending life — severely limiting the number of calories we eat — is fraught with problems, Austad said.

Researchers have restricted the calories consumed by yeast, worms, flies and rats and in every case significantly increased their life spans. But the side effects include reduced fertility, vulnerability to cold temperatures and a reduced ability to fight off infections, Austad said.

"What we're really after is preserving (physical) function," rather than just increasing life span, Austad said. "Virtually every physiological function you can measure declines with age. ... What we want to do is slow the rate of change."

Scientists may be able to apply some of the lessons learned from basic anti-aging research to develop drugs that prevent metabolic damage or that mimic the beneficial effects of restricting calories, Eli Michaelis, a pharmacologist and distinguished professor at the University of Kansas, said in a telephone inter-

view.

But those advances are more than a decade away, Michaelis said.

"We don't have a magic bullet yet," he said. "We can't say, 'If you take this pill, you'll live longer.' But we will learn about things that will increase life expectancy, like what to eat and how to exercise."

Arthur Berrier has been living the kind of healthy life that helps slow the aging process.

He walks every day in Lee's Summit, Mo., where he lives. Every Friday, he boards the bus to the supermarket to do his grocery shopping.

Berrier was born on his family's farm in Missouri 103 years ago. During the Depression, he worked on a road crew for 25 cents an hour. He ran a country store, and he spent most of his working life as a custodian at the same school where his wife was a teacher.

For much of his life, he ate vegetables from his own garden. He stayed

away from cigarettes and heavy drinking.

"One doctor told me — I was in my 90s — he said I'd live to be 100," Berrier recalled. "I laughed. I didn't think I'd make it."

Irene McAnally is more optimistic about a longer life, "if you can still enjoy life," she said.

That's something that 100-year-old McAnally has always been able to do.

"I've just had such a wonderful life. That's why my doctor says I've lived so long."

McAnally has lived most of her life in and around Kansas City. When she was younger, she belonged to civic groups and played bridge with her friends.

She and her late husband, Karl, raised one son, who is now 71. Now she spends her days reading novels — mysteries and love stories are favorites — and watching television. Her son and daughter-in-law visit often.

"I'm blessed. I really am blessed," McAnally said.

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"I have endorsed Jim Landtroop because of his conservative values, and I am convinced Jim will be an excellent representative for our area."
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"We support Jim Landtroop for State Representative. He will serve the best interest, values and beliefs of Howard County and the district."
— Bill and Joyce Crooker, Big Spring

"Jim is a man of integrity who will represent the entire district well. Jeanne and I are supporting Jim because of his strong West Texas values and his good common business sense. Jim has taken the time to get to know Big Spring, listen to our issues and concerns, and we are confident that he is the man who will fight for us down in Austin."
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Brothers Edward Klink, partnered on the book internet auction site.

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Brothers Edward Klink, left, and Steve Klink talk in a coffee shop in Allendale, N.J. The two partnered on the book, "Dawn of the eBay Deadbeats," stories of fraud on the popular Internet auction site.

Tales of eBay nightmares

By KEVIN G. DEMARRAIS

The Record (Hackensack N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J. —

Steve Klink was a long-time eBay enthusiast, buying and selling items as varied as a used car and basement furniture imported from Thailand over the popular Internet auction site.

But his view of eBay changed in 2003 after "the speaker incident," when a supposedly new speaker arrived looking as if it had been used as a chew toy for an animal.

When he contacted eBay, "they didn't want to hear anything about it," Klink said. They told him the seller claimed it was brand new when sent and an animal must have gotten into the package.

Not satisfied with the response — as a Paramus, N.J., police officer, Klink has heard more than his share of lame excuses — he set up a Web site to post his complaint. Almost immediately, the seller offered to refund the money if Klink would remove the complaint.

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As explained in the introduction, these are "stories told by those who have been suckered, snookered, pinched, and robbed while buying and selling on eBay."

"You might shake your head ruefully and think

them to be saps who deserved to be screwed, but you'd be wrong, because some of them are just like you."

The 136-page book is available thru the Web site, various online sites and some book stores.

The two Bergen County, N.J., residents discussed the book with The Record recently.

Q. Why did you pick a name for your Web site that might offend some people?

Steve Klink: We did that on purpose. We needed a shocking name, something that is in your face. On our site, people can rant and rave.

Q. What are some of the worst stories you heard?

Edward Klink: One guy bought a car that had been stolen. When the police showed up, he had to explain what happened.

Another man won a bid for early edition Spider-Man comics and wired \$16,000 to the seller. When the package arrived, there were no comics, just a stack of worthless computer paper.

He contacted the seller, who insisted he sent the comics. He said,

"Someone must have plucked it out and replaced it with paper of the same weight."

