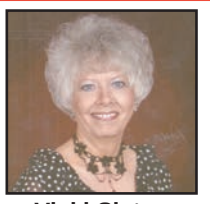


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Morgan Harbour soaps down a pickup bumper while participating with her fellow Forsan High School cheerleaders in a car wash next to the Wal-Mart Supercenter Saturday morning. The car wash helped raise funds for future cheerleader projects.

Laredo bid selected for aggregate

Work on jail nears, delivery set Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Deliveries of aggregate rock could begin as early as Monday to the site of the new county jail facility, as Howard County commissioners voted unanimously Friday morning to award the project bid to Big Spring's own Laredo Paving.

County Judge Mark Barr opened a pair of bid packages for the material during the special called meeting, with Price Construction — acting for the local highway and street paving contractor — bidding the material at $11.50 per cubic yard.

"It's expected to take 8,000 cubic yards for the project," said Barr, "which would put the total bid to approximately $92,000, including all shipping costs. The second bid came from Preston Harris, which bid their material at $2.75 per cubic yard. However, all they are bidding is dirt, so it doesn't meet the project specifications. Therefore, the bid goes to Laredo Paving."



Barr

Lane McMillan, spokesperson for Laredo Paving, said the material purchased by the county is similar to the crushed material being used on many of the wind turbine projects throughout Howard and surrounding counties.

"We'll be delivering the material pre-wetted, so you can begin processing it while it's being delivered," said McMillan. "We expect to start delivering it to the job site Monday."

Barr said the court was fortunate to be able to absorb some of the cost of the aggregate from other line items in the project's budget.

"We re-bid the fencing and laundry equipment at the recommendation of the project architect and construction manager," said Barr. "It managed to save us approximately $100,000, so that at least covers the

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Commissioners may seek fireworks restrictions if county fire index allows

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Area residents who plan to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday with fireworks may have to do so without the aid of fin- or stick-guided rockets and missiles, according to county officials.

That's the plan Howard County commissioners are moving forward with Monday, as the court prepares to consider a ban on particular types of aerial fireworks in preparation for the July 4 holiday.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, the court will consider a ban on all aerial fireworks that use fins or a stick — aimed mainly at items like bottle rockets — during its meeting Monday morning, but whether or not the ban will be put into effect now or in a few weeks is unclear.

"I contacted the Texas Forest Service on the matter, and the county's fire index has to reach a

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Time again for Old Sorehead Trade Days

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

What do you get when you mix a festival-style atmosphere with hundreds of vendors hocking wares of every shape and size?

The Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton, of course.

The city of Stanton will once again open its arms to West Texas June 14-15 for the event, which will feature an array of vendors and services for everyone in the family.

According to organizers, one of the largest draws for the activity, which is held three times each year, is the food. This trade days will feature two "food court" areas for visitors to check out. The first will be located by the single traffic light near First National Bank and Stanton Drug, with a second area near the Stanton Community Center.

"Many visitors come to the trade days just to sample the dishes the food vendors have to offer," said Bud Lindsey, spokesman for the event. "All kinds of food are available. Curly fries, funnel cakes, turkey legs, roasted corn, seafood and Mexican food. There are all kinds of soft drinks and bottled waters in the food court areas."

Old Sorehead Trade Days will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and continue until 7 p.m., and resume Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.

"Scattered around the town, a visitor may find just about anything from trash to rare collectibles," said Lindsey.

"We'll have antiques for sale in the Antiques on Main store and through-

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Bank allows more time to dole out money

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A bank that gave employees a total of a half-million dollars for them to donate as they wish is giving workers more time to come up with ideas.

The State Bank & Trust announced at its Christmas party in December that each full-time employee would get $1,000 and each part-time employee would get $500 as part of the "Pay it Forward" initiative.

So far, employees have given away more than $350,000.

The bank had set a deadline of June 30 for workers to find a use for their share of the $502,000. Michael Solberg, the bank's chief operating officer, said Friday that the deadline would be extended until all the money is spent.

"Some of the bigger ideas have taken more time," Solberg said. "We'll make sure we give all the money away."

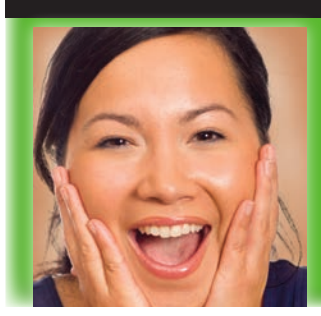
Employees have given to a variety of causes, from church youth groups to a neighbor with cancer and a stack of medical bills. They have also given money to a Minnesota man who had two kidney transplants and to the family of a slain Jamaican man.

Employees can't use the money for themselves, their families or families of other bank workers.

ADA meeting slated

The Big Spring City Council will be holding a town hall meeting Monday at 5:30 p.m. concerning the development of a transition plan to bring city facilities into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including problems recently identified by the federal government and local officials. In addition to forming an ADA Advisory Committee, the city recently approved a contract with engineering firm Parkhill Smith and Cooper to develop a plan to correct the problems. The meeting will be held at the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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IN BRIEF

BSHS schedules start of several summer camps

The school year may be over soon, but Big Spring High School's athletic department will be keeping itself busy with the start of several summer programs and camps.

Camp of Champs

The Camp of Champs is a weight conditioning program that runs through June 19.

Fourth and fifth graders lift from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

Sixth and Seventh graders occupy the weight room in the ATC from 11 a.m. to noon on the same days.

Cost is $25 per person and $10 for T-shirt.

Football Skills Camp

The Big Spring Steers Football Skills Camp is set for Monday through Thursday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center. The camp is for first through eighth graders and costs $25 a person with an optional $10 T-shirt fee.

Girls Basketball Skills Camp

A Lady Steers Girls Basketball Skills Camp starts Monday and runs through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon each day at Steer Gym. The camp is for first through eighth grade girls and costs $25 dollars with an optional $10 T-shirt fee.

Baseball Skills Camp

Baseball coach Burt Otto will conduct a Baseball Skills Camp starting June 16 and running through June 19 at Steer Baseball field. There will be two sessions. Fifth and sixth graders participate from 1-3 p.m. and seventh and eighth graders take the field from 3-5 p.m.

Cost is $25 with an optional $10 T-shirt fee.

Softball Skills Camp

Coaches John Sparks and Jennifer Reyes lend their services for a Softball Skills Camp June 16-19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Lady Steers Field.

The camp is for first through eighth graders and costs $25 with an optional $10 T-shirt fee.

For information or to register for any of the above camps and to learn about a full BSHS summer athletic programs and camps schedule, contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Coahoma sets date for baseball skills camp

Coahoma's Head Baseball Coach Brad Harman has announced the dates for his annual Bulldogs Baseball Camp. The camp will be held from June 16 through June 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day at the Bulldogs baseball field.

The camp is for ages six and up and costs $75.

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Two more Hawks drafted Friday

Curry, Villarreal picked up in second day of MLB draft

By JONATHAN HULL
Herald Sports Editor

Major League Baseball teams weren't finished with their interest in Howard College Hawks after the first day of the draft.

Joining Tyler Ladendorf, who was taken in the second round Thursday, as selections in the 2008 first-year player draft Friday were first baseman Matt Curry and pitcher Pedro Villarreal.

Villarreal was a seventh-round selection of the Cincinnati Reds, who took the right-handed pitcher with the 209th overall pick. Curry was the 1,104th overall selection with Pittsburgh Pirates laying claim to his services in the 37th round of the 50 round draft.

According to Howard coach Britt Smith, Villarreal is the most likely of the two to sign immediately with his ball club.

"This is huge for Pedro. It's the kind of opportunity he was looking for," Smith said. "Pedro has committed to the University of Texas-Pan American because that was the best package for his family and in case the draft didn't work out. He doesn't come from a lot of money. Now, he's getting a better deal from his family and the Reds are probably going to pay for the final two years of his schooling, too."

Villarreal finished the 2008 season 3-1 and struck out 24 batters in 27 innings pitched. He was one of, if not the hardest throwing pitchers on the Hawks' roster.

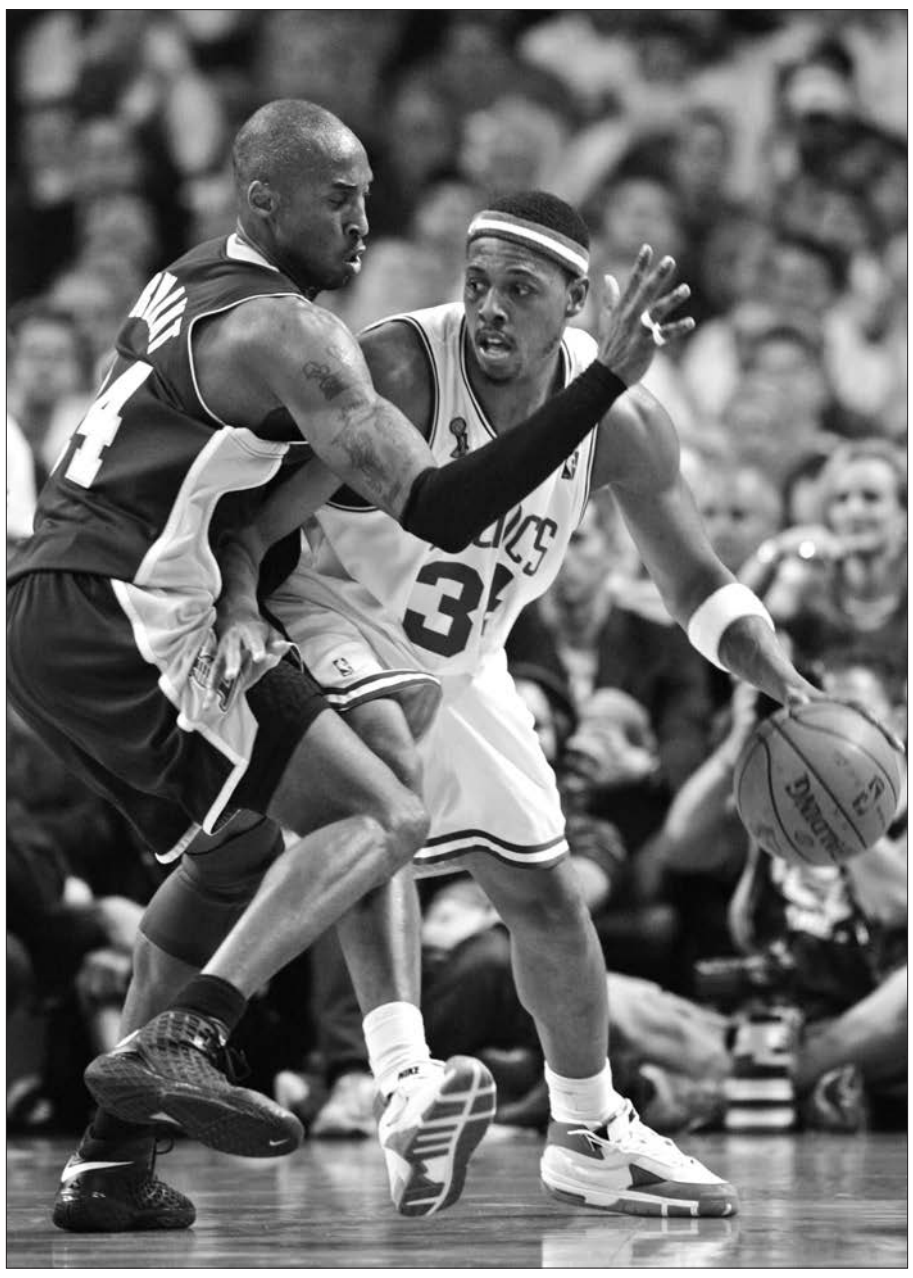
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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Howard College Hawks pitcher Pedro Villarreal sends the ball to the plate in action from April 12. Villarreal and first baseman Matt Curry were both drafted Friday in the second day of the MLB first-year player draft.

Dahlberg: NBA Finals could be one for the ages



AP photo/Elise Amendola

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant, left, defends Boston Celtics forward Paul Pierce during the third quarter of Game 1 of the NBA Finals Thursday in Boston.

Magic Johnson remembers hurting so bad after losing to the Celtics in 1984 that he sat in the dark for hours and went into hiding for a month.



TIM DAHLBERG

Larry Bird more than likely felt the same way when the Lakers repaid the Celtics by winning two of the next three NBA championships against them. I say more than likely because, more than two decades later, he's still not saying.

"I don't remember the losses," Bird said the other day while on a conference call with his old nemesis turned co-author. "I only remember the wins."

That brought a chuckle from Johnson, who remembers every win and loss as if it happened yesterday and is pretty sure Bird does, too.

"You're still crazy, LB," he said.

Bird wasn't all that happy about being on the call in the first place, though it had nothing to do with any reluctance to reminisce about the good old days with the player he'll always be linked to. There was plenty of talk about rivalries and teammates, and what the Celtics and Lakers meant to a league whose finals were relegated to being tape-delayed on network television back in the 1980s.

But Bird remains old school to the core, and the old school way of thinking is that this NBA final isn't about him and McHale or Magic and Kareem. It isn't about Chamberlain and Russell, and doesn't have a thing to do with Baylor and West.

He's right. Just as the game has changed from a wide-open, score-at-will affair to a one-on-one chess match, so have the players.

They don't wear shorts that look like hot pants anymore. No one on the court would be caught dead sporting the nerdy glasses that made Kurt Rambis so popular. And everyone, it seems, is covered in tattoos.

"I felt that it's really the players of today's game. That's what they should be focusing on," Bird said. "It really doesn't matter what happened in the '80s or '50s, '60s. It's what's happening now. It's in the big stage. First time in the finals for a lot of the guys."

The NBA, of course, begs to differ, which is why Bird and Johnson got together to talk about the three times they went head-to-head in the finals in a rivalry that began when the Lakers were still in lake country.

Actually, it wasn't so much a rivalry as a mismatch. The Celtics won the first eight championship matchups before Magic and his Lakers broke through in 1985 before adding a second win for good measure two years later.

But David Stern knows a good story when he sees one. So for much of the past week we've

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Texans' Okoye prepares to celebrate milestone

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — When the Houston Texans wrap up their offseason program Tuesday, Amobi Okoye just might celebrate the beginning of his break before training camp with a cocktail.

Okoye is already a millionaire with an NFL season behind him, but Tuesday the precocious defensive tackle will reach a milestone most men hit in college. He'll celebrate his 21st birthday. And because he'll finally be legal, that party might involve a drink or two.

"More than likely I'll have something," he said with a laugh.

When the Texans chose Okoye 10th in the 2007 draft, he was just 19, making him the youngest player drafted in the NFL since 1967. Okoye's youth is a rarity in the league where rules demand a player be three years out of high school before entering the draft.

Okoye started high school at 12 and college at 16. He graduated from Louisville in 3 1/2 years with a degree in psychology.

Though his birthday is on Tuesday, the official celebration won't be until next weekend when he has three days of events planned. The weekend is scheduled to include a football camp, celebrity basketball game, silent auction and a Saturday night party featuring actress Sanaa Lathan and rapper Juelz Santana.

He's using the weekend to launch his foundation and proceeds from the events will go to fund its projects. The foundation's goal is to help children reach their potential through education and support.

"I figured it was a good time to launch my foundation because I love doing things for children and helping out and I feel like I'm at a level now where children look up to me," he said. "So I feel like I should do everything I can to create opportunities for people and help them out."

Okoye has endured endless teasing because of his age and youthful appearance since joining the team. Now that he's turning 21, does he think the taunting will end?

"No, I get it all the time," he said. "I've been getting that forever. I'll probably still get it even after I'm 21. I'll probably always get it."

Okoye started 14 games last season and had 23 tackles and 5 1/2 sacks. While his teammates prefer to make fun of him about his age, coach Gary Kubiak has nothing but praise for the youngster lately.

"In this camp, I think he's the most improved player," Kubiak said. "He was a pretty darn good player to begin with, but what started taking place here over the last three weeks, you saw a guy go from still having some of his rookie habits, but those went away in one week and I haven't noticed them in the last two."

Kubiak is fond of saying that players normally make the biggest improvement from their first to second years in the NFL. That was certainly the case for top overall pick Mario Williams and Kubiak is hoping the same is true for Okoye.

"He's growing up and becoming better and becoming a pro," Kubiak said. "If that happens we're going to be a better football team."

KIDNEWS

Wacky Facts

In March 2003, the first dolphin bomb squad used natural sonar to help the U.S. Navy locate and destroy more than 100 anti-ship mines and underwater booby traps in one Iraqi port.

— World Almanac for Kids

Chatter Box



"I've been afraid of (dolphins) ever since I was 8 or 9. I have dreams that I am in a pool and there are dolphins bumping me and I'm frightened."

— Tyra Banks, in People magazine.



ANNE-MARIE MCREYNOLDS/SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS/MCT

Members of the Blue Man Group play unique instruments made from plastic pipes, flexible poles and other unusual objects.

What's behind all that blue?



MCT

The audience cheered loudly as three men covered in blue paint took the stage. They pounded on pipes, caught gumballs and marshmallows in their mouths and involved the audience in their antics. The show was part of Blue Man Group's How to Be a Megastar Tour 2.1.

Three friends formed the Blue Man Group in the 1980s. They performed in a show that included music, comedy, thrills and spills. Since then, the group has grown — kind of. Though they still appear in groups of three, Blue Men perform in ongoing shows in New York City, Boston and Orlando. They also go on tour. Time For Kids kid reporter Samantha Stokes saw their show in Pennsylvania. She went backstage to meet the Blue Men and later interviewed one Blue Man by phone.

TFK: Why is Blue Man Group blue?

BLUE MAN: Because it is an "open color," and isn't really linked to any particular thoughts.

TFK: How long does it take to become blue?

BLUE MAN: It takes about one hour to become blue, including putting our costumes on and other preparations.

TFK: Why don't you speak during your performances?

BLUE MAN: When we don't speak, the message is more personal. Plus, we can perform to people in different cultures who speak different languages.

TFK: Did you study music in school? If so, what instruments?

BLUE MAN: When I was in seventh grade, my parents asked me if I wanted to take drum lessons outside of school, and I said yes. I fell in love with it.

TFK: How do you choose your instruments?

BLUE MAN: We like to play things that most people think of as trash. We always play the (PVC) pipes, which makes them useful again. We then use a mallet to hit piano strings and use it as a percussion instrument.

TFK: What are your rehearsals like?

BLUE MAN: Anything but typical! Once, I was asked to play a beat on a drum. While doing so, the director asked me about my family. He started throwing things at me, and told me to pretend to be a spider who wants to be a pretty butterfly. Also, someone might come to rehearsal wearing a ridiculous costume. We do this so we are prepared for the unexpected while performing.

TIME FOR KIDS

TFK: What is a typical day in the life of a Blue Man?

BLUE MAN: There is a lot of travel. First, we do our show. Afterward, we clean up, eat and get on a bus to travel to the next city. We get up, check into our hotel and go back to sleep. Then we eat, check out the city, maybe go shopping or call our families, and go to the place where we'll be performing. After that we eat, get ready for the show and the cycle starts over again.

TFK: How do you get revved up for your performances?

BLUE MAN: Since the show is a comedy, we laugh a lot. Once, when we were out to dinner, (a group member showed up) wearing a wig and was covered in masking tape. We joke around a lot.

TFK: What do you most enjoy about the performances?

BLUE MAN: The interaction with the audience is my favorite part. All of the cities have different vibes.

TFK: When you were a child, did you ever think you would become a Blue Man?

BLUE MAN: No, because I was always very shy. I was really into science, and I never performed as a child.

TFK: How do you hope to influence children who come to your shows?

