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Jury selection in two criminal cases is expected to get underway Monday morning in 118th District Court, including the aggravated sexual assault of a child case against a Big Spring man.

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A 21-year-old Forsan man was pronounced dead Friday morning after he was thrown from a rolling Chevrolet Suburban in a one-car accident on South Highway 87.

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# Big Sky - Big Heart - Big Spring

Two residents come up big winners in RCCI slogan contest



Susanne Reed

"We hope that people will identify with it — businesses, people visiting here, people living here."

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

"Big Sky — Big Heart — Big Spring," that's the slogan that will be used to promote pride throughout the city of Big Spring — and beyond.

The slogan was picked from more than 840 slogans submitted in a contest held by the Rural Community College Initiative (RCCI) committee.

The winners were named Friday after a group of RCCI members met via a conference call with three marketing professionals.

"We think it's a great slogan that people can identify with," said Susanne Reed, a member of the slogan committee.

That was the exact thinking of the contest's two winners — Lanny Hall and Sandra Pegan —

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Rural Community College Initiative Team Leader Jan Foresyth, center, poses with slogan winners Sandra Pegan and Lanny Hall. The two winners both submitted the slogan "Big Sky — Big Heart — Big Spring," which was chosen among more than 800 to be used to promote the city. The winners received \$200 apiece.

## VMC FUND-RAISER



Courtesy photo/Greenhouse Photography

This composite image of scenes around the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial super imposed over the Moving Wall is one of the 136 photographs taken during the wall's visit earlier this year available at Greenhouse Photography's Web site. The studio is donating 30 percent of the proceeds of sales from those photographs to the Vietnam Memorial Committee for maintenance and upkeep of the memorial and its grounds. See story, Page 3A.

## Community awareness meeting looks to expand county chaplaincy program

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

The call is going out. Law enforcement personnel and other emergency responders are in need.

Community leaders and representatives from local emergency services agencies have scheduled a community awareness meeting set for 5:30 p.m. Monday at the Dora Roberts Community Center to explain the need to continue and expand the Howard County Chaplaincy

**What:** County Chaplaincy Program awareness meeting.

**Where:** Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive.

**When:** 5:30 p.m. Monday.

**Program.**

Working under the most stressful of situations and trained to be calm and level-headed in crisis situations, police officers, sheriff's deputies, DPS

troopers, EMS personnel, hospital emergency room employees and Victim Services counselors sometimes find themselves deeply troubled.

In some communities, those most of us depend on to protect and save our lives and property often feel as if they have nobody to turn to when they become emotionally overwhelmed.

That has not been the case in Big Spring for the past 1-1/2 years or so.

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## Commissioners likely to form industrial board

10 a.m. Monday,  
Howard County  
Courthouse

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners are expected to form a county-driven Industrial Development Board during their Monday meeting, and according to County Attorney Mike Thomas, they already have a prospective business "on the hook."

"We'll be creating a non-profit organization

that can act as a conduit to finance industrial development in the county," said Thomas. "The commissioners will act as the directors for the board.

"We're already looking at a project that would bring more wind turbines to the wind park located on the Morgan Ranch, which will create more taxable property for the county," he added.

Thomas said in addition to forming the new development board, the commissioners are also

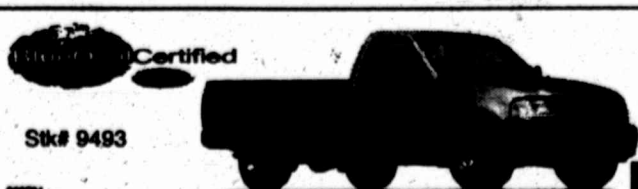
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## TAX-FREE SHOPPING



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Bealls Department Store shopper Paige King of Big Spring takes advantage of the sales tax holiday held this weekend. Shoppers will be exempt from paying taxes on certain items during the three-day event which ends midnight Sunday.



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## Obituaries

### Joel Tyrell "Ty" Murrill



Joel Tyrell "Ty" Murrill, 21, of Big Spring, died Friday morning, Aug. 6, 2004, in an automobile accident in Glasscock County. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Jan. 26, 1983, in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County, except from 1983 until 1993, when he lived in Carlsbad, N.M. He graduated from Forsan High School in 2001 and was a part of a band with Jimmy and Tim Shanks, starting in high school. His hobby and talent was music and he could play all types of instruments. He had been employed by Patterson Drilling and he was a Baptist.

He is survived by his mother, Donna King of Big Spring; his father, Kris Murrill of Carlsbad, N.M.; four brothers, Justin Vogel of Big Spring, Colby Vogel of Fountain Valley, Calif., Zac Leslie of Dallas and Michael Murrill of Carlsbad; two sisters, Riley King of Big Spring and Misty Castaneda of Carlsbad; a grandmother, Mildred Pate of Carlsbad; and three nieces and one nephew.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Margie Castle

Margie Castle, 100, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, in a local nursing facility. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park, with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th & Main Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Castle was born on Nov. 18, 1903, in Taylor County and married Tom E. Castle on Dec. 23, 1923, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Aug. 15, 1994.

She was a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ. Mrs. Castle had resided in the Knott community since 1907 moving to Big Spring in 1972. She enjoyed entertaining by playing the piano along with her husband as he played the fiddle.

Survivors include her son, T.J. Castle of Big Spring; and two great grandsons.

She was also preceded in death by nine brothers, a sister, and one grandson.

The family suggests memorials to the Medina Children's Home, 21300 State Highway 16 N, Medina 78055.

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

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Friday until 8 a.m. today:

- **GUADALUPE CANALES**, 20, of 409 S. Owens was arrested Friday on a charge of minor in possession—alcohol.
- **GENE RUMFIELD**, 45, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **KERRIE BHUIYAH**, 34, of 538 Westover was being held Friday at the city jail for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.
- **JOHN MANUEL SOLIS**, 18, of 1511 Sycamore, was arrested Saturday on a charge of failing to identify and on a Collom County Warrant.
- **ECTOR JARAMILLO**, 48, of 1305 Lexington was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 5200 block of Sterling Road and in the 5200 block of Parkway.
- **ROLLOVER** was reported on Interstate 20 west-bound near mile marker 174.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 10-23-28-30-31

Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-9-6

## Weather

Sunday - A few clouds from time to time. High 92. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday night - Isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Clear skies overnight. Low near 70. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Monday - Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Tuesday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

Wednesday - Slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

## Support groups

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

- All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. Call 398-5522 for more information.

### TUESDAY

- The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

### THURSDAY

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

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

discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.

- The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.

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

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

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

## Take note

- **MARANATHA BAPTIST ACADEMY** open house is set for Monday through Friday and the public is invited. Contact Dr. Lillian Bohannon, administrator, at 213-1046.

- **A SENIOR CITIZEN DRIVER SAFETY COURSE** is set for Aug. 12-13 from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. A \$10 fee for books is charged. Call the Spring City Senior Center at 268-1628 to register.

- **KENTWOOD ELEMENTARY MEET THE TEACHER** from 6-8 p.m. Thursday. The Parent/Teacher Organization will serve refreshments and sell school supplied and T-shirts.

- **A FUND TO HELP DEFRAY** the funeral costs and medical bills of Johnny Darden, a Howard County man who was recently attacked and killed by a swarm of bees, has been set up at State National Bank under account no. 2007126.

- **DEADLINE FOR THE SENIOR CIRCLE TRIP TO SHREVEPORT, LA.** is Tuesday. Openings are available. Cost is \$225 per person. Call Senior Circle at 268-4721.

- **A FUND FOR CLAY "GOONIE" VICKERS** to

help with expenses for life-threatening surgery has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union, 264-2600. He is a 2003 graduate of Forsan High School and a Howard College theater student.

- **A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT LOVE FROM HOME** has been established at Citizen's Federal Credit Union. Love From Home is a local effort to provide personal items needed by the soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Contact the credit union at 267-6373 to contribute funds to offset the cost of postage for the packages mailed to the soldiers.

- **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

- **MANNA RELIEF**, a non-profit ministry that provides glyconutritional supplements to critically ill children, is accepting donations for the program. Call Gene or Robbie Froman at 263-0385.

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## Bulletin board

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### SUNDAY

- Statewide tax-free weekend continues.
- Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between noon and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.

### MONDAY

- Community Awareness meeting to announce the expansion of the Howard County Chaplaincy Program and to recruit volunteers to support various aspects of the Chaplaincy Program at 5:30 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

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

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

- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

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

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

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

- Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

- Big Spring Commandery No. 31 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple at 221 1/2 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

- Big Spring Assembly No. 211 Social Order of Beauceant meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple at 221 1/2 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY

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

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

- A Stitches' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

- A reception for Dr. Aung M. Thein and his wife, Mimi, a radiologist new to Big Spring, is set for 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the lobby of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

### WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

- 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.

- A senior citizen driver safety course is set for from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. A \$10 fee for books is charged. Call the Spring City Senior Center at 268-1628 to register.

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

- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

- 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.

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By THOMAS JEL  
Staff Writer

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# USAF Band of the West Concert Band to perform here

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By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

When most people think of the United States Air Force, strings of delicately composed and performed music is probably the last things to come to mind — something that may very well change Aug. 20.

The United States Air Force Band of the West Concert Band will perform at Municipal Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Aug. 20, bringing with it music from a plethora of styles, including the Renaissance, Broadway musicals, Sousa marches and Top 40 hits.

The event is sponsored by the *Big Spring Herald*, and according to Publisher Susanne Reed, offers an excellent opportunity for the public to see a different side of the military.

"When we think of the military we usually think of what they do to protect our great nation," said Reed. "We forget that they also provide a training ground for musicians and artists as well. The men and women of the Air Force Concert Band are committed to protecting our country, and at the same time, they provide us with something so delicate and amazing."

The United States Air Force Band of the West Concert Band has an amazing record of achievement, stemming all the way back to its creation in October of 1941 at Moffett Field

**Tickets are required but are free. They may be obtained at the Herald office, 710 Scurry St., or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431. Limit four tickets per request.**

in California. The group was moved to Enid Army Airfield soon after, and with the birth of the U.S. Air Force in 1947, once again packed up, this time heading for the base they would call home to this very day — Lackland AFB in San Antonio.

The Band of the West travels more than 125,000 miles each year and provides more than 500 performances to military and civilian audiences throughout Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Louisiana.

The USAF Band of the West has earned numerous awards, including the Col. George S. Howard Citation of Musical Excellence for Military Bands in 1999. The Band of the West has entertained presidents, heads of state and dignitaries around the world.

The 45-musician ensemble is conducted by Maj. Dean L. Zarnbinski, originally of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Enlisting in the Air Force in 1984, he earned a Master of Music degree in instrumental conduct-



ing from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 1989.

After conducting Air Force bands all over the United States and the world, including Germany and Japan, Zarnbinski settled into his position with the Band of the West in January of 2001.

"The band of the West per-

forms so many different styles of music," said Reed. "I think everyone in the family will enjoy the show."