Q. It seems as if a lot of the problems result from consumers being careless. Why is that?

EK: Many people think eBay is 100 percent safe, but it's not. People act differently on the computer. We sometimes let our guard down.

SK: As a police officer, I'm aware of lots of scams and cons. I couldn't believe people could fall for it.

Q. Doesn't eBay help customers who were cheated get their money back?

SK: eBay encourages you to settle it yourself. If you report someone to eBay, he'll report you to eBay. They have mediation, but it costs \$20. They should be making it easier to report problems. If I find a site that I know to be fraudulent, it takes 20 minutes to report.

EK: eBay has the only business model that is free of responsibility.

Q. Have you gotten any feedback from eBay about your book?

SK: We're selling it on eBay (as well as Amazon.com). There's a listing fee of \$2 per book, and they (eBay) get a cut from PayPal.

EK: They can't complain. They're making money off it. It's a matter of freedom of speech. Our point isn't to battle eBay. We're just two guys looking to tell stories.

Q. Tell us about the book?

SK: We set up our own

company to publish it because the big publishers take the lion's share of the money.

The initial run was 3,500 copies and we're about halfway through them. We plan to do two follow-up books.

EK: In addition to exposing auction nightmares, the book offers tips to help honest eBay users avoid getting ripped off. It's humorous because the stories written by the people were humorous. You

can't help but laugh. But we made sure it was PG.

SK: This is not high literature. It's meant for the top of the toilet.

Q. Can I assume you've sworn off eBay?

SK: No, I'm still on it all the time. I just redid my entire basement and got a bar from Thailand.

It was an old oxcart of solid teak. (The seller) wanted \$1,200; I gave her \$900.

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"Stress urinary incontinence limits lifestyles and relationships because of the embarrassment that accompanies odor and wetness," explains Dr. Rudy Haddad of Haddad Urology clinic. "Typically the symptoms worsen over time, and so lifestyles and relationships are further compromised as the condition progresses."

Stress urinary incontinence occurs when there is uncontrolled urine leakage during a physical activity like lifting, sneezing or coughing. It typically is the result of hypermobility, a shifting of the urethra and bladder neck from their normal positions, and intrinsic sphincter deficiency, a condition in which the urethral sphincter is unable to close tightly enough to hold urine in the bladder.

Any single condition or a combination of conditions can lead to stress incontinence. Pregnancy and childbirth, aging, medical conditions, infections and medications and obesity are common causes.

Currently, there are no medications available to treat stress incontinence. For some women, behavioral therapy (monitoring fluid intake), Kegel exercises, protective undergarments and bulking injections offer temporary solutions.

Fortunately, there also are solutions available designed to be more permanent.

One such solution is the female "sling" system for stress urinary incontinence. Doctors treat incontinence by surgically placing a narrow strip of material—called a sling—under the urethra to give it a point of support.

"The sling procedure is a minimally invasive, highly effective procedure," says Dr. Haddad. "It generally takes less than 20 minutes and commonly is performed on an outpatient basis."

Most patients are continent immediately following the procedure and can resume normal, non-strenuous activities within a few days.

Clinical studies support the enthusiasm that patients and physicians alike have for sling systems. One manufacturer, American Medical Systems of Minnetonka, Minn., reports a study in which more than 95 percent of patients remained completely dry and did not need any protection following the procedure with its Monarc™ Subfascial Hammock.

"The potential to give someone back their lifestyle before incontinence set in is great with sling systems," says Dr. Haddad. "It is life changing for so many patients, and yet such a straightforward procedure."

As with any surgical procedure, inherent risks are present. Although rare, some of the most severe risks with transobturator sling procedures include infection, erosion and vessel or urethra perforation. Some of the most common risks include urinary track infections, urge symptoms and urinary retention. Sling procedures should not be performed on pregnant patients.

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IN BRIEF

Coahoma Little League sets sign-up dates

The Coahoma Little League invites all baseball players ages 5 through 15 in the Coahoma district to sign up for the 2006 season tonight at the Coahoma Community Center from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday at the Elementary open house.

All little leaguers who have not played in Coahoma or ever before need to bring a copy of their birth certificate. The registration fee for the season will be \$35 per child and multiple children of same family will pay \$30.

Anyone interested in coaching or helping with a team or becoming a board member can also attend. For more information, contact Jill Ringener after 6 p.m. at 432-263-2789 or 432-816-1532.

KBSB golf tourney announced for month of April

"Keep Big Spring Beautiful" will be hosting a golf tournament April 22 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament will start at 9 a.m. and cost \$60 per person. The tourney is a four-person scramble.

For more information, contact the country club at 267-5354.

