

Seliger files bill for representation of indigent defendants

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — State Sen. Kel Seliger has filed Senate Bill 528 (SB 528) to create a specialized listing of qualifications for appellate attorneys representing indigent defendants in capital cases.

The goal of the legislation is to increase the number of lawyers who are eligible to represent defendants upon appeal by recognizing the different skill sets needed for trial and appellate attorneys.

"I believe the passage of this legislation will allow indigent defendants who face capital charges access to better representation," said Seliger.

In addition, SB 528 would



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allow for the review of attorneys who are no longer eligible to represent indigent defendants in capital cases due to a single finding of ineffectiveness that was case-specific and not indicative of future representation.

The review would be conducted

by the regional selection committees that currently maintain listings of eligible attorneys. The committees — comprised of an administrative law judge, a district judge, a representative from the local bar association and a board-certified criminal attorney —

would be able to reinstate an accomplished, experienced attorney who might have otherwise been prevented from serving in this capacity.

Senate Bill 528 is the product of a legislative workgroup formed by the Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense.

The group consisted of district and county judges, county representatives, court personnel, defense attorneys and prosecutors, the Standing Committee on Legal Services to the Poor in Criminal Matters, and legislative and governor's staff. Furthermore, the Honorable Wallace B. Jefferson, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, signed a resolution as chairman of the Texas Judicial Council supporting this legislation.

"Input received from all areas of capital case prosecution, defense and appeals will ensure that this system is more efficient and better protects the rights of all Texans," explained Seliger.

Children's pageant focuses on presentation, stage presence

By VALERIE AVERY
Special to the Herald

Registration for the 5th Annual Relay Rascal Razzmatazz — a low-key children's pageant focusing on presentation and interview skills — is due Feb. 19.

Forms can be obtained from the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and KBST Radio.

The Feb. 24 pageant will be hosted at the Big

Spring Municipal Auditorium beginning at 10 a.m.

Children will model "Sunday Best" attire and answer a few questions from emcee Lisa Brooks. Older age groups will have an opportunity to speak about themselves, if desired.

The pageant benefits Big Spring State Hospital's American Cancer Society's Relay for Life team — "Mind, Body

and Soul."

"This is the fifth year we have hosted this pageant and it is the most delightful and rewarding experience," Razzmatazz chairman Linda Billington said.

Entry fees for the pageant are \$12. Videos are available for \$8 prepaid with registration. Bruce Schuler Photography will offer professional pictures to all participants for a rea-

sonable fee.

"We decided to do this five years ago because no one in the Big Spring community was offering this type of event," Billington said.

"A lot of parents and kids would like to do this but don't want to enter a typical beauty pageant," she said. "This is a way for them to dress up, walk on stage in front of their parents and grandparents and answer a few ques-

tions.

"We think it teaches them poise and how to feel comfortable in front of large groups of people at a young age," she continued. "Plus, it's fun and gives us another opportunity to take more pictures of our children."

Children will participate in different age categories: 0 to 12 months; 13 months to 23 months; 2 to 3 years; 4 to 5 years; and 6 to 8 years of age.

Trophies will be presented to male and female winners in each age group. Each participant will receive a certificate of participation and a coupon for a free ice cream.

Judges will be cancer survivors or those individuals who are currently living with cancer.

All proceeds from the pageant are contributed to the local arm of the American Cancer Society.

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system also failed state expectations.

The second failure brought on a remedial order from Adan Munoz, executive director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, closing

the facility and limiting use of its jail cells to holding cells, usable only several hours at a time.

Since the jail's closure, inmates have been housed in other counties, including Dickens, Glasscock and Lamb.

Also on Monday's agenda, County Auditor Jackie Olson will present

the commissioners with invoices and purchase requests, as well as bids for office supplies, while County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is expected to present commissioners with personnel considerations and a payroll report.

County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will present the

court with pipeline crossings and a report on county road maintenance, including bids for a pick-up and a motor grader.

The court is expected to consider making appointments to the county's Senior Citizen Board and consider vehicle bids for the Spring City Senior Citizen Center.

Sheriff Dale Walker is also expected to address the court concerning the his office's annual profiling report and details concerning the ongoing work in the jail. Discussion concerning the jail — both existing and future designs — is also on the agenda.

Monday's meeting is

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

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RACES

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Grady Independent School District, with at-large terms up for Fred Garza Jr., Jimmy Mitchell and Wayne Pinkerton. Sands Consolidated Independent School District will have two seats up for grabs, with terms expiring for at-large seats currently belonging to Stan Blagrove and Michelle Zant.

While these five district officials may have to wait until November to find out the fate of their respective seats, there will still be plenty of elections in and around

Howard County May 12.

Two seats on the Big Spring City Council will be on the ballot, as Mayor Russ McEwen and District 5 councilwoman Joann Knox will see their terms expire. McEwen has already announced he will run for re-election.

Big Spring Independent School District will have three seats on the ballot, including District 5, currently held by Mike Dawson, District 6, held by Ricky Roberts, and District 7, currently filled by Phil Furqueron.

Coahoma Independent School District will have two at-large seats — currently held by Sissy Franklin and James White — on the ballot, while the city of Coahoma

will place seats currently held by David Elmore, Ricky Stone and Mayor Bill Read in the running.

Forsan Independent School District will have two at-large seats — currently held by Allen McDowell and Tom Bill Kuykendall — on the ballot, while the Glasscock Independent School District election will feature seats currently held

by Tibby Niehues and Diane Havlak.

Stanton Independent School District has two seats expiring in time for the election, including a seat held by Terry Shanks and a vacant seat.

The city of Stanton will also offer two seats for voters to decide, currently held by Tommy Haislip and Steven Villa.

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committee did an excellent job," he said. The Big Spring High

School Class of 2008 will graduate on May 30, 2008.

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TRUSTEES

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Persons interested in running for the school board may file for the election at the school district's business office, located directly across from the high school on 11th Place, between 8 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

District 5 roughly encompasses the Kentwood and Highland South areas of Big Spring and portions of the district immediately south of town.

District 6 is bordered by 17th Street on the south and S. Fourth Street on the north, and runs east from Settles Street to Birdwell Lane.

District 7 encompasses

the far western section of Big Spring and the northwestern section of the school district.

Early voting for the election begins April 30 and runs through May 8 at the election administrator's office in the Howard County Courthouse.

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"Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights."

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In order to make sure we maintain the same level of continuity for each generation of learners in our area, Howard College quickly learned that change is a must. Since the inception of the college in 1945, HC has worked diligently to establish a strong root



CINDY SMITH

system by meeting the educational needs of all learners in the area. We have established a strong foundation and built upon it by adding new programs, new educational venues, new athletic programs and reaching out to our students in grades K-12. The result is always "in process" and is what you have here today at Howard College.

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Howard College strengthen our root system here in Howard County. Through these efforts and more, we are able to maintain our level of continuity for the people we serve now and those we will serve in the future.

So, it's easy to see how the first piece of this quote writes a story for Howard College. But it is the second part of this quote that tells the story of the future for Howard College. Change is often difficult for many but it is an element of certainty if we want to grow and reach new heights. Change brings a new perspective to the things we do and why we do them.

As HC embraces change and begins to "stretch, grow and reach new heights," we find that we must also safeguard the very things

that help us keep our roots alive. As new programs are developed, we have to find open classrooms to hold the classes without disrupting current classes. As distance learning is expanded, we have to secure the proper resources without lowering the quality of the learning experience. As we recruit more students to our Big Spring campus, we must make sure our residential facilities are safe and reasonably attractive without disregarding the other campus facilities. And we can not possibly grow if we do not take care of the basic educational essentials as well.

If "change gives us branches," then Howard College wants to make sure our trees are strong and healthy. We want to cultivate the environment that will allow the

college to have firm roots while we branch out and try new things to expand the educational opportunities on campus. These steps of change are not always easy but they are steps we take with you, the citizens of Howard County. Together we can build a forest of educational opportunities that

will be here for many generations to come. Until next time ... remember, Education ... For Learning, For Earning, For Life!

Cindy Smith is the director of information for Howard College. She can be reached at 264-5000.

► Odds and ends

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. (AP) — About 40 tons of cow intestines and bones spilled onto a major highway after a truck driver became distracted by his digital music player and his semitrailer tipped over, officials said.

Authorities closed parts of Interstate 43 for about two hours Thursday while the beef byproduct was cleaned up, said sheriff's Sgt. Blaine Spicer.

The accident happened in the town of Mosel when 25-year-old Ryan Engle's truck veered off the road as he adjusted his MP3 player, Spicer said.

Engle, of Kenosha, was cited for inattentive driving and taken to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries, Spicer said.

The truck had to be towed from the scene. It is owned by Birchwood Transport of Kenosha.

HEBRON, Ky. (AP) — A warehouse worker has been accused of pilfering high-end lingerie worth nearly \$15,000 after his ex-girlfriend snatched on him, a newspaper reported.

Investigators say a manager stole Victoria's Secret lingerie from a warehouse where he worked near Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, the *Kentucky Enquirer* reported.

Christopher L. Perry, 24, of Villa Hills, Ky., has not been seen since he was charged with one count of receiving stolen property, authorities said. He did not return to work

and his phone has been disconnected.

His estranged girlfriend, Elizabeth Gibbs, called police Jan. 31 to report that Perry was lifting lingerie from Advanced Distributions Services in Hebron, court records show.

She led detectives to a hotel room where the lingerie was stashed, the records show. The merchandise, now sitting in a police evidence locker, was of almost every style and size carried by the store.

"We believe he was just approaching people on the street" to sell the items, Kenton County Commonwealth's Attorney Rob Sanders said. "These are the kind of cases that keep this job amusing."

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Power of Inferential Thinking

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
West 1♣ Pass North Pass East Pass South 3♥
Pass 4♥
Opening lead — king of spades.

Declarer starts the play of many hands with only limited knowledge of how the adverse cards are divided. But as the play progresses, he learns more and more about the unseen hands, and can sometimes perform marvelous feats.

Take this deal where South performed nobly. West led the king of spades and shifted to a trump. Declarer won with dummy's queen

and played a club to the jack. He was hoping East had the queen, in which case the jack would force the ace.


But West won with the queen and continued with the ace and another club, ruffed by South. Declarer then drew two more rounds of trumps, West discarding a spade on the second one, and led a low diamond to the ten, which won. Now, pursuing his quest for further clues, South ruffed dummy's last club.

When West followed suit, South had all the information he needed to make his game. He led the three of diamonds to the ace, felled the king, and so made the contract. Had South led the queen of diamonds to repeat the finesse, he would eventually have lost a diamond to East and gone down one.

The key to the winning line came from what South learned during the play plus what he deduced from the bidding. He knew that if West had held:

♠AK10x♥xx♦Kxx♣AQ109 he would have opened one club or one notrump rather than one spade. Since West had opened one spade, it followed that he held five spades and hence only two diamonds, making the low diamond lead rather than the queen the correct play at trick 10.

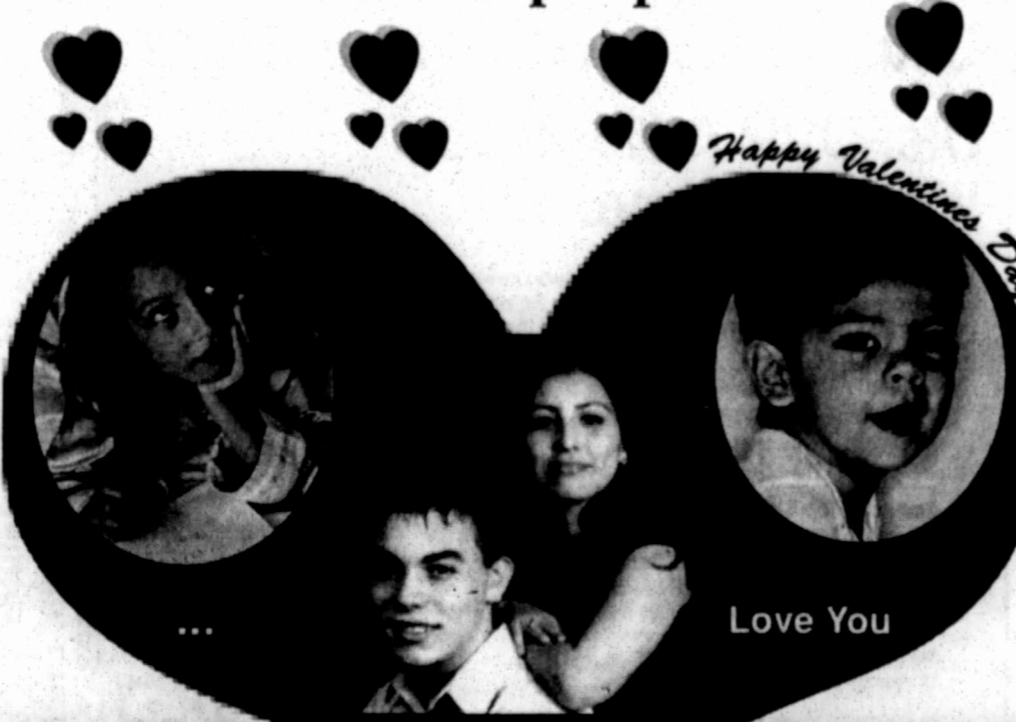
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Pundits puzzle Perry's motives

By KELLEY SHANNON
AP Political Writer

AUSTIN — It's been a national headline week for Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who has managed to alienate some conservatives and surprise critics with sweeping proposals to expand health insurance and fight cancer.

Though he insists he's not thinking about becoming a vice presidential nominee, Perry's big new ideas could help position him as a major political player at the federal level in 2008.

The proposals in his State of the State speech on Tuesday — to sell the state lottery and use billions of dollars in proceeds to fund health care insurance, education and cancer research — and his executive order making Texas the first state to require girls to get a vaccine that fights cervical cancer aren't his usual issues.

By choosing them, he seems to be trying to attract national attention and cast himself as more moderate, said Bruce Buchanan, a government professor at the University of Texas who specializes in the presidency.

Perry upset some Republicans in the Legislature with his order requiring that Texas girls entering sixth grade be vaccinated against the human papillomavirus starting in 2008. But he was praised for the move in a New York Times editorial — unfamiliar turf for a conservative Texas governor.

Perry proposed selling the Texas lottery to a private company for at least \$14 billion and putting the money into interest-generating trust funds. He also called for an \$8 billion endowment for education, \$3 billion for cancer research and \$2.7 billion to help get more Texans on health insurance. The state's rate of uninsured residents tops the nation.

Democrats had to acknowledge Perry offered some "forward-looking recommendations" and "occasionally lofty rhetoric," but they said he'll have to prove he means what he says.

"Actions speak louder than words, and Perry's record of serving special interests and promoting their privatization agenda speaks for itself," said Boyd Richie, Texas Democratic Party chairman.

Perry spokesman Robert Black said there's more speculation outside of the governor's office than within about his national political ambition. Perry has repeatedly said he's not interested in moving to Washington, D.C., but he hasn't ruled out accepting an offer to be a vice presidential nominee.

Bill Lauderback, executive vice president of the American Conservative Union, based in Alexandria, Va., said Perry could certainly be considered for the GOP running mate when that time arrives.

News in brief

Nurse sentenced to 60 years for killing husband

WACO, Texas (AP) — A registered nurse was sentenced Friday to 60 years in prison for fatally shooting her husband in the head in the couple's bed.

Darlene Doskocil Gentry, 32, faced from five years to life in prison. She was convicted Thursday of killing Waymon Keith Gentry, 31, in 2005 in their Robinson home near Waco.

Assistant prosecutor Melanie Walker had urged jurors considering her punishment not to be swayed by Gentry's good looks or the fact that she has three young sons.

"Looks can be deceiving," Walker said. "It's an uphill battle when you have a defendant who looks like her. Nobody thought a cute little blond mommy would do what she did."

Several of Gentry's relatives had asked the jury to consider probation for the sake of her children. They said Gentry is a loving, caring mother, and that they would trust her with the care of their children, the *Waco Tribune-Herald* reported in its online edition Friday.

Appeals court rules BP CEO must give deposition

HOUSTON (AP) — Outgoing BP PLC chief executive Lord John Browne was again ordered Friday to answer questions about the company's deadly Texas City plant explosion in 2005 that killed 15 people and injured hundreds more.