Tickets for the concert are free and must be presented for admittance to the show.

Tickets are limited to four per request and can be picked up at the Herald office, located at 710

Scurry Street, during normal business hours. To have tickets mailed, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79721-1431.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

## SLOGAN

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who submitted the same slogan.

"I thought of the things that Big Spring has going for it," said Pegan, an employee at the Big Spring VA Medical Center. "You know, like our big sky and the fact that this city has such a big heart. We are known for being a big family."

"Like at Relay for Life and all that," said Hall, a

13-year-old eighth grader at Big Spring Junior High. "The Heart Walk and so many other things that show we really have a big heart."

Several other slogans were similar, such as "Big Spring — Big Heart — Big Opportunity" and "Big Past, Bigger Future, Big Spring," but in a process that took several weeks, committee members finally settled on a version of those.

"Big Sky, Big Heart" evokes the community as a whole as a friendly

place. Other people submitted similar slogans like 'Big Skies' or 'Big Hearts,' — the same thing but plural — but that evokes friendly faces and individuals, not a community," Reed explained.

For their efforts, both Hall and Pegan will receive \$200.

The slogan committee narrowed the list of 844 slogans to 17 and then submitted them to three professional marketers for their evaluation. All with ties to Big Spring, the marketers lending

their assistance were Bobby Heith, director of marketing for the Texas Lottery Commission; Walter Horton of Horton Designs; and Rick Duiker of Austin.

Over the next few weeks, the RCCI committee will be working on ways to utilize the slogan.

"Next, we want to come up with a logo for it," said Reed. "We'll probably use the city logo, though we may upgrade it a bit to make it usable for all media. We hope everybody will be able to use it

and enjoy it. We hope that people will identify with it — businesses, people visiting here, people living here."

The slogan is one piece of a complex plan to bolster city pride and promote growth and tourism for Big Spring through the RCCI, which is funded by the Ford Foundation.

"This is the first step in a comprehensive effort going on with the RCCI," said Jan Foresyth, RCCI team leader.

Foresyth said that the slogan is part of an effort

to improve the city's image. Other areas the group will be focusing on are education, economic growth and city and county partnership.

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Joel Tyrell "Ty" Murrill, 21, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 10:30 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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expected to take a conference call from an attorney during Monday's meeting to get more information on revenue bonds, which the county is expected to provide for the new project.

"One of the things a board such as this can do is provide tax exempt revenue bonds and we'll be going over that with an attorney during the meeting," said Thomas. "These are bonds that the wind company will have to pay back, so the whole

thing comes at no cost to the county."

Also on Monday's agenda:

- County Auditor Jackie Olson will present invoices, purchase requests and pharmacy bids to the commissioners. Olson is also expected to speak in the place of County Treasurer Teresa Thomas, and will present personnel considerations, the payroll report, the treasurer's quarterly report and renewal information on the Texas Association of Counties and the Health Employee Benefits Pool.
- Indigent Health Care Director Irene Dominguez

will present optional services to the commissioners and is expected to address the award of pharmacy bids.

- Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will present pipeline crossings and a report on road maintenance.
- Phil Furqueron, county construction administrator, will discuss renovations at the courthouse and county library.
- Tommy Sullivan, director of the county's 911 system, is expected to make a presentation concerning his department's 2004-2005 operating budget.

Following the regular meeting, Olson is scheduled to meet with the commissioners in a budget workshop.

The meeting is expected to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commission-

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## EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

## Here's hoping hang gliders return soon

It was nothing short of a tremendous week. A collection of the world's best hang glider pilots spent all of last week in Big Spring, taking part in the United States Hang Gliding Association's U.S. National Championships at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

This was the third year in a row for hang gliding to stage one of the sport's premier competitions in Big Spring, and the first time ever that the USHGA has staged its national championships in the same place for two consecutive years.

And just as was the case at this time a year ago, there's little question that as a community we can't wait until they come back.

Those who didn't get a chance to go out and see the pilots being towed into the sky or maneuvering their wings for a landing definitely missed out. And if you failed to take advantage of the chance to take a ride on one of the ultralight tow planes or a tandem hang glider ride, that's an even greater shame.

Luckily, the hang gliders' stay in Big Spring this year was not spoiled as they were to some extent a year ago when thieves burglarized a handful of the competitors' vehicles when they were parked at a motel.

National Championships coordinator David Glover has made it clear that Big Spring will continue to be a favorite among with USHGA competitors, thanks not only to the ideal weather conditions West Texas skies usually provide, but the warm welcome our community offers its visitors.

In fact, Glover has already noted that Big Spring will be among a short list of possible sites considered for the world championships when they return to the United States in 2006.

"As long as we keep having the great weather that we've been having this week, and as long as we keep getting the great support that we've seen from the city and the people and the airport staff," Glover said, "then there's no reason why we wouldn't come back."

We here at the *Herald* and many others in Big Spring hope it's not two years from now before we see our high-flying friends return. We've had a blast and hope the competitors have as well.

In fact, we want to make sure Glover and his compatriots know we want them to come back every year for some type of event. They are always going to be most welcomed guests.

We hope they had as good a time as we have.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We have great power, Lord, when we ask for your help.

Amen

## GOP: Another pablum platform?

With the Republican National Convention's platform committee convening in New

York less than three weeks from now, no draft platform exists. No schedule has been announced, no subcommittees named and no special lodging for committee members assigned. Rather than signifying sudden collapse of accustomed Republican efficiency, all this looks more like a coolly calculated plan.

The suspicion has grown that President Bush's re-election strategists — Karl Rove and Karen Hughes — do not want the open debate over principles and policy that has characterized Republican platform-making for a generation. The carefully guarded Bush campaign game plan is to present delegates on the platform committee with an unpleasant surprise when they arrive in New York: a trimmed down document with virtually no time to debate it.

Thus, Republicans would replicate the pablum platform that Democrats, abandoning an older tradition of fierce policy struggles, quietly adopted in Boston last week. But the White House may be playing with fire. While Democrats were manipulated to embrace a meaningless document, Republican delegates accustomed to vigorous debate have not been conditioned.

For more than a quarter of a century, Republican platforms have been forged in an intense debate, often against the presidential candidate's wishes. The pattern was set in 1976, when Sen. Jesse Helms led Reagan forces

against President Gerald Ford. In 1984, when Ronald Reagan was seeking re-election, then House Republican Whip Trent Lott as platform chairman resisted White House efforts to equivocate on taxes and abortion. In 1996, Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois threatened to resign as chairman if candidate Bob Dole interfered.

In 2000, platform chairman Tommy Thompson (then governor of Wisconsin but looking for a federal Cabinet post) was subservient to the Bush campaign but did not forestall the customary debate. As usual, platform committee members who are ordinary citizens challenged members of Congress and other professional politicians.

The 2004 chairman, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, always was expected to be even more the campaign's agent than Thompson. His chairmanship has been notable for what has not happened: no outreach to interest groups in the broad Republican coalition, no subcommittees appointed and, most significantly, no draft platform prepared for committee action. Committee members have not even been informed of where they are staying in New York.

Old hands at platform-building have been cut out this time. Former congressional staffer William Gribbin, who has written all the party's national platforms dating back to 1980, was not invited. The hope for a substantive platform was the selection as the executive director of Jay Lefkowitz, White House policy chief for the first three years of the Bush administration. But he was dropped when he declined to resign from his Washington law-lobbying firm.

The slow pace of platform-building may be attributed to Frist's preoccupation with being majority

leader, but a more devious explanation is confirmed by the apparent schedule. In recent years, platform committee members arrive on Sunday night the week before the convention and are then given the platform draft. The usual Sunday night reception has been canceled, and committee members expect to get the documents Monday morning. Actually, they will not start until Tuesday, leaving little time for consideration before approving it Thursday.

The Democrats at least went through the charade of an open drafting committee session, which was totally controlled by the Kerry campaign. But the Bush campaign appears to be readying the platform committee with a fait accompli. If they are given the antiseptic document that appears likely, an explosion may occur in New York.

A platform executive director was finally named last week: Washington lobbyist Anne Phelps, an ex-White House aide who before that was Frist's chief health adviser. Newly appointed platform communications director Ginny Wolfe, another former Frist aide, started her stint at the platform committee this week by being supremely uncommunicative to this column.

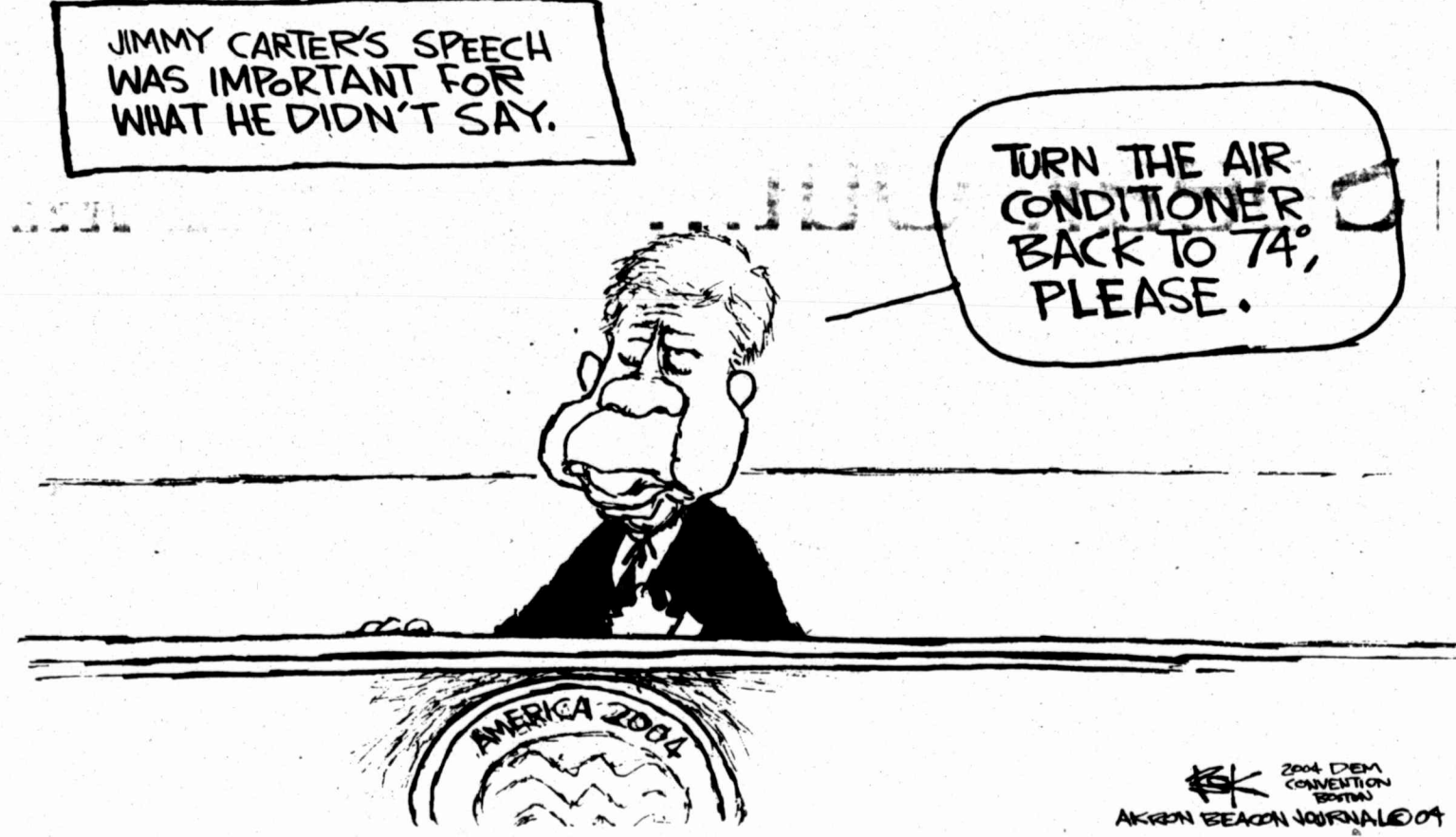
What the Bush campaign seems to be building is what one veteran GOP operative told us is "the antithesis of traditional Republican platforms. After all, when you're proud of your positions, and confident of their rightness, you want to explain them. When you're afraid to talk about them, well..."