C.G.A. announces scramble for March

The Chicano Golf Association will be hosting a four-person scramble at Comanche Trail Golf Course March 12.

The tournament begins a shotgun start at 10:30 a.m., but teams must be registered by 10 a.m. There will be refreshments served after the tournament as well.

For more information, contact Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

Sweetwater Classic set for early May

The Sixth Annual Sweetwater Spring Classic Basketball Tournament will be held May 5-7 in Sweetwater.

For more information, contact Mike Hatley at 1-800-658-6757 or mike@sweetwatertexas.net.

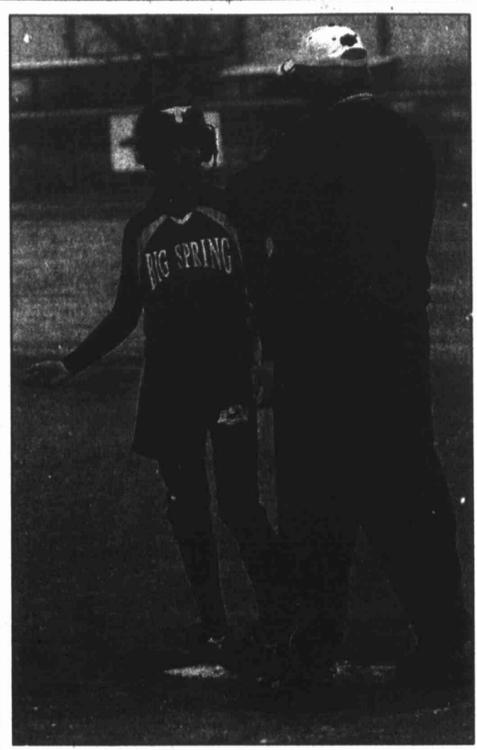
Umpires needed for B.S. softball season

The Big Spring Girl's Softball Association is looking for umpires for the upcoming season. Anyone interested in umpiring girl's softball games, contact Luci Ramirez at 432-468-3670.

Pep bus available for Howard games

Howard College will be offering a pep bus to and from Clarendon Thursday. The bus will leave at noon.

To RSVP, call the Dean of Student Services at 264-5029.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring junior Amber Sides, left, talks strategy with softball assistant coach John Richard Sparks during action at the West Texas Classic in Midland Friday. The Lady Steers defeated Lubbock High Tuesday night, 17-9.

Baker, Bailey grab first team 8-A recognition for Buffaloes

• Lady Buffaloes land three to all-district squad

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

The Forsan Buffaloes and Lady Buffs have wrapped up their seasons along with the rest of District 8-A and with that comes the naming of the all-district teams.

The names for the teams were recently released with Forsan

The Lady Buffs had two named to the second team as senior Alyssa Hodnett and junior Kaylon Stanley were honored.

Junior Tessa Montgomery was also listed as an honorable mention member of the team.

Iraan senior D. Malone was named the district



MVP, while fellow Bravette senior Khera Vay was named co-defensive MVP.

Newcomer of the Year went to Trinity Walker, a freshman from Wink.

The first team consisted of two juniors from McCamey, Erin Adams and Amy Jones. Wink also placed two ladies as juniors Gaby Garcia and Randi Shackelford were named. Rounding out the first team was junior Ty Green from Iraan.

On the boy's side Forsan had six players make the all-district team.

Senior Josh Paredez claimed defensive MVP honors while Wink senior Ryan Raska was named district MVP.

Newcomer of the Year was shared by senior

Derek Wiley from McCamey and junior Preston Villanueva from Iraan.

Taking a spot on the first team were senior Tye Baker and sophomore Adam Bailey. They were listed along with Clay Fernandez, a senior from Wink, and junior Cody Thomas, also from Wink.

Iraan senior Drey Rasco was also named to the first team along with Sergio Gonzales, a senior from McCamey.

Second team honors went to Forsan senior Jeremy Johnson and junior Seth Johnson. Wink named two more players to the second team as junior Coty Carroll and sophomore Robbie Sellers were honored. Completing the second team was McCamey senior Clayton Walker.

Receiving honorable mention was Forsan senior Steven Chavez.

The Iraan Bravettes won the 8-A district and Wink claimed the district title on the boy's side.

Roberts dominates, Bulldogettes record win in home opener

• Pitching brilliance overshadows offense's inability to score runs

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Senior Kali Roberts' strong outing on the mound made up for Coahoma's inability to hit the ball Tuesday as the Bulldogettes blanked Class 3A Greenwood, 2-0, and remained unbeaten on the season.

"The girl's are struggling with the bats, but I kind of expected that since basketball season just ended for a lot of them," said Coahoma head coach Robby Dickenson. "I am not unhappy because I knew it would happen."