BLUE MAN: I hope that they will always express themselves and open themselves up to others. I want the audience to know that they can play, make art and do something that is important to them.

TFK: What kind of charity work do you do?

BLUE MAN: After our New York shows, we have a big drum where people can donate money to charity. We give instruments to schools across the nation, as well as donating money to music programs.

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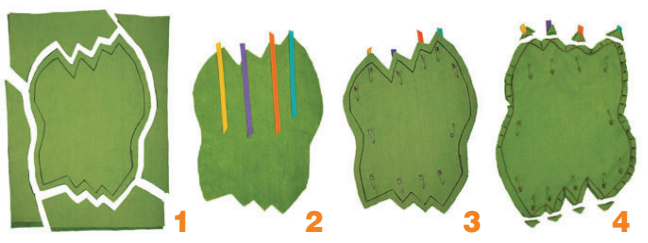
Turn old corduroy into a monster you can mash

They may look terrifyingly cute, but they're "sew" easy to make, even for a beginning stitcher (with a little help). They're meant to be one-of-a-kind critters, so grab some old corduroy and let your imagination take the shape of a round, square or pointy-headed pal.

YOU WILL NEED

- 2 corduroy skirts or pairs of pants in contrasting colors (we used adult-size), 1 with a pocket
- Ribbon (we used approximately 30 inches)
- Needle and thread
- Scissors
- Marker
- Safety pins
- Buttons
- Pencil
- Fiberfill

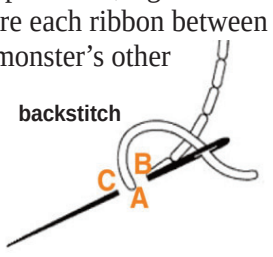




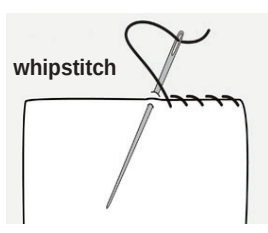
1. If you're using pants, cut off one leg. Turn the leg or a skirt inside out and use a marker to draw a monster shape on the fabric, at least an inch in from any seams. (Tip: Narrow spaces are hard to stuff, so make points or spikes at least an inch wide.) For stability, pin together the fabric layers. Cut the shape from both layers, staying about 1/2 inch outside the lines.

2. Unpin the layers and lay one piece of corduroy right side up. Sew on button eyes and a nose, then arrange ribbon hair along the top edge. (Keep the ribbons away from the other edges so you don't sew over them.)

3. Lay the second shape atop the first, right side down. Use a safety pin to secure each ribbon between the fabric layers, then pin the monster's other edges closed.



4. Using a doubled length of thread, backstitch along the marker line. Leave a 3-inch opening on the monster's straightest side. To make the fabric easier to turn right side out, trim off any points and snip the edges, creating a fringe. Take care not to cut through the stitches. Now turn the monster right side out. Use a pencil to push out any horns or spikes.



5. Cut a back pocket from the other pair of pants or skirt. Pin it in place, then use a whipstitch to attach it on three sides. To stuff the monster, push bits of fiberfill into the small spaces, then fill the body. Pin the opening and sew it closed. To finish, knot each ribbon at the creature's hairline and trim to the desired length.

— Catherine Newman, FamilyFun magazine

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Obituaries

Kaya McKenna



Kaya McKenna Franco, 5, of Cedar Park, died on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, in a San Angelo hospital from injuries received in an auto accident. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday, June 9, 2008, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Big Spring with Father Ariel Lagunilla officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring.

She was born Jan. 3, 2003, in Austin. Everyone knew her as "Pops' Girl." She cheered for 9 sports league and played soccer for CC United in Cedar Park and was to attend kindergarten at Cypress Elementary. She loved her new dog, Barcardi, her family and especially loved sleep-overs with her cousins. She was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Austin.

Survivors include her parents, Filomeno III and Kim Schaffer-Franco of Cedar Park; two sisters, Kaydra Nicole Franco of Lubbock and Kaymi Lynn Franco of Cedar Park; her paternal grandfather, Filomeno Franco II of Big Spring; her paternal grandmother, Katie Anaya of Big Spring; two aunts and three uncles; and numerous cousins.

She was preceded in death by her maternal great-grandmother, Glenna Ritenour, her paternal great-grandmother, Bessie Trevino and by her maternal grandmother, Cynthia "Nana" Shaffer.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, Midland Office, 3001 N. Big Spring, Midland 79705.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following arrests Friday (Note: an activity log was unavailable because of computer problems):

• GARY MONTEZ, 17, 2538 Langley, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• WILLIAM CLEMENTS, 40, 1002 N. Main, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/language.

• DON EDWARD ATKINSON, 28, 110 Scout Hut Rd., was arrested on two capias warrants.

• MELONIE ANN MOLINA, 32, 308 N.E. 10th, was arrested on a capias warrant.

• JESSICA TALIAFERRO, 33, 1308 E. 17th, was arrested on four local warrants.

• EDNA PRATHER, 39, 410 E. 18th, was arrested on a non-local warrant.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

•The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.

• Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-9-11-22-35.
Number matching five of five: 0.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-6-4-0. Sum It Up: 16

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-0-0. Sum It Up: 2

Take Note

• Big Spring High School is offering TAKS Tutoring for Exit-Level TAKS re-test. Science tutorials are currently underway. Math tutorials will begin Wednesday, June 18, at 8 a.m. at the high school. Contact Molly Morris, high school counselor, at 264-3641, ext. 133, for additional information.

• June is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Any group that would like to see a program on the topic can contact Bill Birrell at 263-0659. He has an 18-minute American Cancer Society VCR tape edited by Sidney Poitier.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

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

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• All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.0, 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

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

• Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is $10, although no one will be turned away foFPPr inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

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• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

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

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

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.

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

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

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

• Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

• The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Restaurant, 1300 S. Gregg. Everyone is welcome. Call 263-3869 for more information.

TUESDAY

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

• The American Cancer Society meets at noon at the Home Hospice Office for lunch and its monthly meeting. For more information, call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.

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

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

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

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

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

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

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.

• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.

• American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.

• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St.

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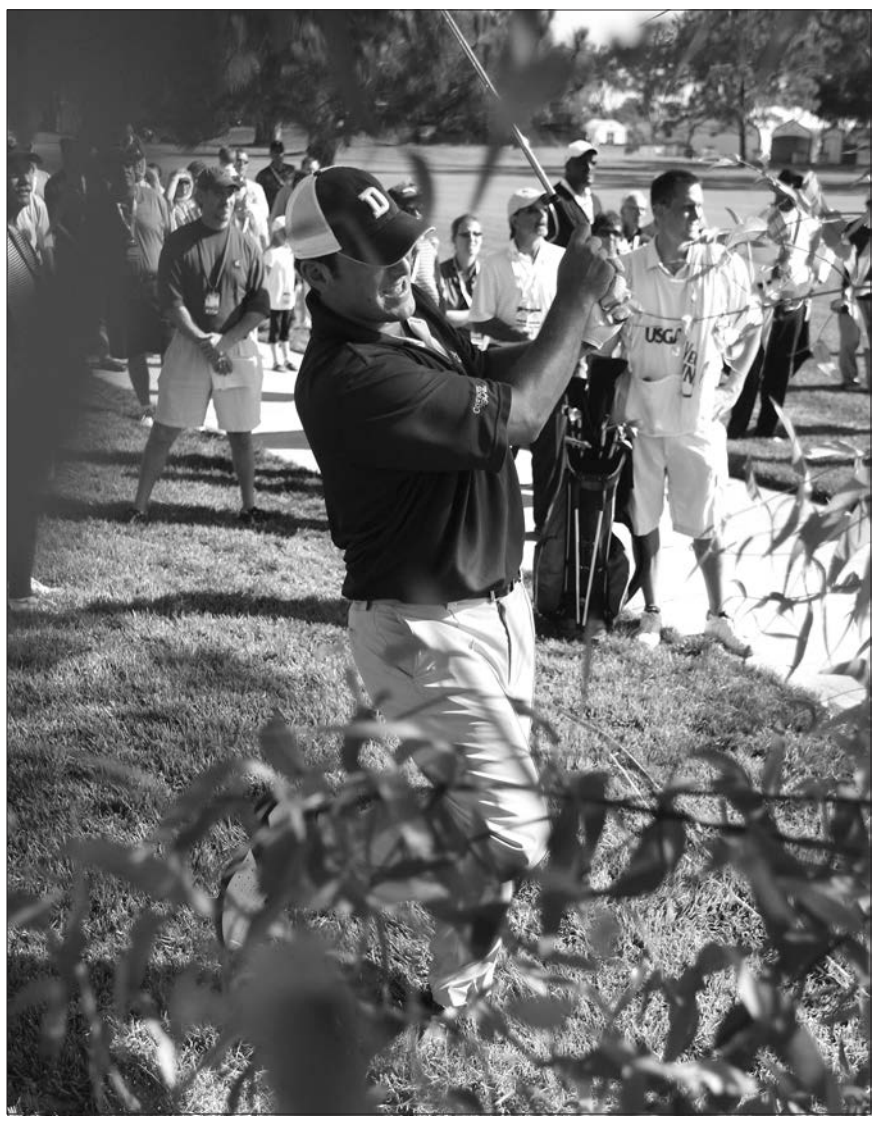
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Romo, Timberlake break 100 at Torrey Pines



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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo hits from behind a tree on the 18th hole of the South Course at Torrey Pines during the U.S. Open Challenge golf event Friday in San Diego. Romo finsished with a 13-over-par 84.

NFL quarterback, singer/actor both prove Tiger's theory about U.S. Open course wrong

By ALLISON HOFFMAN
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo and singer Justin Timberlake may not be qualified to play in the U.S. Open, but both proved they could break 100 Friday on Torrey Pines' South Course.

The pair joined "Today" host Matt Lauer and a regular guy from Omaha, Neb., in a foursome bent on disproving Tiger Woods' theory that it takes a pro to beat the course.

Romo, who missed qualifying for the U.S. Open this spring, won with a 13-over 84. The beefy quarterback, who boasts a 2.2 handicap index, barely broke a sweat playing the first nine holes in 5-over 40 but slowed as the six-hour round wore on.

"It got really tough to stay sharp," he said, nodding toward the 18th hole, where he had his only double bogey after hitting into a bunker.

Timberlake, suffering from allergies, seconded Romo, although his game improved over the last four holes with two pars and two bogeys as he went into "Michael Jordan mode." A 6.0 handicap index, he parred the 18th to finish at 27-over 98.

"It's just inhuman, how well they strike it," he said, referring to Woods and his ilk.

Timberlake, outfitted in a dashing black trilby hat and tuxedo-stripe pants, started hamming it up with the gallery once his taut dancer's swing started to go south, blowing on the ball as it rimmed the seventh hole without any luck and asking the crowd to approve his drop into the rough at the edge of the fairway.

He couldn't blame his troubles on Mother Nature, either, after he skipped off the course after teeing off at the first hole and making a beeline for the men's room.

"Excuse me! I knew I forgot something," he called out to laughing spectators in his soft Tennessee drawl.

Lauer scraped by with a 100 on the par-71 course despite playing with a 6.2 handicap index. He came back from an early quadruple bogey and a series of double bogeys to make a par 5 on the final hole.

"It's not easy," he said. "I didn't think Tiger made an outrageous statement."

The only one of the four who didn't seem to mind the scores was John Atkinson, a medical salesman from Omaha, Neb., who was chosen from 56,374 essay applicants to play in the challenge. He finished with a 43-over 114.

"At some point I just didn't really care," said Atkinson, who is undergoing treatment for advanced inoperable lung cancer. "I just wanted to enjoy it."

Atkinson had a 56-person cheering section with him. They shouted "C'mon, Johnny!" when his ball hit the green and gave sympathetic claps and "awws" when he disappeared into the bunkers.

His friend, Dave Leahy, said the crowd joined Atkinson as he trained in Omaha to prepare him for the pressure playing in front of an audience.

"He was out there every Saturday with 50 people pretending to be the gallery and wearing a mike so he'd get used to it," Leahy said.

He gave his caddy, noted sports psychologist Bob Rotella, a sweet shrug after chasing the ball around the green before making his putt on the fifth hole.

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Bears RB Benson arrested on drunken-driving charges

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Chicago Bears running back Cedric Benson faces drunken-driving charges after being arrested during a traffic stop early Saturday, his second alcohol-related arrest in just over a month.

Authorities said Benson was arrested in downtown Austin after he failed a field sobriety test. The former Texas star was charged with driving while intoxicated and released on $2,000 bond, said Travis County Sheriff's spokesman Roger Wade.

The arrest comes a month after Benson was charged with boating while intoxicated and resisting arrest. He has said that neither charge is true, and the cases are pending.

Austin police spokeswoman Veneza Aguinaga said Benson refused to take a breath test or provide blood samples Saturday. She did not know what initiated the traffic stop.

A message left with an answering service for Benson's attorney was not immediately returned. A Bears representative was not immediately available for comment.

Benson was a first-round pick in 2005 for the Bears and started 11 games last season.

Three weeks ago, he took part in voluntary spring workouts in Illinois, lining up in the Bears first-team backfield and saying he felt strong. At the time he said he looked forward to getting the initial incident cleared up, though he noted he didn't spend a lot of time thinking about it.

He has a June 30 court date for the May 5 arrest while operating a 30-foot boat on Lake Travis near Austin. Authorities say he resisted arrest and had to use pepper spray to subdue him; Benson has denied he resisted and claims officers used excessive force.

Bears general manager Jerry Angelo said at the time he was disappointment Benson would put himself in position to be the victim.

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Curry was a third-team all-american selection and a first-teamer in Region V and WJCAC.

He is second all-time at Howard in at-bats with 415 and hits with 184 and first all-time in doubles with 61. Curry hit 30 home runs, including 20 this season, in his two-year tenure at Howard — good enough for fourth all-time.

The Red Oak product had an opportunity to be drafted in the 10th round by the Pirates, but couldn't come to an agreement financially.

"Matt's pretty set that he's not going to take less than $150,000 to sign with a team. That's more money than a 10th rounder will make," Smith said. "Now it all depends on how he plays in the Texas Collegiate League this summer. If he can put up good numbers there, then the Pirates might give him the signing bonus he's looking for."

Should Curry decide not to sign with the Pirates, then he'll play for Texas Christian University in Fort Worth in the fall. Smith said the decision to play another year for the Horned Frogs could benefit or hurt Curry.

"I hate to speculate either way about how it would help or benefit him. Matt's a great hitter, but he's not going to put up the numbers he did here at TCU," Smith said. "TCU just doesn't have a good hitter's ballpark. If he'll just let the hitting come to him and not press so much, then he'll be fine and will help himself. He pressed at times this season, though. He was trying too hard to put up the numbers that will get him draft higher. He's a great natural hitter, though and just needs to use his tools."

Smith said he wasn't too surprised no other Hawks were drafted, but did think that a couple of teams might take a waiver on two of Howard's pitchers — Colt Simon and Anthony Collazo.

"I thought someone might take a chance on Colt or Anthony, but it wasn't a surprise to me when they weren't drafted," Smith said. "Colt struggled down the last stretch of the season and Anthony is going to be criticized for his size. These guys will have a chance to be drafted next year."

Simon led the Hawks in wins (11) and innings pitched (63). Collazo was Howard's strikeout king with 96 this season. He finished the year with 10 wins.

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Dalton and Stokes

Jobie Gail Dalton and Brian Davon Stokes were united in marriage May 17, 2008, at Wooldridge Square in Austin during a garden ceremony under a large, columned gazebo located among some of the oldest oak trees in Austin. The altar was accented in greenery and red and white.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Charlotte Dalton of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Wilma Walker of Big Spring and the late Delton Walker and Nathan and Ina Dalton.

The groom is the son of Cheryl Stokes of Detroit, Mich. He is the grandson of Marion Stokes of Detroit, Mich., and the late Helen Stokes.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a cream dress accented with pearls that were dyed to match the pearl necklace she wore — the same pearls worn by the bride's mother at her wedding 38 years earlier. The pearls belonged to the bride's paternal grandmother.

Her head piece was created to match the gown, as was the wedding gown train.

Jennifer Duhon served as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Charnia Walker and Jinean Calton.

J.R. Stokes was best man and groomsmen were Jordan Dalton, Terrance Dalton and Jeffrey Dalton. Flower girl was Armani Stokes and ring bearer was Devon Stokes.

The bride attended school in Forsan and graduated in Shallowater. She works for Vasquez Law. The groom attended school in Detroit, graduating in Aurora, Colo. In 2007, he completed entrepreneurial school.

The bride and groom will live in Austin.

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Zackary John Tuttle and Kendra Jay Kilcrease

Kilcrease and Tuttle

Kendra Jay Kilcrease and Zackary John Tuttle of Andrews are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Brian and Janey Lasley of Midland and Kenny and Blanca Kilcrease of Rockdale. She is the granddaughter of Kenneth and Patsy Kilcrease and the late Joan Kilcrease of Kerens, Geneva King and the late Durwood King of Athens, and Les and Wilma Lasley and Marylou Siebert, all of Belleville, Ill.

Zackary is the son of Kenny and Carole Tuttle of Snyder and the grandson of Dale and Carole Kincer and the late Jimmy Knowles of Lubbock, John K. Tuttle St. and the late Linda Tuttle of Brownfield.

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Victor Lopez Jr. and Valerie Marie Ontiveros

Ontiveros and Lopez

Valerie Marie Ontiveros of Big Spring and Victor Lopez Jr. of Fort Stockton are pleased to announcement their engagement and pending marriage.

Valerie is the daughter of Manuel and Christina Ontiveros and the granddaughter of Primitivo and Marta Ontiveros of Big Spring, Lee Cortez Sr. of Lamesa and Maria Martinez of Big Spring.

She graduated from Howard College with an associates of science degree in general studies and is employed by Community National Bank in Midland.

Victor is the son of Elizabeth Fish of Fort Stockton and Victor Lopez Sr. of Midland. He is the grandson of Francis Casas and the late Albert Casas of Fort Stockton and the late Joe and Consuelo Lopez.

They will be married in an outdoor ceremony at 6 p.m. June 14, 2008, at Zero Stone Park in Fort Stockton.

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• If you plan to choose Dr. Chavez as your new pediatrician, no further action will be required to obtain or transfer records. These records will already be maintained with his staff. Otherwise, records are available as below:

Prior to June 20th, your child's records can be obtained by either:
• Choosing a new physician. At the new physician's office, ask to sign a request for medical records from our office. If we receive this written authorization before June 20th, a copy of your child's records will be directly transferred.
• Come to our office and sign a release to receive a copy of your child's records, before June 20th.

After June 20th, requests for records can be made to Dr. Chavez' office as below:
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News Briefs

Sportscaster Jim McKay dies at 87

NEW YORK (AP) — Jim McKay, the venerable and eloquent sportscaster thrust into the role of telling Americans about the tragedy at the 1972 Munich Olympics, has died. He was 87.

McKay died Saturday of natural causes at his farm in Monkton, Md. The broadcaster who considered horse racing his favorite sport died only hours before Big Brown attempted to win a Triple Crown at the Belmont Stakes.


McKay

He was host of ABC's influential "Wide World of Sports" for more than 40 years, starting in 1961. The weekend series introduced viewers to all manner of strange, compelling and far-flung sports events. The show provided an international reach long before exotic backdrops became a staple of sports television.

McKay — understated, dignified and with a clear eye for detail — also covered 12 Olympics, but none more memorably than the Summer Games in Munich, Germany. He was the anchor when events turned grim with the news that Palestinian terrorists kidnapped 11 Israeli athletes. It was left to McKay to tell Americans when a commando raid to rescue the athletes ended in tragedy.

"They're all gone," McKay said.