Many residents of Smith's hometown recall her not-so fondly

By ANGELA K. BROWN
Associated Press Writer

MEXIA (AP) — Anna Nicole Smith claimed this small, working-class central Texas community as her hometown. But it doesn't claim her.

Some residents say they don't even remember her. Many of those who do are ashamed of her antics, Playboy playmate fame and pop culture status. Around town, signs boast of "championship high school sports teams of days past — but a day after the blonde bombshell died mysteriously at 39, none mentioned Smith.

"Anna Nicole is not somebody we consider one of our own, one of the great citizens we're proud of," said the Rev. Marcus Sheffield, pastor of First Baptist Church, who did not know Smith. "If people connect her with what Mexia is, I'm not proud of that."

Smith, whose death came five months after her 20-year-old son, Daniel, died of drug-related causes in her Bahamas hospital room three days after she gave birth to a daughter, was born Vickie Lynn Hogan in Houston. When in junior high school, as she told the story, she moved with her mother to Mexia (pronounced meh-HAY'uh),

about 80 miles southeast of Dallas.

Once home to 35,000 residents after a 1920s oil boom, Mexia's older neighborhoods are now a mix of clapboard houses and mobile homes. About 6,900 live there now. Its largest employers are Mexia State School, a facility for the mentally disabled; the hospital and school district.

The median income for a family was less than \$30,000, compared to nearly \$46,000 statewide, according to the 2000 U.S. Census. One of every five families lived below the poverty line.

In Mexia, she lived sometimes with her mother, other times with an aunt, said one of her cousins, Shelly Cloud.

"I can't believe it," Cloud said Friday outside her Mexia apartment. "I still can't believe she's gone."

Smith is shown in only one yearbook photo, from her sophomore year; she dropped out after being expelled for fighting in the 11th grade.

She then worked as a waitress and cook at Jim's Krispy Fried Chicken restaurant. She married 16-year-old fry cook Bill Smith in 1985, giving birth to her son before divorcing two years later.

The order by a Houston appeals court comes after the same court put the deposition on hold when attorneys for Eva Rowe, whose parents were killed by the blast, settled with BP in November.

Brent Coon, one of Rowe's attorneys, says his firm still has 150 other lawsuits pending against BP and that Browne's deposition is important to these cases, including two that are set for trial at the end of the month.

"(Browne) was the one that initiated budget cuts that applied to the refining system," Coon said. "It's clear from our investigation in this case that the budget cuts contributed to failures at Texas City."

BP spokesman Neil Chapman said the company is considering its options, including further appeals.

BP announced last month that Browne would step down by the end of July — more than a year ahead of schedule.

One dead in trench collapse

DALLAS (AP) — One worker died and a second was injured when a trench collapsed Friday afternoon along a light rail line under construction, officials said.

The trench collapsed in the Deep Ellum area of Dallas while two workers were helping reset a water line along a planned rail route, said Dallas Area Rapid Transit spokeswoman Morgan Lyons.

Firefighters dug through the rubble to find

one victim, who was pronounced dead at the scene. The other victim was taken to Baylor University Medical Center.

Neither victim's name was released. Lyons said that both men worked for a subcontractor handling utility work along the line.

Vaccine order could be an issue for human services chief

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's health and human services chief could face some tough questions next week about how he plans to implement the governor's anti-cancer vaccine mandate as members of a Senate committee discuss his reappointment.

Albert Hawkins' term as executive commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission expired Feb. 1, and Gov. Rick Perry reappointed him Wednesday.

The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Texas Senate, whose members are still irritated about Perry's order requiring Merck & Co.'s new Gardasil vaccine for girls entering sixth grade as of September 2008. The vaccine protects girls against strains of the human papillomavirus, or HPV, that cause most cases of cervical cancer.

A freshman senator who is a member of the Senate nominations committee said Friday he will withhold support for Hawkins' reappointment until Hawkins explains how he plans to implement Perry's order. Hawkins is scheduled to appear before the committee Wednesday.

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► News in brief

New top U.S. commander in Iraq: situation 'not hopeless'

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The new top U.S. commander in Iraq said Saturday that the stakes are high but the situation is "not hopeless" as American and Iraqi forces move to end the sectarian violence threatening to tear apart the country.

Gen. David Petraeus made the comments at a ceremony during which he officially took control of U.S. forces in Iraq from Gen. George Casey, who is going to be the next Army chief of staff.

"The stakes are high. The way ahead will be hard but it is not hopeless," he said on a platform at a former Saddam Hussein palace at Camp Victory. "We can and we must prevail. This mission is doable."

The change in command comes as President Bush overhauls his Iraqi policies and his team of top U.S. officials in the Middle East despite strong opposition by Democrats to plans to send 21,500 more troops to beef up security in Iraq.

Petraeus said the U.S. and the Iraqis needed to continue to work together in controlling the violence.

"The rucksack is too heavy for any one person to bear. We will all shoulder it here together," he said, adding that he wants to help the Iraqis "make the most of this opportunity to build a new country."

Petraeus was joined by Casey, Army Gen. John Abizaid, the outgoing Central Command chief, and a chaplain for the handover ceremony, which was held at a former Saddam Hussein palace at Camp Victory on the western edge of Baghdad.

Russian president blasts U.S. for its use of force

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin blasted the United States Saturday for the "almost uncontained" use of force in the world, and for encouraging other countries to acquire nuclear weapons.

Putin told a security forum that "we are witnessing an almost uncontained hyper use of force in international relations" and that "one state, the United States, has overstepped its national borders in every way."

"This is very dangerous, nobody feels secure anymore because nobody can hide behind international law," Putin told the gathering.

Putin did not elaborate on specifics and did not mention the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan. But he dismissed suggestions that the European Union and NATO had the right to intervene in crisis regions.

"The legitimate use of force can only come from the United Nations, it cannot be replaced by EU or NATO," he said.

Obama to announce presidential plans Saturday

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — The Old State Capitol in Springfield, Ill. — where Abraham Lincoln held office before running for president — is the setting for the latest milestone in Sen. Barack Obama's remarkable rise to prominence. The first-term U.S. senator planned to formally announce his candidacy for president Saturday in the city where he began his political career just 10 years ago.

Obama is a newcomer to the national scene, having served just two years in the Senate, but he already is considered Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's chief rival among many vying for the Democratic nomination. He brings a wealth of political skills but a thin elective resume — the very reason he chose to stage his official campaign launch from the steps of the Old State Capitol.

Obama, who would be the first black U.S. president if elected, was tying his bid to the legacy of Lincoln — who served eight years in the Illinois Legislature — while using Springfield to tout his own eight-year record as a state senator.

In a video message on his Web site Friday, Obama said he was launching "a journey to take our country back and change the fundamental nature of our politics."

"I know a lot of you are cynical about the possibilities of that change," Obama said. "Sometimes it seems as if the game is fixed and it only works for the few and the powerful, but I fundamentally believe there is another brand of politics."

More tests needed to determine cause of Smith's death

DANIA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Prescription drugs were found in Anna Nicole Smith's hotel room, but there were no pills in her stomach, and investigators said Friday they are awaiting tests that could tell whether the former centerfold died of an overdose, as some close to her suspect.

At the same time, a judge in Los Angeles ordered that the model's body be preserved for at least 10 days for a possible DNA test related to a paternity dispute. The ruling could interfere with plans for a funeral.

Dr. Joshua Perper, the Broward County medical examiner who did the autopsy, said no illegal drugs were discovered in Smith's room at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood after the 39-year-old pinup collapsed there on Thursday. He would not identify the prescription drugs.

But CNN quoted an unidentified law enforcement source as saying there were large amounts of prescription drugs, including Valium and antibiotics, as well as over-the-counter cold and flu medication.

Perper said that although toxicology tests are pending, the autopsy found no immediate evidence, either in Smith's stomach or her bloodstream, that she had taken large amounts of prescription medication. But officials "do not exclude any kind of contribution of medication to the death," he added.

Man charged with impersonating cop had own 'police station'

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Henry Terry had all the right accessories to impersonate a police officer, prosecutors say: authentic-looking uniforms, a car with lights and sirens, a pair of handcuffs. But Terry took it a step further, setting up a personal police station where he kept records of possible crimes and sometimes interrogated "suspects" who were handcuffed to a chair, said Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota.

Following the 24-year-old's arraignment earlier this week on charges of grand larceny and impersonating a police officer, the dingy fourth-floor office where he ran his operation was empty Friday except for some computer discs, a few papers on the floor, a pair of black dress shoes and a nameplate on a shelf: "Cpl. H. Terry, Unit Supervisor."

On the building directory downstairs, the space is listed as the "New York Enforcement Asset Recovery Bureau's District 2 Operations."

The office, now frigid because of broken windows, was also used for a time for the Holbrook resident's security company, and investigators were unsure when Terry started his alleged police impersonation.

"We have reason to believe the defendant has been posing as a police officer for some time," Spota said in a statement.

Lake-effect squalls bury N.Y. county under 8 feet of snow

MEXICO, N.Y. (AP) — Ray DeLong took advantage of a break from the snow to use a blower to forge a path to his driveway as two contractors pushed streams of snow from the roof of his home. The brief reprieve Friday ended early Saturday as snow fell at a rate of 2 to 3 inches per hour, further burying a region already tested by nearly record snowfalls.

"Have to move fast. Want to at least get it off my roof," DeLong said, just hours before more flakes began to fall.

More than a week of bitter cold and slippery roads have contributed to at least 20 deaths across the northern quarter of the nation — five in Ohio, four in Illinois, four in Indiana, two in Kentucky, two in Michigan, and one each in Wisconsin, New York and Maryland, authorities said. No deaths were reported in Oswego County, where Mexico is located, however.

By 9 p.m. Friday a heavy lake effect band started to intensify over the county, said Tony Ansuini, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Buffalo.

Officials expected up to 14 inches of snow overnight, a trend that would push the seven day total beyond 100 inches and continue through the weekend.

Hybrids in, bi-fuels out under Arizona's new carpool experiment

PHOENIX (AP) — Three models of small hybrid cars will be permitted to use car pool lanes on area freeways under an experiment that also will ban some alternative-fuel vehicles that can now use the special lanes.

The federally authorized pilot project was announced Friday by Gov. Janet Napolitano's office. It will permit the Honda Insight, Honda Civic Hybrid and Toyota Prius to use the 73 miles of high-occupancy vehicle lanes if owners get required new plates and special permits.

Hybrid vehicles run on either gasoline or self-generated electricity.

"We're using a variety of strategies to begin to clear the air in Arizona," Napolitano said in a statement. "Drivers who make the commitment to clean air and energy efficiency will get an easier commute."



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Howard Hawks athletics updated

The women's and men's basketball teams will be playing Odessa College Saturday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Tip-off is scheduled for 5 p.m. for the women and 7 p.m. for the men.

On Monday the Hawk basketball programs will host Frank Phillips College at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum with the games set to begin at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.



Wie injures wrist, no golf for a month

Michelle Wie injured her wrist in a fall while running and is wearing a hard cast that will keep her away from golf for at least a month, a family spokesman said.

Spokesman Jesse Derris said the 17-year-old injured her left wrist this week and that her doctors expect it will take four to six weeks to heal. Wie's right wrist was tightly taped from an injury last month at the Sony Open, where she missed the cut.

Wie wasn't planning to play in either the SBS Open or the Fields Open the next two weeks in Honolulu when the PGA Tour season gets under way.



Vince Young continues to learn, even while enjoying his first Pro Bowl. Page 2B

Bulldogs RSVP for basketball playoffs

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — After a one-point loss to Colorado City earlier in the season, the Coahoma Bulldogs were quite pleased to clinch a playoff berth after a 32-point win over C-City Friday night.

Coahoma had four players in double figures and never slowed down as they throttled the Wolves 72-40 to avenge the 49-48 loss that still stings some of the Bulldog players.

"This has been a rivalry game since we were little kids," Stephen Ewing said from inside Coahoma's Elementary Gym. "We have been watching our older brothers and our friends compete against them for as long as I can remember and that one-point loss was something I didn't want hanging around in the back of my mind. When you lose by a single point it just seems to linger a little longer than other losses — coming against Colorado City ... that only made it worse."

C-City refused to lay down and despite trailing by as many as 16 points early in the game, the Wolves rallied before halftime to get the deficit under 10 points.

Coahoma's Jason Gonzales continues to light up every defense in the district. He dropped 17 points on C-City and managed 7 steals on the night.

"I really think Coahoma was just ready to play tonight," Danny Keeton, the Colorado City head coach said. "I'm proud of our kids and I really think we played with the same intensity and gave the same effort that we had when we beat them at our



Jason Gonzales looks to take a Wolves defender to the basket in first half of Friday night game between Coahoma and Colorado City. The Bulldogs won to secure a playoff spot, 72-40. Gonzales ended the game as the leading scorer with 17 points.

place. I really do, the best basketball team just won tonight.

"The Morgan kid must have had 16 blocked shots. I hope he turns around and does that to someone in the playoffs. Coahoma is a very good basketball team and I wish them luck in the post season. I'm sure they're going to represent our

district well."

In the third quarter the Wolves could not match the offense of the Bulldogs.

With 1:16 remaining in the quarter, the Bulldogs were up 52-35 and despite playing some reserves, the lead continued to increase.

"This was a team win tonight,"

Coahoma coach Kim Nichols said. "When you have four players in double figures that means everyone is moving the ball around and getting it to the open man. That makes a coach happy."

Blaine Kerby had moments

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Bulldogettes ready to face Longhorns

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

Monday night the Coahoma Lady Bulldogs will lace up their sneakers for a playoff game against Early High as they travel to Clyde High School Gym for the first round of basketball playoffs — tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

The road game is the result of Coahoma coach Chris Sumrall losing consecutive "coin tosses" with the Early (20-10) head coach, but Sumrall stated on Friday that this would be a hard fought and close ball game no matter where they played the game.

On the season Laci Sterling led the Lady Bulldogs (23-9) by averaging 13.3 PPG and Christie Rich was right behind her



Lady Bulldogs coach Chris Sumrall pulls the team together after a timeout in district action this season.

with 11 PPG. The duo also leads the team in the rebounding statistics, as Sterling has been pulling

down 8 rebounds a night on average and Rich 7.

"This game is going to

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Guinn trails Big Spring Invitational by 5 strokes

Lady Steers host tournament

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

Andrews held the lead after the first round of the Big Spring Golf Invitational Friday at Big Spring Country Club.

There are 12 teams participating in the golf tournament, but due to part of the BSHS girls' team being unavailable to compete, the Lady Steers are only shooting for individual honors.

Ten of the 12 schools are competing for team titles and after the first day of competition, Andrews is sitting on top of the leader board after

shooting a combined 352 — five strokes ahead of second place Plainview and eight strokes in front of Frenship.

Representing Big Spring is Cassie Guinn, a junior who is currently sitting in second place for individual honors after shooting a first round 84, Holly Bancroft with a score of 107 and Ces Acosta who wrapped up 18 holes with a 125.

"Considering the conditions out here today — with the winds gusting and the temperature dropping," golf coach Chris Joslin said, "I'm very proud of all three of our girls. We have

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Lady Cats ready for postseason, now 26-2

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

As the state high school basketball playoffs begin to get under way this week, the eyes of West Texas will be watching Grady High School.

Ranked No. 16 in Division II Class A girls basketball in the state, the Grady Lady Cats are enjoying a bye week after their first ever outright district championship was won this season.

The Lady Cats (26-2, 10-0 in district), coached by Juan Rios, have scheduled a practice game vs. Sundown, the No. 7 ranked team, for this week in an effort to prepare for a strong run in the playoffs. The game is scheduled to be played at O'Donnell.

Information on the playoffs will be available on the Grady High School website or you

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The Grady Lady Cats finished the season with an undefeated district record (10-0), the first in school history. They are heading into the playoffs next week against an undetermined opponent.

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2 Toyotas to hit track in Bud Shootout

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Toyota will make its long awaited — but highly anticipated — debut in the Budweiser Shootout. Although the Japanese automaker hasn't ruled out winning the exhibition race, officials are approaching it as a warmup for the rest of Speedweeks.