Roberts threw her first no hitter of the season as she got the win on the mound with 11 strikeouts — three in the third inning — and was two walks away from a perfect game.

"Kali's changeup was

working tonight and she showed good control," said Dickenson. "The two breaks helped her because I thought she was getting a little tired. I didn't want to throw her all seven innings, but we were struggling a little bit at the plate and I didn't want to take any chances."

The Bulldogettes' fourth win of the season took longer than it should have as three power outages delayed the game. The game started a few minutes late and then lost the lights for about 20 minutes in the fourth and the sixth inning before finishing all seven innings.

Coahoma scored both of its runs in the second inning. Senior Sarah Dunn and sophomore Christie Rich were responsible for crossing the plate. Dunn had two doubles in the game and was stranded at third in

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Coahoma senior Ashle New throws the ball around in between innings during the Bulldogettes' 2-0 win over Greenwood Tuesday night. New singled in the game at the plate and Coahoma improved to 4-0 on the season.

Buff's win easily in first game at Forsan

• Robbins gets the win on the mound after striking out four

By TROY HYDE

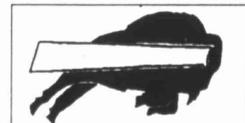
Sports Editor

FORSAN — The Forsan baseball team's first-ever home game went as scripted Monday night as the Buffaloes recorded an easy 16-6 victory against the Coahoma junior varsity team.

The game was called in the fifth inning due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Jeremy Robbins won the game on the mound as he struck out four batters in three innings of work.

Forsan will compete in the Eldorado tournament this weekend beginning Thursday.



Bulldogs rally against Kermit, defense hurt by errors again

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — The Coahoma baseball team can swing the bats and has been able to pitch good enough to win games early this year. The problem has been with mistakes in the field.

The Bulldogs scored 14 runs Tuesday and had four guys with two or more hits, but allowed Kermit to stay in the game with errors in the field. Coahoma improved to 2-3 on the year with a 14-12 win, but head coach Brad Harman knows the fielding has to get better.

"We jumped out to a big lead, but then put ourselves in a hole with errors in the field," said Harman. "The pitchers gave up some walks and



those hurt, but the errors killed us. We have to play better defense behind our pitchers."

Coahoma committed seven errors and only seven of the 12 runs in the game for Kermit were earned.

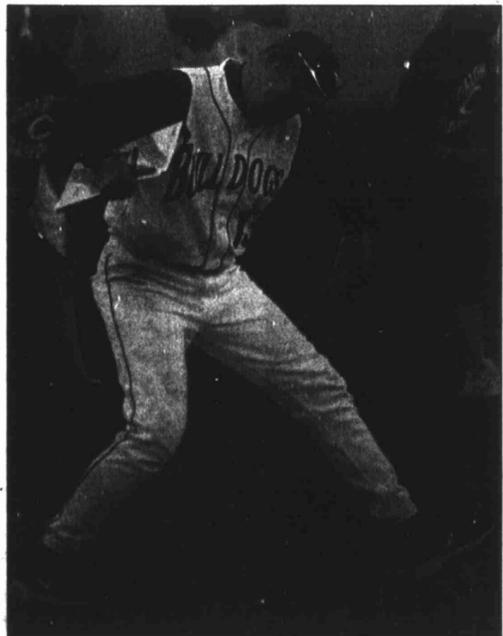
The two teams were tied, 1-1, after one inning, but Coahoma blew the game open in the second inning with five runs. Freshman Donnie Garcia began the inning with a walk and Corey Clanton was hit by a pitch. Junior Blaine Kerby knocked in Garcia with an RBI double. Clanton scored later on an RBI single by fresh-

man P.J. Daylong. Senior Cody Griffith walked to load the bases and then senior Casey Coberly knocked Kerby, Daylong and Griffith home with a three-RBI double.