The terse, haunting comment was replayed many times through the years when the events of Munich were chronicled.

He won both a news and sports Emmy Award for his coverage of the Munich Olympics in addition to the prestigious George Polk award.

"In the long run, that's the most memorable single moment of my career," said McKay, an Emmy Award winning broadcaster who was also in the studio for the United States' "Miracle on Ice" victory over Russia. "I don't know what else would match that."

A veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II, McKay was the first on-air television broadcaster seen in Baltimore. He worked at CBS Sports briefly, but did his most memorable work at ABC Sports when it dominated the business under leader Roone Arledge.

"He had a remarkable career and a remarkable life," said Sean McManus, McKay's son and the president of CBS News and Sports. "Hardly a day goes by when someone doesn't come up to me and say how much they admired my father."

McKay was the first sportscaster to win an Emmy Award. He won 12, the last in 1988. ABC calculated that McKay traveled some 4½ million miles to work events. He covered more than 100 different sports in 40 countries.

"There are no superlatives that can adequately honor Jim McKay," said George Bodenheimer, president of ESPN and ABC Sports. "He meant so much to so many people. He was a founding father of sports television, one of the most respected commentators in the history of broadcasting and journalism."

McKay's first television broadcast assignment was a horse race at Pimlico in 1947. It was the start of a love affair — horse racing captivated him like nothing else.

"There are few things in sport as exciting or beautiful as two strong thoroughbreds, neck and neck, charging toward the finish," he once said.

Court orders new sentence for al-Qaida member

McLEAN, Va. (AP) — A federal appeals court upheld the conviction Friday of a Virginia man convicted of joining al-Qaida and plotting to assassinate President Bush, but said that he must be resentenced.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected a 30-year prison term and ordered a new sentencing hearing for Ahmed Omar Abu Ali. Prosecutors had argued that the judge improperly deviated from federal sentencing guidelines that called for life in prison.

The ruling is a major victory for prosecutors in one of their most high-profile terrorism cases.

Born in Houston, Abu Ali, 27, grew up in the Washington suburb of Falls Church and was valedictorian of a private Islamic high school. He joined al-Qaida after traveling to Saudi Arabia to attend college in 2002. As a member of a Medina-based al-Qaida cell, Abu Ali discussed numerous potential terrorist attacks, including a plan to assassinate Bush and a plan to establish a sleeper cell in the United States.


Courtesy photo

These Big Spring Junior High School students were the winners of the school's American Legion Award for 2007-2008: front row, left to right, seventh grade winners Conner Furqueron and Elena Flores; second row, left to right, eighth grade winners Carl Friddle and Cerbi Ritchey.

JAIL

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cost of the aggregate. That's something to be pleased with."

Howard County voters approved a $11.57 million bond in November 2006 for what was expected to be a 96-bed jail located on Big Spring's west side. The jail is now expected to be a 112-bed facility, thanks to prudent planning by the project architect and approval from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, according to Commissioner Jerry Kilgore.

The new facility is expected to replace the existing county jail — located in the Howard County Courthouse — which has come under close scrutiny from the jail commission over the past several years for not meeting requirements the state has deemed "life threatening."

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COUNTY

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certain point before you can impose this sort of ban," said Barr. "The index has to be or exceed 575, and our current index as of the middle of the week was 506. The forest service officials say the index could jump to 575 or higher very easily in the next few days, so we'll just have to wait and see what it is Monday before we can decide what to do."

Barr said the court wants to pass the ban in hopes of staving off wildfires, which ravaged the county earlier this year. However, depending on the fire index, the matter is largely out of the court's hands right now, he said.

"We have to meet the index requirement just to implement this ban on fireworks with fins or sticks," said Barr. "As far as banning fireworks altogether, we don't have that ability. There was a big controversy about that during the last legislature, but as it turns out the fireworks manufacturers have a lot of pull in Austin."

While the onslaught of wildfires in and around the county has subsided since the first quarter of the year, Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan is urging area residents not to be lulled into a false sense of security.

"Up until we got some rain in April, we were responding to one, sometimes two or three fires a day," said Sullivan. "And while that inch of rain in April helped, we haven't received much more significant rain since then, so we're looking at the same sort of situation we were in several months ago. It doesn't look very promising at all."

While no one can predict a wildfire, Sullivan said local residents can take measures to help firefighters if their home becomes endangered.

"I really can't stress this enough, but it's vital our citizens be very careful right now," said Sullivan. "Fire prevention is more of a proactive thing than a reactive thing, because once a fire starts it's too late. One of the most important measures people can take right now is to make sure they have a 75 feet to 100 feet fire break around their home. Get rid of brush and other items that could burn. That can really help firefighters if their home becomes threatened."

Barr said the commissioner's court has until June 13 to enact the restrictions on fireworks if Monday's fire index falls short of the requirement.

Also during Monday's 10 a.m. meeting, commissioners are expected to consider budget amendments, as well as hold a budget workshop to consider fiscal plans for the coming year.

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TRADE DAYS

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out the trade days — Coca-Cola collectibles, Humble Oil and Sinclair Oil signs, wagon wheels — if you can dream of it, it's most likely at Old Sorehead Trade Days."

For those who aren't familiar with the streets of Stanton, trade days volunteers will be on duty to help direct visitors to the different areas, including parking areas for the handicapped and overflow parking. Golf carts will also be available to help get shoppers to and from their vehicles.

Lindsey said those wanting to take in the entire affair may want plan on spending quite a bit of time in Stanton.

"If you want to see everything at the Old Sorehead Trade Days, you need to plan to come early and stay late," he said. "Admission is free and anyone who needs information on the event can call our trade days hotline at (432) 756-2006, or visit us on the Web at www.stantontex.com."

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Ana Ivanovic wins first French Open title



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Serbia's Ana Ivanovic holds up the trophy after defeating Russia's Dinara Safina during the women's final at the French Open tennis tournament in Paris, Saturday June.

By STEVEN WINE
AP Sports Writer

PARIS, France — This time Ana Ivanovic was ready for the French Open final.

Showing no sign of the nerves that afflicted her a year ago, Ivanovic won her first Grand Slam title Saturday by beating Dinara Safina 6-4, 6-3.

By reaching the final, Ivanovic had already assured herself of being ranked No. 1 for the first time next week. And the Serb's performance was No. 1-caliber against Safina.

"I'm just so happy I kept my composure until the end," Ivanovic said during the trophy ceremony. "Last year's final was a great learning experience."

A shaky Ivanovic played in her first major at Roland Garros in 2007 and won only three games from Justine Henin. But against Safina she was as cool as the 65-degree weather, showing hardly a bead of perspiration even as she sprinted from corner to corner retrieving shots.

The 20-year-old Ivanovic slugged winners from both sides, feasted on Safina's sometimes shaky serve and scurried to extend points, which led to plenty of entertaining rallies. Ivanovic won most of them, including one frantic exchange that she finished off with a delicate drop shot and ferocious fist pump.

Ivanovic won match point with a backhand up the line, then dropped her racket, collapsed into a crouch and covered her face. After blowing kisses to the crowd, she used a chair to climb into the stands and share hugs with family and friends.

"This was amazing," Ivanovic said. "I still don't realize what happened. As a kid, when I used to go by bike to practice, I used to dream of this."

Henin, a four-time French Open champion who retired last month while ranked No. 1, applauded from the front row.

For the third consecutive year Sunday, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal will meet in the men's final. The top-ranked Federer will again try for the only Grand Slam title to elude him, and Nadal will attempt to become the first player since Bjorn Borg in 1981 to win a fourth consecutive French Open title.

Ivanovic's worst moment came serving at 4-3 in the first set, when she squandered a 40-love lead by losing the next five points. She quickly regrouped and won five of the next six games to take command.

First-time Grand Slam finalist Safina fended off a match point in consecutive rounds this week, rallying each time after she lost the first set and trailed 5-2 in the second. But the Russian ran out of comebacks.

"I didn't have any more the fire that I had those matches,"

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DAHLBERG

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been treated to stories about players and rivalries of old in a buildup to a championship series that rivals that of most Super Bowls.

Surprisingly enough, it's not just the old guys who remember.

Paul Pierce grew up in Los Angeles hating the Celtics and everything they stood for.

He was a Lakers fan, and that made Boston the enemy.

"I think that rivalry really revolutionized the game of basketball, and now I'm a part of it," Pierce said.

Kobe Bryant was 5 years old and living in Italy when the two teams first met in the finals. His grandfather sent him tapes of the games, and he played them over and over again, studying the moves by Johnson, Bird and the others.

"I remember everything about those series like it was yesterday," Bryant said. "All the plays."

The details of the finals before that time are a little more fuzzy in the minds of today's players. They might know who Jerry West is and they've all probably heard of Bill Russell and Wilt Chamberlain, but don't expect them to break down the 1959 championship when the Celtics won in four straight over the Lakers of Minneapolis, who were led by a promising rookie by the name of Elgin Baylor.

Give them a pass on that because it's not their job to live in the past or remind people of the history of the league. Their duty is to create some new history so that players 20 years from now will talk about Kobe and Kevin and Pau and Paul with the same sense of reverence that they talk about the icons of the 80s.

The stage is set perfectly for them to do just that. If the Johnson and Bird rivalry helped save the league back then, Bryant and Pierce and their supporting casts have the chance to revive it once again.

A year ago, the season ended up with a clunker when San Antonio rolled over Cleveland in a series that was hard to watch. There was no sense of history or suggestion of drama, just ugly basketball that thankfully was over almost as soon as it began.

Now it's the Lakers and the Celtics, with superstars on the court and stars in the stands. Two storied franchises ready to write another chapter in basketball lore.

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Tim Dahlberg is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at tdahlberg@ap.org

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BSGSA announces 5th Annual Co-ed Ragball Tourney

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will be have its 5th Annual Co-ed Ragball Tournament June 20-22 at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Cost is $110 per team with an eight-game guarantee.

Register at the complex between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. June 20th. Games start at 7 p.m. on the same date.

For more information contact Rodney Jones at 213-3750.

C. G. A. schedules annual scholarship tourney June 28-29

The Chicano Golf Association is holding their 18th annual scholarship tournament June 28-29 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The format is a two-person scramble and cost is $75 per player. Mulligans can be bought for $5 a piece.

Bob Brock Ford is sponsoring Hole No. 3 Saturday with any participant that hits a hole-in-one receiving a 2008 vehicle.

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MANNERS MATTER

Goodbye for a while, dear readers



JERRIE STOCKS

To the many readers of my column Your Manners Matter, this serves as my notice for closing this column as of today. I have entered Methodist Dallas Medical Hospital for major surgery. By the time you read this, my surgery will be about 10 days past. My three wonderful doctors have advised me to take a six-week sabbatical for recuperation before I continue the column.

I will return sometime in July with a new column titled The Winning Way. I look forward to writing this column, as it will be inspirational and encouraging for all of us living in the 21st Century. Regardless of the many challenges we face today, the good news is that none of it takes God by surprise. He still has a plan for all of our lives, and no one can stop or hinder it but us. This column will challenge you to aim higher, even in difficult situations.

I want to thank the *Big Spring Herald* and the many hundreds, and possibly even thousands of you who have read my column on a regular basis. Your support has been greatly appreciated. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue to recover. See you in July!

God bless,
Jerrie Stocks

Births



Joshua Carter Tiffany, a boy, was born at 11:33 a.m. May 15, 2008, weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 inches long.

He is the son of Amy and Paul Tiffany of Thompsons Station, Tenn. His maternal grandparents are Ron and Janet Cook of Big Spring. His paternal grandparents are Bonnie Hollon of Casa Grande, Ariz., and Ron Hollon of Phoenix, Ariz.

Joshua was welcomed home by his siblings Brigham, Ethan, Chyler and Kymathy.



Richard Sabino Gomez Jr., a boy, was born at 3:50 a.m. April 4, 2008, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He is the son of Richard and Linda Gomez of Big Spring. His maternal grandparents are Cipriano and Virginia Rodriguez. His paternal grandparents are Juana Silva and the late Selestino and Antonia Silva.

Richard was welcomed home by siblings Roy and Miranda.



Riley Zane Crooks was born April 17, 2008. He weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces and was 18-3/4 inches long.

He is the son of Kathleen Crooks and the grandson of Genie and Joel Miller



Addison Grace Collier, a girl, was born at 11:17 a.m. April 28, 2008, weighing 6.6 pounds and was 19-3/4 inches long.

She is the daughter of Jeremy and Carmen Collier of Coahoma. Her maternal grandparents are Barbara and Gary Hipp of Coahoma. Her paternal grandparents are Annette and David Schofield of Sand Springs.



Joe Nathan Pesina was born at 6:13 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at Odessa Regional in Odessa. His parents are Lisa and Jose Pesina Sr. of Midland.

He shares his birthday with his brother Jacob and weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

His grandparents are Joe and Frances Pesina of Big Spring and Joe Torres Sr. of Midland and Joanne Torres of Big Spring.

He was welcomed home by his sister Brittany and brothers Jose Jr. and Jacob.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Relay participants again proved they can do impossible

Once again, Howard and Glasscock counties, you've proven that nothing is impossible. That's because the Howard-Glasscock chapter of the American Cancer Society and hundreds of walkers combined to make the 2008 Relay For Life one of the biggest ever in Big Spring.

The Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life is so successful every year that sometimes people forget just how impressive a job is done by local American Cancer Society organizers, volunteers and participants.

In fact, we're a little late in offering our kudos this year and we ask all of your to accept our collective apology.

That's because Relay Chairperson Jenny Sayles had every reason to be all smiles during the May 27 wrap-up celebration, as she announced that this year's event raised $197.488 — more than $20,000 in excess of the lofty goal organizers established.

As always, we find ourselves in the position of having no better way to describe the result without using the term "awesome."

Hundreds of people participated in dozens of teams.

Outstanding Relay teams were recognized during the wrap-up celebration with the team from TexaStone taking top honors by bringing in 24,603, while Scenic Mountain Medical Center's squad came in with $21,125 earned to take second place.

According to ACS District Representative Barbi Jones, this year's effort simply cements the local Relay's reputation as one of the most successful in the nation. She added that this marks the second consecutive year that the Howard-Glasscock Relay has led the region encompassing Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Hawaii in per-capita collections.

The money raised by the Relay For Life goes directly to the American Cancer Society and comes back to Howard and Glasscock counties in the form of services, education and treatment for local residents.

Where does Relay for Life go from here? How do you top such success?

We've asked those questions before, and the answer remains the same.

Who knows?

What is certain is that all of you in Howard and Glasscock counties who continue to help make Relay for Life a success, need to go ahead and again take a bow.

As always, each of you has earned it.

HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions.

In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we share Your news, Lord, with others.
Amen

Personal experience with ugly miracles

I think a lot of times people don't recognize God because they think God only moves in beautiful ways. His hand can only be seen through pristine circumstances in sterile environments for most of us. We have learned this from going to churches that demonstrate God more as a surgeon whol only works in complete silence and in a disinfected sanctuary. Sometimes we think God only moves in a church. Of course, that's craziness.



TROY BREWER

I am here to tell you that some of the greatest miracles God is doing among us are just plain ugly. These confessions are of a highly caffeinated Christian who has never had the grace to be on the beautiful side of things. Born with a face made for radio and enough hair on my head to hide a small car, I have never won a trophy for GQ. The point is that God isn't just in the beautiful things, sometimes God moves in a beautiful way in very ugly things.

Flip That House

When my wife and I were young she demanded we reproduce like jackrabbits. She wanted a house full of babies. I had seen babies and didn't think it was such a good idea but Leanna had a vision for our home. So on vacation to Corpus Christi, we sat in the Water Street Oyster Bar discussing our options over lunch. I had fought a good fight for two years but her constant assault was wearing me down. So I pulled out a quarter and made her a deal. "If this is heads, you go off the pill today. If its tails we don't have this conversation for a year." Not stupid enough to agree but smart enough to win the bet she just said, " Flip it."

Nine months later I was in a torture session called "Lamaze Class." Lamaze is an ancient French word that means, "You will never touch me again." I listened while this teacher explained to us how beautiful the birthing experience was going to be. She also said that we could "coach" our wives and help her by developing a focal point. I knew she was crazy but to be honest I only heard bits and pieces. I was so distracted by the other husbands in the room.

I thought, "poor fools, how did you get suckered into all this?" Then I would realize I was one of them. I was also distracted by the 50 or so outy belly buttons of all those pregnant women at once. It was Brewer hell.

Whatever happened to the good old days when they would knock a woman out and she would wake up with a kid in her arms? The '60s and '70s are long gone. One encouraging thing I have noticed is that a lot of doctors will find any emergency reason to do a c-section and it tends to happen around 5 p.m. This of course depends on if the patient has insurance and if it is chicken fried steak night at the doctor's house.

One cold afternoon a few weeks later, Leanna was having her C-section at 5:05 p.m. They opened her up and out came the head of my oldest son.

"My goodness, he's a 20-pounder!" I said.

At birth, Benjamin had the hat size of a grown man. While they worked to clear his nostrils, I said "Hello Benjamin, welcome to Texas!" That baby boy opened his eyes and looked right at me. I had been singing and playing my guitar to his mama's belly through the whole pregnancy and he was actually glad to see me.

With one good pull and some disturbing noises like pulling your boots out of the mud, Ben came all the way out. And to my shock, under that giant head dangled a little bitty body. My first thought was that Leanna had committed adultery with the Jack in the Box man.

Over the next few moments everything went into a blur.

No, I didn't want to cut the cord. Please, I need some towels and some Armor-all for this little alien. I was seeing a side of Leanna I had never seen, the inside. Doctor, close her up. Nurse, I need an aspirin. Is all this normal? Can I lie down next to my wife?

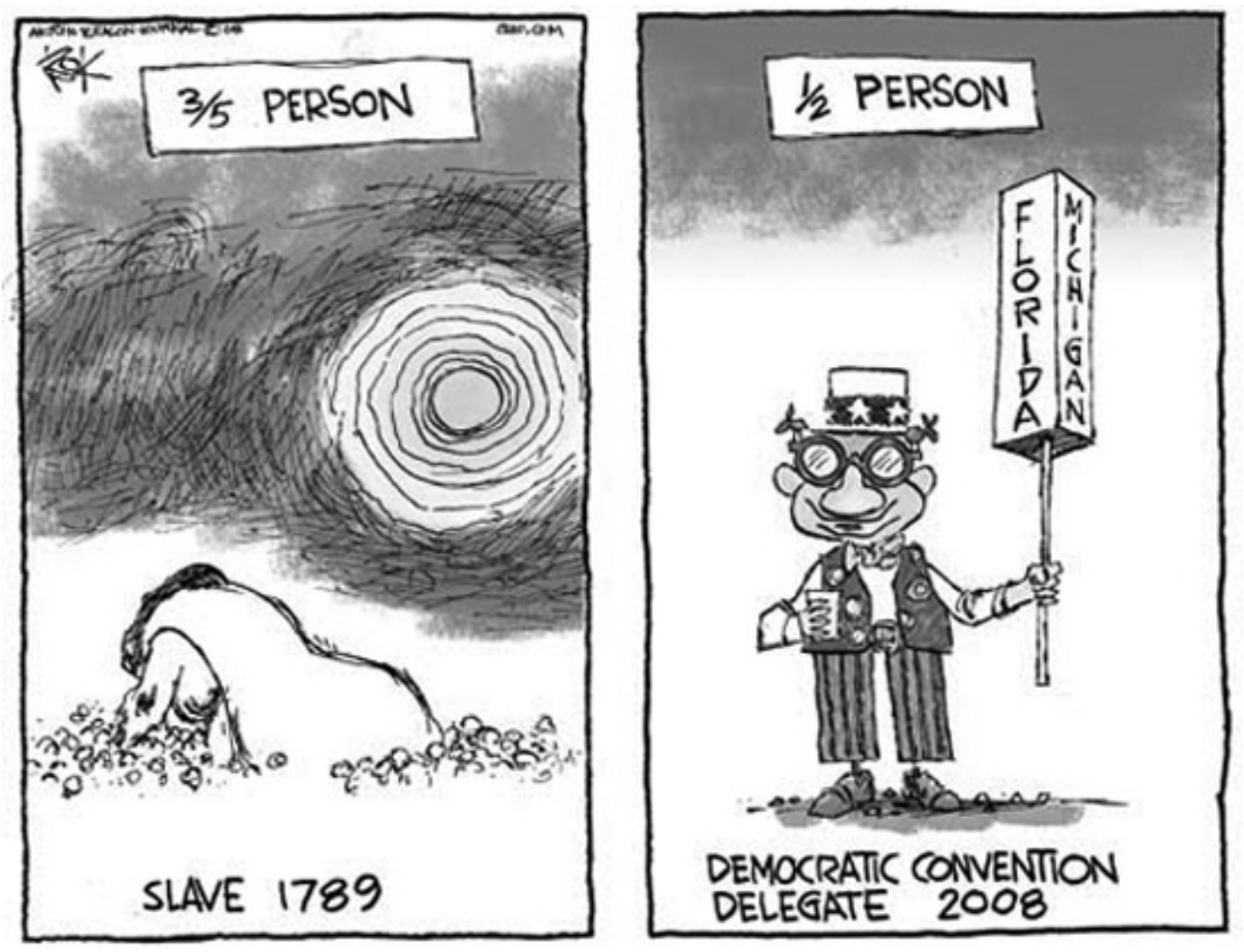
And then as quickly as everything went blurry, everything became completely focused on the three of us. There we were, Leanna and I quietly talking to this little wonder and all three of us as close together as we could possibly be. The world went away. It was one of the greatest moments of my life.