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## From the Democratic Convention to babies

For all the dire warnings and gloom-and-doom predictions, Boston handled the Democratic Convention wicked good. New York City in late August? Most New Yorkers probably won't even notice there is a Republican Convention going on.

If there is any difference between a root beer float and a Black Cow, I have been unable to discern it.

For those of you who missed it, Bill Clinton's appearance on the 'Late Show With David Letterman' this week was surprisingly serious. "I wanted to ask you about the status of Africa," Letterman said at one point. Clinton replied, "It is not hopeless," and said that AIDS was the biggest problem. In another exchange, Clinton talked about the expiration of the assault weapons ban on Sept. 13 and said, "Kerry is for extending it." Which leaves me with just one question: So how come Kerry never talks about it?

I am not sure why your belt color is supposed to match your shoe color, but it is.

Ron Reagan gave one of the best speeches at the Democratic Convention. It was sincere, non-

partisan and well-delivered. It is not easy to make stem-cell research understandable, but he did it.

The cost of parking overnight in a hotel garage has gotten totally insane.

There has been a ruling from the International Crossword Puzzle Commission in Antwerp: Using Google to solve crossword puzzles is definitely cheating.

Why do ATMs dispense \$50 bills? Nobody wants \$50 bills. The standard is simple: If a cabbie won't take it, we don't want it. (The only people who use 50s are drug dealers, and they use them to light their cigarettes.)

There is nothing quite as beautiful as a beautiful bridge.

Heard that this presidential election is going to be really, really close? Modern history says probably not. When incumbent presidents run for re-election, they tend to win big or lose big.

When was the last time you heard a really good marching band? (And when was the last time you really wanted to?)

Instead of publicly naming the buildings that we think terrorists are going to attack, why not surround the buildings with undercover agents and catch the terrorists in the act?

Until I saw a nighttime golf tournament on ABC this week, I had no idea you could play golf at night. (When did country clubs

put lights in?)

In my experience, whenever you check into a hotel and the desk clerk tells you that he is giving you an especially nice room, he is invariably lying.

In the future, all babies will be given BlackBerries at birth and will learn to communicate solely with their thumbs. Human speech will eventually atrophy and wither away except for talk radio.

Quick, name the only state whose first two letters are vowels. Anyone who says, "What you see is what you get" is always hiding something.

Is it too soon to start worrying about Jeb?

I really admire people who know how to wrap packages.

Blaze orange may be the big color next year.

How is it that the party of Lincoln in the Land of Lincoln cannot come up with a competitive candidate for the U.S. Senate?

It drives me crazy every time The New York Times refers to Osama bin Laden on second reference as 'Mr. bin Laden.' How many people do you have to murder before you lose the 'Mr.'?

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## Greenhouse Photography assists VMC in fund-raiser

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Managing Editor

For those who'd like a lasting photographic memory of the Moving Wall's visit to Big Spring earlier this year, Greenhouse Photography is making 136 images from that week-long visit available to the public at their website.

And for every sale from that site, Greenhouse is donating 30 percent of the proceeds to the Vietnam Memorial Committee of Big Spring to help for maintenance and upkeep of the memorial and its grounds.

The images can be viewed and ordered at [222.studiologin.com/ghp](http://222.studiologin.com/ghp).

Rarely does the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee receive help from such a fund-raising effort.

"This is really something great they (Greenhouse) is doing," VMC member Jerry Groves noted. "They contacted us and said they wanted to do something to help us."

"It was just a moving experience when we were out there taking pictures," said Zina Wood, who along with partner Carla Harrold, owns Greenhouse Photography. "We realized that we wanted to be able to do something to help raise money for the memorial's maintenance and upkeep."

The funds that will be raised by this project is of paramount importance, VMC President Gene Wilson noted, because the committee needs help in maintaining the memorial that draws visitors from all over our nation.

"We constantly need funds for upkeep of the memorial," Wilson explained. "Many of our members put their own money into maintaining the memorial, but there's no way we can shoulder the burden alone."

It costs us a minimum of \$3,000 per year just to pay utility bills for the memorial, Wilson said, and that doesn't include materials and equipment needed to keep the grounds and perform basic maintenance.

All proceeds from the sale of the memorial bricks will be used by the committee to maintain the memorial's grounds.

Those not interested in purchasing photographs from the Moving Wall's visit can still make a tax-deductible contribution toward the memorial's upkeep simply by mailing a donation to: Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring 79720.

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## Jury selection in two trials set Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Jury selection in two criminal cases is expected to get under way Monday morning in 118th District Court, including the aggravated sexual assault of a child case against a Big Spring man.

John Farmer, 32, of 1408 Nolan, was indicted on two counts of aggravated sexual assault, a second-degree felony, in February.

Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr, who will be prosecuting the case, said he expects the trial to be brief.

"We'll pick a jury on Monday morning, and I believe we'll start the evidence on Tuesday morning," said Orr. "I anticipate it will be a very brief trial and I believe the jury will have more than enough evidence upon which to

convict Mr. Farmer."

"Mr. Farmer is charged, in a two-count indictment, with the offense of aggravated sexual assault of a child. There's one allegation of digital penetration and another allegation of penetration by the defendant's sexual organ."

Orr said the alleged victim was a 5-year-old girl, but declined to comment on the details of the case.

"The victim was 5 years old at the time of the crime," said Orr. "She's 6 years old now. I can't comment on the facts of the case at this time. That will need to wait for the court room."

Farmer is being represented by local attorney Bob Miller and has requested sentencing be decided by a jury if he's convicted. If convicted, he could face between two to 20 years in prison on each count and

a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Jury selection will also begin Monday in the trial of Dennis Edward Ausbie, 44, currently residing in the Howard County Jail.

Ausbie was indicted in May on charges of felon in possession of a firearm, a first-degree felony, and four counts of possession of a controlled substance, a second degree felony. Both charges are enhanced.

The case will be prosecuted by District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson and Ausbie will be represented by attorney Wayne Frost.

If convicted on the charge of possession of a firearm by a felon, Ausbie faces five to 99 years, to life in prison. Each count of possession of a controlled substance carries between two to 20 years in prison on each count.

## CHAPLAIN

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because former Community of Hope First Church of the Nazarene Associate Pastor Ken Childress as served as chaplain for local departments.

But when they recently learned that Childress may be leaving Big Spring in the near future, Police Chief Lonnie Smith, Sheriff Dale Walker, DPS Supervisor Jason Heckler and Victim Services Executive Director Shann Thomas met with a small group of community leaders and voiced a unified message.

"They literally begged us, 'Don't let this program die,'" businessman

Everett Bender said, adding that he and some of the other businessmen and governmental agency officials who met with those agency heads had no idea how important they considered the chaplaincy program.

"I don't really think I realized the need was this serious," Bender said. "But I think when Lonnie Smith told us that there are police officers everywhere ... even here ... that think about 'eating a bullet,' we really got the point. And that's when some of us decided it was time to educate the public about this need and find the people in our community that are willing to respond."

"Monday's meeting is going to be open to the

public," Bender added. "We'd like for everyone to know they're welcome to come hear the impact the chaplaincy program has had and how they can support it."

The chaplaincy program is more than just being there for emergency personnel facing an individual crisis, Thomas noted.

"There's absolutely no question that we need the chaplaincy program," the Victim Services chief explained. "There are lots of situations where we here at Victim Services can't respond to — needs that a chaplain can."

During the meeting Monday night, Smith, Walker, Heckler, Thomas and Scenic Mountain Medical Center Emergency Room

Supervisor Judy Roeber will be on hand to share what the program has meant to their agencies and explain the need to expand it.

Howard County Commissioner Bill Crocker, Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, 118th District Judge Robert Moore and retired Big Spring ISD Superintendent Murray Murphy are currently serving as co-chairs of a 60-day task force charged with developing a permanent administrative structure, as well as to recruit and train volunteers to become chaplains.

For more information concerning the chaplaincy program or about Monday's meeting, contact Bender at 263-0556.

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# Company meets deadline for nuclear waste license

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer

A Dallas company was the sole applicant for a license to build a dump for low-level nuclear waste in West Texas as a Friday deadline passed.

Waste Control Specialists submitted its application and a \$500,000 fee this week to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The soonest a license could be issued is early 2007, commission spokeswoman Susan Jablonski said.

Waste Control Specialists wants to build the dump for waste generated by hospitals, research institutions,

power plants and industrial activities in Andrews County. The company now operates a hazardous waste facility there.

There has been no organized opposition in Andrews, a town of about 9,600 that's 30 miles east of the proposed site near the New Mexico border. Civic leaders and residents have said they see potential for jobs and tax benefits.

The new operation could bring as much as \$10 million a year into Andrews County coffers, a 7.5 percent cut of the operation's revenues.

The Legislature last year approved a bill allowing for the creation

of two privately run waste disposal facilities. One would handle waste under a compact between Texas, Vermont and Maine, although Maine is in the process of withdrawing.

Another nearby facility would take U.S. Department of Energy waste.

"We're committed to making sure the review is based on sound science and that it meets the statutory provision as well as the federal and state regulations," Jablonski said.

Environmental groups and others oppose the move, saying transporting low-level nuclear waste is dangerous and that a public agency, not

a private company, should run the operation.

Ken Kramer, a spokesman for the Lone Star Chapter of Sierra Club, said his group plans to ask the state's top elected officials to revisit the legislation.

"We continue to be troubled by the prospect that a private company is potentially able to obtain

a license in Texas to dispose of low-level radioactive waste," he said. "It needs to be done under the authority of a public agency because we feel like they would be more accountable to the public and to the interest of the state."