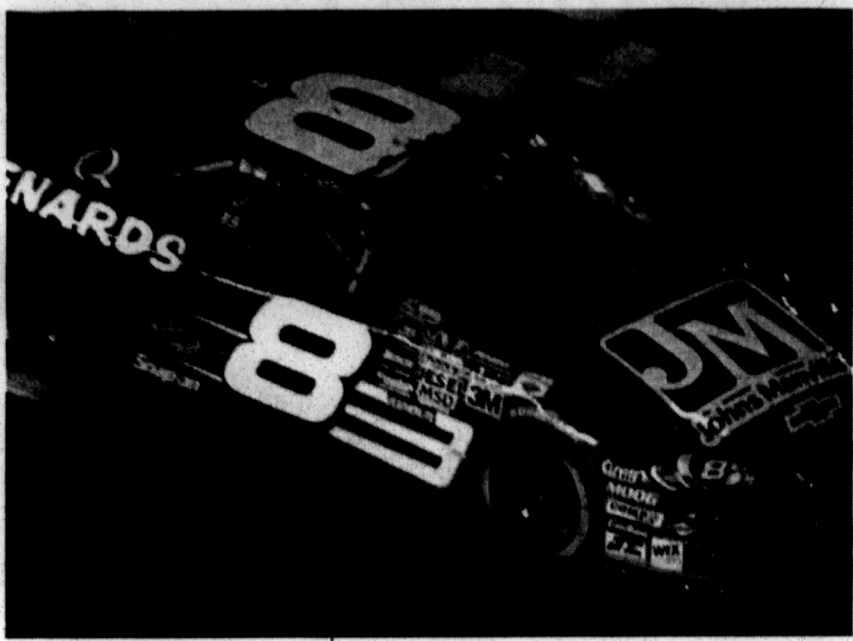
"The information we can gain in the Shootout can be shared with all of our teams," said Andy Graves, director of Toyota's Nextel Cup program. "So we're absolutely grateful to have even one car in the race, let alone two."

Graves was with Chip Ganassi Racing back in 2001 when Dodge made its return to NASCAR, and watched as Bill Elliott participated in the Shootout then won the Daytona 500 pole the next day in a Dodge. A few days later, Sterling Marlin drove his Dodge to a victory in a qualifying race.

Now, the Toyota camp is hoping Dale Jarrett and Brian Vickers — who will pilot a pair of Camrys in Saturday night's race — can help the seven-car fleet ready for the season-opening Daytona 500.

"The goal for us is to get feedback and earn some respect on the race track, with both the competition and the fans," Graves said.

Right now, Jarrett would settle for some within the industry.



MCT PHOTO/Stephen M. Dowell/Oriando Sentinel
Dale Earnhardt, Jr. crosses the finish line to win the Winn-Dixie 250 Busch race at Daytona International Speedway in 2006.

Because he's with a new team and didn't carry any points into this season, his spot in the garage pecking order is near the very bottom of the list. It meant the 1999 Cup champion had to park his team hauler in the Truck garage — a five-minute walk from the hustle and bustle of the Nextel Cup epicenter.

"There's no doubt this is incentive," Jarrett joked. "Right now, this isn't really so bad. We're away from everything and we're able to get everything done."

He also wasn't immediately recognized on the track. After 10 years driving the No. 88

Ford, Jarrett is now piloting the No. 44 Camry.

"Who's that in the 44?" Kasey Kahne radioed his crew during one of Friday's two practice sessions.

That's just one of the many reactions the Toyota camp is receiving as it prepares to enter NASCAR's top series.

There are two Camrys in the 21-car exhibition event, and Jarrett will lead them to the green flag after earning the pole in a blind draw. All eyes will be on the Toyotas, with everyone is expected to tune in to check out the competition.

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Rookie Young not on vacation at Pro Bowl

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

HONOLULU — Vince Young didn't see this trip to Hawaii as a vacation. The Tennessee quarterback figured a rookie should never stop learning, even at the Pro Bowl.

So Young mined his fellow stars for any vein of information during the week leading up to Saturday's game at Aloha Stadium. He got solid coaching advice from the AFC's Bill Belichick, while Peyton Manning spoke with him about resilience.

Oh, and every Pro Bowl player taught Young that it's important for the rookies to buy the drinks while everybody is sitting on the beach.

"It's been great. My head's kind of spinning, but it's a great time," said Young, who will back up Manning and Carson Palmer in the NFL's 57th all-star game. "I learned something every day. I'm just looking forward to playing in the game and having one more great experience to finish the year."

Young is the first rookie quarterback to make the Pro Bowl since Dan Marino, but he's just one star on the loaded AFC roster for the conference's 37th meeting since the merger in a laid-back series tied 18-18.

MVP, will start with league MVP LaDainian Tomlinson before an impressive defense led by Miami's Jason Taylor and Denver's Champ Bailey takes the field.

Even with standouts at every position around him, Young still attracts attention with his stunning physical abilities — particularly among players who still hadn't seen him in person.

"We razz him a little bit because he's a rookie, but he seems really mature," Kansas City tight end Tony Gonzalez said. "You have to be mature at that position. He's already headed toward a great career. Hopefully Carson and Peyton can teach him a little something."

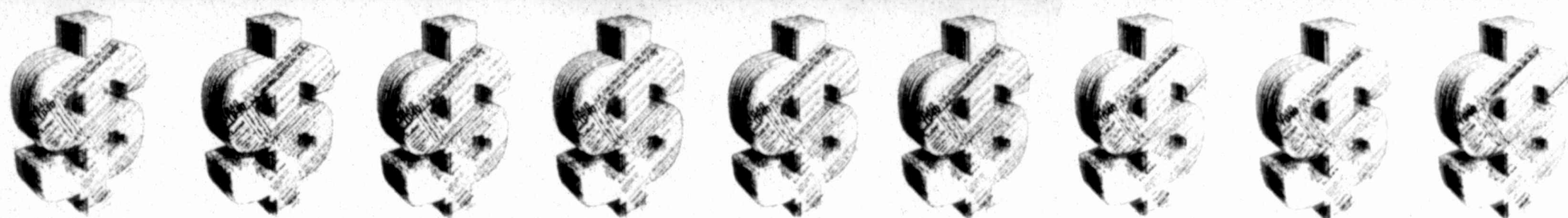
"I'm just glad he's on my team now," Indianapolis receiver Reggie Wayne said. "He's a freak out there, and there's lots of freaks at this game. He's got all kinds of skills."

Young got this opportunity through a little serendipity, since he wasn't an original selection to the Pro Bowl after a debut season he called "good, but not great." Though he went 8-5 as a starter with seven rushing touchdowns, his passing was admittedly erratic as the Titans missed the play

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Because the Shootout is an all-star event for 2006 pole winners and past event winners, Jarrett and Brian Vickers are the only two drivers from Toyota's seven-car fleet participating.

"It's the first entry of a non-American manufacturer, so it's going to be an historical day," Dodge car owner Ray Evernham said. "And it's one more thing to pay attention to. They are the new competition and everyone will want to see what they've got."

Based on Friday's two practice sessions, it's not totally clear how the Camrys will run. Jarrett was in the middle of the pack on the speed chart, but Vickers was all the way at the bottom — close to 5 mph

off Denny Hamlin's fast lap of 189.745.

But that's OK for Toyota officials, who aren't all that concerned with the Shootout. As far as they're concerned, the non-points event is nothing more than extra preparation time for the season-opening Daytona 500.

Dave Blaney and Jarrett, based on his past champion's provisional, are the only two Toyota drivers assured of making the 500 field, so Toyota is taking every chance it can get to gain information it can carry over into qualifying.

"I'm excited to see what we have," Jarrett said. "I'll be glad to finally get into those race conditions to see where we stack up and see how we can compete. How much work do we have to do? Or how little do we have to do?"

YOUNG

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offs.

When San Diego's Philip Rivers was forced to drop out of his first trip because of a foot injury last month, the NFL waited nearly two weeks to name Young to the game. Tom Brady apparently declined a Hawaii invitation, preferring to play golf at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Baltimore's Steve McNair also declined, but for a very good reason: He wanted Young, his friend and successor in Tennessee to have the opportunity he already had enjoyed.

Young should see plenty of playing time behind Manning, the Pro Bowl's career leader in yards passing and TD throws from his first six appearances. He gladly acknowledged being

on cruise control all week after leading the Colts to their Super Bowl victory, and isn't likely to play much.

But Young, a Houston native who led the University of Texas to the 2005 national title, will welcome every learning opportunity.

"He said he'd throw a touchdown pass to me, just for the people back home," Houston Texans receiver Andre Johnson said.

While Young makes his Pro Bowl debut, retiring New York Giants running back Tiki Barber will suit up for the final time in his 10-year career — and Kansas City guard Will Shields also might be making his 12th and final appearance in Hawaii. Shields, the Chiefs stalwart who has opened holes for Priest Holmes and Larry Johnson, could retire in the off-season.

The NFC squad has considerably less star power, a fitting reflection of the AFC's dominance of the regular season and the Super Bowl. Drew Brees, the New Orleans quarterback who finished behind Tomlinson in MVP voting, will team up with San Francisco running back Frank Gore and Carolina receiver Steve Smith.

Yet Pro Bowls rarely turn into blowouts: Just four games since 1988 have been decided by more than two touchdowns.

"They've got a lot of good players, but I look around our practices, and we've got a ton of talent, just a ton," said Baltimore linebacker Adalius Thomas, who will start for the AFC alongside San Diego's Shawne Merriman. "All these guys together — I wouldn't want to try to stop our offense."

DOGS

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where he took the game over and seemed to score at will. He ended the game with 15 points and 4 rebounds and according to Nichols, he teamed with Colter Morgan (7 points, 12 blocked shots and 10 rebounds) and Gonzales to run a tough zone defense against the Wolves.

Double-doubles are nothing new for Morgan and at 6-foot-8 he has the ability to change a game

on either end of the court.

"This feels good right now ... we showed everyone how bad we wanted this win. Tonight we really played as a team and that makes it special against a rivalry like Colorado City. That's what Coahoma is all about anyway — we're about playing as a team," said Curt Lane, the Bulldogs' tenacious guard.

Ewing and Logan Stone rounded out Coahoma scoring by hitting for 12 points each.

On Monday the

Bulldogs will travel to face Stamford with a district championship on the line. A win would assure Coahoma a bye in the first round of the playoffs — something Coach Nichols expressed a keen interest in securing.

"I told the kids in the locker room that we can control our own destiny," Nichols added. "We need to continue to stay focussed and continue to play team basketball. We secured a playoff spot, but the district race is not over — we need to play well against Stamford."

COAHOMA

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be a strength vs. strength match-up," Sumrall said from the confines of Elementary Gym, where the Lady Bulldogs would have preferred to play the game. "Their post play is strong and it should be a physical and interesting match-up down low. The paint is where a lot of action is going to take place and our team is going to have to be ready to play with the intensity and emotion that the playoffs bring out in players.

"It's definitely going to take a team effort to shut down their inside game."

Janice Gonzales is the Lady Bulldogs leader in assists and steals — she averages 3 a game in both categories.

"Our guards have played really well over the past few weeks and if they can continue to play like they have recently, with the same effort and intensity when they step on the court, I think we should have an excellent opportunity of returning to Coahoma with a win," Sumrall added.

CATS

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Not only did the Lady Cats run the table with an undefeated season in district competition, but the Grady Wildcat boy's team went 10-0 in district and gave the school a championship sweep on the basketball court.

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Mickelson can't wait to keep swing going

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Phil Mickelson is so happy with his game that he wants to keep playing.

His original plan at the start of the year was to play four straight tournaments, all of which he has won in the past, take a week off from the Nissan Open at Riviera, then finish off the West Coast swing at the Accenture Match Play Championship.

But after two rounds in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am that left him atop the leaderboard with Jim Furyk, Mickelson signed up for Riviera next week.

"I'm starting to play well, so I want to play a little bit more," Mickelson said after catching a good break in the windy weather and making the most of it with a 5-under 67 at Pebble Beach. "I want to try to get into contention a couple more times because I wasn't in contention the first three weeks. Also, I'm real excited about how I'm driving the ball, and Riviera is a course you have to drive the ball at."

Riviera can wait.

Up next for the Masters champion is two more rounds on the Monterey Peninsula, at Spyglass Hill on Saturday, then the final round at Pebble Beach on Sunday.

Mickelson is a two-time winner of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, and although Furyk is highest-ranked player (No. 2) in the field, all eyes are on Lefty.

He continued to make big strides Friday on a cold, wet — but luckily for him, not windy — day at Pebble Beach. He made three straight birdies on the back nine, none of them closer than 10 feet, then finished off his round with an up-and-down for birdie on the 18th that allowed him to catch Furyk at 12-under 132.

That gave the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am a good 1-2 punch at the top from the two highest-ranked players in the field.

Furyk (No. 2) and Mickelson (No. 6) had a three-shot lead over rookie John Mallingier and Kevin Sutherland, who turned in the best round of the dreary afternoon by firing off 10 birdies for a 63 at Spyglass Hill.

Sutherland thought briefly about the course record of 62 at Spyglass, just long enough to snap-hook his 3-wood into the trees and out of play on the par-5 seventh. He reloaded with a two-stroke penalty, reached the green in two, escaped with a bogey and didn't let one bad hole take away from his round.

"Spyglass is one of my favorite courses in the world," said Sutherland, who has played it countless times dating to his amateur days in Northern California. "I'd rather play there than Pebble Beach. But a 63 was not the score I was thinking about when I teed off."

What couldn't escape his attention late in the afternoon was seeing Mickelson and Furyk ahead of him.

"I'm very much aware I need to make a lot more birdies," Sutherland said with a smile.

Davis Love III made a quiet climb into contention with a 67 at Pebble Beach, but perhaps the biggest surprise came from the group behind Mickelson — 57-year-old Tom Watson, playing this tournament for the last time.



MCT photo/Vern Fisher/Monterey County Herald
Phil Mickelson tees off on the 9th hole during the second round of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in Pebble Beach, Calif. Friday.

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two members, Porscha Knowlton and Amber Miller who are on a student council trip and that's why we're not playing in the team competition."

The individual leader board has Plainview's Jordan Brumley sitting on top after firing a 79 at the Big Spring

Country Club.

After Big Spring's Guin, there is a logjam in third place with three girls all shooting a first round 85: Morgan Dockery of Andrews, Kandise Vbaenz of Frenship and Ali Williams of Plainview.

"Cassie has a great, normal swing," Joslin added. "I am very proud of her because of her work ethic and all the time she puts in at practice. That is the reason she is up there on the leader

board and I am extremely excited about her future."