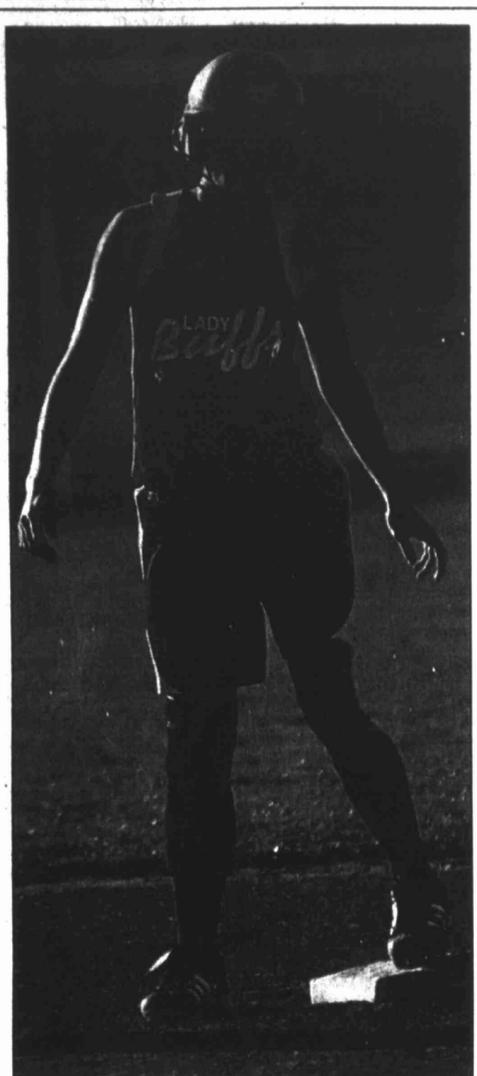
The Yellowjackets threatened in the third inning, but a double play by the Bulldogs ended the threat. Kerby caught a fly ball and then made an on target throw to first base to pick off a runner.

Neither team scored in the third, but Kermit was able to tie the score in its half of the fourth with five runs. Kerby was on the mound in relief of Coberly, who started on the mound and gave up just one unearned run in three innings, and ran into trouble with control

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Coahoma head baseball coach Brad Harman reacts to a double play converted by the Bulldog defense Tuesday night in Coahoma against Kermit in the home opener. The Bulldogs won the game, 14-12.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Forsan's Kimmy Berry stands on second base after starting the Lady Buffs' softball game off with a double Tuesday evening. The Lady Buffs played its first-ever softball game in Forsan and defeated Reagan County, 6-5.

BULLDOGS

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in the inning. He gave four free bases to Kermit with two walks and two hit batters and Coahoma made several errors on top of that. Only one of the five runs in the inning were earned but the score was still tied.

The Bulldogs regained the lead in the fourth with one run. Kerby started the inning off with a single and then White doubled. Kerby scored the run on a sacrifice bunt by Griffith.

Kerby walked three more batters in the fifth inning, but got out of a bases loaded jam as the Yellowjackets were turned away.

Coahoma went down in order in its half of the fifth inning and Kermit took the lead for the first time in the sixth with six runs. Kerby faced two batters after one singled and the other one was hit.

Ryan Walker came on in relief, but didn't fare much better. He put the first batter on with a balk and walked the second hitter before giving up a three-RBI triple to the wall. Kermit also doubled, singled and walked again off Walker as he recorded just one out.

Garcia entered the game later in the inning and walked the first batter he faced, but got out of the

jam with a double play.

The first six batters for Coahoma reached base in the bottom of the sixth inning. Kerby started the inning off with a single and then scored on an RBI double by White. Daylong drew a walk and Griffith loaded the bases with another single. Coberly drove in White with a single and then David Hughes drove in Daylong with another single. Walker's RBI single scored Griffith and Coberly later scored on an RBI hit by a pitch from Clanton. Stephen Ewing, who was pinch running for Hughes, scored an RBI single by Kerby and the final run of the inning was scored by Walker on an RBI fielder's choice off the bat of White.

"To the guys' credit they got back into it," said Harman. "They didn't give up and to me that showed a lot of character. It would have been easy to lay down, but everyone did their job in the sixth inning and that was a total team effort."

White came on to pitch the top of the seventh and allowed two hits, but improved to 2-0 on the year as he didn't allow any runs.

Kerby went four-for-four at the plate to lead Coahoma as he added three runs and two RBIs. White went three-for-five with two doubles, two RBIs and two runs. Coberly and Daylong each



HERALD photo, Troy Hyde
Coahoma senior Casey Coberly delivers a pitch to the plate against Kermit Tuesday night. Coberly threw three innings and gave up no earned runs, but got a no decision.

had two hits. Coberly walked twice and had four RBIs, while Daylong scored twice and had one RBI. Griffith was one-for-two but scored twice.

The Bulldogs will play in the Sweetwater Tournament Thursday.

They will play Post at 3:15 p.m. and take on Abilene Wylie at 8 p.m.

The team will play Friday and Saturday, but opponents can not be determined until Thursday's game are played.

Coahoma powerlifters end regular season at Sweetwater, some prepare for regional meets

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
SWEETWATER — The Coahoma powerlifters concluded their regular season this past Saturday at the Arien Barnes Classic in Sweetwater.