Last month, Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns sent a letter to Texas Gov. Rick

Perry, offering to pay \$30 million to store nuclear waste for the Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact, which includes Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Perry spokesman Robert Black said Friday the request is under review.

## 2004 Property Tax Rates in HOWARD COUNTY

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for HOWARD COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

| Last year's tax rate:       | General Fund    | Farm to Market/<br>Flood Control Fund | Special Road/<br>Bridge Fund |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Last year's operating taxes | \$5,539,776     |                                       | \$445,768                    |
| Last year's debt taxes      | \$146,505       |                                       | \$0                          |
| Last year's total taxes     | \$5,686,281     |                                       | \$445,768                    |
| Last year's tax base        | \$1,114,957,059 |                                       | \$1,114,420,000              |
| Last year's total tax rate  | \$0.51000/\$100 | /100                                  | \$0.04000/\$100              |

### This year's effective tax rate:

|                                                                           |                 |      |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------|-----------------|
| Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)     | \$5,681,261     |      | \$445,374       |
| + This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) | \$1,140,314,586 |      | \$1,140,314,586 |
| = This year's effective tax rate                                          | \$0.49821/\$100 | /100 | \$0.03905/\$100 |
| Total effective tax rate                                                  | \$0.53726/\$100 |      |                 |
| x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing     | \$0.55337/\$100 |      |                 |

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year.

|                             |         |
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| - Sales tax adjustment rate | \$ /100 |
| = Effective tax rate        | \$ /100 |

### This year's rollback tax rate:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                 |      |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------|-----------------|
| Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) | \$5,534,954     |      | \$445,374       |
| + This year's adjusted tax base                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$1,140,314,586 |      | \$1,140,314,586 |
| = This year's effective operating rate                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$0.48539/\$100 |      | \$0.03905/\$100 |
| x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$0.52422/\$100 | /100 | \$0.04217/\$100 |
| + This year's debt                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$0.01153/\$100 | /100 | \$0.00000/\$100 |
| = This year's rollback rate for each fund                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$0.53575/\$100 | /100 | \$0.04217/\$100 |
| This year's total rollback rate                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$0.57792/\$100 | /100 |                 |

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Howard County adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.53726 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2003 taxes by \$19,073

### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

| Type of Property Tax Fund | Balance     |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| General Fund              | \$2,000,000 |

### Schedule B - 2004 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

| Description of Debt                                                                        | Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes | Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes | Other Amounts to be Paid | Total Payments |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| General Obligation/Bonds Series 1995                                                       | \$75,000                                                     | \$63,273                                | \$0                      | \$138,273      |
| Total required for 2004 debt service                                                       |                                                              |                                         | \$138,273                |                |
| - Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A                                     |                                                              |                                         | \$0                      |                |
| - Amount (if any) paid from other resources                                                |                                                              |                                         | \$0                      |                |
| - Excess collections last year                                                             |                                                              |                                         | \$11,500                 |                |
| = Total to be paid from taxes in 2004                                                      |                                                              |                                         | \$126,773                |                |
| + Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 96.00% of its taxes in 2004 |                                                              |                                         | \$5,282                  |                |
| = Total Debt Levy                                                                          |                                                              |                                         | \$132,054                |                |

### Schedule D- State Criminal Justice mandate (For Counties)

The \_\_\_\_\_ County Auditor certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ County has spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in the previous 12 months beginning \_\_\_\_\_, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. \_\_\_\_\_ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

### Schedule E- Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

The \_\_\_\_\_ spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ operates this function in all or a majority of the \_\_\_\_\_. (Second Year of Transfer. Modify schedule to show comparison of amount this year and preceding year by unit receiving the function.)

### Schedule F- Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The \_\_\_\_\_ spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 Main (County Annex Bldg) Big Spring, Texas 79720

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## Howard County man killed in single-vehicle accident

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A 21-year-old Howard County man was pronounced dead Friday morning after he was thrown from a rolling Chevrolet Suburban in a one-car accident on U.S. South Highway 87.

According to Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Kneel Stallings, Joel Tyrell Murrill was returning from San Angelo after attending a performance with his rock band when he was killed.

"He traveled off the right side of the road," Stallings said. "I don't know at this time if the

cause of the accident was driver fatigue or maybe he was distracted in the cab, but he overcorrected which caused the vehicle to go into a side skid. The vehicle then rolled and he was ejected from the Suburban."

The vehicle and Murrill's body came to rest in a drainage culvert that was out of sight from the highway, Stallings said.

The accident occurred in Glasscock County about three miles south of Howard County. Authorities have not yet determined the time of the incident, Stallings said.

Workers from Price

Construction were performing road work and found the wreckage. They notified authorities about 7 a.m., Stallings said.

Murrill, who was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident, was pronounced dead at the scene by Glasscock County Judge William Bednar, Stallings said.

Funeral Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Coahoma Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. August 19, 2004 in the District's Administration Building, 600 North Main, Coahoma, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rate

|                                                                                    | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total   | Local Revenue Per Student | Local Revenue Per Student |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate                                                                   | \$1.500                  | \$0.0*                   | \$1.500 | \$3,579                   | \$3,252                   |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$1.443                  | \$0.0*                   | \$1.443 | \$3,345                   | \$3,487                   |
| Proposed Rate                                                                      | \$1.500                  | \$0.0 *                  | \$1.500 | \$3,465                   | \$3,487                   |

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

|                                                       | Last Year | This Year |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Average Market Value of Residences                    | \$36,303  | \$36,979  |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences                   | \$14,107  | \$14,584  |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$1.500   | \$1.500   |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence                        | \$211.60  | \$218.76  |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes                          |           | \$7.16    |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence home- stead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.503. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.503.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

|                                            |                |
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| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$1,350,000.00 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | \$ -0-         |

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## Crashes give new Houston rail line a bad reputation

HOUSTON (AP) — Once called the "train to nowhere," Houston's new rail line between downtown and the Astrodome is earning a few new nicknames — "Danger Train," the "Wham Bam Tram" and "A Streetcar Named Disaster."

More than 50 collisions have occurred along the 7.5-mile route since it opened in November, prompting residents to keep a running tally on Web sites and transportation experts to suggest raising the line above street level.

Rail promoters promised the sleek gray trains would take cars off the road, "they've just done it one car at a time," said John Gaver, who started the

Wham-Bam-Tram counter, a Web site that chronicles each crash.

The MetroRail averages six crashes a month — a rate 20 times worse than the national average for the nation's 17 light rail systems, according to the Federal Transit Administration.

Most of the wrecks are minor and injury-free, and usually caused by cars making illegal left turns across the tracks. The soft rubber noses on the quiet-running, 200-passenger trains usually don't suffer much damage.

Driver error was cited in all but one of the crashes, leaving motorists and their insurance carriers liable for any medical

costs or damage to vehicles or trains.

Joe Kittrell, a 65-year-old barber, is among the few people injured in a crash.

Kittrell was leaving the downtown Sears store on Dec. 19 and took an unfamiliar route alongside the Main Street Line when he turned left on a green light at Alabama Street. His next memory is waking up in a hospital a day and a half later with broken ribs. He learned that a train smacked into his truck, pushing it at least 75 yards.

To this day, Kittrell insists he never saw a no-left-turn sign.

"When I was healed enough to get up, I drove from Sears all the way downtown and I could easily see no-left-turn signs and

the positions of the traffic lights were changed," Kittrell said.

The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, known as Metro, initially blamed drivers, saying Houstonians are 2 1/2 times more crash-prone than motorists elsewhere, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Still, Metro commissioned the Texas Transportation Institute to see if there was anything the transit authority could do to help reduce crashes. The institute suggested the transit authority change the route's traffic light sequences, warning signs and other markers, which it did.

If the transit authority, however, had followed an early recommendation to elevate the tracks, like Chicago did for its trains, crashes wouldn't be a problem, said Ned Levine, lead traffic safety researcher for the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments.

But key suburban congressmen blocked federal funding for the train project, so former Metro chairwoman Shirley DeLibero soldiered ahead with local money — meaning the line was built as inexpensively as possible.

"They were told repeatedly by transportation planners, anytime you do an at-grade rail line you're asking for trouble," Levine said.

## Babysitter charged after baby crawls off, burns self on pavement

DENTON (AP) — A woman babysitting a 1-year-old who got first-degree burns after getting out of the house and crawling on hot pavement was charged Friday with endangering a child, a Denton police spokesman said.

Angela Moore, 33, of Denton, faces up to two years in a state jail and a fine of up to \$10,000, said Officer Jim Bryan. He said that Moore was arrested after turning herself in Friday morning. She remained in jail Friday afternoon on \$10,000 bond.

Moore was watching eight children Monday when the baby crawled out a back door propped open with an extension cord, Bryan said.

Detective Shane Kizer said the girl was found two-tenths of a mile away from the house.

James Lussier was working in his garage Monday morning when he heard a baby crying.

"There was a baby crawling up the

driveway," the 76-year-old widower told The Dallas Morning News. "It's a pretty good incline, and she was looking right up at me. I ran down there and grabbed her up and she hugged onto me and quit crying."

Lussier could see the baby's knees and legs were scratched and blistered from the hot pavement.

Firefighters measured the temperature of the pavement at 127 degrees, according to the police report.

The report stated that the babysitter didn't realize the baby was gone.

She told The Dallas Morning News that some of the children were hers or her sister's.

The baby that crawled out of the house belonged to a friend who paid the sitter to care for her child while she worked, she said.

Bryan said that the baby was out of the hospital and back with her mother.

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# American fakes own decapitation in broadcast videotape

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A video aired Saturday that purportedly showed an American being decapitated in Iraq was a hoax.

The man shown in the video, reached by The Associated Press in San Francisco, said he videotaped the staged beheading at his friend's house using fake blood.

Benjamin Vanderford, 22, said he began distributing the video on the Internet months ago in hopes of drawing attention to his one-time campaign for city supervisor. When his political aspirations waned, he thought the video would serve as social commentary.

"It was part of a stunt, but no one noticed it up until now," Vanderford said. "I did this for a couple of reasons. One is to attract attention. But two is to just make a statement on these type of videos and how easily they can be faked."

On the tape, Vanderford sat on a chair in a dark room, his hands behind his back, trembling and rocking back and forth. The tape showed a hand with a knife cutting at the motionless man's neck, but did not show any militants.

"We need to leave this country alone. We need to stop this occupation," he said on the video, adding that he had been

offered for exchange with prisoners in Iraq. "Everyone's going to be killed this way."

The videotape was posted on a militant Web site and aired on Arab television Saturday. Vanderford was clad in a T-shirt, not the orange jumpsuit that other hostages have been dressed in.

The video was titled "Abu Musab al-Zarqawi Slaughters an American." Zarqawi is an al-Qaida linked militant whose group, Tawhid and Jihad, has claimed responsibility for numerous deadly attacks across Iraq, including the beheading of U.S. businessman Nicholas Berg.