Here are the standings complete team standings going into the final round on Saturday:

Andrews	352
Plainview	357
Frenship A team	360
Levelland	387
Midland Lee	388
Odessa Permian	405

Lamesa 409

Borger 420

Amarillo Caprocks 428

Greenwood 528

Lake View, the Frenship B team and

Big Spring are not competing in the

team competition due to an insufficient

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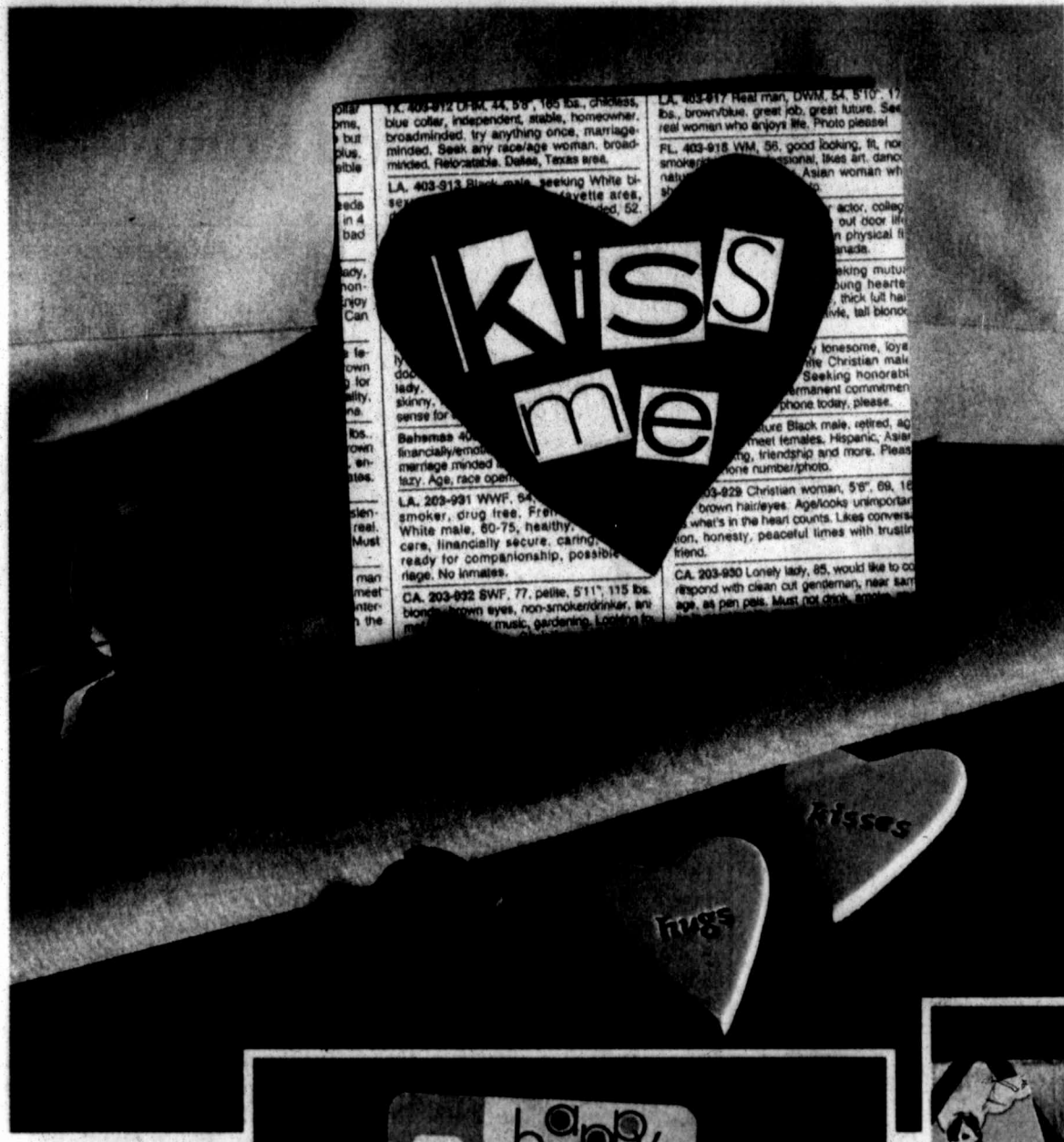
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Creativity and Realism Capture the Heart This Valentine's Day

Experts Offer Tips on Expressing Love, Your Style

FAMILY FEATURES

Cleveland, Ohio — We live in an age when the Internet and mass media provide access to the latest trends at the click of a mouse or the touch of a remote. As a result, people want their homes, their fashions and even their holiday celebrations to reflect their individual style and personality. Luckily, this Valentine's Day there are more ways than ever to say "I love you" with creativity and flair.

There's good news for the unattached, too. Valentine's Day used to be the most dreaded day of the year for those who were not part of a couple. Social changes, like women marrying later, have been helped along by the influence of fictional icons like "Bridget Jones" and "Carrie Bradshaw." In today's world, being single no longer relegates women to second-class status. In fact, many women use the occasion as an excuse to celebrate their friendships with a girls' night dinner party.

American Greetings offers special cards for singles, ranging from irreverent anti-Valentine's Day messages to sincere expressions of friendship. "True friends nurture the spirit and revitalize the soul," says one card. Another downplays the perceived seriousness of the day with the words: "Happy Feb. 14th" on the front. Inside, the message continues: "Oh, and have a nice Valentine's Day."

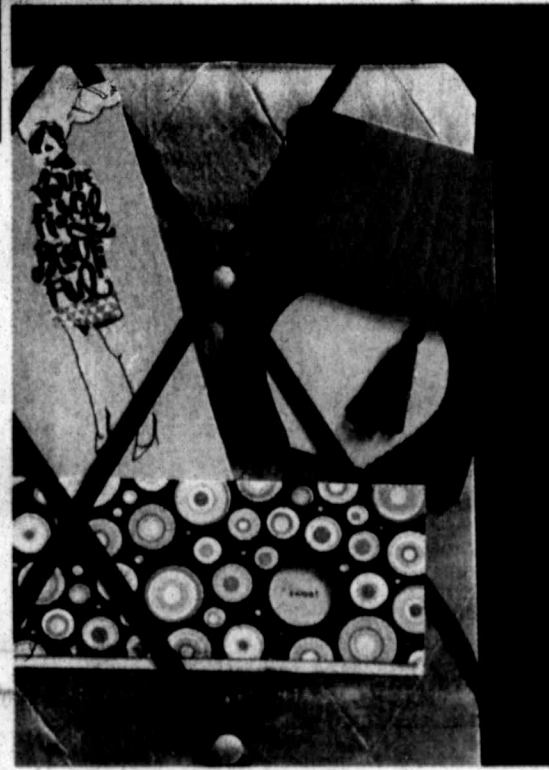
"From the turn of the century all the way through the '40s and '50s, Valentine's Day remained a pretty traditional romantic holiday," said Nicole Fraser, senior creative consultant at American Greetings. "It was all about cards with cupids, flowers and rhyming verses and presenting those big, heart-shaped boxes of chocolates. However, beginning in the '60s, people began to think of Valentine's Day as a day to express love to anyone important in their lives. Over the years, that trend has continued, and today, nearly 40 percent of all valentines are sent to other family members and friends."

"Exchanging school valentines has also become an American tradition. For most children, decorating Valentine's Day shoeboxes or paper bags and signing and delivering valentines to classmates will be one of the first times they will express their appreciation to others with a card."

Receiving a card on Valentine's Day may be expected, but extra-special delivery will enhance the romance.



Valentine's Day isn't just for couples. There are selections for family and friends and even cards that joke about being single.



This year, it's all about expressing personality and style. Pictured are a variety of Valentine's Day cards from American Greetings that are as diverse as the people sending them.

If you're best known for your standout sense of fashion and design, consider an unusual format of valentine, like this one from American Greetings that features romantic messages on several strips attached by a metal grommet.



How to Find, Personalize and Present a Valentine That's "You"

Romance is still a big part of the day, of course. The difference is that now there are cards for every conceivable stage of a relationship, from those who are just flirting, to new couples, to those who are deeply committed and in love. Today's relationships are far removed from quaint little Cupid and his bow and arrow; now cards paint a much more authentic picture of real-life relationships. The artwork and messages are as diverse as the people who send them.

Are you a romantic who wants to express your deepest emotions? Romance will never go out of style. This year, heartfelt, romantic cards are as diverse as the people sending them. For instance, one of American Greetings' new cards says, "Hands are meant to be held. Lips are meant to be kissed. Words are meant to be spoken. Dreams are meant to come true. You and I are meant for each other." If your style is short and sweet, you might opt instead for one that pictures raffle tickets on the front, and says: "I won the prize, Happy Valentine's Day."

Are you in a new relationship? You could select a card in the nontraditional color of Tiffany blue with a heart composed of brown velvet dots with the simple words: "You're my boyfriend. I love saying that."

Looking for a slightly sultry card as a prelude to a romantic evening at home? American Greetings offers one that reads: "My husband. My hottie. Be mine ... today, tonight, 'til the end of time. Love you."

To make the most impact, take a few minutes to write a personal message. If you're having trouble getting started, consider these tips:

- Don't get too hung up on how to say it. This is a love note for the most romantic day of the year. Express how you feel in a way that sounds natural and right for you, and it will be wonderful.
- Start by making fun lists:
 - Things you love about your valentine, like "your hot, passionate kisses" or "what a wonderful father you are to our children"
 - Things the two of you love doing together
 - Private jokes, nicknames or code words
 - Favorite memories starting with how you met
- Don't stop after finding just the right card and declaring your feelings inside. Get creative with the presentation. The unexpected surprise of discovering a card in a briefcase or the special delivery of a valentine with a single red rose on the bed pillow is sure to delight.



Valentine's Day Entertainment Ideas

Okay, so now you've found the perfect card and personalized it with a romantic message. What's next? Consider the way you celebrate as well. "Whether you're cooking a romantic dinner for two or planning an informal girls' night in for your single friends, today it's all about expressing your own style and adding your own creative touches," said Sandra Lee, life and style expert. New York Times best-selling author and "Semi-Homemade" Food Network star. "Here are some quick and easy ideas that will make the celebration extra special."

An Enchanted Evening for Two

- Place a valentine with an invitation inside on their pillow the night before, or send an e-vite to work.
- Greet them with their favorite cocktail.
- Set an intimate red-and-white table for two with lots of chocolates and play romantic music.
- Serve a small-effort meal with a big impact — like fillet mignon topped with blue cheese, a salad and steamed green beans (even if you have to order it in because of time or culinary constraints).
- For the big finish, feed each other a sensual dessert like white and dark chocolate-covered cherries or strawberries — or maybe a rum raspberry trifle served in a champagne flute or merlot glass.



Girls' Night In

- **Movie Night** — Send "ticket" invitations requesting guests bring their favorite chick flick and movie snack to share.
- **"Just Desserts"** — Show your gal pals how special they are by serving a sweet buffet of decadent desserts, like a Chocolate Box (made with chocolate bars and filled with an easy mousse of store-bought pudding from snack cups mixed with whipped cream) and Wonton Napoleons (luscious layers of fried wontons, whipped cream and berry slices). More dessert recipes are available in Lee's book "Semi-Homemade Desserts," or on her Web site: www.semihomemade.com.
- **Queen of Hearts Card Party** — Settle in for a card night. Decorate with cards and dice, and crown each friend with a tiara from the toy department.
- **Come Out 'n Play** — Break out the board games. Decorate with dice, game boards and pieces. Dust off the golden oldies like Mystery Date, Clue, the Crazy Eight Ball or the Ouija Board and serve candy you enjoyed as a kid.

Raspberry Trifle With Rum Sauce

- 3 tablespoons butter
 - 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
 - 3/4 teaspoon imitation rum extract
 - 3 tablespoons water
 - 1/2 cup raspberry jam
 - 1 frozen pound cake (12-ounce), thawed and cut into quarter-size cubes
 - 3 containers (4 ounces each) refrigerated prepared vanilla pudding
- Fresh raspberries, for garnish

Heat butter in a large glass bowl in microwave on high until melted, about 30 seconds. Whisk in confectioners' sugar, rum extract, and water, stirring to form a smooth sauce. Heat jam in a small glass bowl in microwave on high until just melted, about 30 seconds. In six small bowls or wineglasses, evenly distribute pound cake cubes. Pack cubes down slightly. Drizzle rum sauce and jam evenly over each. Spoon 3 tablespoons of pudding evenly over each. Refrigerate for 45 minutes. Garnish with raspberries and serve.

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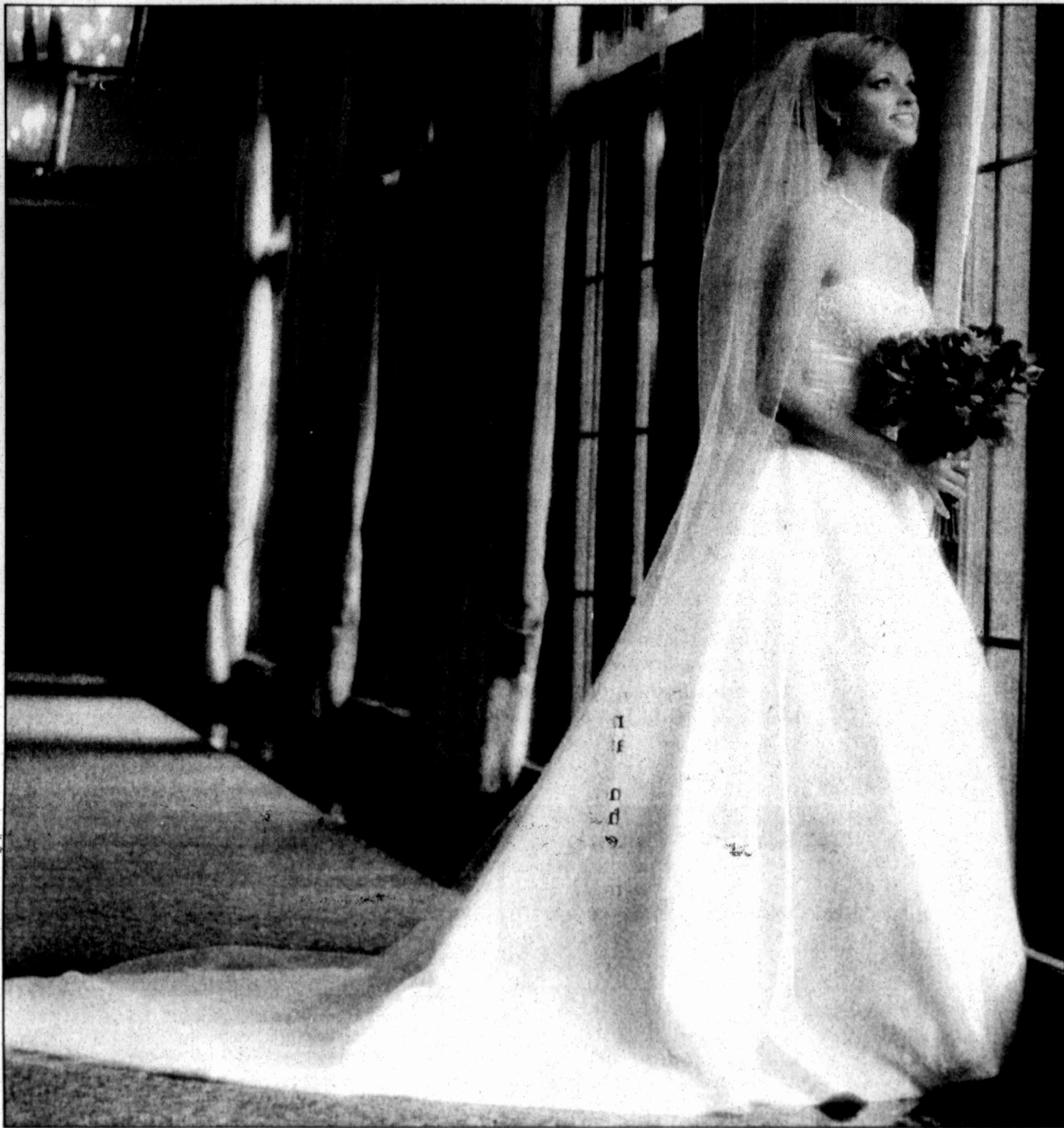
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Crow and Long

Tracy Dawn Long and Travis Aaron Crow, both of Lubbock, were united in marriage at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006, at Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. Randy Cotton officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Frank and Glenda Long of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Elbert and Monohn Long and Wanda Jones of Big Spring, Jackie Jones of Rockwall and the late Glen Jones.

The groom is the son of Richard and Margaret Crow of Austin. His grandparents are Robert and Mosby of Leander and the late Mattie Mosby and the late Keith and Vetta Crow.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white delustered satin with a strapless design and dramatic plunging back.

The bodice was enhanced with dimensional hand beaded embroidery and Swarovski crystals in a linear and scroll design. The Basque waist accents the bouffant ball gown skirt, highlighted with soft-side pleats. The embroidered motif is echoed around the hem and on the insert of the cathedral train.

She carried a cascading

bouquet of white lilies and white dendrobium orchards.

Jamie Long, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor and Kimberly Nelson, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Stephanie Pearce, Melaine McCracken, Jearlyn Allen and Tracy Crow, sister of the groom.

Jason Crow, brother of the groom, stood in as best man. Groomsmen were Brian Jones, Blain Weiheimer, Ches Campbell, Ryan Vassar and Landon Adkins.

Tracy is a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School. She earned her associate's degree from Howard College and she is a 2006 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science in early childhood education.

Travis is a 2000 graduate of McNeal High School of Austin. He will graduate in May 2007 from Texas Tech University with a degree in landscape architecture. He is employed by Texas Tech and upon graduation will be employed by a landscape architecture firm in Austin.

The couple went on a Caribbean cruise for their honeymoon and will make their home in Austin.

Reader's Corner

The following is a report submitted by Marilyn Mears written by her granddaughter Alexia as a school project. Alexia compiled the information after watching a 30 minute program and received a perfect score for her effort.

Martin Luther King Jr. was born Jan. 15, 1929.