Isaac Arguello started the meet off by competing the 114-pound class where he totaled 500 pounds and took home fourth place. Gus Yanez lifted 710 pounds in the 123-pound

class. Blaine Henderson grabbed third in the 132-pound class with a lift of 790. Justin Ditto took fifth in the same weight class with a lift of 755 pounds.

Nathan Gomez competed in the 148-pound class where he totaled 555, a 45-pound improvement from the previous meet.

Jake McCain had a three-lift total of 1,150 pounds in the 198-pound

class and Skyler Mundell was fourth in the super heavyweight division with a 1,115 pound total.

Yanez, McCain and Mundell will all participate in the regional meet in Brownfield Saturday, March 11.

In girl's lifting action, Melanie Gutierrez lifted 430 pounds in the 114-pound class.

Chelsea Gonzales, who has placed in every meet

this year, was fourth in the 123-pound class with a total of 535.

Esmeralda Urias totaled 555 pounds in the 165-pound class, while Jerrica White won the 220+ category with a lift of 310.

Gonzales and White will also perform at the regional meet.

The girl's regional meet will be held in Abilene Saturday.

Hirt, Medrano lead GC girls to second place

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
MCCAMEY — The Garden City girls golf team began its new season in McCamey recently and the Lady Kats took home second place, but trailed first-place McCamey by 40 strokes.

Garden City shot a 420 overall and bettered Wink and Rankin by six and seven strokes, respectively. Alpine and McCamey's second team rounded out the competition.

Junior Erin Hirt, who entered the season as the team's No. 2 golfer, won team honors at the meet as she tied for fourth overall with a 98. Senior Kayla Medrano tied for fifth with a 99, while Amy Multer shot a 107. Mikela Barton and Brooke Halfmann each scored a 116.

McCamey took two of the top three individual spots and an Alpine golfer placed second with an 89. The winning score was an 84 and the third-place golfer shot a 94.

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the fourth and at second in the sixth. Rich, Roberts, senior Ashle New and sophomore Ami Martinez each singled in the game as well.

"We are there defensively, but our timing is off at the plate," said Dickenson. "The more pitching we see the better we'll be at the end of the

season. Sarah is hitting the ball good for us and Ami has swung it well early on too."

The Bulldogettes will play in the Killeen Tournament this weekend starting Thursday. They are 4-0 on the year and should feature several different throwers in the tournament.

"At this stage of the year, I am very happy with what the team is doing," said Dickenson.

Upcoming Area Lineup

Today

- Coahoma golf @Crane, 9 a.m.
- Howard baseball DH vs. Hill College @Abilene, 1 p.m.

Thursday

- Coahoma baseball @Sweetwater Tourney, 3:15 p.m.
- Howard basketball @Clarendon, 5:50 p.m. and 7:50 p.m.
- Coahoma baseball @Sweetwater Tourney, 8 p.m.
- Big Spring softball @Killeen Tournament, TBA
- Big Spring baseball @Monahans Tournament, TBA
- Forsan baseball @El Dorado Tournament, TBA
- Forsan softball @San Angelo Tournament, TBA
- Coahoma softball @Killeen Tournament, TBA

Friday

- Howard baseball DH vs. Weatherford, 1 p.m.
- Howard softball DH @Odessa, 1 p.m.
- Big Spring tennis @Arlington, TBA
- Big Spring golf @Andrews/Monahans, TBA
- Big Spring softball @Killeen Tournament, TBA
- Big Spring baseball @Monahans Tournament, TBA
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NOTICE
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Estate of Lavonna Marie Tidwell
c/o Tanya Jayne Price
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 17 day of February, 2006.
TANYA JAYNE PRICE, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Lavonna Marie Tidwell, Deceased. #4889 March 1, 2006.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT
Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY Election held on MARCH 7, 2006 will be tested on MARCH 4, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at COUNTY COURTHOUSE to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.
Saundra Bloom
Signature of Officer

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE
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TEXAS COMMISSION ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF RECEIPT APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMITS

NO. 19070
APPLICATION Conoco Company has applied. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) amendment to Air Quality Permit No. 19070 which authorize modifications Settles Central Tank Batted at the intersection 87 and FM 821, Forsa cock County, Texas. amendment will author increase in emissions following air contaminat fur dioxide.

This application was ted to the TCEQ on J. 20, 2006. The applica available for viewing at the TCEQ central the TCEQ Midland regic, and the Glasscock and District Clerk's Offi East Currie, Garden Glasscock County, Texa facility's compliance file exists, is available for p view in the Midland regice of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive has determined the app is administratively cr and will conduct a techn view of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ MEETING You may public comments, a i for a public meeting, quest a contested cas ing to the Office of th Clerk at the address The TCEQ will consi public comments in dev a final decision on the tion. The deadline to public comments is 3 after newspaper no published.