Vanderford's video also showed images of disfigured and injured people in Iraq. A recording of the Quran, Islam's holy book, played in the background.

Sipping soda in his kitchen, a shirtless Vanderford said he spliced images he took from a Hamas Web site showing mutilated bodies. He later edited the 55 second video to downgrade the quality so it would look similar to beheading tapes distributed since the war in Iraq began.

"We had to make it more lower quality to make it more realistic," said Vanderford, who works at a bank. "That

was another experiment that was part of this to see how quickly that system will spread news."

He said he understood if relatives of those killed in Iraq thought his stunt was misguided, but he offered no apologies for the hoax.

"I see how it could be considered disrespectful. But I think people, if they look at it, will understand two other big issues it brings up," he said. "A small group of disgruntled people in Iraq or Saudi Arabia could just get more attention just by easily releasing something like I did on the Internet."

## Funk singer Rick James dies in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Funk legend Rick James peaked in 1981 with "Super Freak," a song so enduring that a strain of its infectious bass line powered the MC Hammer hit "U Can't Touch This" nearly a decade later.

But James' career never had the staying power of his signature hit, and the singer's life and music languished through cocaine addiction and a prison term. In his final days, James made a comeback bid that included playing along with routines by comedian Dave Chappelle that parodied

his history of erratic behavior.

James, who was 56, died in his sleep Friday at his residence near Universal City, said publicist Sujata Murthy. He lived alone and was found by his personal assistant, who notified police, she said.

An official cause of death was not given. Police said James died of natural causes. His three children — daughter Ty and sons Rick Jr. and Tazman — said through a spokeswoman that they believe their father died of heart failure.

"The spirit lives on,"

said the singer's son, Rick James Jr. "I want to thank everybody once again. ...All our prayers go out to the living as well as those who pass on."

James was a diabetic and had a pacemaker, Murthy said. An autopsy and toxicology exam were scheduled for Saturday, said coroner's spokesman David Campbell.

Friends and colleagues described James as a funk visionary for his grinding, otherworldly songs that were almost gleefully sexually explicit.

## Five federal prisoners escape from private lockup

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Five federal prisoners — one of them said to be a leader of the Mexican Mafia gang — escaped Friday from a privately run lockup near San Antonio, according to local and federal officials.

John Butler, a spokesman for the U.S. Marshals Service, said the escape from a Correctional Services Corp. facility in Pearsall occurred at 1 p.m. He said the prisoners were in the pretrial custody of the Marshal's Service office in Laredo, which uses the jail under contract.

The prisoners were identified as Reymundo Flores Alaniz, 46; Manuel de la Fuente, 33; Luis Angel Garcia Esparza, 23; Jorge Arturo Castaneda Silva, 22; and Victor Hugo Nava Franco, 28.

Flores Alaniz, who is charged with heroin possession, is a high-ranking member of the Mexican Mafia with a

previous conviction for murder, according to Department of Justice officials in Houston.

De la Fuente, Garcia and Castaneda each faced marijuana-related charges, said a marshals spokesman in Houston. Nava was arrested for allegedly entering the country illegally.

Gerardo Herrera, Frio County's chief sheriff's deputy, said local, state and federal agencies were taking part in the hunt for the missing men, who had been dressed in green or blue jumpsuits. Helicopters and search dogs were also being used to try to track them down.

Herrera said the prisoners should be considered armed and dangerous.

Investigators were also trying to determine how the prisoners got away, though Butler said witnesses reported seeing them crawling under perimeter fences.

## 2004 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF BIG SPRING

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for CITY OF BIG SPRING. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

### Last year's tax rate:

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Last year's operating taxes | \$2,529,694     |
| Last year's debt taxes      | \$290,254       |
| Last year's total taxes     | \$2,819,948     |
| Last year's tax base        | \$410,891,447   |
| Last year's total tax rate  | \$0.68630/\$100 |

### This year's effective tax rate:

|                                                                           |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)     | \$2,817,674      |
| + This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) | \$409,620,823    |
| = This year's effective tax rate                                          | \$0.68787 /\$100 |
| x 1.03=maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing       | \$0.70850 /\$100 |

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year.

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| - Sales tax adjustment rate | /\$100 |
| = Effective tax rate        | /\$100 |

### This year's rollback tax rate:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) | \$3,482,482      |
| + This year's adjusted tax base                                                                                                                                                                        | \$409,620,823    |
| = This year's effective operating rate                                                                                                                                                                 | \$0.85017 /\$100 |
| x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate                                                                                                                                                            | \$0.91818 /\$100 |
| + This year's debt rate                                                                                                                                                                                | \$0.06867 /\$100 |
| = This year's rollback rate                                                                                                                                                                            | \$0.98685 /\$100 |

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| - Sales tax adjustment rate | \$0.23212/\$100 |
| = Effective tax rate        | \$0.75473/\$100 |

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

IF CITY OF BIG SPRING adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.68787 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2003 taxes by \$14,605

### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

| Type of Property Tax Fund     | Balance     |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS FUND | \$2,427,960 |
| INTEREST & SINKING FUND       | (\$1,385)   |

### Schedule B - 2004 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

| Description of Debt                                                                     | Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes | Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes | Other Amounts to be Paid | Total Payments |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS-2002 REFUNDING SERIES                                          | \$230,000                                                    | \$35,945                                | \$1,000                  | \$266,945      |
| Total required for 2004 debt service                                                    |                                                              |                                         |                          | \$266,945      |
| - Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A                                  |                                                              |                                         |                          | \$0            |
| - Amount (if any) paid from other resources                                             |                                                              |                                         |                          | \$0            |
| - Excess collections last year                                                          |                                                              |                                         |                          | (\$1,915)      |
| = Total to be paid from taxes in 2004                                                   |                                                              |                                         |                          | \$268,860      |
| + Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95% of its taxes in 2004 |                                                              |                                         |                          | \$14,151       |
| = Total Debt Levy                                                                       |                                                              |                                         |                          | \$283,011      |

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 MAIN (COUNTY ANNEX BLDG.) BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

Name of person preparing this notice KATHY A. SAYLES  
Title TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR  
Date prepared August 05, 2004

## 2004 Property Tax Rates in City of Coahoma

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for City of Coahoma. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

### Last year's tax rate:

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Last year's operating taxes | \$90,933         |
| Last year's debt taxes      | \$0              |
| Last year's total taxes     | \$90,933         |
| Last year's tax base        | \$14,165,122     |
| Last year's total tax rate  | \$0.64195 /\$100 |

### This year's effective tax rate:

|                                                                           |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)     | \$90,856         |
| + This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) | \$15,465,693     |
| = This year's effective tax rate                                          | \$0.58746 /\$100 |
| x 1.03=maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing       | \$0.60508 /\$100 |

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year.

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| - Sales tax adjustment rate | /\$100 |
| = Effective tax rate        | /\$100 |

### This year's rollback tax rate:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) | \$90,856         |
| + This year's adjusted tax base                                                                                                                                                                        | \$15,465,693     |
| = This year's effective operating rate                                                                                                                                                                 | \$0.58746 /\$100 |
| x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate                                                                                                                                                            | \$0.63445 /\$100 |
| + This year's debt rate                                                                                                                                                                                | \$0 /\$100       |
| = This year's rollback rate                                                                                                                                                                            | \$0.63445 /\$100 |

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Coahoma adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.58746 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2003 taxes by \$2,521.

### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

| Type of Property Tax Fund | Balance   |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| UNENCUMBERED FUNDS        | \$473,412 |

### Schedule B - 2004 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

| Description of Debt                                                                       | Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes | Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes | Other Amounts to be Paid | Total Payments |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
|                                                                                           | \$0                                                          | \$0                                     | \$0                      | \$0            |
| Total required for 2004 debt service                                                      |                                                              |                                         |                          | \$0            |
| - Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A                                    |                                                              |                                         |                          | \$0            |
| - Amount (if any) paid from other resources                                               |                                                              |                                         |                          | \$0            |
| - Excess collections last year                                                            |                                                              |                                         |                          | \$0            |
| = Total to be paid from taxes in 2004                                                     |                                                              |                                         |                          | \$0            |
| + Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 0.00% of its taxes in 2004 |                                                              |                                         |                          | \$0            |
| = Total Debt Levy                                                                         |                                                              |                                         |                          | \$0            |

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 MAIN (COUNTY ANNEX BLDG.) BIG SPRING, TX 79720

Name of person preparing this notice KATHY A. SAYLES  
Title TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR  
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# When It comes to animals, you have to think differently

By DENISE FLAIM  
Newsday

"His name was Rico, he wore a collar ..."

If you don't recognize the name — or the Barry Manilow lyric — perhaps you remember the news stories: Last month, a 9-year-old border collie from Dortmund, Germany, named Rico made headlines when a study showed he knows more than 200 words and can learn new ones by exclusionary inference, or the process of elimination.

"It's interesting that when people hear about this study, what strikes them is that the dog can understand some human language," says Donna Maney, an assistant professor of psychology at Emory University in Atlanta. "Actually, this is not a new idea and not the interesting part."

What is exciting to scientists is that Rico can learn the names of new objects by "fast mapping" — something that has been observed in human toddlers, but never documented in animals. "This means that if you ask him to fetch something he's never heard of, he will look around for something he's never seen," says Maney. "In other words, if he knows the words ball, doll and sock, but not cup, and you present him with a ball, doll, sock and cup, he is likely to fetch the cup when you ask for it because he associates the new word with the new object."

Our obsession with Rico's prodigious vocabulary may say as much about ourselves as it does about canine cognition. In response to the study results, experts talked about his ability to understand language as a measure of his intelligence. But why single out language skills as the animal equivalent of a Mensa test?

Because "we humans are very taken with the things we can do well," says Randy Gallistel, a professor of psychology and cognitive science at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. But being able to wield or decipher the spoken word isn't necessarily the be-all measure of intelligence.

"Doing cross-species comparisons of intelligence is very difficult," Gallistel says. "It's a little bit like cross-species comparisons of flying: Birds are better at flying than we are — does that make them smarter? There are many animals that are spectacularly good at navigation, so good they would make a grown sailor weep. If we use this as a barometer of intelligence, we could conclude that ants are smarter than we are."

Animals may not be able to use language and syntax the way humans do, but that doesn't mean they don't have thoughts, or don't express them. Indeed, notes Maney, there are many examples of "referential" communication, in which animals use signals to "talk" about external objects or their emotional state. For example, she says, "vervet monkeys warn each other of approaching predators by giving distinct vocalizations that refer to snakes, leopards or eagles" — and react to each differently.

In turn, the hornbills who live in the area respond to the monkey alarm calls when they

refer to hornbill-eating predators. "So not only do animals talk to members of their own species, they can also learn to interpret the 'language' of another — exactly as Rico has demonstrated."