He was named after his father. That is why the younger Martin hid "Jr." (which stands for Junior) after his name.

King grew up in a loving family. They lived in Atlanta, Ga.

At that time in many parts of the South, people were separated or segregated.

King was a smart child.

He worked hard at school. He started college when he was just 15 years-old. Martin Luther King Jr. finished college.

He became a minister. Then he went to Boston University. He earned a doctor of philosophy degree.

That is why he has the title Dr. before his name. In Boston, he met Coretta Scott. She was a music student.

They fell in love.

They were married. The King family moved to Montgomery, Ala. Dr. King worked as a minister.

Dr. King and other leaders said her arrest was unfair. They urged Americans and their supporters to stop riding the buses.

They wanted the laws to change. In 1963, Dr. King went to Washington D.C. He gave a speech.

It was titled "I Have a Dream." He said that people should not be judged by their character.

Dr. King won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. This prize is given to a person who works hard for peace in the world.

Life for many African Americans began to get better. Many segregation laws were ended.

More people could vote. Dr. King was killed in 1968. People all over the world were sad.

After his death, people wanted to honor Dr. King.

Today many people celebrate his birthday as a holiday.

—Alexia Rawls

My Childhood Home

While riding one day in the country

I saw a tumbled down shack with its broken windows and sagging doors
And crumbling chimney stack

I stopped the car 'neath a big oak tree and wandered across the yard
Where wild flowers grew in profusion
In utter disregard

The door knob came off in my hand
As I opened the rain-soaked door
And cobwebs hung like silver thread
From the ceilings to the floor

Sunshine streaming through the windows
Made funny patterns on the floor
And I suddenly got the feeling
I'd seen this place before

Did a mother sit beside an open fire,
Lamp light shining on her hair
As she rocked her baby boy to sleep
In her cane-back rocking chair

I seemed to hear the patter of little feet
Running up and down the stairs
While the sound of childish laughter
Seemed to echo everywhere

I made my way through the old farm house
And out the kitchen door
And again there came the feeling
I'd seen this place before

There were traces of some stepping stones
From the back porch to the well
And half-buried in the ground beside a garden wall
Lay an old iron dinner bell

As I stood there reminiscing
I could almost hear it ring
and high overhead in a gnarled old tree
I heard a blue bird sing

As the evening shadows deepened
Tears were streaming down my face
For I was born in this old house
It was the old home place.

—Louise Beverly Burgess



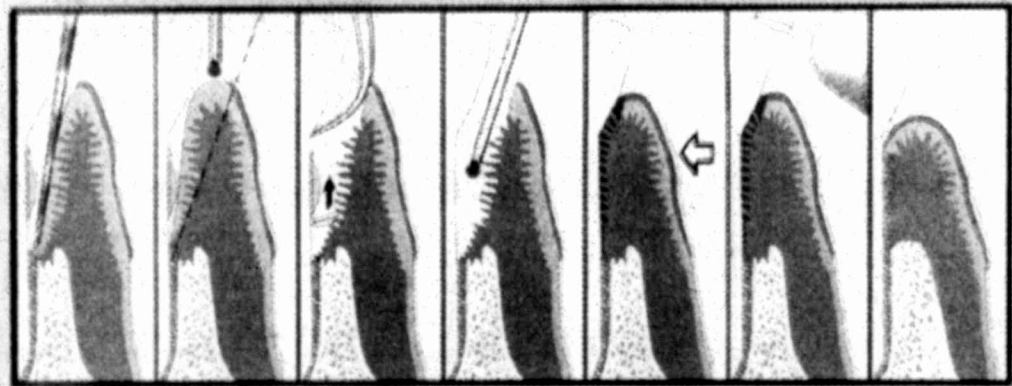
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Haley Ann Parge' and Kyle McCall

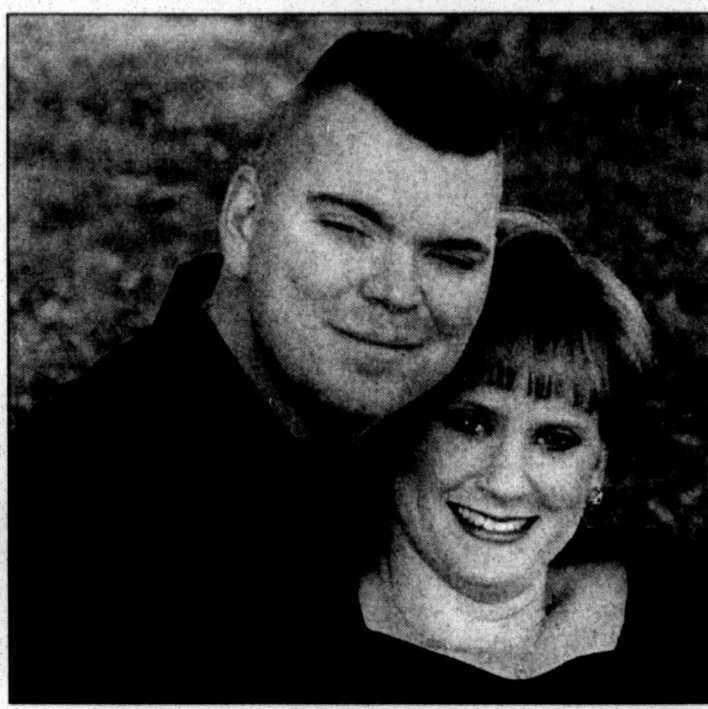
Haley Ann Parge' and Kyle McCall, both of Euless, will be united in marriage at 5:30 p.m. March 17, 2007, at the Botanical Gardens in Fort Worth.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Donna Sue and Kent Parge' of Amarillo. Her grandparents are Don and Darla Somerville, of Canyon and Jane and Earl Parge' of Amarillo.

The future groom is the son of Cheryl and Walter McCall of Big Spring. His grandparents are Irma and Wendell Mayo of Big Spring and Lorraine McCall of Teneha and the late, H.A. McCall.

Haley is a 1999 graduate of Amarillo High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of North Texas with a bachelor of fine arts and visual communications. She is a graphic designer at Blanchard/Schaefer Advertising and Public Relations in Arlington.

Kyle is a 1997 graduate of Bowie High School. He is attending school to become a surgical technologist and is employed by Medical Surgical Center in Fort Worth.



Becky Jo Walker and Jason D'Wayne Slaymaker

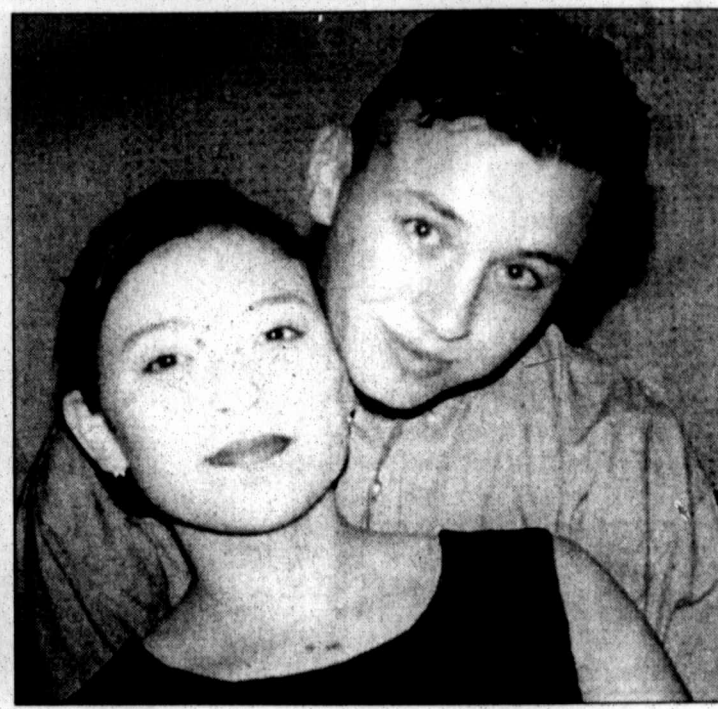
Becky Jo Walker and Jason D'Wayne Slaymaker, both of San Angelo, will be united in marriage at 5 p.m. March 31, 2007, at the Hilcrest Baptist Church in San Angelo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Walker of Stanton and the granddaughter of JoAnn Turner of Garden City and Ray Walker and the late Susan Walker of Big Spring.

The future groom is the son of Emma Slaymaker and the late Orville Ray Slamaker of Houston and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Slaymaker and the late Addie Hatchet.

Becky graduated from Coahoma High School and received her bachelor of science degree from Angelo State University. She is employed by Early Childhood Intervention, ESC 15, San Angelo.

Jason graduated from Waltrip High School in Houston and is currently a technical sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Goodfellow Air Force Base.



Nicole Pacheco Garcia and Amador Rios Jr.

Nicole Pacheco Garcia and Amador Rios Jr., both of Big Spring, will exchange vows March 31, 2007, at the Howard County Fair Barns.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lobaton of Big Spring and the late Robert David Garcia. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Santiago Pacheco of Big Spring and the late, Mr. and Mrs. Bernardo Garcia. Nicole is a stay-at-home mom. The groom to be is the son of Mr. Amador Rios Sr. and Mr. Elena Cantu, both of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Cantu of Stanton and Mrs. Augustina Rios of Big Spring and the late, Alejandro Rios. Amador is employed by Amerimex Drilling. In place of her father the bride will be given to her groom by her grandfather, Mr. Santiago Pacheco.

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Jarrett Paul Wilson

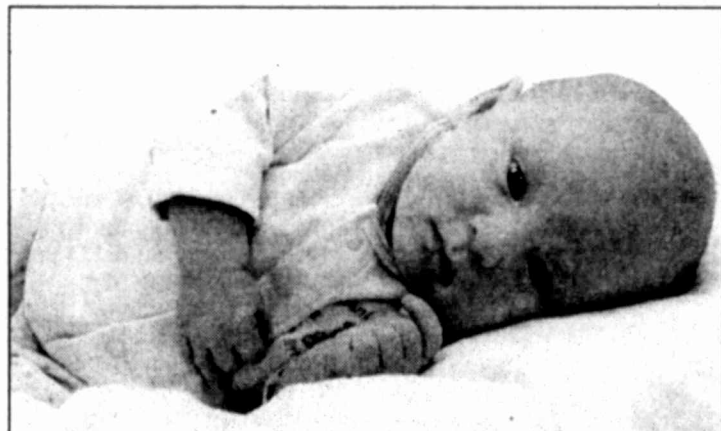
Jarrett Paul Wilson, a boy, was born at 1:22 p.m. Jan. 23, 2007.

He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

He is the son of Sarah Salazar and Justin Wilson of Big Spring.

His maternal grandpar-ents are Josephine Griego and Maria Zamudio.

His paternal grandpar-ents are Jim and Joyce Wilson, Joe and the late Evelyn Paul, the late Bob Wilson and Jack and Pat Beverly.



Andrew Scott Nelson

Andrew Scott Nelson, a boy, was born at 1:45 a.m. Jan. 17, 2007 weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 inches long.

His is the son of Kimberly and Scott Nelson of Frisco. His maternal grandparents are Frank and Glenda

Long of Big Spring. His paternal grandparents are Alan and Cathy Nelson of Denton.

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Big Oil

Companies talking innovation, advances

By JOHN PORRETTO
AP Business Writer

HOUSTON — With dwindling oil supplies, pollution concerns and the ever-present threat of gas prices soaring again, talk of new and better ways to fuel our cars, heat and cool our homes, and power our factories has never been greater.

What's more, the conversation is emanating increasingly from a source that's been surprisingly quiet until recently — the oil companies themselves.

When some of the industry's top executives gather in Houston next week to discuss global energy challenges, finding new and more effective ways to produce oil and gas — as well as alternatives to fossil fuels — will dominate the discussion.

And, as the year progresses, expect to see industry leaders — including the chiefs of ConocoPhillips and Royal Dutch Shell PLC's U.S. division — speaking in cities across America in an unprecedented campaign to educate consumers on energy related issues and discuss topics such as ethanol and renewable fuels. It's also an opportunity for the companies to polish their images.

Why now? The reasons are varied, but increased public and congressional scrutiny of oil companies because of up-and-down gasoline prices and record profits certainly is a factor. The companies' own bottom lines also play a key role: The cost of finding and tapping new oil and gas reserves is on the rise while the worldwide appetite for energy is only getting bigger.

"There's never been as much effort going into technological innovation across the whole energy industry as we're seeing today," said Daniel Yergin, chairman of Cambridge Energy Research Associates, a consultancy, and author of "The Prize," the Pulitzer Prize-winning history of the oil industry.

At CERA's annual weeklong conference that begins Monday, dozens of the industry's heaviest hitters — the chairmen of Exxon Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp. and a top OPEC official, among them — will discuss topics such as the tricky balance of supply and demand and initiatives to develop new sources of energy.

Already, the discourse is in full swing across the country, led by some unlikely figures.

John Hofmeister, head of Royal Dutch Shell's U.S. arm, and James Mulva, ConocoPhillips' chairman and chief executive, are taking part in



Timothy Smith, 2, plays with his new Spanish-speaking toy at his grandmother's house in Grand Prairie. MCT photo/Khampha Bouaphanh

EXPANDING THE MARKET

Toymakers, retailers offer more bilingual, Spanish versions

By MARIA M. PEROTIN

McClatchy Newspapers

FORT WORTH — Like lots of toddlers, 2-year-old Timothy Smith routinely plays with toys that teach him to sing tunes, repeat simple words and count to 10.

That's how he learned that the wet stuff in his bathtub is called agua.

Timothy's parents want him to grow up speaking English and Spanish and appreciating his Hispanic roots. And they're relying on bilingual toys to help.

"I'm Hispanic, and my husband speaks mostly English," said Timothy's mother, Reace Alvarenga-Smith. "We try to seek out bilingual toys because the dominant language in our home, unfortunately, is English."

The Arlington family doesn't have to search very hard these days.

From colorful, counting maracas to huggable, talking bears, bilingual playthings have become increasingly popular as retailers and manufacturers tap the burgeoning Hispanic market.

In fact, Toys "R" Us cited bilingual products among the biggest trends of last Christmas' toy-buying season.

Industry insiders trace the growth largely to the popularity of several animated TV characters: Nick Jr.'s Dora the Explorer, a 7-year-old, prob-

"There is certainly more of an awareness on the part of retailers that the Hispanic market is a very large market, a growing market."

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CB Richard Ellis grants \$1.5M bonus to CEO

WASHINGTON (AP) — CB Richard Ellis Group Inc. said it approved a cash bonus of \$1.5 million to Robert E. Sulentic, who joined the company as group president of development services of Asia-Pacific and EMEA operations late last year.

The El Segundo, Calif.-based real estate services firm said in a filing Thursday with the Securities and Exchange Commission that Sulentic joined the company after it acquired Trammell Crow Co. on Dec. 20.

Trammell Crow is a Dallas-based real-estate services company.

The cash bonus was based on targets and performance criteria established in 2006 by the Trammell Crow and on Sulentic's performance as the chief executive of the former company, CB Richard Ellis said.

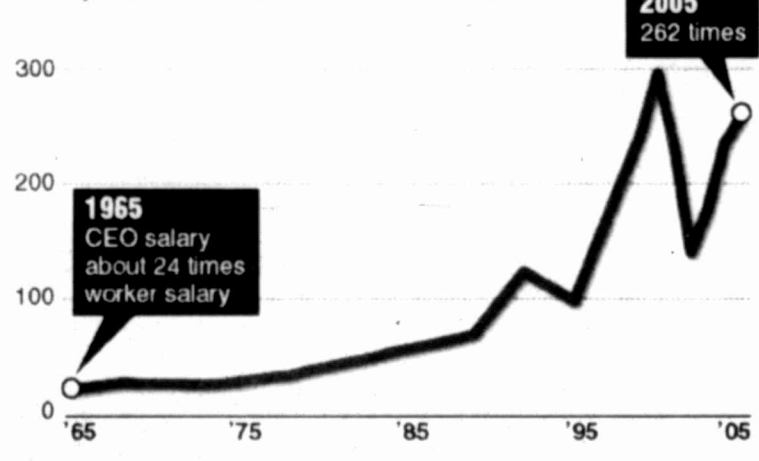
Britain First Group to buy Laidlaw for \$2.7 billion

LONDON (AP) — British bus and train operator FirstGroup PLC said Friday it agreed to buy U.S.-based bus company Laidlaw International Inc. in a 1.9 billion pound (\$2.7 billion) deal.