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No. P-13,330
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NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lavonna Marie Tidwell, Deceased, were issued on the 24 day of February, 2006, under Docket No. P-13,330, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Tanya Jayne Price. Claims may be presented in care of Tanya Jayne Price to the Estate addressed as follows:
Estate of Lavonna Marie Tidwell
c/o Tanya Jayne Price
209 Thomas Court NW
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548-4131

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 17 day of February, 2006.
TANYA JAYNE PRICE, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Lavonna Marie Tidwell, Deceased. #4889 March 1, 2006.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT
Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY Election held on MARCH 7, 2006 will be tested on MARCH 4, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at COUNTY COURTHOUSE to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.
Saundra Bloom
Signature of Officer

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE
Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion PRIMARIA DELPARTIDO REPUBLICANO, DEMOCRATICO que se llevara a cabo el 7 de Marzo, 2006 se probara el 4 de Marzo, 2006 a las 2:00 p.m. en el County Courthouse para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 19070

APPLICATION ConocoPhillips Company has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit No. 19070 which would authorize modifications to the Settles Central Tank Battery located at the intersection of U.S. 87 and FM 821, Forsan, Glasscock County, Texas. The amendment will authorize an increase in emissions of the following air contaminant: sulfur dioxide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 20, 2006. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Glasscock County and District Clerk's Office, 117 East Currie, Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application may be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

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If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING

You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 30-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, and (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[w]e request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

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If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

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INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from ConocoPhillips Company, 4001 Penbrook Street, Odessa, Texas 79762-5917 or by calling Ms. Suzanne P. Holland, Senior Environmental Coordinator at (832)486-2057.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The Aries moon is an energetic push, somewhat like the one that momma birds give baby birds when they nudge them out of the nest. Even if you don't feel ready for a venture, it's probably too late to go back, so you may as well go forward. Don't forget to stick your wings out and give them a flap — prepare for the sensation of "lift."

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In love, you feel you must be absolutely free. Conventional romance seems banal. Be optimistic that you will find your off-beat romance or that your old love will go with you on the journey toward unconventionality.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Relationships have an arc. The start is interesting, exciting and new. Unless the fire is fed with constant fodder, there is a cooling off. This period is appropriate and healthy and can be quite enjoyable if you accept it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Inspiration comes in many forms. Your charge is to recognize what inspires you and seek it out as often as you like. It helps satisfy your hunger for life beyond the mundane.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Where friends need you or business associates want you, you show up, all smiles and handshakes, ready to contribute whatever you can. In short, you're a gem.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is nothing average about your approach to work, and this is why you could alienate someone who is both wonderfully and hazardously "normal." There's no time to explain. Keep going with your creative ways.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The personal touch is what

you crave. In a corporate, chain-restaurant world, seek out the mom-and-pop taco place or the corner movie theater. The experience refreshes your humanity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a reason you're not making the obvious choices today. Something in your gut tells you not to. And FYI: That person who is a font of information is also a font of misinformation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In practically every way, this is a luck day. P.S. The contract is not quite right. Maybe there's no need for lawyers now. Try straight-shooting communication first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A different approach to the same old problem is called for. Change one thing and one thing only, and it opens a pathway that is new. More is possible than you currently know. Take advantage of another's wisdom.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your need for acknowledgment and love is (hello?) only the same as everyone else's on the entire planet. Give it, and you'll get it. Start with a Libra.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone young is blossoming before your eyes. This doesn't make you old, it makes you immortal. It's never too early to pass on your influence — or, in other words, the imprint of your soul — to the ages.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In case you were wondering, the ghost in the machine is absolutely real. Take its messages as signs. To be aware of the messages in the universe is not superstition, it's just good sense.

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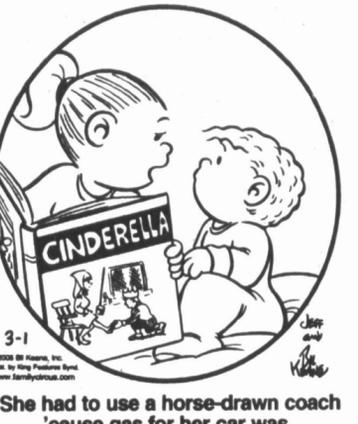
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This Date In History

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Today's Highlight in History:
On March 1, 1945, President Roosevelt, back from the Yalta Conference, proclaimed the meeting a success as he addressed a joint session of Congress.

On this date:
In 1781, the Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation.
In 1790, Congress authorized the first U.S. Census.
In 1864, Rebecca Lee became the first black woman to receive an American medical degree, from the New England Female Medical College in Boston.
In 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state.
In 1872, Congress authorized the creation of Yellowstone National Park.
In 1932, 20-month-old Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.,

the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, N.J. (Remains identified as those of the child were found the following May.)