See, not only is the beauty of God in the obviously beautiful. Sometimes God shows up in even ugly things and in that, He is just as beautiful.

Psalms 50:2

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

The Rev. Troy Brewer welcomes your comments at www.FreshFromTheBrewer.com.



YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently it was my pleasure to address graduates of Forsan High School during their commencement exercises. It was an honor and privilege for me to do so.

Forsan schools have much to be proud of, excelling in both academic and athletic pursuits, and the whole spirit of the community conveys a "one for all, all for one" commitment.

I have never seen a group of students who were better groomed or more attentive, and it was obvious that they feel well-prepared for whatever comes next in their lives.

My hat is off to Board President Kuykendall and his colleagues, and to Superintendent Randy Johnson and the fine "family" of educators who train the young people in the ways they should go.

DR. DON NEWBURY
CHANCELLOR
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TO THE EDITOR:

On May 24 I had the misfortune of having a flat tire while at the Big Spring Mall. No sooner had I opened my trunk than a gentleman came from across the parking lot to offer help and in a short time I was on my way.

I may never be able to help this person, but when opportunity arises, I can help someone else.

Let us as residents of Big Spring realize that there are good people in our town and it doesn't take much to make it a better place to live.

God likes this person — you know who you are.

LINDA ANDERSON
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

On June 1 our community had the great honor having three fully restored Vietnam era helicopters land at Hangar 25 Air Museum. I want to take the opportunity to thank the community of Big Spring for making our 2008 Flying Thunder Special Event a great success.

The crew expressed great appreciation for the warm welcome our town gave them. They said that it was one of the best stops from their entire trip. Our community has always been one of patriotism, affection and pride.

On behalf of all who were involved with the planning and coordination of this great event I would like to thank Big Spring for helping our town become part of the Flying Thunder's historic flight.

MEGHAN F. BIAS
MUSEUM ADMINISTRATOR
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TO THE EDITOR:

In William A. Collins' column of June 1, "We're Americans...guns are us," Mr. Collins trots out a series of the same old lies and half-truths those who would deprive us of our constitutional right to defend ourselves have been using for 50 years now.

He compares us with the Brits and derisively asks about Americans having so many guns, "Doesn't that make you feel safe?"

Well, Britain has some of the toughest gun deprivation legislation in the world. After banning handguns, rifles and most shotguns, only 4 percent of British households have any kind of firearm. But, according to British sources like the BBC, gun crime is up 35 percent in one year. And as of 1995, English rates of crime were already far higher than America's.

Even the British government's own statistics show that, since implementing some of the most restrictive firearms possession laws in the world, violent crime in Britain is skyrocketing.

So yes, the means of self-defense that my neighbors and I possess do make me feel safer. Especially compared to the British.

The author of this offal also states that the constitution is ambiguous and coy about the Second Amendment. What could be ambiguous or evasive about, "...the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed?"

The Supreme Court will put to

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Federer, Nadal meet again in French final

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

PARIS — As the points piled up and the light faded, it was tough to decide which scenario had seemed less likely at the outset of the French Open semifinals Friday:

That Rafael Nadal would be so dominant during a 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (3) victory over Novak Djokovic, a man who is, after all, ranked No. 3 and a Grand Slam champion?

Or that Roger Federer would run into so much trouble before winning 6-2, 5-7, 6-3, 7-5 against Gael Monfils, a man who is, after all, ranked 59th and a major semifinalist for the first time?

Then again, by the end of the day, Roland Garros once more produced the likeliest of all championship matches: No. 1 Federer vs. No. 2 Nadal.

"Rafa again, across the net — it's the ultimate test on clay. It would be so much better to win the French Open by beating him," Federer said. "It should be entertaining to watch."

The showdown Sunday is their third consecutive French Open final, their fifth Grand Slam final overall, and plenty is on the line.

Nadal can become the first man since Bjorn Borg in 1978-81 to win the tournament four years in a row. Federer can add the lone major trophy missing from his collection, thereby making him the sixth man to complete a career Grand Slam and increasing his total haul to 13 majors, one shy of Pete Sampras' record.

"What's special is winning the tournament, not beating Federer," said Nadal's uncle and coach, Toni. "But if Rafael beats Federer, it means more."

Federer is 6-10 overall against Nadal, including 1-8 on clay and 0-3 at the French Open, where they also met in the 2005 semifinals.

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Safina said. "I was tired."

She needed 20 points to hold for 3-4 in the second set, and from 15-all in the next game, Ivanovic swept the last seven points.

Seeded 13th, Safina was trying to join her brother, two-time Grand Slam champion Marat Safin, in winning a major title. They're the first sister and brother to reach a Grand Slam final.

Safin was in London preparing for the grass-court season and didn't attend the final.

"Somehow I thought he might come," Safina said with a smile, "but he didn't."

The final was the third in the past five major tournaments for Ivanovic. She was runner-up at this year's Australian Open to Maria Sharapova, who will be supplanted in the No. 1 ranking next week by Ivanovic.

BENSON

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Benson has had other brushes with the law.

He was sentenced to eight days in jail in 2003 for a misdemeanor trespassing charge after forcing his way into an apartment to look for a reported stolen TV. In 2002, misdemeanor drug and alcohol charges against him were dropped.

The Bears took Benson with the fourth pick in the 2005 draft after he rushed for more than 5,500 yards and 64 touchdowns at the University of Texas. But instead of developing into a star, the 25-year-old has been plagued by injuries and alienated teammates with blunt comments.

As a rookie backing up Thomas Jones, he rushed for 272 yards in nine games. He was more effective the next season while sharing time with Jones, going for six touchdowns and 647 yards, but took a big step backward last season after the Bears traded Jones.

Benson rushed for 674 yards and four touchdowns before going on injured reserve with a broken ankle in November.

In three years with the Bears, Benson has rushed for 1,593 yards and 10 touchdowns. And the Bears made it clear their patience was wearing thin by drafting Tulane running back Matt Forte in the second round of April's NFL draft.

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

			3		7	9	6	
5	3				8		4	
9		8	4			5		
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7		4	8		1		5	9
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	5		2				8	6
	8	7	6		9			

GOLF

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"It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience for him," said his wife, Lori. "It doesn't matter."

Woods told reporters last year at Oakmont, generally considered the toughest golf course in America, that no 10-handicapper could break 100. With Torrey Pines refurbished into a 7,643-yard "monster" — the longest in U.S. Open history — it served as a suitable stand-in for the challenge, hosted by Golf Digest magazine and NBC.

Torrey Pines, named for the rare gnarled trees that dot the cliffside course, will be the first city-owned golf course to host a U.S. Open starting next Thursday.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Declarer Makes a Key Play

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K Q 7 3
♥ A 5
♦ Q 8
♣ J 10 8 4 2

WEST
♠ 10 5 2
♥ K J 8 4 3
♦ J 5 2
♣ K 6

EAST
♠ J 9 8 4
♥ Q 9
♦ K 10 7 6 3
♣ 7 3

SOUTH
♠ A 6
♥ 10 7 6 2
♦ A 9 4
♣ A Q 9 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 NT			

Opening lead — four of hearts.

This deal occurred in a 12-table duplicate game. The final contract at every table was three notrump played by South, which in itself is a rare occurrence. However, only one declarer made three notrump, even though the contract could not be defeated with correct play. All the others went down one.

The opening lead was uniformly a low heart. At 11 tables, the lead was ducked to East's queen, and a heart continuation went to dummy's ace, after which the club jack was finessed. West took his king and cashed three heart tricks to put a quick end to the proceedings.

At the only table where the contract was made, declarer played dummy's ace of hearts at trick one and next tried the club finesse. West won with the king, but the defenders were now helpless.

If West cashed the K-J of hearts, dropping East's queen, South's ten would become a trick. Alternatively, if West returned a low heart to East's queen, he would be unable to regain the lead to run the rest of the suit. In practice, West chose the latter course, after which declarer had no trouble scoring nine tricks.

How could South know that putting up the ace on the opening lead was the winning play? The answer is simple enough. He reasoned that if the hearts were divided 4-3, nothing could be gained by ducking the heart at trick one. The only pertinent question, therefore, was whether the duck would gain or lose against a 5-2 division.

Since West would not lead a low heart from K-Q-J-x-x — he would lead the king in that case — it followed that East had at least one of the missing honors. Rising with the ace was therefore certain to block the heart suit if West had five of them, making the ace the proper play at trick one.

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Who's Who

Tanner Grosse, a student at Sandra Day O'Connor High School in San Antonio, has been selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars.

He is the son of Charlotte and Scott Lindsay of San Antonio and David Grosse of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Daisy Spenser and Pauline Walters, both of Big Spring.

The society recognizes top scholars and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence. The announcement was made by NSHSS founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice and commitment that Tanner Grosse has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Nobel. "Tanner is now a member of a unique community of scholars — a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

NSHSS President James Lewis said, "Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources and opportunities. We aim to help students like Tanner build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."

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Lindsay Paige Phillips, the daughter of Jim Bob and Penny Phillips of Big Spring, was one of 340 graduates to receive bachelor of arts degrees during Austin College's 159th commencement exercise in Sherman on May 18.

Phillips received her degree in international economics and finance and Spanish.

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Lacy Michelle Eggleston of Red Oak, graduating with a bachelor of science degree, was among the 640 students receiving undergraduate degrees from Dallas Baptist University at spring commencement.

She is the daughter of Mike and Connie Eggleston of Big Spring.

The graduate's activities including being a member of the DBU tennis team.

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Kelly Michael Thomas received his bachelor of science business degree from the University of Phoenix, May 5. Kelly is a 1988 graduate of Coahoma High School.


Thomas

He is married to Deborah Thomas. Kelly is the son of Rose Thomas of Coahoma and Jack Thomas of Palm Harbor, Fla. He is the grandson of William and Lucille King of Coahoma and George Thomas of Denver, Colo.

He is employed with UPS in Austin.

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Meena Khatri graduated as a physical therapist assistant during spring commencement at Odessa College.

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The United States Achievement Academy has recognized Taylor Bridge of Big Spring for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Student Award winner.


Bridge

Taylor, who attends Coahoma High School, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook which is published nationally.

He is the son of Tommy and Tonya Hilario of Big Spring. His grandparents are Ella Bridge of Miles and Mike and Judy Bridge of Stanton.

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Ben Priddy graduated from LSU May 16 with a degree in international studies and German. He was one of 25 young adults chosen from the United States to participate in the TAP Internship program this summer.

Priddy has been assigned to the German Foreign Ministry in Berlin, Germany. His duties will include working with German/African and German/U.S. cultural and media affairs. After his German intership, Priddy will travel to Russia for an intensive language program.

His third year of college was spent at the University of Jena in Jena, Germany where he become proficient in the German language.

Ben is the son of Ritchie and Tammi Priddy of St. Francisville, La., and the grandson of Don and Helen Priddy of Big Spring.

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Andrea Jane Tercero graduated May 10, 2008, from the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio with a bachelor of science in kinesiology.


Tercero

She will return in August to the University of the Incarnate Word to obtain her master's degree in kinesiology. She was offered a internship at The Village of the Incarnate Word to help continue her education.

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• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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June 12 – Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
Just Peachy Cafe' - Coffee Club, 10:00 a.m.
June 14 – Stanton Trade Days, 10:00 a.m. - ?
June 15 – "Happy Father's Day"
June 16 – Games, 1-3 p.m. (Hand & Foot Canasta)
June 17 – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Supper Club "Texas Cajun Cafe", 5:30 p.m.
June 18 – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 p.m.
Lunch-N-Learn, 11:30 p.m.
June 19 – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Just Peachy Cafe' - Coffee Club, 10:00 a.m.
Bunko, 5:00 p.m.
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Celebrity Notes

Anne Heche pays the price in settlement

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Anne Heche's five-year marriage to Coleman Laffoon is officially over, but not without a pinch to her pocketbook.

A judge ruled that Heche must pay $275,000 to her ex-husband, along with monthly child-support payments of $3,700 for the care of their 6-year-old son, Homer, according to court documents released Friday.

Heche will also have to pay 75 percent of Homer's private-school tuition. The couple agreed to split the cost of any "agreed upon extracurricular activities" for their son.

Heche, 39, and Laffoon, 34, were married Sept. 1, 2001. He filed for divorce on Feb. 2, citing irreconcilable differences.

Heche starred in TV's "Men in Trees." She and Laffoon, a cameraman, met while working on a documentary about Ellen DeGeneres — with whom Heche was romantically linked for three years.

Carell jokes about kiss with The Rock

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Steve Carell, who plays Maxwell Smart in the upcoming spy comedy "Get Smart," says he had a scent-sational time kissing co-star Dwayne Johnson, who most might recognize as "The Rock."

"The Rock has softer lips. I guess I could say that," the 44-year-old actor told AP Television. "He smells like strawberry shortcake. For me, that's why they call him The Rock. He rocks people's worlds."

Johnson countered that he doesn't smell or taste like strawberry shortcake — "strawberry shortcake with liver I think."

The 36-year-old wrestler-turned-actor said he was gung-ho about planting a kiss on Carell.

LETTERS

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rest any question about whether or not this right is an individual right sometime this summer.

The thing that really chaps me is Mr. Collins' assertion that, "...law abiding gun-toters provide political cover for the crooks and drug dealers..."

Nothing could be further from the truth.

The NRA and other firearms owners associations support and lobby for tougher sentences for those who use firearms during the commission of crimes.

Those old lies and half-truths the anti-self defense lobby uses in an attempt to deprive the citizenry of their inherent and God-given rights still don't work.

WALTER L. SHIPMAN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

As a graduate of Big Spring High School and a former resident of Big Spring, I would like to invite you to visit Joyce Lavender Ranch in Scurry County to see lavender growing in West Texas.

In 2004 my family began planting lavender on the ranch originally started by my grandfather in the late 1880s. We have had thousands of visitors to the lavender fields when the plants are in bloom, and this year we are opening again for our "Cut Your Own Lavender" the next two weekends, June 7-8 and June 14-15.

We are located just three miles south off Highway 180 halfway between Snyder and Roby on CR4151. There is no admission charge and we will have the gates open between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on both Saturdays and between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sundays. You can bring your children for a unique experience in the country, have ranch barbecue and lavender lemonade, and enjoy a different aspect of West Texas.

I will look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones from Big Spring.

JERILYNN MCPHERSON
YUNGBLUT
ABILENE

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to the actions taken by the deputy at the Sonic, I cannot understand what prompted the deputy to tazer a dog, pit bull or not, and cause the animal to run into traffic and be brutally killed in front of a business filled with both adult and child patrons.

If I had been there I would have attempted to stop this sensseless and brutal slaughter of someone's pet.

I attempted to contact Sheriff Walker, leaving him a message on his answering machine, however, I have not been contacted by anyone with the Sheriff's Office.

I truly believe we must support our sheriff's department, however, this action by one or more officers causes me concern.

NANCY MARTIN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I read the recent letter in your newspaper concerning the death of a dog at Sonic. I was not there, so I will not instantly criticize the deputies involved. I feel I must comment on the opinions of the "witnesses" who were not there.

My father is a retired law enforcement officer. I remember something he always said, "In America, you are innocent until proven guilty, unless you wear a badge."

It seems many people who were not there are angry and have made comments and helped spread rumors, which get bigger each time they tell it. Shame on them. They are a disgrace.

Officers put their lives in danger everyday, but most people only tell negative tales involving officers. I would like to hear the real story, not the rumors.

JESS MILLER
MIDLAND

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is in response to Tonya Hilario's letter. I don't know why, but some people are born with a stone cold, dead heart when it comes to animals.

There was no excuse for that dog to get hit so many times by a car. Going down Gregg Street, they (drivers) probably couldn't help it. But someone could have gotten to it before that happened.

I just wish I'd been there. I'd have at least tried!

I saw a little dog get run over by a pickup and I'll never forget that.

Anyway, Mrs. Hilario, maybe the rest of the people in this town will have some better feelings toward animals. I certainly hope so. After all, they have feelings, too.

SHARON OSBURN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

When I read the leddter describing the incident at the Sonic Drive-In, I was horrified and sickened. Let me preface this by saying that I respet the fact that not everyone loves animals. This is not about loving animals, it is about the inhumane actions of a deputy with the Howard County Sheriff's Department.

I was raised in Big Spring and have always been proud to be a part of the community. My family owns an 85-year-old business and we all pay taxes that pay the salaries of the sheriff's department.

I was taught to respect law enforcement and that I could always go to them for help. I just wonder what the young boys who were trying to help the dog are thinking about the man in uniform.

The scene described by Ms. Hilario does not make me proud and it infuriates me. I read about this on the internet, so I'm sure that many others from Big Spring, who like to read the Herald, also read it.

I want to know the name of the deputy and if he was reprimanded. If he was not, then I can only assume that this is proper procedure for our sheriff's department.

If that is the case, I would hope that I am joined by others in the community in thinking that some things need to be addressed. This is the second time in two weeks that a person we should respect as representing the public, namely Stephanie Horton, has made a statement to the effect, "it's only animals or dogs," thus they count for nothing.

I believe that God's eye is on the sparrow and Noah rescued the animals, so I guess that animals do count for something in God's eyes. Whether you, Ms. Horton, or that deputy, like animals or not. As human beings it is our responsibility to help those who cannot help themselves.

KATHY M. JOHNSON
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to take a minute to thank the gentleman (and I apologize because I don't remember his name) from Mitchem & Sons for going above and beyond.

Last Friday evening my daughter was graduating from Big Spring High School. While running an errand before going to the Coliseum she locked her keys, cap and gown in the car. She contacted Mitchem & Sons wrecking and they sent someone out immediately.