FirstGroup will pay \$35.25 a share, 11 percent above Thursday's closing price for Naperville, Ill.-based Laidlaw. The company will fund the acquisition through a bank loan of \$3.75 billion and by selling 200 million pounds (\$393 million)

A widening wage gap

In 2005, U.S. workers would have had to put in a full year of work days -- on average -- to earn what their company's CEO earned in a day. Ratio of workers' to CEOs' salaries.



Source: Economic Policy Institute (U.S.)
Graphic: Pat Carr

worth of shares.

FirstGroup expects the deal to generate approximately \$70 million in pre-tax savings in the first full financial year following its completion.

Laidlaw, which also owns the Dallas-based Greyhound bus line, has a 27 percent share of the North American school bus market, while First Group has 13 percent.

FirstGroup shares rose 1 percent to 567 pence (\$11.15) in morning trading on the London Stock Exchange.

Laidlaw generates 84 percent of its revenue in the United States and 16 percent in Canada, with school transportation services accounting for half of the total. Greyhound contributes 40 percent of the company's total revenue and public transit

operations add 10 percent.

FirstGroup is the largest bus operator in Britain, operating a fifth of local bus services. The company expanded into the United States in 1999 by acquiring Ryder Public Transportation Services, Inc.

Southwest Airlines plans to return to San Francisco

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines Co., which ended flights to San Francisco in 2001, said Friday it plans to resume service to San Francisco International Airport in early fall.

The airline didn't announce details or set a date for resuming flights. It said it was talking with airport officials. Southwest flies to San

Jose and Oakland, two smaller airports with less congestion than San Francisco.

Southwest Chief Executive Gary Kelly said San Francisco International "has improved operationally and is a more cost-efficient airport" than it was in 2001, when Southwest pulled out after 20 years there.

At the time, Kelly said, limited facilities and runways meant Southwest couldn't operate profitably in San Francisco and had no chance to expand beyond 14 daily flights.

Southwest began service between San Francisco and Las Vegas in 1982 and later added nonstop flights to San Diego and Phoenix.

Southwest said returning to San Francisco wouldn't affect operations at Oakland International Airport, where it has 142 daily departures; or San Jose International, where it has 77 daily departures.

Southwest flies out four airports in the Los Angeles area, two near Washington, D.C., and two near Boston. However, it has adamantly refused to offer service at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, near its Dallas Love Field base.

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lem-solving, Latina adventurer; her animal-loving cousin, Diego; and Maya and Miguel, the 10-year-old twins at the center of a PBS show.

Although the cartoon celebrities have a spate of products on store shelves, toymakers also have introduced an array of other items to appeal to Hispanic families and to English-speaking parents who want to add a few words of Spanish to their children's vocabularies.

"I think that parents want their kids to have a bilingual edge," said Adrienne Citrin, a spokeswoman for the Toy Industry Association. "Kids under 5, their brains are like sponges. They can really pick up that language quicker."

For the toy business, bilingual products have taken off along with Hispanics' economic clout.

Hispanics account for almost 15 percent of U.S. residents, according to the Pew Hispanic Center's most recent data.

And Hispanics' buying power nationwide is projected to rise from \$490 bil-

lion in 2000 to almost \$1.2 trillion in 2011, according to a study done last year by the Selig Center for Economic Growth at the University of Georgia.

"There is certainly more of an awareness on the part of retailers that the Hispanic market is a very large market, a growing market," said Carol Fenster, an owner of Miami-based Baby Abuelita Productions.

Fenster's company launched its first products in May 2005, with the introduction of its Abuelita Rosa and Abuelito Pancho dolls. The dolls quickly won coveted shelf space at several big-box stores, and 60,000 dolls were bought last year, she said.

The dolls — white-haired grandparents who sing traditional Spanish lullabies — initially raised eyebrows from some buyers who questioned whether children would be drawn to the elderly characters. But Fenster and her partners insisted that the dolls would hit their target.

"Because of the role that grandparents play in Hispanic culture, it seemed to kind of make sense," Fenster said. "These are products that, I think, Hispanic-Americans can really identify and connect with — as opposed to prod-

ucts that can just be translated into Spanish."

Educational toys that simply expose youngsters to Spanish have proven popular too, especially for younger children who aren't yet in school, said Rick Muraski, the executive vice president who oversees the toy division at Chicco USA.

Chicco, which created its first bilingual toy four years ago, now sells four such talking toys and has more in the works for 2007, he said.

"It's an introduction," Muraski said. "It's your basic numbers, your basic letters, basic words in both languages — just to give a baby, basically, a feel for another language."

Although statistics aren't available on overall sales of bilingual toys, the toy association's Citrin said the products are expected to become ubiquitous.

"We're positive it's going to continue to grow," she said. "Everything from the large companies to the small companies are kind of jumping on the bandwagon." Chicco's Muraski isn't so sure.

"There's a lot of product out there right now," he said. "Now there's so many of them, it's hitting a saturation point. I still think we have a couple

more years to go." Muraski doesn't expect Spanish-speaking toys to vanish after that. But he said manufacturers will have to bring bilingual concepts to new kinds of toys if they want to keep the market fresh.

They'll find a ready audience in Alvarenga-Smith, the Arlington mom who looks for bilingual toys for Timothy and his 4-month-old sister, Helena. She hopes that speaking two languages will help the children understand their ethnic heritage, sharpen their mental skills and prepare them for career opportunities in adulthood.

With those goals in mind, Alvarenga-Smith and her husband usually allow Timothy to spend one night a week in Grand Prairie at the home of his grandparents, who help him practice Spanish. And she encourages him to play with his bilingual guitar, plastic cell phone, and a collection of books and videos that emphasize the language.

"My parents were very big on teaching me Spanish and English," Alvarenga-Smith said.

"I feel remiss that I have not done that for my 2-year-old and my baby. This is kind of one of the ways that I'm trying to make up for it."

OIL

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separate national speaking tours with other representatives of their companies, talking and listening at town hall meetings in places like Edwardsville, Ill., and Little Rock, Ark.

Outlining his company's 35-city tour in Houston recently, Mulva acknowledged that he and others have done a poor job

of conveying to the public how their businesses operate, the challenges they face, the advances they're making.

Often, consumers' main connection with oil companies comes from filling up their vehicles or, recently, reading headlines of record profits. For example, Exxon Mobil this month shattered its own record for the largest annual profit by any U.S. company, bringing in \$39.5 billion. And ConocoPhillips reported its best-ever full-year earnings,

\$15.5 billion for 2006.

But what folks probably don't know, Mulva said, is U.S. oil companies have invested \$11 billion in North America on renewable and other forms of energy in the past five years.

Still, the task of weaning Americans and the rest of the world off fossil fuels will be monumental and lengthy. At present, renewable energy sources such as wind and solar supply only about 6 percent of America's energy needs, according to the federal govern-

ment's Energy Information Administration. That figure is expected to grow only to about 7 percent in the next 20 years, the EIA forecasts, meaning fossil fuels will still carry the bulk of the load.

Mulva said all types of efficient energy sources are needed, but market forces and consumer preferences, not federal mandates, should determine how they're used.

Mulva called President Bush's proposal for expanding ethanol use to reduce gas consumption

"very well motivated," but he said industry leaders "want a seat at the table" when state and federal officials set standards for the use and development of alternative energy sources.

"We believe very strongly the best way of meeting those metrics is to determine what they are and then let the industry ... come up with the resources and plans to meet those, (rather) than have mandates saying specifically, 'You have to do it this way and that,'" he said.

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Part Time Direct Care Staff: Responsible for training clients in work and social related skills. High School Diploma/GED required. Salary \$8.20/hr. Hours vary.
Part Time URM Data Entry: High School Diploma or GED required plus one-year experience in clerical or secretarial. Data entry and maintenance of data base. Communication and organizations skills required. Computer test in word and Excel required. Part time varies hours. Salary \$8.2 hr.
Applications available at 409 Runnels or www.wtcmhm.org, or by calling JOBLINE 800-687-2769. EOE.

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Qualified applicants should mail or fax a resume to:
Alon USA
Human Resources Department
P.O. Box 1311
Big Spring, Texas 79721
Fax # 432-263-9366
Equal Employment Opportunity - M/F

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Skilled Nursing Facilities in the local area seek experienced professionals to provide leadership as each Facility's CEO. This position requires a healthcare professional with:
• Texas Administrator State License;
• Through familiarity with Texas and Federal regulatory requirements, and
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Big Spring, Texas 79720

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EOE

Help Wanted

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NEIGHBORS CONVENIENCE Store now hiring cooks, cashiers, stockers. All Shifts. Apply at 3315 E. FM 700.

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NOW HIRING COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION JOB SUPERINTENDENT must be professional and experienced in all phases of construction. Drug test, pre-employment physical and travel required. Mail resume to:
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT
PO BOX 60708
MIDLAND, TX 79711

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WANTED - 2 Mature individuals for Full-time & Part-time position working with developmentally disabled individuals. Applicants must possess Valid Texas drivers license, high school diploma/GED and reliable transportation. Must be willing to work week-ends. Call 432-263-1408 for more info. Closing Date 02/26/07.

Help Wanted

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Various duties in kitchen & dining room. Experience preferred.
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Must be reliable & dependable. No exper necessary. EOE/MFHV. For information, call (325)573-6332, or apply in person at SNYDER HEALTH CARE CENTER, 5311 Big Spring Highway, Snyder.

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PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER needed full-time. Prefer 1 yr. exp., but will train. High School Diploma required. Apply in Person, 1901 W. 16th Street, Learning Tree Academy.

RN POSITION
Tired of shift work & working holidays! The Texas Department of State Health Services is recruiting for an RN I to be responsible for providing comprehensive public health nursing services to the residents of Howard County. Serves as the Team Leader for Family & Community Health Services at the Big Spring Field Office Clinic. Perform clinical duties for the following programs: Child & Adult Immunizations, Family Planning, Child Health, HIV/STD and TB Elimination. Perform population based, community focused health promotion and disease prevention activities. Duties require independent clinical an leadership skills. Participate in regional emergency response plan. Work hours M-F 8-5. Travel requirements: 10% day, 5% overnight. Monthly salary: \$2,773.00-\$2,838.00. Current license to practice as a Registered Nurse in the State of Texas. Apply at website: <https://accesshr.hhsc.state.tx.us>. Position Requisition #47606 or complete application at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28-B in Big Spring. For additional information, contact Melony Bennett at (432)571-4132. EEO/ADA.

ROOFING HELPER needed. Call (432)213-3198.

S&S WELL Service is looking for experienced floor hands. Apply at 309 Main St., Sparenburg Bldg. Call Steve, (432)816-1815.

SHELL STAR STOP looking for new team members. Full & Part time cashiers and assistant managers. Apply in person at any Shell Star Stop in Big Spring. Drug Free Environment.

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THE MARTIN County Hospital District is seeking Registered Nurses, for full-time night positions. Please contact Rance Ramsey, DON at 610 N. Saint Peter, Stanton, Texas or (432)756-3345 ext. 228.

WANTED EXPERIENCED electrician, must have a valid drivers license and be able to pass drug test. Must be willing to relocate to small West Texas town. Offering top pay and benefits. Send resumes c/o P.O. Box 1431/157, Big Spring, TX 79721-1431.

WAREHOUSE/ DELIVERY Wanted for local Rental Store. Benefits include paid vacation, retirement & health insurance. Requirements are back ground check, drug screening, good driving record and be at least 21 years old. Starting pay \$8.50 per hour. Apply in person, Credit World, 1611 Gregg.

WOODFOREST NATIONAL Bank is now hiring for branch manger, retail banker/teller positions at our Big Spring location. Please apply online at www.woodforest.com. EOE m/f/v/d

A NEW QUEEN Pillow top mattress set. \$129.00 Midland. Call 432-349-4043.

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Lost and Found
\$1000.00 REWARD for the return of a Weatherby Athena 28 gauge over and under shotgun. Disappeared while hunting the Muleshoe Ranch on 2/5/07. No questions asked. Call (432)553-5997.

FOUND RAT Terrier mixed on Gail Hwy. Call 263-4133 to identify.

LOST PUPPY near college on Tuesday, Boston Terrier/Dachshund mix. White and brindle colored. Call 816-4632.

Miscellaneous
\$199. KING/ Cal King Pillow-Top mattress set. In plastic, warranty. (806)549-3110

A BRAND NEW Queen pillow top mattress set. Sacrifice \$175.00. In wrapper. Warranty. Must Move. 432-349-4043.

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A NEW CHERRY Sleigh bed \$259.00. Midland. Call 432-349-4043.

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Licensed Vocational Nurse (Req #72804)
3-11 Shift
Contact: Robin McCullough, R.N. @ 432-335-3560
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TO: **Luis Z. Puga and
Aurora F. Puga**
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, adminis-
trators, guardians, legal represen-
tatives, legatees and devisees of
the above named persons, and any
legal or equitable interest in or lien
upon the land described in Plain-
tiffs' petition on file in this cause,
to-wit:

All of Lots 9, 10 and 11, Blk 4,
Wright's Airport Addition to the
City of Big Spring, Howard
County, Texas, SAVE ADN EX-
CEPT the South Fifty feet (S/50')
thereof.

Which said property is delinquent
to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow-
ing amount: \$7,103.38, exclusive of
interest, penalties, and costs, and
there is included in this suit in addi-
tion to the taxes all said interest,
penalties, and costs thereon, al-
lowed 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 Luis Z. Puga and Aurora
F. Puga, as Defendant(s), by

amended petition filed on the 29th
day of November, 2006, in a cer-
tain suit styled HOWARD
COUNTY, ET AL VS. LUISE Z.
PUGA AND AURORA F. PUGA,
for collection of the taxes on said
property and that said suit is now
pending in the District Court of
Howard County, Texas 118th Judi-
cial District, and the file number of
said suit is 5089 that the names of
all taxing units which assess and
collect taxes on the property here-
inafter 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
hereinafter described, thereon up
to and including the day of judg-
ment herein, and the establishment
and foreclosure of liens, if any, se-
curing the payment of same, as
provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including
Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and inter-
venors, 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 there-
fore, be recovered herein without
further citation or notice to any par-
ties 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 19th day of
March, 2007 before the Honorable
District Court of Howard County,
Texas, to be held at the courthouse
thereof, then and there to show
cause why judgment shall not be
rendered for such taxes, penalties,
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ing said property and ordering fore-
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statutory tax liens thereon for taxes
due the Plaintiffs and the taxing
unit parties hereto, and those who
may intervene herein, together with
all interest, penalties, and costs al-
lowed by law up to and including
the day of judgment herein, and all
costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand
and seal of said court in the City of
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,
this 30th day of January, A.D.
2007.

Priscilla Ginnetti
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5239 February 11 & 18, 2007

Legals

No. P-13,504
ESTATE OF RUTH GRANTHAM,
DECEASED IN THE COUNTY
COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,
TEXAS

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that original
Letters Testamentary for the Estate
of RUTH GRANTHAM; Deceased
were issued on the 7th day of Feb-
ruary, 2007, under Docket No.
P-13,504, pending in the County
Court of Howard County, Texas, to
JOHN CURRIE.
Claims may be presented in care of
JOHN CURRIE to the estate ad-
dressed as follows:

Estate of Ruth Grantham
c/o John Currie
P.O. Box 1271
Big Spring, TX 79721-2171
All persons having claims against
this estate which is currently being
administered are required to pre-
sent them within the time and in the
manner prescribed by law.
DATED this 7th day of February,
2007.
John Currie, Independent Executor
of the Estate of Ruth Grantham,
Deceased
#5256 February 11, 2007

Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original
Letters Testamentary for the Estate
of DORIS MAE ROBERTS, De-
ceased, were issued on January
29, 2007, in Cause No. P-13501,
pending in the County Court of
Howard County, Texas, to: MAR-
JORIE EVELYN ROBERTS
COURSON.