In 1954, Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives, wounding five congressmen.

In 1961, President Kennedy established the Peace Corps.

In 1981, Irish Republican Army member Bobby Sands began a hunger strike at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland; he died 65 days later.

One year ago: A closely divided Supreme Court outlawed the death penalty for juvenile criminals.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Clary is 80. Singer Harry Belafonte is 79. Former U.S. Solicitor General Robert H. Bork is 79. Actor Robert Conrad is 71. Rock singer Mike D'Abbo (Manfred Mann) is 62. Former Sen. John Breaux, D-La., is 62. Rock singer Roger Daltrey is 62. Actor Dirk Benedict is 61. Actor Alan Thicke is 59. Actor-director Ron Howard is 52.

Answer to previous puzzle

SAME	WAIST	SKIN
ALIVE	ALGAR	PILE
GAME	LEONAR	OWLS
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STONY	WOOLS	RIP
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hit hard
 - 5 Coffee holders
 - 9 Castaways' creations
 - 14 Glom __ (take possession of)
 - 15 Publicize loudly
 - 16 TV host Winfrey
 - 17 Winter precipitation
 - 18 Sicilian active volcano
 - 19 007 after Connery
 - 20 Show disdain
 - 23 Fitness center
 - 24 Icy downpours
 - 25 Not slouching
 - 27 German river
 - 30 Mud bricks
 - 33 Kindergarten trio
 - 36 Dice throw
 - 38 South American capital
 - 39 More gloomy
 - 41 Publicize
 - 42 Smooth fabric
 - 43 Refreshments
 - 44 First-aid device
 - 46 Bard's "before"
 - 47 California peak
 - 49 Open contempt
 - 51 Statesman of India
 - 53 Meditative exercise
 - 57 Scoundrel
 - 59 Washer functions
 - 62 Prefix for physicist
- DOWN**
- 1 Pear varieties
 - 2 Cancel
 - 3 Mall unit
 - 4 Funny mistake
 - 5 Fork or spoon
 - 6 By __ (from memory)
 - 7 Habit wearers
 - 8 Not fresh
 - 9 Had a good frolic
 - 10 Soldier's addr.
 - 11 Winter hazard
 - 12 Furniture cover
 - 13 Mets' home
 - 21 Additional
 - 22 Rug exporter
 - 26 Drink with a burger
 - 28 Tide type
 - 29 Nefarious deeds
 - 31 Eastern potentate
 - 32 Well-thought-out
 - 33 Fortas and Burrows
 - 34 Ho-hum
 - 35 Carpenter's technique
 - 37 Guitarist Clapton
 - 40 To be, to Brutus
 - 42 Wander off
 - 44 Madras garment
 - 45 Arrow parts
 - 48 King's place
 - 50 Spots for statues
 - 52 Dad's brother
 - 54 Henhouse sound
 - 55 Actor Fonda
 - 56 Campaign topic
 - 57 Daisy Mae creator
 - 58 Away from shore
 - 60 Lemony
 - 61 "¿Cómo __ usted?"
 - 63 Canapé topper

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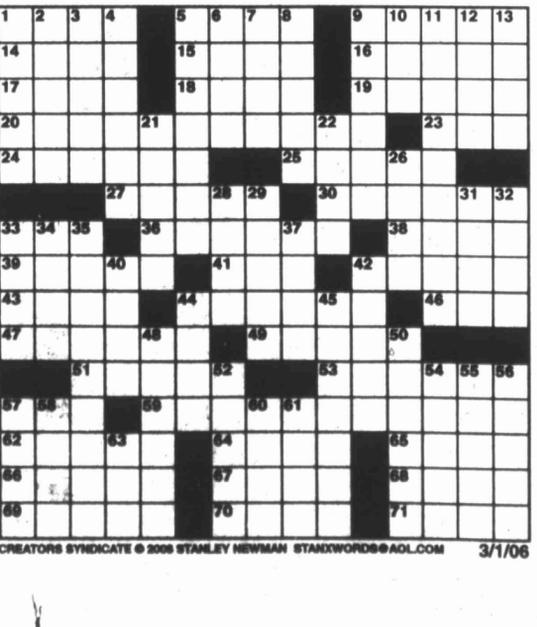
Rockhound Heavy Big Spring. The Big Prospectors Club present the 37th Annual Gem and Mineral Show Saturday and Sunday at the Howard County Fairbarns, and promoters say it will offer a little bit of thing for enthusiasts. Well, maybe "easts" is too flow term.

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This show rocks

Prospectors Club set for annual event this week

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer
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