Rico's ability to understand what his owners are saying comes as a big hum to most dog owners — especially those who share their lives with border collies, which are con-

genital overachievers. Maney remembers her childhood dog, a border collie named Chelsea, who played hide and seek by finding a specific sibling at her mother's command. "Chelsea's vocabulary was probably not as impressive as Rico's, consisting of the usual 'Go outside,' 'Go for a ride,' 'leash' and 'ball,'" Maney remembers.

"But I have no doubt

that if we had trained her as Rico's owners did, she would have learned it all."

Gallistel says researchers — who are only human, after all — tend to study animals that are easy to work with (which explains the paucity of studies of cat intelligence).

He expects the Rico report to spur a lot of new research on dogs and lan-

guage, an area that is surprisingly unexplored.

As for Maney, she points out that a half-century of research has shown that many animals, and not just domesticated ones, can understand and even use referential symbols.

"To be totally honest, I've never understood why it is so important to some people that there are 'uniquely human'

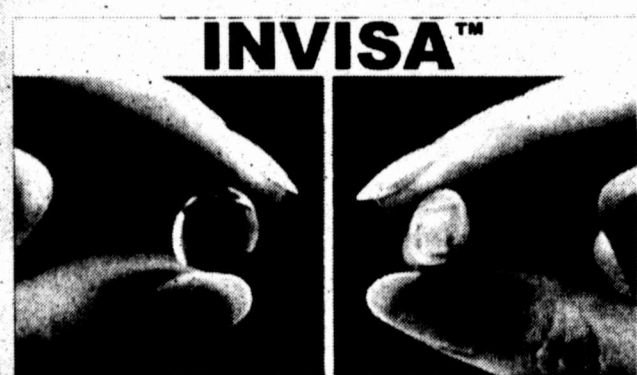
characteristics, like mirror recognition, opposable thumbs or the ability to think about what you know — all of which can be found in other animals," concludes Maney. "Humans and other animals are clearly different, that's obvious. So why do we try so hard to find little ways we are unique, and why are we so upset when we are wrong? Beats me."



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# Shantytowns migrate far north of the border

By SYLVIA MORENO

The Washington Post

CORPUS CHRISTI — Far from the Mexican border and just outside one of Texas' major tourist destinations, with its popular nearby beach and bustling port, a string of shantytowns thrives.

Hidden behind acres of tall grain sorghum live some of the area's poorest residents. They bought the only piece of the American dream they could afford: a patch of land with no running water and no sewage treatment or wastewater service. Their homes are modest, made of wood or vinyl siding. Some live in shacks made of scrap metal or in dilapidated trailers. The spring rains bring massive flooding to these low-lying areas and with that, contamination, disease and disruption of life.

Known as colonias, these developments have existed for years along the border with Mexico. Now they have migrated north, attracting not only new immigrants but also second- and third-generation Mexican Americans, and whites and blacks unable to find affordable housing elsewhere.

Dozens of the unregulated, rural subdivisions have sprung up deep into Texas, near Corpus Christi and outside Austin, Houston, Beaumont, San Antonio and as far north as Dallas and Fort Worth. Officials say unscrupulous developers take advantage of weak county laws to subdivide land and sell the plots with inadequate, if any, improvements. Over the past decade, Texas lawmakers have passed tough regulations on colonias near the border. With the squalid develop-



Washington Post photo/Sylvia Moreno

A dilapidated trailer houses nine people in a colonia, or unregulated subdivision, called Tierra Grande in Nueces County. Dozens of the unregulated, rural subdivisions have sprung up deep into Texas, near Corpus Christi and outside Austin, Houston, Beaumont, San Antonio and as far north as Dallas and Fort Worth.

ments spreading, lawmakers are turning their attention to the rest of the state.

"This is just like Guatemala or Africa," said Lionel Lopez, a retired Corpus Christi firefighter who organized the South Texas Colonia Initiative to bring attention to what he counts as 88 such developments in Nueces County. "You see kids with all kinds of sores on their little legs, and the dogs — they don't even bark, and they have mange."

The cheap land — lots can cost \$30,000 to \$40,000, with or without a structure — look ideal to residents trying to escape a tough inner-city neighborhood or who cannot afford starter homes at \$80,000 or \$90,000 within the city limits. "Through throwing up a substandard subdivision, you can offer a segment of our society their dream," said Donald Lee, executive director of the Texas Conference of Urban Counties. "Unfortunately, what you're not telling them, and they oftentimes don't realize, is that they're buying into a nightmare."

The residents of the colonia known as Tierra Grande, eight miles

southwest of Corpus Christi, have survived their latest nightmare: two months of heavy rains that caused massive flooding. The development sits in a flood plain, atop a maze of underground ethylene, methanol and natural gas pipelines that feed into Corpus Christi's nearby refineries. The development has no drainage system, and the homes have only septic tanks to handle solid waste. So bad was the recent flooding that septic tanks overflowed, and human waste saturated the floodwaters inside and outside the ramshackle houses. Snakes slithered into homes, and huge water beetles that look like leeches crawled out of the flooded vegetation and into residents' damp mattresses. Parents carried their children on flooded roads out to a county highway to catch the school bus because the vehicle could not enter the community. Mail was not delivered for a month.

Furniture, cars and trucks were ruined. Wells, which many residents depend on for cooking, washing and bathing, were tested and found to have three times the amount of acceptable E.

coli bacteria for human contact and an unacceptable level of dissolved solids for human consumption, said Rick Hay, a research associate with the Center for Water Supply Studies at Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi. The roads were rutted, the mosquitoes flourished, and some of the ditches along the roads held opaque, larvae-laden water a month after the last rains. A few years ago, the several hundred residents of Tierra Grande experienced the same type of flooding.

"If I had money to move to Corpus Christi, I'd be living over there," said Zulema Tovar, 40, as she sat outside her corrugated tin house, holding her 5-month-old daughter, Yesenia. Tovar has lived in Tierra Grande six years. Her two daughters contracted bronchitis during the worst of the flooding, and her 24-year-old nephew was hospitalized after a leg cut became infected from the contaminated water around their home. Other relatives suffered diarrhea and fever. Several of Tovar's toenails softened and fell off. She believes that happened because of the contaminated floodwater she had to walk through for

days.

"Nobody ever told us anything about anything, about the flooding," Tovar said. "I guess people would say (about us), 'They should have known better.' But us being poor Mexicans, too, we're trying to do the best we can."

Texas legislators who represent the areas north of the border where the colonias are growing say they want to stop development of the subdivisions and provide state aid to residents.

"You've got people living in these Third-World conditions. ... It is a serious problem in urban counties," said state Rep. Dora Olivo, a Democrat whose district just outside Houston, which includes four colonias, overlaps with the congressional district represented by House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-

Texas. "People move out there because it's too expensive to live in the city, into areas that aren't regulated."

Unscrupulous developers come in and do the wrong thing. But how do we prevent proliferation of colonias? It's an expensive proposition."

Today, an estimated 1 million Texans live in these unregulated subdivisions that have sprung up far from the border and lack adequate water or wastewater service, according to the Texas Water Development Board. The cost for providing such services would be huge.

"The total needs are \$1.82 billion to bring water ... and there's \$1.95 billion in wastewater needs," said Jonathan Steinberg, the board's deputy counsel. "We've got a problem here."

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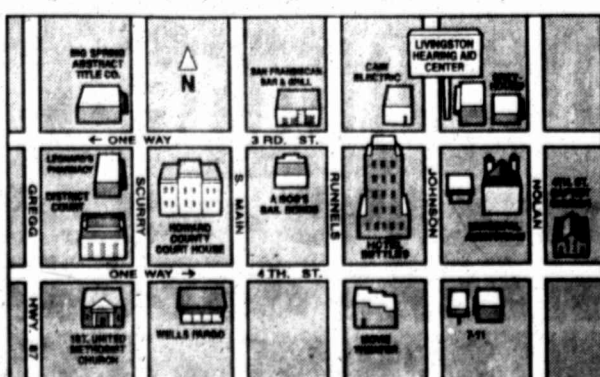


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## IN BRIEF

### BSISD sets football season ticket dates

Big Spring ISD has scheduled its dates for football season ticket sales.

The general public may purchase season tickets at the Athletic Training Center starting Monday through Aug. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.). However, all Friday sales are from 8 a.m. to noon only.

For questions, call Kay Cook at 264-3862.

### Howard College sets important dates

Howard College has set up two important events this month.

The first one will take place Saturday at the Big Spring Mall as the three members of the men's basketball team — Will Adams, James Barrett and Josh Francis — will take part in the mall's back-to-school fashion show at 1:30 p.m.

Howard College will also have a booth set-up at the Howard County Fair Aug. 25-28. The booth will be used to promote the Hawks Flight Club and to begin the selling of athletic season tickets. They will be at the fair from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 25-27 and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 28.

### BSYFL and Cowboys host competition

The Big Spring Youth Football League and the Dallas Cowboys will be hosting the local Pepsi/NFL punt, pass and kick competition Aug. 21, at the field north of the ATC.

The registration starts at 8 a.m. and the contest is free to boys and girls 8-15.

For more info, contact George Lopez at 264-7313 or by e-mail at BSYFL@msn.com.

### Howard College sets cheer camp dates

Howard College's cheer camp for first through sixth graders will be held Aug. 28 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Registration for the event will begin at 8 a.m. and the Dance and Cheer class starts at 9 a.m.

The cost is \$25. Bring a lunch and wear tennis shoes.

For more information, contact Linda Berry at 264-5024.

### Coahoma Athletic Booster to meet

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will be meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in Coahoma Cafeteria. All parents are needed to come and join the club and help support the 2004-05 Bulldogs.

Coahoma's "meet the Bulldogs night" will take place Monday, August 23, at 7 p.m. There will also be an ice cream supper.