All persons having claims against
this Estate which is currently being
administered are required to pre-
sent them to the undersigned
within the time and in the manner
prescribed by law.
c/o:
**MARJORIE EVELYN ROBERTS
COURSON**
303 Cherokee
Douglas, Georgia 31533
DATED the 6th day of February,
2007.
Joshua Hamby
State Bar No.: 24034471
306 Scurry Street
P.O. Box 2199
Big Spring, Texas 79721-2199
Telephone: (432)263-8395
Facsimile: (432)263-4798
#5252 February 11, 2006

Legals

**CITY OF BIG SPRING
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**
Pursuant to the authority granted
by the City Council of the City of
Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big
Spring will receive sealed bids on
the following date/time for the pur-
chase of the below listed
items/equipment:

1. Date/Time: Wednesday, Febru-
ary 28, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., for the
following
1. 1 each Motorized Trail
Maintenance Tractor
Bids are to be opened and read
at the Big Spring City Hall
Conference Room, Upstairs at 310
Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas
79720, with award to be made at a
regularly scheduled meeting of the
Big Spring City Council. Bid infor-
mation and specifications may be
obtained from the Office of the Pur-
chasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive
East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas
79720. All bids must be marked
with the date of the bid and a gen-
eral description of the bid item(s).
The City of Big Spring reserves the
right to reject any or all bids and to
waive any or all formalities.
#5254 February 11 & 25, 2007

Legals

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

TO: **Enrique Perales, Delia
Perales and Angela Arlene Awtry**
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, adminis-
trators, guardians, legal represen-
tatives, legatees and devisees of
the above named persons, and any
legal or equitable interest in or lien
upon the land described in Plain-
tiffs' petition on file in this cause,
to-wit:

Lot 12, Blk 39, Cole & Strayhorn
Addition, City of Big Spring,
Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent
to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow-
ing amount: \$2,267.72, exclusive of
interest, penalties, and costs, and
there is included in this suit in addi-
tion to the taxes all said interest,
penalties, and costs thereon, al-
lowed 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 Enrique Perales and Delia
Perales, as Defendant(s), by

amended petition filed on the 29th
day of November, 2006, in a cer-
tain suit styled HOWARD
COUNTY, ET AL VS. ENRIQUE
PERALES and DELIA PERALES,
for collection of the taxes on said
property and that said suit is now
pending in the District Court of
Howard County, Texas 118th Judi-
cial District, and the file number of
said suit is 5092 that the names of
all taxing units which assess and
collect taxes on the property here-
inafter 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
hereinafter described, thereon up
to and including the day of judg-
ment herein, and the establishment
and foreclosure of liens, if any, se-
curing the payment of same, as
provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including
Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and inter-
venors, 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 there-
fore, be recovered herein without
further citation or notice to any par-
ties herein, and all said parties
shall take notice of and plead and
answer to all claims and pleadings

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 there-
fore, be recovered herein without
further citation or notice to any par-
ties 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 19th day of
March, 2007 before the Honorable
District Court of Howard County,
Texas, to be held at the courthouse
thereof, then and there to show
cause why judgment shall not be
rendered for such taxes, penalties,
interest, and costs, and condemn-
ing said property and ordering fore-
closure of the constitutional and
statutory tax liens thereon for taxes
due the Plaintiffs and the taxing
unit parties hereto, and those who
may intervene herein, together with
all interest, penalties, and costs al-
lowed by law up to and including
the day of judgment herein, and all
costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand
and seal of said court in the City of
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,
this 30th day of January, A.D.
2007.

Priscilla Ginnetti
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5238 February 11 & 18, 2007

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

TO: **Domingo H. Garcia**
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, adminis-
trators, guardians, legal represen-
tatives, legatees and devisees of
the above named persons, and any
legal or equitable interest in or lien
upon the land described in Plain-
tiffs' petition on file in this cause,
to-wit:

All of Lot 10, Blk 1, Lakeview
Addition, City of Big Spring,
Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent
to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow-
ing amount: \$1,016.38, exclusive of
interest, penalties, and costs, and
there is included in this suit in addi-
tion to the taxes all said interest,
penalties, and costs thereon, al-
lowed 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 Domingo H. Garcia, as
Defendant(s), by petition filed on
the 29th day of January, 2007, in
a certain suit styled HOWARD

**COUNTY, ET AL VS. DOMINGO
H. GARCIA**, for collection of the
taxes on said property and that
said suit is now pending in the Dis-
trict Court of Howard County,
Texas 118th Judicial District, and
the file number of said suit is 5042
that the names of all taxing units
which assess and collect taxes on
the property hereinafter describ-
ed, 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
hereinafter described, thereon up
to and including the day of judg-
ment herein, and the establishment
and foreclosure of liens, if any, se-
curing the payment of same, as
provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including
Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and inter-
venors, 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 there-
fore, be recovered herein without
further citation or notice to any par-
ties 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.

Legals

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

TO: **Raymond Valdez**
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, adminis-
trators, guardians, legal represen-
tatives, legatees and devisees of
the above named persons, and any
legal or equitable interest in or lien
upon the land described in Plain-
tiffs' petition on file in this cause,
to-wit:

All of Lot 10, Blk 1, Lakeview
Addition, City of Big Spring,
Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent
to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow-
ing amount: \$1,016.38, exclusive of
interest, penalties, and costs, and
there is included in this suit in addi-
tion to the taxes all said interest,
penalties, and costs thereon, al-
lowed 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 Domingo H. Garcia, as
Defendant(s), by petition filed on
the 29th day of January, 2007, in
a certain suit styled HOWARD

**COUNTY, ET AL VS. RAYMOND
VALDEZ**, for collection of the taxes
on said property and that said suit
is now pending in the District Court
of Howard County, Texas 118th Ju-
dicial District, and the file number
of said suit is 4886 that the names
of all taxing units which assess and
collect taxes on the property here-
inafter 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
hereinafter described, thereon up
to and including the day of judg-
ment herein, and the establishment
and foreclosure of liens, if any, se-
curing the payment of same, as
provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including
Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and inter-
venors, 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 there-
fore, be recovered herein without
further citation or notice to any par-
ties 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.

Legals

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

TO: **Raymond Valdez**
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, adminis-
trators, guardians, legal represen-
tatives, legatees and devisees of
the above named persons, and any
legal or equitable interest in or lien
upon the land described in Plain-
tiffs' petition on file in this cause,
to-wit:

S/50' of Lot 6, Blk 1, Manning
Addition, City of Big Spring,
Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent
to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow-
ing amount: \$3,137.84, exclusive of
interest, penalties, and costs, and
there is included in this suit in addi-
tion to the taxes all said interest,
penalties, and costs thereon, al-
lowed 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 Raymond Valdez, as De-
fendant(s), by petition filed on the
29th day of January, 2006, in a
certain suit styled HOWARD

**COUNTY, ET AL VS. RAYMOND
VALDEZ**, for collection of the taxes
on said property and that said suit
is now pending in the District Court
of Howard County, Texas 118th Ju-
dicial District, and the file number
of said suit is 4886 that the names
of all taxing units which assess and
collect taxes on the property here-
inafter 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
hereinafter described, thereon up
to and including the day of judg-
ment herein, and the establishment
and foreclosure of liens, if any, se-
curing the payment of same, as
provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including
Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and inter-
venors, 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 there-
fore, be recovered herein without
further citation or notice to any par-
ties 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.

Legals

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

TO: **James Thompson and
Mary Jane Thompson**
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, adminis-
trators, guardians, legal represen-
tatives, legatees and devisees of
the above named persons, and any
legal or equitable interest in or lien
upon the land described in Plain-
tiffs' petition on file in this cause,
to-wit:

Lot 4, Block 4, Cedar Ridge Ad-
dition, City of Big Spring, How-
ard County, Texas Assessed
Value-\$3,640.00 Amt.
Owed-\$1,646.76

Lot 6, Block 4, Cedar Ridge Ad-
dition, City of Big Spring, How-
ard County, Texas Assessed
Value-\$3,640.00 Amt.
Owed-\$1,646.76

Which said property is delinquent
to Plaintiffs for taxes in the follow-
ing amount: \$3,293.52, exclusive of
interest, penalties, and costs, and
there is included in this suit in addi-
tion to the taxes all said interest,
penalties, and costs thereon, al-
lowed 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 James Thompson and
Mary Jane Thompson, as Defend-
ant(s), by petition filed on the 29th
day of November, 2006, in a cer-
tain suit styled HOWARD
COUNTY, ET AL VS. JAMES
THOMPSON AND MARY JANE
THOMPSON, for collection of the
taxes on said property and that
said suit is now pending in the Dis-
trict Court of Howard County,
Texas 118th Judicial District, and
the file number of said suit is 4884
that the names of all taxing units
which assess and collect taxes on
the property hereinafter describ-
ed, 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
hereinafter described, thereon up
to and including the day of judg-
ment herein, and the establishment
and foreclosure of liens, if any, se-
curing the payment of same, as
provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including
Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and inter-
venors, 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 there-
fore, be recovered herein without
further citation or notice to any par-
ties 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.

Issued and given under my hand
and seal of said court in the City of
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,
this 30th day of January, A.D.
2007.

Priscilla Ginnetti
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5248 February 11 & 18, 2007

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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: **Marie Rodriguez and the Unknown Heirs of Maria Moreno aka Maria Elena Moreno, Luis Perez and Katherine Perez**
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:
South 110 feet of the North 220 feet of Tract 12, Wm. B. Currie Subdivision of the SE/4 of Section 42, Blk 32, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas (See Tract Two on the attached Exhibit "B"); Amt. owed-\$87.23 Assessed Value-\$897.00
Being the North 110 feet of Tract 12, Wm. B. Currie Subdivision of the SE/4 of Section 42, Blk 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas (See Tract One on the attached Exhibit "B"); Amt. owed-\$225.49 Assessed Value-\$2,319.00
Being a 2.0 acre tract of land out of SW/4 of Section 24, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "D"; Amt. owed-\$5205.85 Assessed Value-\$23,590.00
Being a 3.02 acre tract of land out of Section 24, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "D"; Amt. owed-\$1,350.04 Assessed Value-\$6,453.00
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$6,868.61, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.
You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Juan T. Moreno aka Juan Moreno and Maria Moreno aka Maria Elena Moreno, Deceased, Marie Rodriguez and the Unknown Heirs of Maria Moreno aka Maria Elena Moreno, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 29th day of January, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JUAN T. MORENO aka JUAN MORENO AND MARIA MORENO aka MARIA ELENA MORENO, DECEASED, MARIE RODRIGUEZ, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARIE MORENO aka MARIA ELENA MORENO, 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 4663 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.
Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.
All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.
You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 19th day of March, 2007 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 30th day of January, A.D. 2007.
Priscilla Ginnett
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5243 February 11 & 18, 2007

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The Sagittarius moon always bodes well for those traveling on long journeys. But the lunar vibes aren't wasted for the rest of us staying home this weekend. We can at least give a thought to the long, winding road of life that has led us to the fascinating place we presently inhabit. Tonight, hold the hand of a fellow traveler.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're coming to one of life's crucial intersections. The faint whiff of danger in the air is, of course, irresistible to you as you recognize the array of possible outcomes. Take this day to calm and center yourself.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be put in charge because you see things others don't. What is obvious to you is

unclear to others. Take your time in explaining what you know. Your audience is receptive.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Don't miss the chance to commit inspired folly, to weave an intricate and beautiful mistake, or to make a grand and bad impression. The universe is conspiring to loosen and lighten you up — and doing a great job!
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Truth is relative. The story you're telling yourself is one version, but you can change the words and tell a more powerful story, too. Be flexible. The first way you think of isn't the only way to go.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Moments of perfection are the gleaming jewels of your day, for which you're willing to sacrifice many hours of effort. It's so worth your while. Once you know how to

get there, you'll return without so much trouble.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your social skills are fine and lucky assets. You'll teach others by lending your superb quality of attention — really listening instead of merely waiting for your turn to speak.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Tomorrow, when people ask how your weekend was, you'll mostly remember the thing that happens this afternoon — a perfect little metaphor for your current state of mind.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Loved ones who aren't happy will set the resonance of the universe entirely off key. You have the power to make it right again, and doing so brings you great joy.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a right way to do things, and there's another right way,

and still another right way. So be as unconventional as you want to be. Your eccentricities are darling.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Intellectual pursuits draw you in. Your well-articulated arguments will actually make things happen around you, so speak up. Bold choices bring bold results.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're tenacious. You push through this period of frustration in order to get to the "aha!" on the other side. In love, be reserved. There are twists in the plot. Wait to react. Think it through.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're blowing things out of proportion, and that's half the fun. Let your creativity loose. Tonight, nothing is more important than showing up when your people

would like you to be there.
FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The Sagittarius moon at the top of the week is a restless character who keeps peeking over the fence to see how much greener the grass is there. Well, the answer is not much. Your best bet is to tend to your own yard and let others do the same. Mercury's retrograde on the 13th is bent on mixing things up for Valentine's Day, but in most cases it only serves to make romance deliciously tension-filled. Miscommunication produces mystery. Being unsure of how you're coming across can be comically endearing. Valentine's Day comes on a classic Capricorn moon, which bodes well for traditional observances of this holiday of the heart. It's the chocolates and lace, dinner and violins, velvet and diamonds that send the message best.

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TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: **Juan De Los Santos**
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 5, Blk 20, Bauer Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. Appraised Value-\$3,961.00 Amt. Owed-\$1,173.82
Lot 5, Blk 20, Bauer Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. Appraised Value-\$1,994.00 Amt. Owed-\$591.27
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,765.09, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.
You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Juan De Los Santos, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 29th day of January, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JUAN DE LOS SANTOS, 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 5151 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.
Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.
All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.
You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 19th day of March, 2007 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 30th day of January, A.D. 2007.
Priscilla Ginnett
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5245 February 11 & 18, 2007

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TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: **Carl Anderson and Myrtle Anderson**
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:
All that certain lot, tract, parcel of land in the NE/4 of Sc. 45, Blk 31, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bound on the attached exhibit.
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,139.07, 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 Carl Anderson and Myrtle Anderson, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the 29th day of January, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. CARL ANDERSON AND MYRTLE ANDERSON, 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 5125 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.
Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.
All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.
You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 19th day of March, 2007 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 30th day of January, A.D. 2007.
Priscilla Ginnett
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
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TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: **Sabino Valencia and Bernarda Valencia**
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:
52' by 40' in the North part of tract No. 19 of the William B. Currie Subdivision of the SE/4 of Sec. 42, Blk 32, T1N, Texas & Pacific Ry. Co., Howard County, Texas.
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$5,030.69, 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 Sabino Valencia, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the 29th day of November, 2006, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. SABINO VALENCIA AND BERNARDA VALENCIA, 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 5108 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.
Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.
All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.
You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 19th day of March, 2007 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 30th day of January, A.D. 2007.
Priscilla Ginnett
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5247 February 11 & 18, 2007

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

TO: **Johnny Edmondson and Olivia Edmondson**
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:
0.12 acres out of Sc. 47, Blk. 31, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit.
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,258.57, 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 Johnny Edmondson and Olivia Edmondson, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the 30th day of October, 2006, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOHNNY EDMONDSON AND OLIVIA EDMONDSON, 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-5010 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.
Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.
All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.
You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 19th day of March, 2007 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 30th day of January, A.D. 2007.
Priscilla Ginnett
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5249 February 11 & 18, 2007

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TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: **William Woodard**
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 8, Blk 28, Cole & Strayhorn Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$2,375.80, 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 William Woodard, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the 29th day of January, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. WILLIAM WOODARD, 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 5129 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.
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Will There Ever Be a Little Gold Band?

Dear Margo: I am 27 and have been dating a wonderful man for four years. He is older (by 16 years), but that has never been an issue. We've always had a great connection.



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I knew from early on that he was the man I wanted to spend my life with. We have both been divorced and have children. When we first started dating, I told him my goals (marriage and at least one more child). He was all on board.

Flash forward four years later. I have started wondering if he ever meant to make any kind of permanent commitment to me, and if all the talk in the beginning was just to make me happy and keep me around. He hasn't made any reference to a future with me and my son. He rarely invites me on outings with his daughter.

I started bringing up my concerns, but he just says, "I know I need to make a decision." Even his mom (whom I barely know) has said, "You can't make that girl wait forever." I have asked him if he still wants children, and he said that he does.