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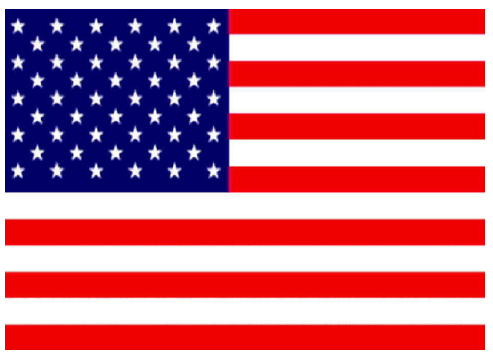
When they arrived I was going to go out and wait but he told me to go on in so that I didn't miss out on my daughter's big night.

It's so easy to talk about the negatives and ignore the good things.

We are so grateful. Thank you.

DEBBIE RAMIREZ
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Officials with Howard College, SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce participate in groundbreaking ceremonies for a new Workforce Training Program building on the SWCID campus. Construction is estimated to cost $1.15 million and take six months to complete.

Million-dollar facelift

Groundbreaking held for SWCID's workforce building

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The workforce training program at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf is receiving a million-dollar facelift.

Groundbreaking for a new building to house the program was held Tuesday at the SWCID campus and officials hope the new building is open for business within six months.

Phil Furqueron, architect for the project, said the building, to be located immediately west of the SWCID dormitories, will cost $1.15 million and take about 180 days to construct. Money for the project was appropriated by the Texas Legislature.



Sparks

Once completed, the building will house classroom and practical labs for SWCID's building trades, welding and automotive repair programs. Students in those programs currently split time between the SWCID and Howard College campuses.

HC President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said the new building is the culmination of years of planning by college officials.

"We've been working on this for more than six years," Sparks said. "We first submitted a request with the Legislature three sessions ago. Each session after that, we presented increasingly scaled-down proposals until it was finally approved."

About 45 SWCID students are currently enrolled in workforce training programs, but Sparks hopes the new building will help attract even more people.

"We definitely consider this a recruiting tool," she said. "It will also mark completion of the master plan for SWCID that we've been working on for about 15 years."

Once the building is completed, college officials will begin to shift their attention from construction to expanding existing programs.

"We will now move into a new phase where we'll concentrate on growing our programs and recruiting new students," Sparks said. "We're always looking at opportunities to expand instructional programs. At the current time, however, we'll work on enhancing what we already have."

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

Heat brings key changes for plants, too

It's beginning to feel a lot like summer. Being a heat lover, this comes none to soon for me, but I know it is stressful to many people.



WALTER WARD

It can also be stressful to plants. Providing proper care can reduce the amount of stress felt by the plant. Deep, infrequent watering is better than light, frequent watering as it provides the same amount of water but gives the plant a reason to develop a more extensive root system in searching for it. This allows the plant to take in more nutrients which results in a healthier, more productive plant.

Most plants prefer cool roots, so mulch, mulch, mulch! Apply mulch 3 to 6 inches deep. In general, coarser mulches will need to be deeper than finer ones. Mulches also help reduce weed growth in

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Attorney R. Shane Seaton, with scissors, is joined by family, friends and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives during ribbon-cutting ceremonies to mark the grand opening of his law office, located at 1301 Gregg St. in Big Spring.

SMMC executive Rich earns top healthcare management credential

Amber Rich, director of medical staff services for Scenic Mountain Medical Center, recently achieved a career milestone by becoming a fellow with the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE).



Rich

ACHE is an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives who are leaders in a variety of healthcare settings. Fellow status represents achievement of the highest standard of professional development. Only 7,500 healthcare executive hold this distinction, according to ACHE. To obtain the status, candidates must pass an exam, meet academic and experientialrequirements, earn continuing education credits and demonstrate community involvement. ACHE fellows are recertified every three years

Well known to Big Spring through her involvement in many community activities, Amber Rich has been a part of the SMMC executive team for more than 12 years. She also serves the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce as chairperson of the Health Fair.

"Becoming a Fellow was important to me because the ACHE is the premiere professional organization in my field, and I am proud to be recognized by them for achieving this level of development in my career," Rich said.

Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a senior vice president of Investments of A.G. Edward's Midland office. He is also a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.



Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior assistant to the branch manager. He is also a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

Last week the International Atomic Energy Agency reported Iran's supposed research and development of nuclear weapons remains a "serious concern." The energy watchdog group said Tehran owes the agency "substantial explanations" on numerous Western intelligence reports indicating Iranian warhead design, uranium processing, and explosives activities may have been conducted under the auspices of the military.

The Iranians have dismissed the intelligence documents as fabricated but haven't substantiated those claims. The report is noted as being unusually blunt. Late last week, U.S. Secretary of State Rice and U.K. Foreign Secretary Milliband warned Iran new sanctions would come if they didn't halt their enrichment work. The diplomats encouraged Iran to accept the new incentive package being offered.

Meanwhile, Major Christopher Job, a British Army officer in Basra, recently authored a government report titled "Life Under Fire in the Old State Building." Job asserts the Iranian-backed militants of the Mehdi Army received funds from Tehran for their services. Shiite fighters, generally unemployed youths, received up to "$300 per month to attack Multi National Forces." The report again links Iran to Iraqi violence. It was written prior to the recent Iraqi crackdown on the Shiite fighters in Basra and Sadr City.

On Sunday, in a news conference in Baghdad, Rear Admiral Driscoll remarked that weekly attacks in Iraq have declined to March 2004 levels, around 300 per week. The violence level decreased significantly in recent weeks, following the Basra and Sadr City campaigns. Violence in Iraq tends to vary dramatically, cycling higher and lower, and Driscoll cautioned against "popping the champagne bottle." General Petraeus recently told Congress that following the initial unwinding of the "surge" he anticipates further troop withdrawals.

In Israel late last week, the Israeli leadership revealed its expectations of Syria during peace talks. As anticipated, the Jewish state wants Damascus to cut all support for anti-Israeli militants (Hamas and Hezbollah) and break ties with their closest ally, Iran. The Syrians want Israel to retreat from the Golan Heights which Israel occupied in the 1967 war. Additionally, they seek to return to Lebanon as a power player. Yesterday, Israeli Prime Minister Olmert said his state has made no commitments to Syria on a peace agreement but both sides understand the expectations. Iran, which needs Syria in order to effectively operate their militant proxies, opposes these negotiations and has called for stronger defense ties with Syria.

For us, if and how long, the U.S. maintains interest in solely pursuing diplomatic maneuvers to thwart the Iranian nuclear program and general disruption of the region remains a serious question.

• Energy Intelligence writes, "A majority of the population … sees prices remaining high in the future." This is a key point in terms of demand. If consumers view the shift in prices as temporary, they are less likely to alter their behavior. However, if the public believes high prices are here to stay, there is more incentive to change consumption. Last week U.S. diesel prices averaged $4.72 per gallon, $1.90 per gallon higher than last year. Gasoline prices were up 73 cents from last year at $3.93 per gallon.

• Across the nation, the rising cost of fuel is forcing private and public sector employers to consider ways to help their employees cope. Numerous municipalities and local governments have shifted to a four-day work week.

• Last week, as Malaysia and Indonesia cut their fuel subsidies and India indicated it was considering following suit, China resisted the pressure to hike retail prices. They fear rising prices will result in destructive inflation. China is better positioned to maintain their subsidies than other Asian states because it only represents a small portion of the nation's GDP. In some nations we anticipate cuts in government subsidies to result in civil disobedience.

• According to CERA, construction costs associated with building power plants have more than doubled since 2000. Year-on-year the cost is up 19 percent and since 2005, the cost of building a new plant has rocketed 69 percent. With electric automobiles expected to go mainstream in coming years, we look for power generation to play an increasingly important role in the transportation fleet.

• As Western Europeans continue protesting fuel prices, the U.K. government has unveiled plans to increase North Sea production. Two new field developments were announced, and roughly 30 existing North Sea fields are now going to be exempt from taxes. The U.K. produced around 1.5 million barrels per day in 2007.

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News in Brief

NOAA: Caribbean monk seal is extinct

HONOLULU (AP) — Federal officials have confirmed what biologists have long thought: The Caribbean monk seal has gone the way of the dodo.

Humans hunting the docile creatures for research, food and blubber left the population unsustainable, say biologists who warn that Hawaiian and Mediterranean monk seals could be the next to go.

The last confirmed sighting of a Caribbean monk seal was in 1952 between Jamaica and Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's Fisheries Service confirmed Friday that the species is extinct.

Kyle Baker, a biologist for NOAA's Fisheries Service southeast region, said the species is the only seal to become extinct from human causes.

The seals were first classified as endangered in 1967, and wildlife experts investigated several reported sightings over the past few decades. But officials determined they were other seal types.

The federal agency says there are fewer than 1,200 Hawaiian and 500 Mediterranean monk seals remaining, and their populations are declining.

"We hope we've learned from the extinction of Caribbean monk seals, and can provide stronger protection for their Hawaiian and Mediterranean relatives," Baker said.

The Hawaiian monk seal population, protected by NOAA, is declining at a rate of about 4 percent annually, according to NOAA. The agency predicts the population could fall below 1,000 in the next three to four years, placing the mammal among the world's most endangered marine species.

"When populations get very small, they become very unstable," Baker said. "They become more vulnerable to threats like disease and predation by sharks."

Vicki Cornish, a wildlife expert at the Ocean Conservancy, said the fate of the Caribbean monk seal is a "wake-up call" to protect the remaining seal populations.

"We must act now to reduce threats to existing monk seal populations before it's too late," she said. "These animals are important to the balance and health of the ocean. We can't afford to wait."

Cubans guard glasses on Lennon statue after multiple thefts

HAVANA (AP) — All he needs is love — and someone to keep an eye on his glasses.

Ever since thieves twice swiped the iconic round-rimmed spectacles from Havana's John Lennon statue eight years ago, four retirees have rotated 12-hour, round-the-clock shifts to ensure they don't go missing again.

"You have to be here every day because the day you aren't, there the glasses go," said watchman Juan Gonzalez, an 89-year-old retired filing clerk who smokes up to seven cigars a day guarding the bronze statue from a nearby bench.

In fact, the guards are so worried about another theft that they hold onto the glasses in shirt pockets or rags, restoring them to Lennon's face only when tourists want to take pictures.



AP Photo/Javier Galeano

Cuban watchman Juan Gonzalez, smoking a cigar, gestures next to the John Lennon statue in Havana. Ever since thieves twice took the round-rimmed wire spectacles from the nose of the bronze statue shortly after it was unveiled in 2000, four retirees have worked rotating, 12-hour day and night shifts to ensure they don't go missing again.

Lennon's likeness sits cross-legged in a small park bearing his name, a place casually known as "Rockers Park" because amateur musicians and Beatles fans gathered there in the days when the group was banned. The "Imagine" lyric, "You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one," is engraved in Spanish at his feet.

Cuba inaugurated the statue on Dec. 8, 2000, to mark the 20th anniversary of Lennon's slaying. Fidel Castro once labeled the Beatles subversive and symbols of selfish consumerism. But he made a surprise appearance at the unveiling and lamented never meeting Lennon.

The statue was a way to make up for the repression of the past, Castro said, though he stopped short of apologizing for it.

Within weeks, its snazzy bronze spectacles — which were made for the statue and never belonged to Lennon — had been stolen, and someone made off with a more generic replacement pair a short time later.

Other Lennon statues have suffered similar fates — in November, someone stole the glasses off his statue in his hometown of Liverpool, England.

The Havana thieves were never caught, and officials began discussing ways to more firmly affix a third set of glasses, made from a plain, golden-brown colored alloy, to Lennon's nose. But they decided instead to recruit watchmen. Gonzalez, who lives nearby, was a natural choice.

He said he likes the job, despite the stinging black ants that inundate the park. He can spend time chatting with his neighbors. But he's no Beatles fan.

"I like all kinds of music," Gonzalez said, mockingly dancing in place and bobbing his head. "But not that."

Man indicted in '75 slaying of Girl Scout

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A suspect in the 1975 slaying of a 9-year-old Girl Scout, who disappeared while delivering Girl Scout cookies, has been indicted by a grand jury, prosecutors announced Friday.

Nashville District Attorney Torry Johnson said Jerome Sidney Barrett was indicted by a grand jury Tuesday on charges of first-degree murder and felony murder. The charges were made public Friday after Barrett, who is in jail on charges in another 1975 slaying, was informed of the indictment.

Marcia Trimble disappeared from her upscale neighborhood Feb. 25, 1975. Her body was found 33 days later sticking out from a plastic wading pool in a neighbor's garage, and authorities later said she had been strangled.

The case was Nashville's most notorious unsolved murder for 33 years.

Barrett is awaiting trial on another murder charge in the 1975 killing and rape of Vanderbilt University student Sarah Vannatta Des Prez on Feb. 2, 1975.

"He's eager for his day in court," said Kerry Haymaker, Barrett's attorney in the Des Prez case. "He pleaded not guilty in the other case, and he'll be pleading not guilty in this case, I'm sure."

Barrett, 61, was living in Memphis when he was arrested late last year, according to court records.

Marcia Trimble's mother, Virginia Trimble, responded to the announcement in a written statement.

"I praise God for the never-yielding investigation work of the Metro Police Department as they, joined with the District Attorney's Office, may finally bring justice for Marcia and solve her murder that has haunted us all for 33 years," she wrote.

Barrett's case is not eligible for the death penalty because the death penalty statute on the books at the time was later declared unconstitutional, said Deputy District Attorney General Tom Thurman.

Thurman said "scientific evidence" linked Barrett to the murder, but declined to elaborate. Police announced in 2002 that DNA from a semen sample taken from the girl's body had ruled out several suspects in her murder.

Thurman said he couldn't comment on whether the girl was sexually assaulted. He said the felony murder charge, which indicates she was killed during the commission of another crime, came because investigators believe "something of value" was taken from the girl.

Nashville Police Nashville Police Chief Ronal Serpas praised his department's cold case unit for cracking the case.

"None of us can begin to imagine the horrible tragedy this has been to the Trimble family and our community," he said.

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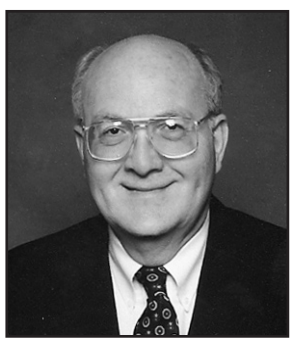
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Howard County vs. Henry Franco, taxes.

Howard County vs. Victor H. Garcia and Margie S. Garcia, taxes.

Howard County vs. Erica Marie Garvin, taxes.

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Howard County vs. William Hale, taxes.

Howard County vs. Linda Hall, taxes.

Howard County vs. Denver Heffington, taxes.

Howard County vs. Mary A. Herrera, taxes.

Howard County vs. Vicki Elkins Ledesma, taxes.

Andrea Valencia vs. Joe Valencia, protective order.

Yolanda M. Bryant vs. Charles Ray Bryant, divorce.

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Jacob Lewis Jones, 24, and Ramonda L. Marshall, 27, both of Big Spring.

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• Despite recent concern about future Russian production, the state is forecasting output will rise to 12 million barrels per day by 2020 from today's production of less than 10 million. We generally believe the Kremlin's consolidation of the industry will undermine Russian output growth.

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flower beds.

There are many kinds of mulches, both organic and inorganic. Plants generally prefer organic mulches as the mulch decomposes and provides food for the plant, but some plants and some purposes require inorganic mulch. Inorganic mulches are rock chips, gravel, tufa (lava chunks) coarsely ground tires — anything that decomposes so slowly that for practical purposes it can be said to not decompose.

The organic mulches are anything that decomposes that does not mat to prevent the flow of air and water through it to the soil. The most common are bark chips but shredded wood, peat moss and many others are also available. I prefer the shredded wood mulch from the Big Spring Compost Facility (3201 Perimeter Road) because it is about the same color as the stones that my house is built from. It works for me.

If you use an inorganic mulch, don't forget to rake it back and apply 1 inch of compost every year in the spring then replace the mulch. For those with organic mulches, it won't hurt to do the same thing but at the least, sprinkle at least a 1/2-inch layer of compost over the top of the mulch and water it in. Replenish the organic mulch to the original depth.

This is the time of year to fertilize mature plants, so pick up a soil test kit and use it to make sure you're not over-fertilizing. If you use a chemical fertilizer, follow the directions on the package closely. Unlike using compost, it's easy to do it wrong with chemicals. Under some conditions it may be necessary and even desirable to use the faster acting chemical fertilizer rather than compost. Just make sure you are applying the correct type and quantity the plant needs, which is why I say to do a soil test.

Even though I currently have a rather large lawn, I really consider grass to be cow food and eventually will have replaced the lawn with flower beds. I know I hold a minority opinion on this subject and for those in the majority I offer the following turf tips. Read the paragraph above. Do a soil test and fertilize accordingly. Mow correctly. Each different grass variety has an ideal height. Burmuda grass should be kept at 1 to 1 1/2 inches high. Hybrid Burmuda grass needs to be kept to 1/2 to 1 inch tall. St. Austine grass in the sun should be at 2 1/2 inches and in the shade at 3 1/2 inches. Buffalo grass does best at 2 1/2 to 3 inches. Mowing should be done every 4 to 5 days for best performance of the grass with weekly mowings as a minimum during the growing season.

Keep the blades on your mower sharp. For the best appearance of your lawn, alternate the direction you mow to keep your grass from developing a "grain." If the "ball-park" look appeals to you, run a roller over your lawn in alternating directions to develop the grain look. If walking across your lawn leaves footprints, it's time to water. Properly watered grasses should spring back after being lightly compressed. Again, water deep and infrequently.

Most gardening books treat insects and diseases as a problem. You will get better results if you think of them as symptoms rather than problems. This allows you to look past the infestation to find the real problem. Healthy plants suffer little from disease or insects. If you have a bug or disease "problem," look at the plant for a solution. You may have the wrong plant, insufficient nutrients, improper watering, or any of a host of other causes. Test the soil and make necessary adjustments to suit that plants needs.

Adjust your watering to suit the plant. It is easy to overwater many desert-adapted plants. Make sure you have the plant in the proper location (sun, shade) and that it's the correct plant. Plants that may do well in the northwestern states where it is cool and humid may never do well in West Texas, no matter how much loving care you lavish on them.

For more information, call Walter Ward at (432) 935-6455 or visit the Howard County Master Gardeners Web site at www.howardcountymastergardener.org

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Earthquake lake in China getting drained into spillway



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Earthquake survivors carry their belongings to move to higher grounds as the drainage has begun at the swollen Tangjiashan quake lake at Mianyang in southwest China's Sichuan province on Saturday.

By CARA ANNA
Associated Press Writers

MIANYANG, China — Water flowed slowly into a manmade spillway Saturday from a swollen lake formed by a landslide in China's devastating earthquake, easing the immediate threat of a flood that had led to the evacuation of more than 250,000 people.

Engineers were monitoring bridges and river banks downstream to see if they would hold under the rush of water, and work crews were trying to dig a secondary channel to improve the flow, China Central Television and the Xinhua News Agency reported.

Water had been building behind the landslide for nearly four weeks, creating a massive lake that had to be drained carefully to prevent a surge. Even after the draining began, water levels continued to rise but more slowly, appearing to stabilize at a level the government said was unlikely to undermine the dam.

"Emergency work is still proceeding urgently, but in the foreseeable future there's no risk of the dam collapsing," Xinhua quoted Chengdu Military Region Deputy Commander Fan Xiaoguang as saying.

Although experts said the potential for flooding remained, the government seemed relieved and people who have been evacuated to cramped camps for safety anticipated leaving.

"I wish the water would hurry up so we can go home," said Wang Jing, a 25-year-old nurse packed with an estimated 9,500 others into the branch campus of the Sichuan Music School in Mianyang city. "My house is fine."