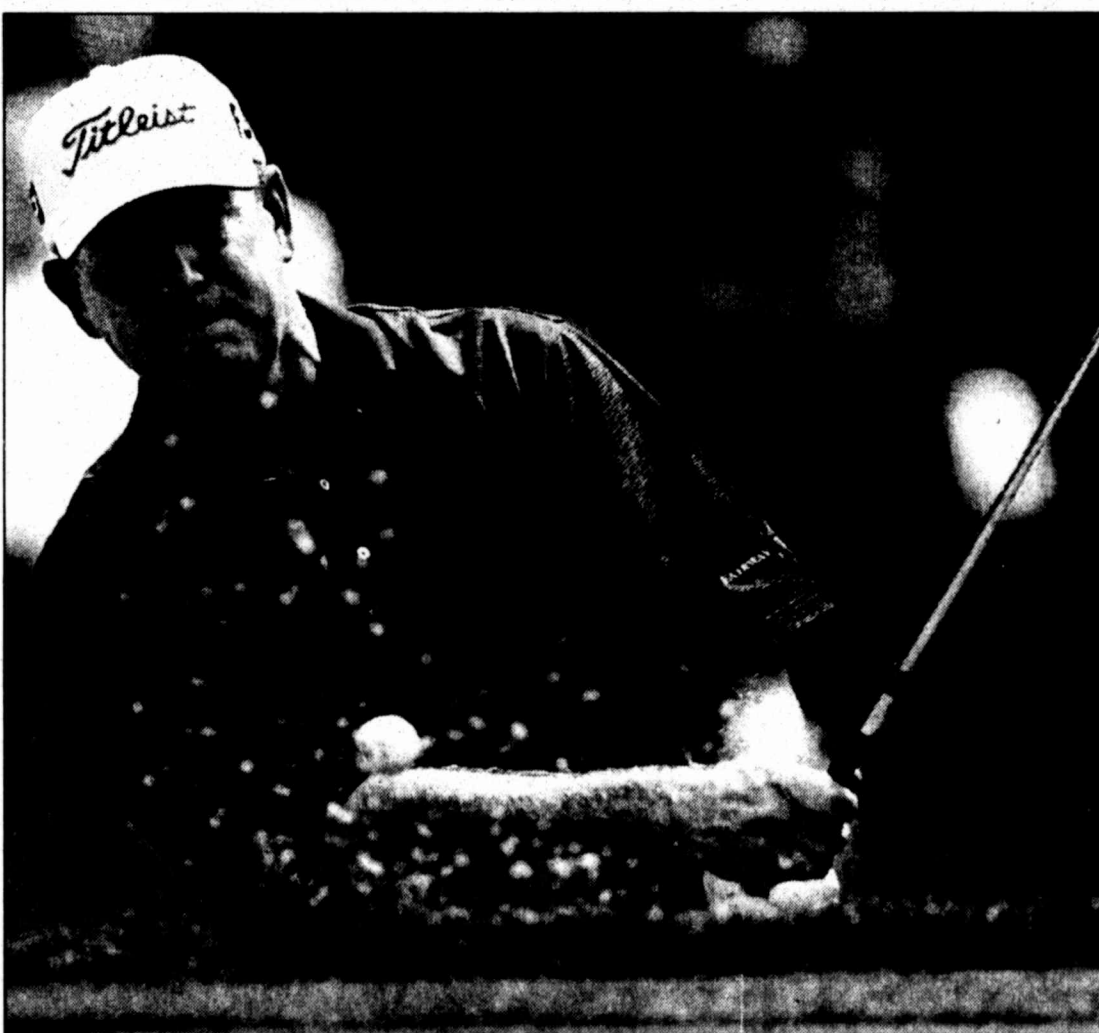
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# LADY STEERS BEGIN TEAM COMPETITION



HERALD photos/Troy Hyde  
The Big Spring volleyball team began competition this weekend as the Lady Steers took part in several scrimmages Friday at Midland and Saturday at the Big Spring Junior High School. Above: Junior Krista Chesworth gets up high for the kill during the Lady Steers varsity and junior varsity scrimmage at the junior high. Right: Junior Reagan Ritchey, right, bumps the ball over the net in the same match Saturday. Big Spring opens its regular season Tuesday against Abilene High and Abilene Cooper in Abilene.



KRT photo/Kevin Kreck, Colorado Springs Gazette  
Jay Haas blasts out of a bunker on the 18th hole on the second day of The International at Castle Pines Golf Club in Castle Rock, Colorado, Friday.

## Despite heavy rains, lightning, Dimarco leads at International

By JOHN MARSHALL

AP Sports Writer

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. — Chris DiMarco figures he has messed up every hole at Castle Pines Golf Club in nine years of playing. The International.

It's the kind of knowledge that can come in handy.

DiMarco had four birdies to complete his first round, then added nine more in the second for 31 points and a six-point lead Friday before

play was suspended because of darkness.

"Once you've played here enough and done well on every hole and screwed up every hole, there's really nothing else that you can do," DiMarco said. "So, you just go out and play the golf course."

Rain and lightning ended play Thursday, forcing half the field to return Friday for up to 33 holes at hilly Castle Pines.

Two more rounds of storms hit Friday, set-

ting up another marathon day in the altitude for 72 players.

The second round will be completed Saturday morning and the top 70 plus ties will advance to the third round.

"This course is a beast to walk and to walk 19 holes, it's one too many," said Olin Browne, who was fourth with 17 points after playing 25 holes Friday. "You have to walk 32 holes and you're ready to slit your wrists at the end of the day."

## Future Hall of Famer Hull chooses Coyotes

By MEL REISNER

AP Sports Writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Brett Hull, third on the NHL's career goals list, got more money and a longer contract from the Phoenix Coyotes than one of his former teams was willing to offer.

The free agent forward signed a \$4.5 million, two-year deal with the Coyotes Friday. Both years are guaranteed at \$2.25 million, and Hull could stand to make up to \$3 million the second year if he meets bonus incentives for scoring.

The Dallas Stars, one of his former teams, offered Hull \$2 million to rejoin them, but wouldn't give him a second year.

Hull, an 18-year veteran who spent the last three seasons with Detroit, has 741 goals — trailing only Coyotes managing partner Wayne Gretzky's 894 and Gordie Howe's 801. Hull, who turns 40 Monday, has also scored 103 playoff goals, fourth behind Gretzky, Mark Messier and Jari Kurri.

"The truth is going to come forward when we get on the ice and see how this group comes together," Coyotes general manager Mike Barnett said. "But we needed to fill some important holes, and certainly a high-scoring left-winger is very, very important to us."

"We now feel with (Shane) Doan and Ladislav Nagy and Mike Johnson and now Brett Hull, we have four wingers that are capable of scoring 25 or more goals."

Barnett said he got the feeling Hull was leaning toward the Coyotes during a phone call Thursday night. He told Gretzky, who also put in a call to Hull, and the player called back Friday morning to accept.

"He looked at our roster and felt that he could help us get to the winner's circle," Barnett said.

Bobby Hull Jr., the player's brother and agent, did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment left at his office and on his cell phone. The Coyotes plan to introduce Brett Hull at a news conference Tuesday.

Hull, drafted by Calgary in the sixth round in 1984, has played for the Flames, St. Louis, Dallas and Detroit.

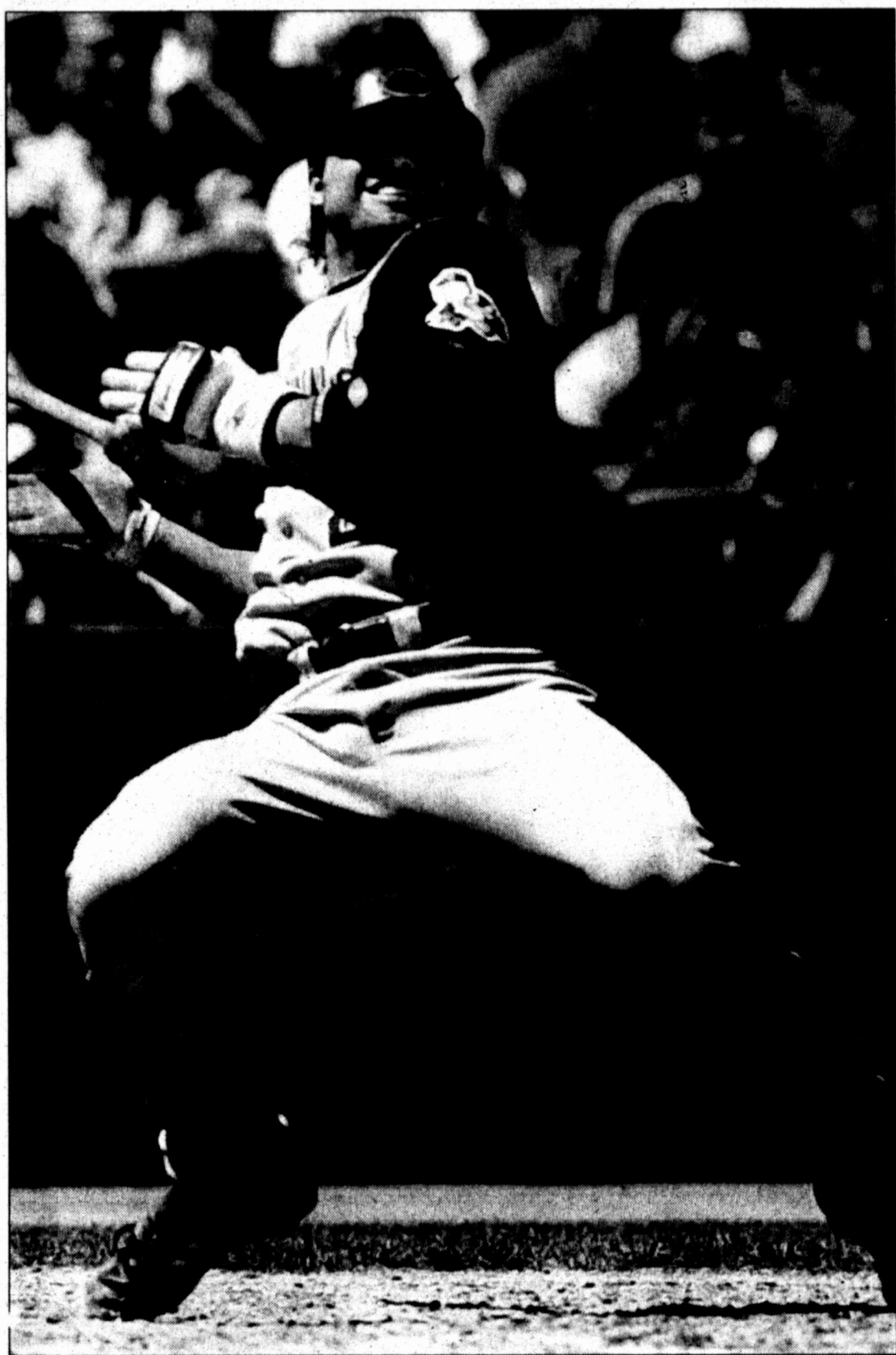
He won Stanley Cups with the Stars (1999) and Red Wings (2002), scoring the cup-winning goal for Dallas in a triple-overtime Game 6 victory against Buffalo.

He has 649 assists and 1,390 points in 1,264 regular-season games, and 87 assists (190 points) in 202 playoff games.

Hull, a nine-time All-Star, won the Hart Trophy in 1991 and was the All-Star Game MVP in 1992.

He had his three best seasons in succession with St. Louis, with 72 goals and 113 points in 1989-90, career highs for goals (86) and points (131) in 1990-91 and 70 goals and 109 points the next year.





KRT photo/Susan Tripp Pollard, Contra Costa Times  
Cincinnati's Jason LaRue flinches after getting hit by a pitch by San Francisco's Matt Herges in the eighth inning of their game Thursday at SBC Park in San Francisco. The Reds beat the Giants 12-3.

## U.S.A. Olympic basketball squad dominates defending champions, pleases fans, head coach Brown

By CHRIS SHERIDAN

AP Basketball Writer  
BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — The U.S. Olympic men's basketball team did Larry Brown proud.