I believe it is unfair to make me wait while he

procrastinates. He can make babies until the day he dies, but I only have so long. I don't want to leave him because I love him so very much and we get along so great. What do you think I should do? — Desperate To Be a Housewife

Dear Des: I don't know that you want to drag him, like a mule, to the altar, and from where I sit it sounds like that's not where he wants to go. As to what you should do, you have two "clear-cut" choices. You can tell him adios because you are serious about having another child and getting married. Or . . . you can stick around because you love him and he's great company — but on his terms.

If you go with the first option, you will be calling his bluff and he may pop the question, but he may just as easily bounce out the door. Life is choices, my dear, and I suggest you make yours in the near future. — Margo, ultimately

Another Commitmentphobe

Dear Margo: I am currently a happy exchange student in a South American country. Last month, I went to visit my boyfriend of almost three years in New York City, where he has an internship this term with a prestigious company.

He bought the plane ticket (it was a really good deal, what can I say?) and fed me for the week. Normally I feel guilty when someone buys me a soda, let alone a trip to New York. We had a fantastic week.

A week after I got back, he decided he was "uncomfortable with the status of our relationship" and that it was over. After a month of some pretty heavy-duty depression and anger, I've come to terms with this and I'm ready to go out and find some cute *novios* (translation: boyfriends).

Now he's sending me messages about how he's sad and confused and how he misses being with me. Short of telling him *que vaya al infierno* (translation: go to hell) what should I do with this kid? He wants to come visit over spring break. — Gringa in Quito

Dear Gring: These back and forth guys are a pain; they break up, they make up. The distance and irregularity of the relationship may be getting to him, or whatever.

Unless you want to go through this routine a couple more times, tell him you took him at his word when he said he was "uncomfortable with the status of the relationship" and you've made other plans for spring break.

I think your instinct to tell him *que vaya al infierno* is the correct one with-

out actually saying it. — Margo, *definitivamente*

Choosing Up Sides Is for the Playground

Margo: I'm going to speak to you like I would a close friend. Hope you don't mind.

Frankly, I have no idea how to address this issue. I have two wonderful friends whom I adore. They happen to be married to each other. They also happen to be driving me nuts.

Lately, the couple is having difficulties in their three-year marriage, and divorce is a possibility.

I've been dragged into it by his sister, who has had issues with me since junior high school. She's accusing me of sleeping with the female in the relationship! (Um, totally not true, btw; we are both straight girls.)

He doesn't believe it, as he trusts his wife and me, as well. Of course, that's not the issue, but it's definitely a pain in the old backside. I don't want to be in the middle of this already tense situation, but I want to be supportive of both friends.

My question is: What do I do if they get divorced (which I'm afraid is going

to happen)? Can I continue being his friend as well as hers, or do I have to choose? There's nothing really unforgivable causing the upset — no cheating, stealing, huge secrets. They just don't get along and aren't really in love anymore. — Bumfuzzled

Dear Bum: Forget the loony sister. She is a sideshow. As for being in the middle, you're really not. I have recently lived through what you're talking about — except that the couple I love are ending a much longer marriage than you're talking about. It was their stated

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A Guy's Guide to Valentine's Day movies

There's two words that are guaranteed to cause even the hardest macho man to run for the hills, yelling and screaming every step of the way.

"Chick Flick."

That's right, there are guys out there who could look at their recently severed arm with little more than bemused detachment, but tell them they'll have to spend some quality time with the missus, cuddled up on the couch watching romance movies, and they start wimpering like itty-bitty babies.

And the sad thing is that this doesn't have to be.

As a card-carrying guy myself, I have found that through copious research, steel determination and the ability to keep a straight face, watching a romance movie with your significant other can be more

than two hours of wretched misery.

It can even be enjoyable.

OK, scoff if you want. Mark my words — you'll thank me later.

Here are a few fast-and-simple rules that can greatly enhance your romance movie watching enjoyment:

• **THE NEAT TWIST** — The thing that most romances can't get past is that we know how things are going to turn out at the end.

Most romantic movies follow the following formula — boy meets girl; boy loses girl; boy gets girl back.

Now, this isn't set in stone. For example, sometimes the premise of the movie is that the girl is the lead character (or, in the case of "Brokeback Mountain," the girl is pretty much written out of the equation). But the basic formula pretty much stands.

That's why you need a twist — some deep, dark secret or some kind of unique obstacle standing in the way of our couple and true

happiness.

When that happens, at least us guys can wonder, "How the heck are they going to get out of this?"

That's right, ladies, give us a puzzle and we're happy (or at least happily diverted for a bit).

• **MANLY ACITIVITY** — If you can't have the neat twist, at least give us guys something to which we can relate.

For example, give the movie a sports setting. One of my all-time favorite movies is "Bull Durham," which has more than its share of the icky, romantic stuff. What nicely counter-balances that, however is the movie's setting — a minor league baseball team.

So, while your girlfriend can appreciate the movie for the way it explores male-female relationships, you can appreciate it for baseball action (not to mention all the jokes about bodily functions).

It doesn't have to be about sports. If they ever came out with a movie in which the male lead was a construction worker, guys would probably buy tickets in

droves.

• **SHE SHORE IS PURTY** — The following might land me in hot waters in some quarters, but the truth needs to be told — and the truth is, watching a romance movie mainly to appreciate the beautiful women is perfectly acceptable.

And before you women out there protest, take a moment to be honest with yourselves. Don't you ever pop a movie in the DVD player mainly to secretly ogle over the hunky male cast?

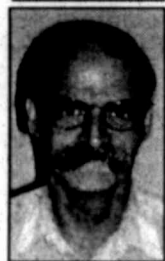
Admit it.

Go on, admit it.

Well, what's good for the goose is good for the gander, I say.

However, fellow guys, please, in the name of all that's holy, use some discretion. Drooling or piggy comments, for example, could lead to disastrous consequences — and pain.

As a starter kit of sorts, I've included mini-reviews of three romance movies I have in my DVD collection. Remember, romance movies can be fun. Really.



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THE NEAT TWIST

THE LAKE HOUSE

Actually, this qualifies under She Shore Is Purty, also, because Sandra Bullock is definitely an attractive woman (not that that's important, dear).

The movie follows Kate (Bullock), a doctor who begins a correspondence with architect Alex (Keanu Reeves). The two find they have many interests in common, including the titular lake house. Soon, a romance blooms.

There's one doozy of a problem, however: The two are writing from different times.

Just go with it.

Kate is writing from 2006, while Alex is corresponding from 2004. With the help of a magic mailbox (again, just go with it) they develop quite a relationship, giving the temporal handicap they find themselves under.

If you're the highly technical sort, this



LAKE HOUSE

movie will drive you nuts. You'll spend most of your time scratching your head over some of the plot points.

If, however, you're able to surrender to the sheer absurdity of it all, this is a very charming movie. Bullock, in particular, is solid in her role, while Reeves has definitely left his Surfer Dude days behind. (More reviews, page 3)

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MANLY ACTIVITY

FOR LOVE OF THE GAME

Gee, Kevin Costner in a baseball movie — whoda thunk it?

Baseball is the backdrop of a Costner vehicle for the third time (following "Field of Dreams" and "Bull Durham") in this film co-starring Kelly Preston.

The movie follows the day in the life of Detroit Tigers' pitcher Billy Chapel (Costner), who is nearing the end of a Hall of Fame career.

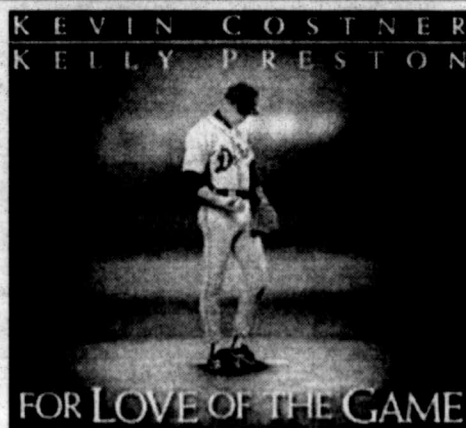
During the course of his final start of the season, against the hated Yankees in New York, Chapel examines his life, including his relationship with magazine writer Jane Aubrey (Preston).

OK, that sounded more maudlin than I intended.

There is plenty of sports action, and the movie follows Chapel in-ning by inning as he attempts to accomplish one of the rarest feats in the sport — a perfect game.

Can he do it? Can he hold off the ravages of age? Can the lowly Tigers keep the mighty Yankees at bay? Can Chapel accomplish the near impossible?

Far be it from me to give away any salient plot points, but re-



member this is a romance movie at its core, and too many disappointments would be against the rules.

Costner is in familiar territory here, and he delivers the goods admirably. He performs his own stunts and pitching in this movie and while he looks every bit of a man in his late 40s at times (check out that 50 MPH fastball, folks!), it doesn't take too much of a suspension of disbelief to see this guy on the mound.

As for Preston, she's fine in her role. I must admit, though, that I had a hard time watching Mrs. John Travolta have a steamy romance with Costner's character.

Was I putting way too much thought into this? Probably.

SHE SHORE IS PURTY

JUST LIKE HEAVEN

Just for the sake of clarity, let me reiterate a very important fact about watching romance movies: There is absolutely nothing wrong with appreciating the, uh, attractiveness of the female lead.

And when the female lead happens to be Reese Witherspoon, it is almost impossible not to appreciate her beauty.

Which is a good thing, because she's in almost every scene of this movie, which co-stars Mark Ruffalo, who a female friend described as "ruggedly handsome."

Yeah, whatever. The point is, Ms. Witherspoon is drop-dead gorgeous, OK?

Before you think me a callous pig, however, let me be the first to admit that looks alone can't carry a movie. Fortunately, Witherspoon — who happens to be an Academy Award-winning actress — is more than up to the task.

And Ruffalo ain't bad, either. Dr. Elizabeth Masterson is too busy trying to establish her residency at a San Francisco hospital to worry about trivial things like a boyfriend.

After a long shift at the hospital, however, she allows her sister to talk her into meeting a friend of a friend.



En route to the meeting, however, Elizabeth's car runs head-on into a delivery truck.

Yikes. Some time later, landscape architect David Abbott rents the apartment formerly occupied by Elizabeth.

See where this is going? Soon, David is being tormented by an ethereal woman who looks just like Elizabeth.

Is she dead? Far be it from me to give anything away. Suffice to say, David and Elizabeth get to the bottom of the situation. And a relationship blooms.

Didn't see that coming, did you? But this really is a good movie, with lots of decent humor.

And did I mention it has Reese Witherspoon?

OTHERS YOU MIGHT TRY, GUYS

• **SERENDIPITY** — Two words: Kate Beckinsale.

Any questions? But there's something for the ladies, too, in the form of John Cusack.

The plot's paper-thin, but there's plenty of humor, especially when Jeremy Piven ("Entourage") is on the screen as the Cusack character's well-meaning friend.

• **CITY OF ANGELS** — Heavy romantic drama starring Nicolas Cage and Meg Ryan.

Cage plays an angel (just go with it) who falls for a lovely surgeon (Ryan).

This one is a tear-jerker, so have plenty of hankies around.

Not for you, of course. For your girlfriend.

Oh, and Dennis Franz steals this movie.

• **MUST LOVE DOGS** — Another Cusack movie I'm including only because I've had a crush on Diane Lane for the past 20 years.

Cusack plays a recently divorced boat builder (I know, just go with it) who does his best to strike up a love connection with Lane.

Hey, who doesn't? OK if you like Cusack and/or Lane. Otherwise, forget it.

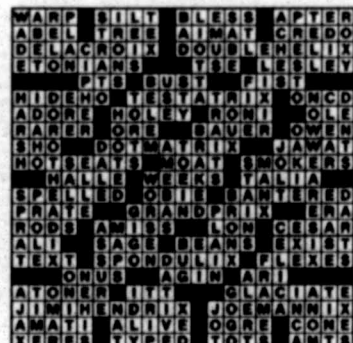
• **SOMMERSBY** — Peri-

od piece drama set just after the Civil War.

The plot: Man (Richard Gere) returns from the war to his wife (Jodie Foster) and family a changed man. No longer a brute, he's now a loving, decent, caring individual.

So, of course, everybody thinks he's a fraud.

The leads are very good.



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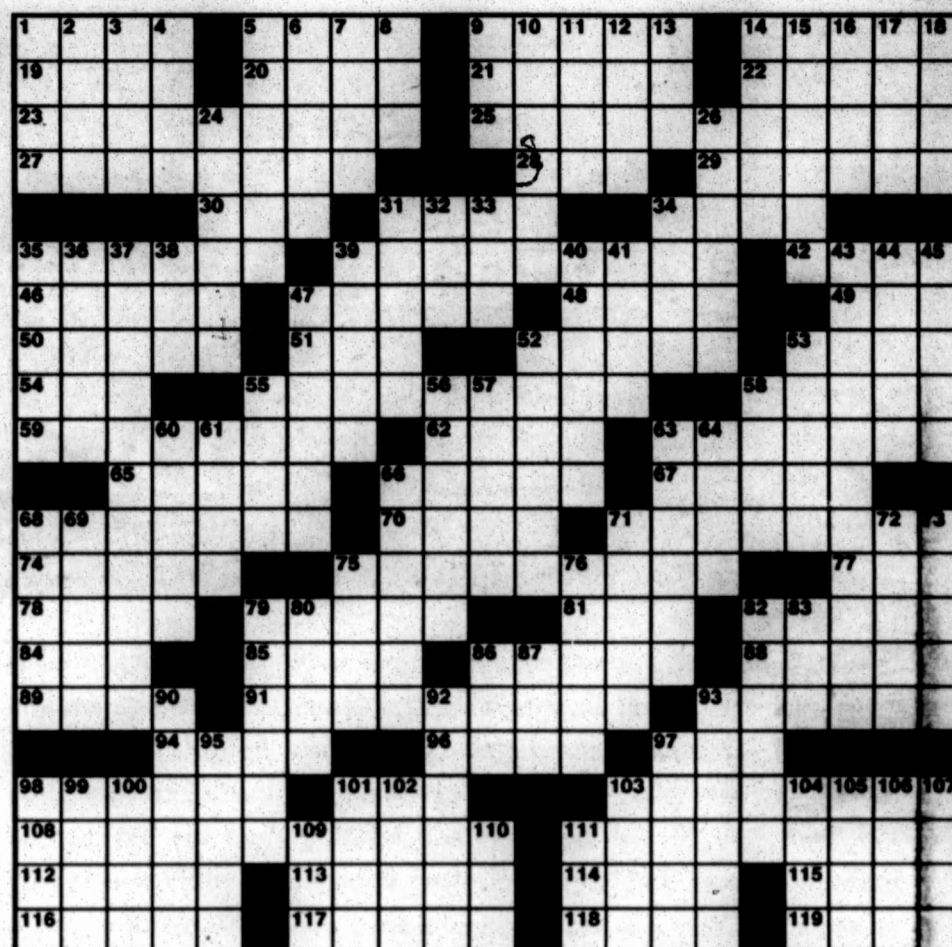
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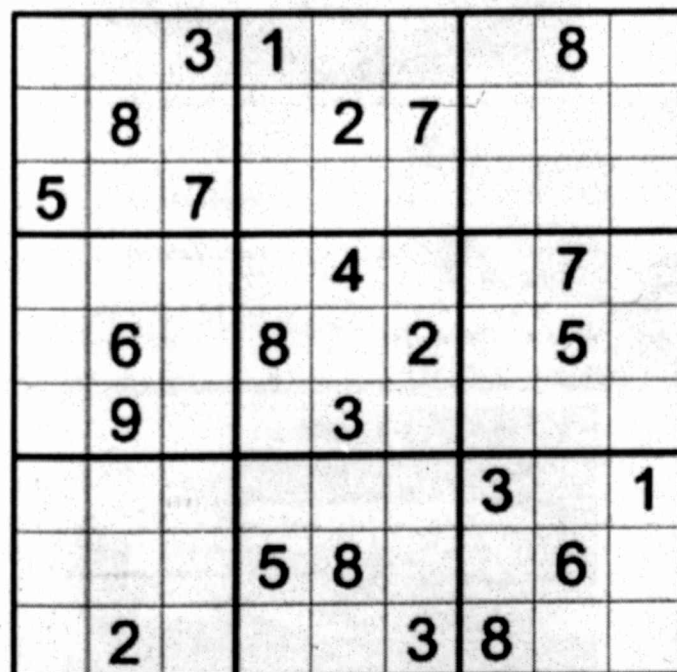
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