Worries about the collapse of Tangjiashan lake have driven authorities to mount a hurried effort to build the diversion channel to carry water over the landslide that blocked the Tongkou River. Workers deepened the channel Friday, and after steady rain, water flowed Saturday morning, state media reported.

A collapse of the quake-formed lake, known as Tangjiashan, could potentially flood an area that is home to 1.3 million people in hilly central Sichuan province, compounding the misery in a disaster zone still reeling from the May 12 quake that killed nearly 70,000 people.

Although 250,000 people already have been evacuated, plans were in place to move 1 million more people if necessary.

"I can't even cry, even if I want to. First it was the earthquake, now it's floods," said Yu Taichun, a doctor who was keeping watch over a small medical center in a tent city of about 2,500 people on the forested slopes of the Taohua, or "Peach Blossom," Mountain.

Yu said he has moved five times since the quake, arriving about two weeks ago at the latest camp overlooking the town of Qinglian, about 20 miles downstream from Tanjiashan lake.

Nerves were frayed among the refugees, who had little to do except wait for updates on the lake — the largest of more than 30 that have formed behind landslides.

Heatstroke was becoming a problem in the camp, where temperatures in the tents would often top 100 degrees, Yu said.

Trucks delivered water several times a day, but there were no shower facilities and toilets were backed up.

Despite rising impatience and weariness, state media and government officials said refugees who had homes to return to would have to wait for days until the threat of flooding subsided.

"We can't have any more deaths," said Liu Xulong, a Mianyang propaganda official helping out at the city's Jiuzhou Stadium, where 4,000 people, mostly from devastated Beichuan County, remain.

Nearly a month after the quake, the official death toll crept up Saturday to 69,134 people, with 17,681 still missing.

More than 30 lakes were created in the aftermath of the quake, with the Tangjiashan lake the largest.

Over the past two weeks, the government has mounted a hurried effort to drain the lake, bringing in soldiers on foot and flying in bulldozers by helicopter, to construct the 1,550-foot diversion channel to carry water over the landslide that blocked the Tongkou River.

In recent days, work teams shored up a railway bridge with additional steel beams downstream, while China National Petroleum Corp. reinforced a major oil pipeline, Xinhua said.

A loss of either could be a setback for recovery. The pipeline brings in 70 percent of Sichuan's oil, while the railway line, knocked out for two weeks, has been crucial to bringing in relief. Xinhua said Saturday that 85,000 sets of temporary houses have been brought in by rail.

The provincial government has estimated about 7,000 of the victims were children with no siblings. The National Population and Family Planning Commission will send a medical team to the quake zone to perform reverse sterilization operations on couples that want to have another child, Xinhua reported.

China's family planning policies restrict most couples to one child, although rules allow for another baby if their child is killed, severely injured or disabled.

Authorities said they had recorded 4,700 unclaimed children whose parents presumably died in the quake.

But Civil Affairs Ministry official Zhang Shifeng said the final number of orphans was expected to be about 1,000 to 2,000, as children were gradually handed over to members of their extended families.

Zhang said parents from around China were showing huge interest in adopting quake orphans, with 10,000 families registering for adoption in one province alone.

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Clinton calls it a campaign; gives endorsement to Obama

By BETH FOUHY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton ended her historic campaign for the presidency on Saturday and told supporters to unite behind rival Barack Obama, closing out a race that was as grueling as it was groundbreaking.

The former first lady, who as recently as Tuesday declared herself the strongest candidate, gave Obama an unqualified endorsement and pivoted from her role as determined foe to absolute ally.

"The way to continue our fight now to accomplish the goals for which we stand is to take our energy, our passion, our strength and do all we can to help elect Barack Obama, the next president of the United States," she said in a speech before cheering supporters packed into the ornate National Building Museum, not far from the White House she longed to govern from.

"Today as I suspend my campaign, I congratulate him on the victory he has won and the extraordinary campaign he has won. I endorse him and throw my full support behind him and I ask of you to join me in working as hard for Barack Obama as you have for me," the New York senator said in her 28-minute address.

With that and 13 other mentions of his name, Clinton placed herself solidly behind her Senate colleague from Illinois, a political sensation and the first black to secure a presidential nomination.

For Clinton and her supporters, it was a poignant moment, the end of an extraordinary run that began with an air of inevitability and certain victory. About 18 million people voted for her; it was the closest a woman has come to capturing a nomination.



AP Photo/Ron Edmonds

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., greets supporters at the National Building Museum in Washington Saturday as she suspends her campaign for president.

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>
> Sen. Hillary Clinton

"Although we weren't able to shatter that highest, hardest glass ceiling this time, thanks to you, it has about 18 million cracks in it and the light is shining through like never before," she said.

Indeed, her speech repeatedly returned to the milestone her candidacy represented for women. She also acknowledged the unprecedented success of Obama's candidacy.

"Children today will grow up taking for granted that an African-American or a woman can, yes, become the president of the United States," she said.

Obama secured the 2,118 delegates needed to clinch the nomination Tuesday after primaries in South Dakota and Montana. He planned to spend the weekend at home in Chicago.

Joining Clinton on stage were her husband, the former president, and their daughter, Chelsea, to loud cheers from the crowd. When she spoke, they stepped away.

Clinton supporters began lining up at dawn to attend the farewell address. A smattering of Obama backers showed up as well, saying they did so as a gesture of party unity.

Supporters and press jammed the museum's vast ground floor, with the second and third floor balconies quickly filling up as well. The stage was draped with American flags, and a sound system blared upbeat music.

As they awaited her arrival, campaign staffers milled the room, exchanging hugs.

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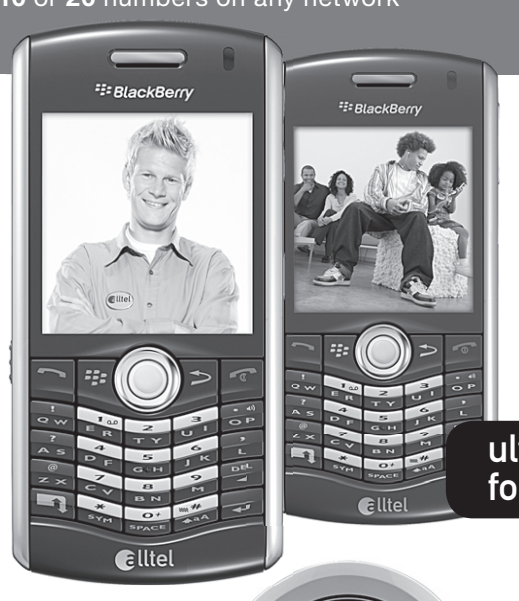
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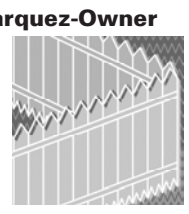
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He was the 'Bo Diddley' beat

By JIM ABBOTT
MCT News



Before Buddy Holly did it, before the Rolling Stones, Bruce Springsteen and a million unknown garage bands, there was Bo Diddley — and the beat that bears his name.

Diddley, a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer and one of the genre's undisputed icons, died last Monday at his 76-acre spread in rural Archer, Fla., about 10 miles out of Gainesville. He was 79.

The inventor of the Bo Diddley beat — chunk-a-chunk-chuck, a-chunk-chunk — had suffered a heart attack in August. Three months before that, he had a stroke while on tour in Iowa. It had affected his speech, and he had returned to Archer to recuperate.

Even so, musicians and music fans were shocked and saddened by the news.

"It's a very depressing day," said William McKeen, author and journalism chair at the University of Florida, where he teaches an annual course on rock history. "I wasn't ready for Bo Diddley to go."

In Orlando, guitarist Brian Chodorcoff, a club fixture in such revered bands as the Legendary JCs, expressed the admiration of guitarists everywhere:

"He was the originator," Chodorcoff said. "The bridge between the blues and rock `n' roll was Bo Diddley.

"He's got songs that are just a beat, just that thing. Listen to a song like `Who Do You Love' and you realize that it doesn't have chord changes! It has groove and it has attitude."

Before the beat, he was born Ellas Bates on Dec. 30, 1928, in McComb, Miss. He first listened to music in church and received his initial guitar as a Christmas gift from his sister when he was 11:

"My mama like to kill her," Diddley told the Orlando Sentinel in 2002. "I came from a real religious family and they didn't allow no guitar playing in the house."

In 1955, Diddley signed with Chess Records in Chicago. He traced the signature beat behind "Bo Diddley" and "I'm a Man" to his attempts to play the country sing "I've Got Spurs That Jingle Jangle Jingle."

The arrival of Diddley and Muddy Waters at Chess began the evolution of blues into rock `n' roll, although the early black musicians were overshadowed by the arrival of Elvis Presley.

"Elvis was fantastic, but he did not start it," Diddley told the Sentinel. "He was 2 ½ years behind me."

Bitterness over unfair deals marked Diddley's latter years, which he spent in Archer on property he cleared himself in the late 1980s. McKeen occasionally invited his famous neighbor to speak to his rock history classes, without success.

"I don't think he needed the stroking of being in a university classroom to remind him of his place in rock `n' roll history," McKeen says. "If you could copyright a style, then he could've sued everybody for copyright infringement."

On Monday in Orlando, Diddley was the subject of a low-key tribute he might have appreciated more:

"I gotta go teach some lessons today," says guitarist Chodorcoff, "and I can tell you what groove we'll be working on."

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In April, 2002, Orlando Sentinel music critic Jim Abbott traveled to Bo DIddley's home in Archer and the spent the afternoon interviewing Diddley. Here are some of the musician's memories:

First musical influence: "I used to sneak off and listen at this church down the street. They had a tambourine and a piano and that was all. I said, `I have to do that.' The piano was raggedy and out of tune, but they was having fun."

On Muddy Waters: Diddley's arrival at Chess Records, along with Chuck Berry, shifted the label's emphasis from bluesmen such as Muddy Waters and helped usher in the rock `n' roll era: "I was a kid, but me and Muddy got along real good. But it felt like I was invading his turf when I went to Chess."

On Ed Sullivan: There was controversy when Diddley appeared on Ed Sullivan's TV variety show in the 1950s after Sullivan asked him to perform Tennessee Ernie Ford's "16 Tons" instead of his own hit. "I thought I was supposed to do two songs, so I did `Bo Diddley' first. He was freaking out, but I was going to do my song."

On Elvis Presley: "I admired the man, but they're making him out to be bigger than Jesus."

On the music business: "We got ripped off something terrible, and I try to tell all the musicians nowadays: Watch everybody."

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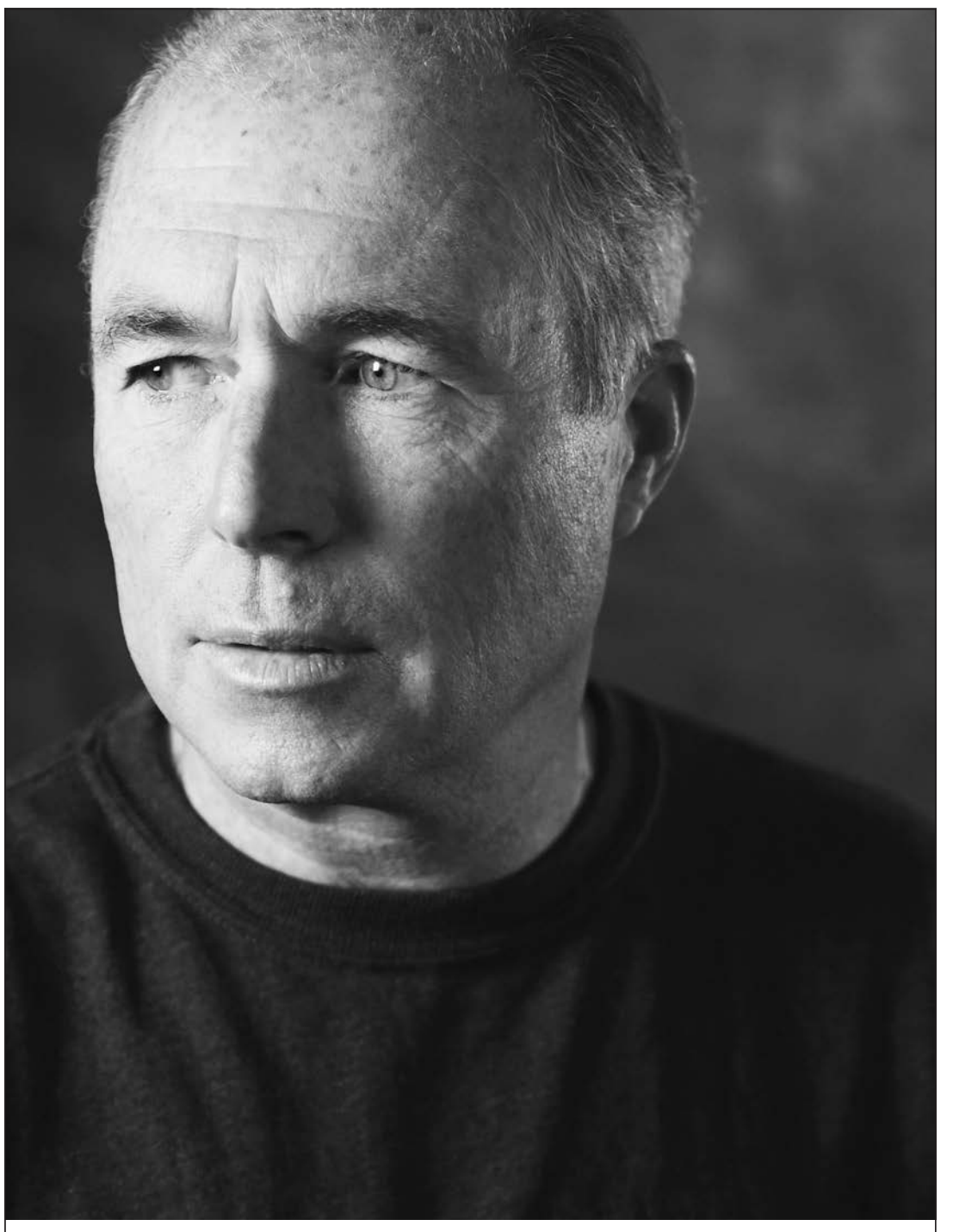
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Big Spring Correctional Center (BSCC)

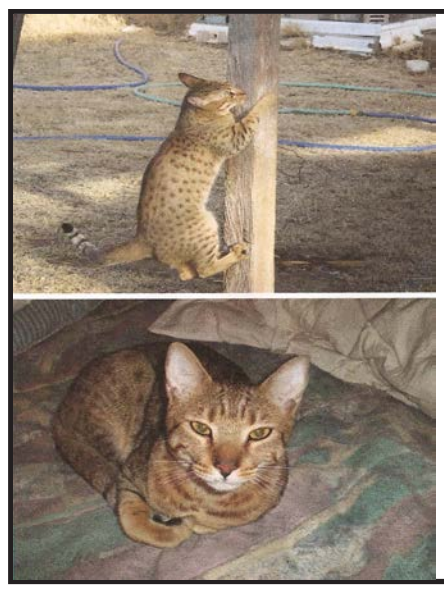
Cornell Companies/Big Spring Correctional Center is one of our country's most respected companies in the field of corrections and behavioral health treatment services. We have four facilities in Big Spring that house approximately 3500 low custody federal inmates. We are committed to making a difference by providing quality correctional, treatment, and educational services to those entrusted to our care.
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Commissary Clerk	$12.05 per hour
Psychologist	Open

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Please contact the Human Resources Department at: 1701 Apron Drive, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or call (432) 264-0060 for more information, EOE.



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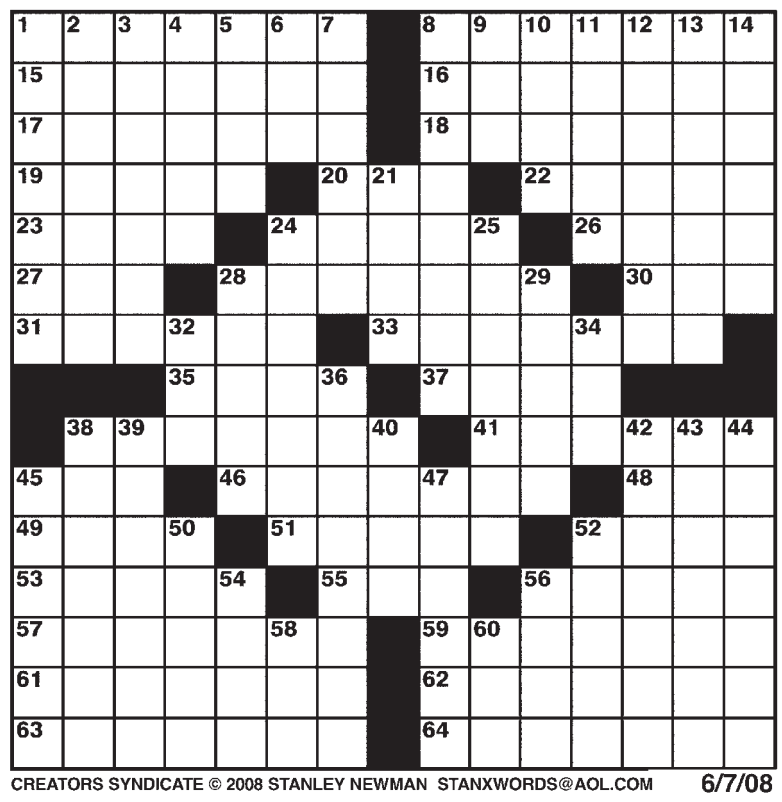
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ACROSS
1 Gay Nineties prop
8 Large spreads
15 Narrow, in a way
16 Exam mark
17 Carte blanche
18 Highlighter
19 Sultans' cousins
20 Manhattan need
22 Poetic times
23 Homer creator
24 Sea discovery
26 Fix, maybe
27 -ule relative
28 Lamb, for one
30 Overseas sea
31 Last place
33 Acquired
35 "Son of the Sun"
37 Corn holder
38 *Wait Til Next Year* subject
41 Former Surgeon General
45 One being presented
46 As a group
48 Cut off
49 Enduring symbol
51 Stretch of land
52 Big wheels
53 Snoopy, in his dreams
55 Stumble
56 Arab League member
57 Members of the weasel family
59 Bombeck bane
61 Plead
62 Counterpoise
63 Upshots
64 Came up

DOWN
1 Political discourse
2 Live
3 Dance program
4 Sharp
5 Lacking
6 Walk-__
7 Looked badly
8 Scientific-paper evaluators
9 You may see it before long
10 Something to read
11 Memorable Bogart costar
12 Ultimate
13 Looked to go
14 Calibrated component
21 Roots for food
24 Piece of the pie
25 Most elaborate
28 Cattle country
29 Lightweight netting
32 Ceiling
34 Heater
36 Ottoman's lack
38 Drop
39 They know the score
40 Moselle feeder
42 Passing over
43 Wine and dine, perhaps
44 Took advantage
45 Disagree
47 One with a pen
50 Decliner of a Security Council permanent seat
52 __ year
54 Line holder
56 One
58 One who sings
60 Piston, essentially



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Enter the Big Spring Herald's Reader's Choice Poll by filling out this questionnaire.

Drop off your completed entry form at the Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry, or mail it to us at PO Box 1431, to be received by **Wednesday, June 11, 2008** by 5 p.m. Late entries will be disqualified.

The winners of each category will be revealed to the public in our upcoming special section "The Reader's Choice" to be published on Sunday, June 29, 2008.

Thank you for your participation, but please hurry! The deadline is coming soon! Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted.

MAXIMUM 10 VOTES!
(PER PAGE)

Dining/Restaurants

Barbecue _____
Burritos _____
Chicken _____
Chinese _____
Coldest Beer _____
Donuts _____
Fish _____
French Fries _____
Hamburgers _____
Margaritas _____
Mexican Food _____
Pizza _____
Sandwiches _____
Steaks _____

Grocery Stores

Deli _____
Meats _____
Produce _____

Businesses

Abstract/Title Co. _____
Animal Hospital _____
Apartments _____
Appliances _____
Auto Garage _____
Auto Glass _____
Auto Parts _____
Auto Dealer _____
Bail Bond _____
Bakery _____
Bank ATM _____
Bank Drive Thru _____
Bank Hours _____
Bar _____
Barber Shop _____
Beauty Salon _____
Boutique _____
Carpet _____
Cellular Dealer _____
College _____

Businesses

Collision _____
Construction _____
Crop Insurance _____
Credit Union _____
Dance Hall _____
Day Care _____
Drinking Water Co. _____
Dry Cleaning _____
Farm Store _____
Fencing Company _____
Florist _____
Furniture Store _____
Gift Shop _____
Hardware Store _____
Health Food Store _____
Hearing Aid Ctr. _____
Heating/Cooling Service _____
Home Health Care _____
Hospice _____
Internet Provider _____
Jewelry Store _____
Landscaping _____
Liquor Store _____
Medical Supply _____
Mortgage Company _____
Museum _____
Nail Salon _____
Nursery _____
Paint Dealer _____
Pest Control _____
Pharmacy _____
Plumbing Service _____
Real Estate Agency _____
Retirement Home _____
Roofing Company _____
R.V. Dealership _____
Siding Dealer _____
Tatoo Parlor _____
Television Dealer _____
Tire Dealer _____

Businesses

Travel Agency _____
Work Out Facility _____

People

Attorney _____
Auctioneer _____
Teller _____
at _____
Chiropractor _____
City Employee _____
Customer Service _____
CNA _____
at _____
Dentist _____
Doctor _____
EMT _____
Financial Advisor _____
Fire Fighter _____
Insurance Agent _____
at _____
LVN _____
at _____
Massage Therapist _____
Opthalmalogist _____
Pastor _____
at _____
Pediatritian _____
Pharmacist _____
at _____
Physical Therapist _____
at _____
Police Officer _____
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RN _____
at _____

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Miscellaneous

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Dinette set & 4 chairs, solid wood, tile top, Boxed, can take $250. 806-549-3110.

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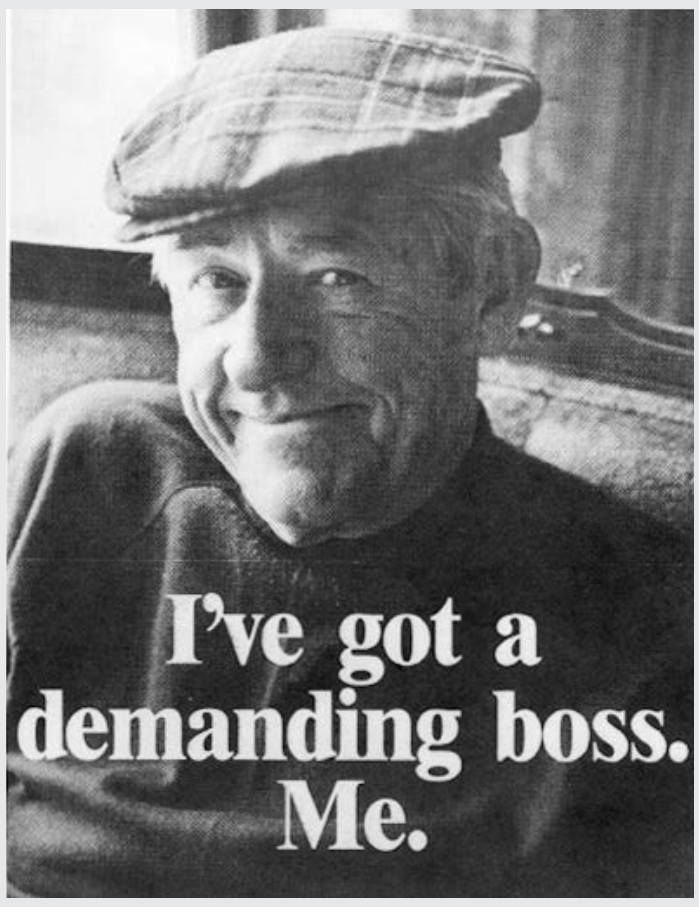
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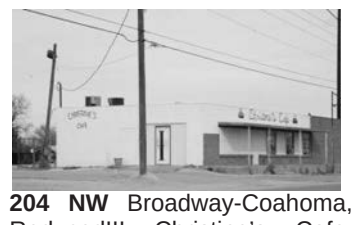
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Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, AAA Mini Storage which is located at 3301 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on June 21, 2008, at AAA Mini Storage, 3301 East FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants, with brief description of contents in each space.
Tris M. Clemons
Tony Castillo
Ernest Saiz
#5806 June 8 & 15, 2008

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT
MANHATTAN PETROLEUM, INC. P.O. BOX 35888;TULSA, OK 74153-0888; is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Grayburg/San Andres Formation, Callie a42 Ba Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 8 miles NW of Big Spring in the Silver Queen (Penn Canyon) field, in Howard County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2758 to 3075 feet.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the **Texas Natural Resources Code,** as amended, and the **Statewide Rules** of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).
#5809 June 8, 2008

City of Big Spring
Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals
The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street Big Spring, Texas to consider the following:
Ronald Dean Fryar, LTS 22-24 BK 13 of Washington Place Addition, Located at 1312 Princeton, is requesting a variance for a front yard carport.
Charleton Guidry, LT 14 BK 2 of Monticello Addition, Located at 2001 N. Monticello, is requesting a variance for a front yard carport.
Estella Jara, LT 01 BK 6 of Settles Heights Addition, is requesting a variance for a side yard carport.
John Rodriguez, E/94' LT 12 BK 6 of Wrights 2nd Addition, is requesting a variance on land area requirement of a minimum of 5 acres for a recreational vehicle park.
Thomas D. Ferguson, LT 17 BK 11 of Washington Place Addition, is requesting a variance for a front yard carport.
#5804 June 8 & 11, 2008

Legals

NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF TEXAS
BY VIRTUE OF
AN ORDER OF SALE
HOWARD COUNTY
DATED May 29, 2008
and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on May 29, 2008, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in July 2008, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the North Door of the Courthouse of said County, in the City of Big Spring Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00 A.M., proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, to-wit:
SUIT NO.
STYLE OF SUIT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
98-11-04469
Coahoma Independent School District vs. Gary L. Grant
Lots 13 and 14, Block 16, Saunders Addition, Town of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas, as described in Deed Dated November 13, 1981 from Ray W. McMurray, etux., to Gary L. Grant, etux., Recorded in Volume 514, Page 242, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas. (Account #C5310010300)
T-4517
Coahoma Independent School District vs. Hazel Baker
TRACT 1: Lots 9-10, Block 4, Original Town of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas. (Account #C4860004400)
T-4517
Coahoma Independent School District vs. Hazel Baker
TRACT 2: Lots 11 and 12, Block 4, Original Townsite Addition, Town of Coahoma, Howard county, Texas, and described in Deed dated March 8, 1996 from B. F. McGetttes, Jr., Individually and as Trustee, to Hazel Baker, recorded in Volume 732, Page 233, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas. (Account #C4860004500)
T-4517
Coahoma Independent School District vs. Hazel Baker
TRACT 3: The East 65 Feet of Lot 11 and 12, Block 15, Saunders Addition, City of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas, and described in Deed dated March 16, 1979 from Thomas M. Hervol, et ux, to Charles S. Baker, et ux, recorded in Volume 480, Page 594, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas. (Account #C5310009200)
T-4978
Coahoma Independent School District vs. Robert Phillips, et al
TRACT 1: Lot 8, and the South one-half of Lot 9, Block 1, Williams Addition, Howard County, Texas, as described in Volume 566, Page 237, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas. (Account #00011999)
T-4978
Coahoma Independent School District vs. Robert Phillips, et al
TRACT 2: Lot 5, Block 1, Williams Addition, Howard County, Texas, as described in Volume 566, Page 237, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas. (Account #00011996)
T-4978
Coahoma Independent School District vs. Robert Phillips, et al
TRACT 3: Lot 6, Block 1, Williams Addition, Howard County, Texas, as described in Volume 566, Page 237, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas. (Account #00011997)
(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Howard County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.)
or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.
Dated at Big Spring, Texas, May 29, 2008.
Dale Walker
Sheriff, Howard County, Texas
#5794 June 8, 15 & 22, 2008

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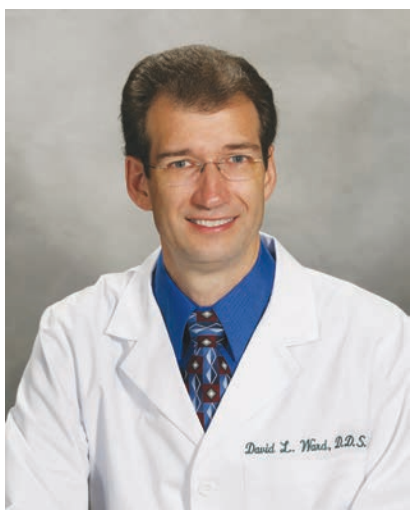
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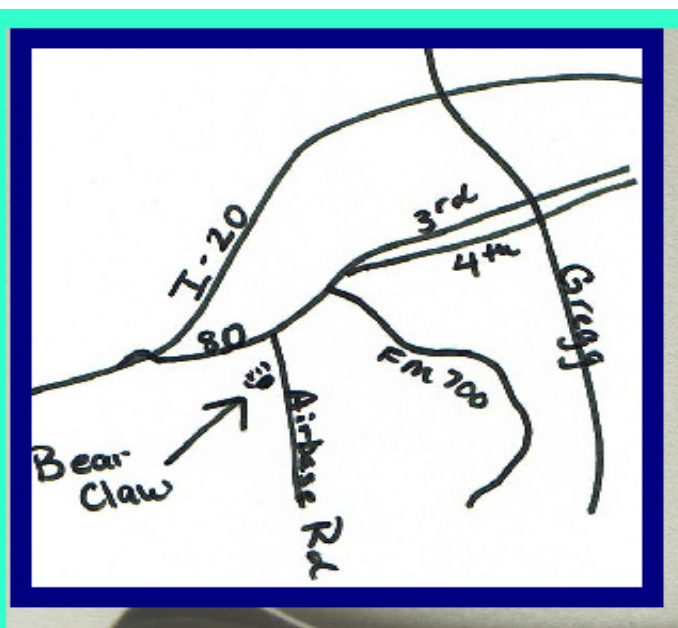


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Legals

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Bidders are expected to inspect the sites of the work and to inform themselves regarding the scope of work and all local conditions. Any questions may be addressed to the Engineer: Don Bonifay, PE, 1709 Bonham Avenue, Odessa, Texas 79761, (432) 230-6815. Bidders are also expected to understand and comply with legislation concerning the wage rates and payment of the prevailing wage rates.

The Bid/Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: Office of the Engineer: Bonifay & Associates, 1709 Bonham Ave., Odessa, Texas. (432) 230-6815 or Glasscock County Judge's Office, Glasscock County Courthouse, Garden City, Texas or Reagan County Judge's Office, Reagan County Courthouse, Big Lake, Texas. Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained from the Engineer for a deposit of $25.00 per set (make check payable to Bonifay & Associates). Complete sets of Bid/Contract documents returned in good condition and within 10 days of the bid date will result in a full refund of the $25.00 deposit.

Each Bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Glasscock County/Reagan County. The envelope should have the name of the Bidder and the name of the project (2008 County Asphalt Surfacing Program) on the outside of the envelope. If submitted by mail or delivery service, the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the Glasscock County Judge, P.O. Box 67, Garden City, Texas.

All bids must be made on the required Bid form. All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in (typewritten or in ink), and the Bid form must be fully completed and executed when submitted.

Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Bonds, certified checks or cashier's checks, in the amount of five percent (5 %) of the total amount of each bid submitted. A separate bond/check shall be made out to each County (Glasscock County and Reagan County) made payable to each County, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract (including executed bonds) within 10 days after notice of award of contract. The Counties will return the bonds (or checks) of all except the three lowest responsible bidders. When the Contract is executed, the bonds (or checks) of the two remaining unsuccessful bidders will be returned. The Bid Bonds of the successful bidder will be retained until the Payment Bonds and Performance Bonds have been executed and approved, after which they will be returned.

Glasscock County and Reagan County reserve the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any technicalities, informalities or minor defects, or to accept the proposal they deem to be in the best interest of the Counties.

Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

#5808 June 8, 2008

Legals

Notice of Application for Fluid Injection Well Permit

Merit Energy Company, 13727 Noel Road, Ste. 500, Dallas, TX 75240, is applying to the Rail Road Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres/ San Angelo & Clearfork Formation, Dodge, Granville M. Est 233. The proposed injection well is located 5 miles southeast of Coahoma, TX, in the Iatan – East Howard Field, in Howard County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2,245' to 2,782' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

#5807 June 8, 2008

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Legals

HOWARD COUNTY TRUSTEE PROPERTIES AUCTION
DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2008
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
LOCATION: 501 BIRDWELL, BIG SPRING, TEXAS
AUCTIONEER: SPRING CITY AUCTION

Property Acct. Legal Assessed Cause Recording No. No. Description Address Value No. Vol & Pg. Style

Howard County

1
B3760001700
Lot 3, Bk 2,
Highland Addn
604 State
$2000
4687
1084/66
v. Wade

2
C5320005600
The SE/4 of Bk 8,
Saunders Addn
203 N. Main
Coahoma
$68,239
4742
1069/722
v. Pearson

3
B2280033800
B2280033801
B2280033802
B2280033803
B2280033804
B2280033805
Lots 1-6, Bk 37,
Bauer Addn
1010 Lamesa Hwy
$50,364
4765
WD
1093/632
vs. Marquez

4
C4860011000
C4860011100
C4860011200
C4860011300
C4860011400
C4860011500
Lots 12-18, Bk 8,
OT of Coahoma
Coahoma
$16,126
4856
1084/69
vs. Rose

5
B2670002200
Lot 4, Bk 4,
Cedar Ridge Addn
2504 Fisher
$3,640.00
4884
1069/748
vs.
Thompson

6
B2670002400
Lot 6, Bk 4,
Cedar Ridge Addn
Big Spring
$3,640.00
4884
1069/748
vs.
Thompson

7
51446005900
Part of the NW/4 of
Sc 46, Bk 32, T1N
Big Spring
$13,004
4893
1084/72
vs.
McDowell

8
51432005100
A tract of land out
of the SW/4 of Sc 32,
Bk 32, T1N
1203 Hilltop
$11,400
4903
1084/75
vs.
Blewett

9
51442002400
A tract of land out
of Sc 42, Bk 32,
T1N
204 NE 12th
$2,110
4906
1084/78
vs. Arguello

10
51422003500
Being a triangular
strip of land out of
and part of Section
No. 22, Block No.32, T1N
3401 Old C-City Hwy.
$1,903
4939
1069/751
vs. Buck

11
B6245002200
Lot 14, Bk 2,
Wrights Airport
Annex Addn
1320 Utah
$4,588
4952
1069/754
vs. Munoz

12
52025001500
A 1.0 acre tract of
land out of the West
Part of Section 25,
Bk 33, T1S
Opal Lane
$2,600
4983
1084/81
vs. Dean

13
B4230000200
Being all of Lot 2, Bk 1,
Manning Addn
1706 Donley
$5,847
4984
1069/757
vs. Collins

14
B4830075100
E/50' of N/50' of
Lot 2, Bk 94 OT
404 11th
$350
4994
1069/760
vs. Gutierrez

15
B6240013500
Lot 6, Bk 10,
Wright's Airport Addn
1311 Wright
$150
5001
1069/766
vs. Gilliam

16
B6240013600
Lot 7, Bk 10,
Wright's Airport Addn
1313 Wright
$150
5001
1069/766
vs. Gilliam

17
B6240013700
Lot 8, Bk 10,
Wright's Airport Addn
1315 Wright
$150
5001
1069/766
vs. Gilliam

18
B2400007900
Lot 6, Bk 8,
Boydston Addn
410 Donley
$9,153
5004
1069/763
vs. Garza

19
51047002400
A tract of land out
of Sc 47, Bk 31,
T1N
Coahoma
$5,614
5010
1069/769
vs.
Edmondson

20
B2640015500
N/35' of Lots 10 &11, Bk 18,
Cedar Crest Addn
Big Spring
$1,800
5013
1069/811
vs. Hooser

21
B2640015400
S/60.6' of Lot 10, Bk 18,
Cedar Crest Addn
903 Aylsford
$900
5013
1069/808
vs. Hooser

22
B2640014100
W/50' of Lots 1 & 2, Bk 18,
Cedar Crest Addn
904 Bell
$750
5013
1069/805
vs. Hooser

23
51442028500
A tract of land out
of Sc 42, Bk 32,
T1N, Tract 33,
W.B. Currie Addn
213 NE 7th
$250
5040
1069/721
vs. Galavez

24
51442027000
A tract of land out
of Sc 42, Bk 32,
T1N, Tract 33,
W. B. Currie Addn
301 NE 7th
$100
5040
1069/802
vs. Galavez

25
B4830013800
E/25' W/75' of Lots 5&6, Bk 16,
OT of Big Spring
413 E. 3rd
$1,625
5041
WD
1093/649
vs. Jones

26
B4110001000
All of Lot 10, Bk 1,
Lakeview Addn
290 Algerita
$500
5042
1069/724
vs. Garcia

27
52518000500
Tract No. II, Bk No. 103
of the Spence
Subdivision of Sc
No. 18, Bk 34, T1S
not available
$920
5055
1069/727
vs. Lee

28
B6140001200
Lot 12, Bk 1,
Wiley Terrace Addn
1600 Lincoln
$4,120
5064
1069/730
vs. Moore

29
B4830079000
W/2 of Lot 11, Bk 99,
OT of Big Spring
623 Sgt. Paredez
$3,524
5068
1069/733
vs. Reyes

30
B4830042900
All of Lots 7-8, Bk 48
(except 33 1/3' on
the north side of
Lot 8), OT
611 Nolan
$7,979
5088
1094/307
vs. Ransom

31
B624000460
All of Lots 9, 10 & 11,
Bk 4,
Wright's Airport Addn
(save and except the
S/50' thereof)
4009 W. Hwy. 80
$8,063
5089
1069/736
vs. Puga

32
B2880042900
Lot 12, Bk 39,
Cole & Strayhorn Addn
1101 E. 16th
$2,000
5092
1069/739
vs. Perales

33
51444008300
A certain tract 75
feet East and West
by 140' North and
South out of a
certain 2.5 acre
tract of land out of
Sc 44, Bk 32, T1N
1315 E. 6th
$3,000
5093
1069/742
vs. Patterson

34
51442013500
52' by 140' in the
North part of Tract
No. 19 of the
W. B. Currie
Subdivision of the
SE/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N
600 NE 10th
$6,998
5108
1093/468
vs. Valencia

35
51921007400
Being a tract of land
75 feet East and
West by 140' North
and South, out of a
3 acre tract out of
Sc 32, Bk 33, T1N
1011 W. 8th
$750
5111
1069/814
vs. Sanchez

36
51932004700
That certain parcel
or tract of land
being out of Sc. 32,
Bk 33, T1N and
being the south 222
feet of the W/2 of a
3 acre tract
W. 8th
$70
5111
1069/814
vs. Sanchez

37
B4920000200
Lot 2, Bk 1,
Parker Addn
1209 W. 6th
$500
5122
1069/799
vs. Valdez

38
51045000300
All that certain lot,
tract, parcel of land
in the NE/4 of Sc.
45, Bk 31, T1N
none
available
$2,087
5125
1069/796
vs. Anderson

39
52035001410
52035001401
A tract of land out
of the NE/4 of Sc 35,
Bk 33, T1S, to
include mobile home
FM818
$23,867
5148
1069/793
vs. Flores

40
F4890024400
F4890024401
Lots 12-15, Bk 12,
OT of Forsan
101-103 E. 7th, Forsan
$412
5155
1069/790
vs.
Cleavenger

41
51043019900
All of the West 95'
of a 1acre tract out
of part of the W/2
of Sc No. 43, Bk
No. 31, T1N
not available
$2,300
5177
1070/1
vs. Leypoldt

42
B6240006600
B6240006601
B6240006602
Lots 2-4, Bk 5,
Wright's Airport Addn
4103 W.
Hwy 80
$2,229
5179
1069/787
vs.
McKenzie

43
B4110006800
Lots 5 & 6, Bk 7,
Lakeview Addn
100 Algerita
$1,000
5185
1069/784
vs. Parrott

44
51932007200
A tract of land out
of Sc 32, Bk 33,
T1N
907 W. 8th
$520
5197
1069/781
vs. Reyes

45
B2880009500
Lot 5, Bk 9,
Cole & Strayhorn Addn
508 E. 13th
$2,000
5208
1069/775
vs. Williams

46
B4110006600
Lot 3, Bk 7,
Lakeview Addn
106 Algerita
$1,904
5209
1069/778
vs.
McElreath

47
F4890094600
Lot 1, Bk 46, OT of
Forsan, to include
mobile home
LBL#DLS0017223
211 W. 4th,
Forsan
$898
5250
1084/63
vs.
Hitchcock

48
B4830064600
W/77' of the S/50'
of Lot 3, Bk 80, OT
of Big Spring
911 Runnels
$900
5269
1084/84
vs. Johnson

49
B6240002100
B6240002102
Lots 22-24, Bk 2,
Wright's Airport
Addn to include
26x54 mobile home
and also 14x56
mobile home Lbl
#TEX0179373
1208 & 1210
Wright
$11,474
5279
WD
1093/639
vs. Wilson

50
B6240003900
Lot 27, Bk 3,
Wright's Airport Addn
1204 Mobile
$2,949
5307
1084/86
vs. Sanchez

51
B4830050800
Lot 1, Bk 60, OT of
Big Spring
700 Goliad
$1,500
5313
1084/88
vs. Reyes

52
B5340000500
Lot 5, Bk 1,
Seton Place Addn
1309 Monmouth
$1,275
5330
1084/90
vs. Ward

53
B5670017600
Lot 1, Bk 11,
Suburban Heights Addn
4214 Hamilton
$1,950
5401
WD
1093/652
vs. Crabtree

54
B5400005500
Lot 15, Bk 5,
Settles Heights Addn
802 Willia
$1,680
5417
1084/92
vs. Canales

55
B3090001200
Lot 9, Bk 2,
Denton Addn
810 NW 5th
$2,875
5426
1084/94
vs. Selman

56
B2460007000
Lot 1, Bk 10,
Brown Addn
1610 W. 4th
$1,500
5473
vs. Bronstein

57
B2460007100
Lot 2, Bk 10,
Brown Addn
1608 W. 4th
$1,500
5473
vs. Bronstein

58
B2460007200
Lot 3, Bk 10,
Brown Addn
1606 W. 4th
$1,500
5473
vs. Bronstein

59
B2460007300
Lot 4, Bk 10,
Brown Addn
1604 W. 4th
$1,500
5473
vs. Bronstein

60
B2460007600
Lot 7, Bk 10,
Brown Addn (Less Hwy)
1601 W. 3rd
$1,500
5473
vs. Bronstein

61
B2460008000
Lot 12, Bk 10,
Brown Addn (Less Hwy)
1611 W. 3rd
$1,500
5473
vs. Bronstein

62
B4110000100
N/60' of Lot 1, Bk
1, Lakeview Addn
1800 W. 3rd
$1,500
5473
vs. Bronstein

63
B4500031500
Lot 3, Bk 17,
Monticello Addn
1204 S. Monticello
$210
WD
1093/655
vs. Booth

64
B4500031600
Lot 4, Bk 17,
Monticello Addn
1206 S. Monticello
$200
WD
1093/655
vs. Booth

65
B4500031700
Lot 5, Bk 17,
Monticello Addn
1301 Blackmon
$200
WD
1093/655
vs. Booth

66
B4500034500
Lot 5, Bk 19,
Monticello Addn
1203 S. Monticello
$210
WD
1093/655
vs. Booth

67
B4500034600
Lot 6, Bk 19,
Monticello Addn
1205 S. Monticello
$210
WD
1093/655
vs. Booth

68
52041000100
A tract of land out
of the SE corner of
the E/2 of Sc 41, Bk 33,
T1S
not available
$500
WD
1093/628
vs. Klein

69
51444005800
A tract of land out
of Sc 44, Bk 32,
T1N
not available
$900
WD
1093/664
vs. Hill

70
B4830049100
W/100' of Lot 11,
Bk 56, OT of Big Spring
207 Austin
$4,023
WD
1093/661
vs. Webb

71
B4020008000
Lot 10, Bk 10,
Jones Valley Addn
906 W. 6th
$329
WD
1093/658
vs. Ramirez

72
51442007400
A piece and parcel
of land out of Tract 13, of the
W. B. Currie Subdivision
of the SE/4 of Sc, 42, Bk 32, T1N
117 NE 10th
$100
WD
1093/635
vs. Gage/
Stewart

73
B2970004100
Lot 12, Bk 2,
Colonial Hills Addn
4022 Vicky
$5,475
WD
1093/642
vs. BJ&C Construction

74
B6240002500
Lots 1-6, Bk 3,
Wright's Airport Addn
3901 W.
Hwy. 80
$4,500
WD
1093/645
vs. Marsalis

75
B6240001200
Lots 10 & 11, Bk 2,
Wright's Airport Addn
3819 W. Hwy. 80
$1,500
WD
1093/645
vs. Marsalis

76
51932007700
A tract or parcel of
land out of and part
of Sc 32, Bk 33,
T1N
1501 W. 15th
$1,000
5506
vs. Ruth Alexander,
et al, Exhibit 1
(Alexander)

77
B2880012700
All of the S/40' of
Lot 1 and the S/40'
of the W/37.5' of
Lot 2, Bk 13,
Amended Cole & Strayhorn
1605 Goliad
$1,218
5506
vs. Ruth Alexander,
et al, Exhibit 3
(Bailes)

78
B4500022400
Lot 3, Bk 12,
Monticello Addn
1104 Marijo
$600
5506
vs. Ruth Alexander,
et al, Exhibit 4
(Bedford)

79
F4890057300
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Democrats hope for unity at state convention

By KELLEY SHANNON
AP Political Writer

AUSTIN — Backers of Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton showed up en masse Friday for the start of the Texas Democratic Party's state convention and an attempt to unify after the bruising presidential primary season.

Caucus groups from around the state met all day — some cordial and quiet, others a little rowdy with opposing opinions flying — before the formal party meeting and speeches got under way in the evening with the goal of solidarity.

"We have come together because our differences with each other don't begin to compare to the ones we have with our political opponents about our values, our priorities and our future," state Sen. Kirk Watson of Austin, one of the convention leaders, told the cheering crowd.

Former first daughter Chelsea Clinton addressed the convention later on behalf of her mother. She got a rousing ovation and spoke for about five minutes, thanking Clinton's supporters. Clinton won the Texas primary, but Obama led in its caucuses.

"My mother wants it to be very clear that we are going to unite our party and take back the White House," she said. "And my mom will be making a speech tomorrow supporting Senator Obama."

Sen. Clinton is expected to formally endorse Obama on Saturday in Washington, D.C. Obama finished ahead of Clinton in delegates as the primary season ended earlier this week, clinching the 2,118 delegates he needed to secure the presidential nomination.

Chelsea Clinton, who campaigned with her mother in Texas this spring, urged the Democratic activists to continue registering voters and talking up campaign issues. "We know that our work has just begun," she said.

Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine, an early Obama supporter and one of his national campaign co-chairs, spoke to the Texas convention on his behalf, sprinkling Spanish into his speech to the delight of many. He urged the delegates to unite and work for a presidential victory in November.

"That is the goal, that is the focus, that is the target," Kaine said. "Texas Democrats, the stakes are high."

He said while Obama would work to end the war in Iraq, presumptive Republican nominee John McCain would prolong it, essentially carrying on another term of President Bush.

Because of the excitement over the Obama-Clinton race, Texas Democratic Party leaders expected a record convention crowd of about 15,000.

"I'm a first-time delegate and so excited," said 75-year-old Sophia Shepard of Dallas, who sported five Obama buttons. She said she has loved politics her whole life and credited Obama with getting a new generation involved. "He's a young man, and he's impressed a lot of young people."

Delegate Jesusita Tiblier, 74, of San Diego in South Texas wore Clinton garb, held a Clinton sign and spoke a bit sadly of the primary season ending.



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Virginia Governor and Obama campaign national co-chair Tim Kaine, left, is introduced by State Rep. Ana Hernandez, D-Houston, before he speaks to the Texas Democratic Convention in Austin Friday. Backers of Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton showed up en masse Friday for the start of the Texas Democratic Party's state convention and an attempt to unify after the bruising presidential primary season.



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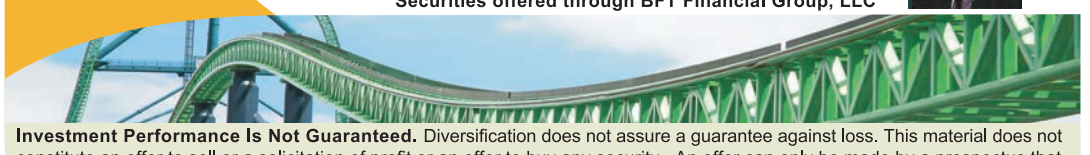
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Questions of curiosity and heart pervade love matters today as Venus joins the sun in effervescent Gemini. We talk about, dissect and inquire into our own heart to discover there's more than one feeling at work -- probably two! It'll be difficult to keep mum; a lively connection between Mercury and Mars stirs even idle minds to speak.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In the manner of a gifted artisan taking on a wacky, creative challenge for some random reality show, you manage to pull together the disparate resources offered to you and make them work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You long ago learned that it's senseless to wait for the opportunity to tackle your plans. Achievers don't find time to get things done; they steal it. And you do it all without breaking a sweat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your inner homebody surprises you by declining an invitation so that you can stay home. You usually only decline an invitation because you have a better one. Furthermore, you forgot you even (SET ITAL) had (END ITAL) an inner homebody.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't realize that your abilities are unique. You've always had them, and therefore assumed that everyone did. You'll get a glimpse as to just how unusual your talent set really is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's true that most people appreciate someone who thinks like them. You're now able to appreciate someone who thinks nothing like you, and still feel completely secure in your own method.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The usual six degrees that normally separate people will now be reduced to less than three. Take extreme care with the information you impart. Keep it positive. Gossip is guaranteed to get back to the wrong person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Force yourself to relax, even if it means you have to duct tape yourself to the recliner. Bottom line, if you don't take a break, you won't be productive. Your leaps of inspiration happen when you're not working.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're in the mood to shatter a few rules, or at the very least stretch the limits of so-called appropriate behavior. Aries or Sagittarius will make a fearless partner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be dealing in nonlinear tasks with people whose sense of order is challenging, if not impossible to relate to. In other words, you're spending time with children and those who think like them. Let go and laugh.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Life clicks along at a clipped pace, just the way you like it. You're getting the best parts without having to wait around. If it's not happening quickly, it's a sign that it's not for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). About a month ago you had a vision of where you are right now. Take a breath and celebrate your own prescience. Then create a new, even better vision and project that into your future.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're getting mixed into the kind of special information that doesn't come cheap. You can be sure that someone put a large chunk of their life into compiling the knowledge, and in that light, it's worth the price.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Springtime heats up the northern hemisphere, riling planetary fervor. Two planets are really feeling the heat: Mercury and Venus. Since last week, Mercury has been lounging close to the sun, empowering flashes of brilliance and intelligent interplay among all walks of life. Speak your mind, read your environment, but adjust for feedback. Mercury is still retrograde. The lively, expressive vibe is shared by Venus, the celestial "it" girl. In ancient Babylon, Venus was called Ishtar, "the lover of everyone," and she was as notorious for starting catfights as love affairs! Currently transiting Gemini, Lady Love is persuasive but also ambivalent over what (or who) it is she really desires. Some attractions are instant and obvious, while others mysteriously burn out -- through no one's fault. Hearts are innocent, childlike and curious. This week, listen to your heart, speak your mind and be lighthearted. In fact, make lightheartedness your sunscreen. Slather it on liberally to avoid getting burned.

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Annie's Mailbox ®



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: My 55-year-old brother, "Cary," has been in and out of jail for the last couple of years. He has had problems with drugs and alcohol, and can't keep a job, so he has trouble paying child support.

My mother, who passed away last year, always helped him out. She thought by loving him, he would come around. When she died, there was a small life insurance policy that gave each of her children $5,000. Cary's money was put into a trust, and my niece and I control it.

Seven months ago, I helped Cary find an apartment and a decent used car. I used the trust money to pay his first month's rent, and all he had to do was pay his court fines and get a job. He did neither. He claimed there were no jobs available, but instead of looking for work, he sat in a chair all day watching TV, drinking beer and doing drugs. He told me someone borrowed his car, but he actually sold it to a crack dealer.

In December, Cary called and asked for more money and I turned him down because the trust was running out. Cary now owes $700 to the apartment complex, and they won't release his things until he coughs up the money. Since he didn't pay the $3,000 he owes in court fines, he was sent to jail last week. There is $500 left in the trust, and he is calling me collect from jail asking for money to buy shampoo, underwear, stamps and candy.

If I send him $20 here and there for the next few months, the trust money will be gone. I love my brother. What do I do now? -- Worried Sister

Dear Sister: The trust doesn't have enough to pay off Cary's back rent or get him another apartment for more than a month. If Cary uses it up on shampoo and stamps in jail, or drugs and beer when he's out, it's still going to disappear with little to show for it, so you may as well let him have $20 here and there. Your heart is in the right place and we know you want to help your brother, but at some point, he must want to clean up his act, and $500 isn't going to save him unless you use it to pay for drug rehab and counseling. Contact Nar-Anon (nar-anon.org), 22527 Crenshaw Blvd. #200B, Torrance, CA 90505 for support.

Dear Annie: I am a happily married woman and a loving mother. The problem is, when my husband and I walk down the street, if I see a guy walking or driving by, I will look down or away. I don't feel right looking at anyone else when I'm married.

My husband always jokes with me and says everyone looks. Well, I don't, and I have tried to tell my husband this, but he just laughs and says "whatever." I know he doesn't believe me, but I am very serious. I have asked others and they all say it's natural to look. Is something wrong with me? -- Confused in Kansas

Dear Confused: No, dear, you're fine. It is natural to look, but not everyone wants to. Stop trying to convince your husband of your moral rectitude. He doesn't care if you look or not, and the more you defend yourself, the less believable you seem.

Dear Annie: This is for "Concerned Grandma," whose 14-year-old grandson likes to hug. I, too, have hugging grandchildren, all in their 20s. They have been huggers all their lives. When they arrive at our house for a visit, and during the entire time they are here, they hug us. They love to lie on the couch and have me scratch their backs while watching the television. They are great kids, wonderful students and terrific athletes. They also send us e-mails with love and have given us special nicknames. We wouldn't want them any other way. -- Nan and Pops

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American State Bank announces promotions

Two members of the American State Bank Big Spring family have new titles to mark their increasing skills and value to the organization.

New assistant vice presidents include Scott MacKenzie and Shelly Phinney.

Scott joined ASB in May 2006 as a commercial loan officer. He received his bachelor's degree in management from Texas Tech University in 2000.

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In Congress, gas prices trump global warming

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Congress retreated Friday from the world's biggest environmental concern — global warming — in a fresh demonstration of what happens when nature and business collide, especially in an election year. It was no contest.

A bill the Senate was debating would put a price on carbon emissions, targeting "greenhouse gases" that contribute to the warming that many scientists say could dramatically change the Earth.

Opponents wanted to talk about higher gasoline prices. And higher taxes.

That kind of talk spooks Washington.

Senate Democratic leaders couldn't overcome Republican opponents who managed to block the most serious effort in Congress to date to address the warming of the planet. The legislation called for cutting greenhouse gases by 71 percent from power plants, refineries and factories over the next 40 years.

The opponents first filibustered the bill, requiring supporters to get 60 votes, and at the same time attacked it on a gut issue making daily headlines: gasoline prices that have surged past $4 a gallon in many parts of the country.

"At the beginning of the summer driving season (you) offer a bill that would send gas prices up another 53 cents a gallon for goodness sake," Republican leader Mitch McConnell needled the Democratic majority.

"This is a massive tax increase on the American people," proclaimed Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., who is among Congress' dwindling skeptics when it comes to global warming, having once called it all a hoax.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., one of three sponsors of the bill, disputed both assertions, saying the bill would provide tens of billions of dollars a year in tax breaks for people facing high energy costs and for other measures to ease the transition from oil, coal and other fossil fuels, which are the cause of impending changing climate.

She argued that people actually may end up paying less to fuel their cars because a price on carbon emissions would accelerate the push for more fuel efficient vehicles and alternative fuels.

While McConnell, Inhofe and other senators from states heavily dependent on coal and other fossil energy made no secret of wanting to kill the bill, they pressed for a longer debate, believing they had an issue that would resonate with voters worried about higher energy prices.

"We want this debated," insisted McConnell.

Seeing events unfold in the Senate, GOP leaders in the House sensed a useful issue as well. Republican Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio called on House Democrats to bring up climate legislation now. "It would be a great time to have that debate," declared Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, the No. 3 Republican, citing gas prices.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said she didn't think climate legislation would be taken up this year, and suggested it would fare better next year anyway with a new president.

Democratic Sen. Barack Obama and his GOP presidential rival, Sen. John McCain, both favor mandatory reductions in greenhouse gases. President Bush had promised to veto the Senate bill if it ever got to his desk.

Boxer dismissed the political weight of the gasoline price arguments waged by Republicans as a "phony" debate. "They've got it exactly backward," she told reporters.

But economics clearly drove senators — both Republicans and some Democrats — away from legislation that would price carbon dioxide and in the process dramatically change future energy use.

"This bill is built on quicksand," worried Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, who said he foresees skyrocketing natural gas prices — an issue particularly important to his state — as utilities and industries shift away from coal to gas.

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The Midland Rattlers brought home the championship from the North Texas Shoot-Out Tripled Crown Select Baseball Tournament played in Mansfield, Texas over Memorial Day Weekend. The Rattlers were 1-1 in pool play defeating the Southlake Dragons White team 17-0 and losing to the Southlake Dragons Black team 5-4. In bracket play, the Rattlers beat Flower Mound Express 8-6, won 17-1 in a rematch with the Southlake Dragons Black team, and faced the Denton Outlaws in the championship game winning in extra innings 5-4 in the bottom of the eleventh inning. Members of the Midland Rattlers are Clay Adams, Ben Baccus, Jarred Deporto, Gunnar Kennedy, Alex Mata, Max Pappajohn, Brent Stewart, Lance White and Jack Wilkins. The team is coached by Alex Mata and Jeff White. Winning the tournament qualified the Rattlers to compete in the Triple Crown World Series that will be played later this summer in the Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

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