Following his mantra of "playing the right way," they dominated the defending world champions with defense in an impressive 78-60 exhibition victory over Serbia-Montenegro on Friday night.

The Americans took a partisan crowd out of the game by holding Serbia-Montenegro to just nine points in the second quarter, and their defense never relented. They showed none of the faults that hampered them in earlier games against Italy and Germany while shutting down an opponent that appeared equal parts overconfident and incompetent.

Tim Duncan led the U.S. team with 16 points, LeBron James added 11 and the entire team played with a level of determination that should go a long way toward re-establishing them as one of the favorites for the gold medal in Athens.

When the evening began, they weren't even picked to win the game. Local betting parlors listed the Serbian team as a 4-point favorite.

A 14-0 run to begin the second quarter put the

Americans in control, and their defense the rest of the way kept the home team from making any kind of extended rally.

A crowd of about 18,000 showed their respect by standing and applauding the Americans as the game ended.

Rather than playing a zone as Italy and Germany did almost exclusively in the Americans' earlier exhibition games, the Serbian team went with a man-to-man scheme.

The U.S. team also played man-to-man defense, and two of the game's best one-on-one moves were made by Dejan Bodiroga — often called the best player in Europe — against Carmelo Anthony.

The Americans bounced back after missing their first five shots and led 20-17 after one quarter.

The game got away from the Serbs early in the second quarter, and the big run brought the American players and coaches off the bench in jubilation. One of the most impressive stretches was a blocked shot by Shawn Marion that led to a breakaway, Marion sprinting downcourt to finish it with a dunk off a pass from Stephon Marbury.

It was 42-26 at halftime, and the Serbs' frustration became more and more

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evident in the third quarter.

Vladimir Radmanovic, who played poorly throughout, spiked a bottle of water to the floor after being yanked from the game, showering the court with water.

Lamar Odom was the American team's best player in the final quarter, stopping the Serbian team's momentum with clutch shots each time they tried to rally.

The home team's last possession ended with a steal by Allen Iverson, who stuck his tongue out and grinned after making the play.

Igor Rakocevic led Serbia-Montenegro with 18 points, and Bodiroga — who did not start due to a knee injury — added 14.

## Wallace gears up for Indianapolis

By JENNA FRYER

AP Motorsports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS

When it comes to racing at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Rusty Wallace is the "bridesmaid."

The 1989 NASCAR champion has finished second three times in the 10-year history of the Brickyard 400 and twice has been fourth. In fact, he has been outside the top 10 only once.

"We've been so close to pulling it off — we've been the bridesmaid so many times that it makes you stop and ask if the racing gods are all working against you," Wallace said. "We keep on getting close and the wins are snatched away from us at the last moment."

"Somebody last year referred to us as 'Runner-up Rusty,' and we're out to change all of that this weekend."

Wallace was the leader late in the race each time he finished second. In 2002, he was in front with 10 laps to go, but Bill Elliott passed him for the victory.

The outcome left Wallace with mixed emotions.

"It was a bitter pill to swallow, but I was so happy for Bill Elliott winning the thing," Wallace said. "He and I go way back, and he's definitely paid his dues. I even went to Victory Lane to personally congratulate him on his big win. But at the end of the day, it was yet another one that got away."

In 2000, Wallace had a huge lead over Bobby Labonte but lost again. Wallace led 110 of the 160 laps before giving way to Labonte.

"It was another tear-jerker," Wallace said. "We had almost a half-straightaway lead pretty late into the thing before the 18 car got by us and went on to win."

Wallace hopes to change his luck Sunday

and break through for a win on the storied track. But his Dodge was slow — 32nd on the speed chart — in Friday's only practice. So he'll have to find more speed if he wants to be a contender in one of the most prestigious races of the year.

For Wallace, it will be all about the race and the \$400,000 payout to the winner.

But for several others drivers in the field, the big-picture scenario would be significantly served by victory.

"Winning this race could be a real springboard for somebody trying to get into the championship battle," said two-time Brickyard winner Dale Jarrett.

Under NASCAR's new format for the Nextel Cup series, only the top 10 drivers after the 26th of 36 races will be eligible to win the lucrative championship. Wallace is not among them. He stands 20th and is 270 points from the magical 10th spot with no hope of

catching up with just six races remaining until the cut.

But Sunday's 400-mile event could play a key role in determining which drivers eventually get the shot at the big prize.

"Every race is crucial at this point," said Jeremy Mayfield, 11th in the standings and only 40 points behind 10th-place Kevin Harvick, the defending Brickyard champion. "You need to finish in the top 10 or the top five and you need to build momentum that can carry you into the last 10 races."

"That's why this race is so important. Nobody with a chance at the top 10 can afford to lose a lot of points right now."

Series leader Jimmie Johnson and the rest of the top six in the standings look to be all but guaranteed spots in the championship chase. But only 194 points separate sixth-place Kurt Busch from 15th-place Jamie McMurray.

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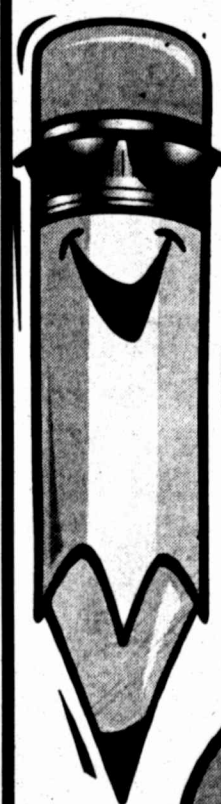
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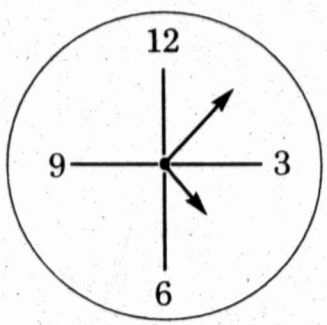


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**COLORADO CITY:** Water clear; 87 degrees; 6.3-foot low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

**FT. PHANTOM HILL:** Water clear; 86 degrees; 12.6-foot low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

**HUBBARD CREEK:** Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 16.5-foot low; Black bass are good on shad-colored crankbaits and topwater baits near shallows and soft plastics around reeds and timber. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striped are fair on live bait. Catfish are good on live bait.

**NASWORTHY:** Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; Black bass are fair on live bait and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on live bait and shad-colored crankbaits. Catfish are good on live baits.

**OAK CREEK:** Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 27-feet low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

**O.H. IVIE:** Water lightly stained; 86 degrees; 28-foot low; Black bass are fair on topwater lures, white/chartreuse spinnerbaits, watermelon or black/blue soft plastics and jigs. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair. Channel catfish are good on live baits.

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**SPENCE:** Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 62-foot low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair. Striped bass and hybrid striped are slow. Catfish are slow.

## Rookies shine at camp scrimmage

By MARK BABINECK

AP Sports Writer  
HOUSTON — Young cornerbacks were on display Friday when the Dolphins and Texans combined training camps for three practice sessions and a scrimmage.

Miami rookie Will Poole, a fourth-round pick, got the highlight of the day by punching the ball out of Texans receiver Albert Johnson's hand while chasing him downfield. The ball popped in the air and into Poole's hands.

On an adjacent practice field, Texans first-round pick Dunta Robinson had his moments — good and bad — as he too saw another NFL team for the first time.

"It's just another step in the right direction for me and my team," said Robinson, who will start this year. "I made a couple of mistakes, but I'll correct those with time."

Poole he won't be relied upon quite as heavily with standout veterans Sam Madison and Patrick Surtain ahead of him. But he was still happy to have a chance to shine.

"You just run to the ball and try to make a play," Poole said. "It's important as a defensive player to get strips and the offense onto the field to help the team win."

And just as Texans veterans Aaroh Glenn and Marcus Coleman are tutoring Robinson, Poole

appreciates his teammates' help.

"Pat and Sam have been great cornerbacks in this league for a while," Poole said. "There are a lot of things I need to learn. I just need to help this team where I can and fit in."

It was the first meeting between the teams since the Texans upset the Dolphins on opening day last year 21-20.

Texans right tackle Todd Wade, who played in Miami for four years before joining Houston in the offseason, noted that

game turned out to be critical.

"We were supposed to go to the Super Bowl," Wade said. "(The Texans) cut that short. We were one game away from the playoffs, and that was one of them."

If the Dolphins held any grudges, they didn't show it Friday during 11-on-11 and 7-on-7 drills.

Houston quarterback David Carr said he had been prepared for the worst even under the controlled circumstances.

"I told my guys this morning we were going to

step it up. This is more than just a practice," said Carr, so far having the sharpest of his three training camps. "I said, 'Guys are going to want to come after us and prove last year was a fluke.'"

"I was really happy with the way we responded. We didn't respond out of control and doing things we don't normally do."

After two practices Friday, a morning session was scheduled for Saturday before their scrimmage at Reliant Stadium. About 30,000 fans were expected.

## Martinez wins top senior at Round Rock

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Felix Martinez, left, won first place at the South Texas PGA Senior Series golf tournament this past week in Round Rock.

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## Houston's Oswalt continues to roll, Astros lose shortstop

HOUSTON (AP) — Adam Everett will be sidelined for four weeks, maybe longer.

The Houston Astros weren't thinking much about their 4-0 win over the Montreal Expos Friday night, instead dwelling on the injury to their shortstop, who broke a bone in his left wrist.

"It's a downer for all the pitchers," said Roy Oswalt, who pitched a five-hitter. "He's the best defensive player we have. He probably saved five or six runs a week for us."

Everett was hit by a pitch from Claudio Vargas in the fourth inning and broke the ulna bone.

Everett, batting .272 with eight homers and 31 RBIs, was taken to a hospital for X-rays.

"At first I didn't think it was too bad," Everett said. "But when they came out and started feeling it, I realized it was pretty serious. Then I knew it was probably broken. I'm really bummed about it. If there's anything I can do to get back before the season is over, I will."

Houston said he will be sidelined for a minimum of four weeks, perhaps longer.

"This is really a huge blow for us," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "I can't think of too many guys we could ill afford to lose more than Everett. He has done a tremendous job for us defensively, and he has really come along

nicely on offense. Surgery will depend on how badly the fracture is displaced, and we won't know that until the swelling goes down in a couple of days."

Hunsicker said the team will call up utilityman Eric Bruntlett from Triple-A New Orleans.

"There's no question about it, that's our single greatest loss this year," Jeff Bagwell said. "He's probably a little underappreciated by most people but not by his teammates. He's not as flashy as some shortstops, but he does a tremendous job."

Oswalt (12-8) struck out eight and walked one in his second shutout of the season, the third of his career. Oswalt, who threw 133 pitches, has won four straight decisions overall and improved to 9-0 against Montreal in 13 career starts.

Oswalt has been working with pitching coach Jim Hickey on his changeup.

"I've been trying to get it over more," Oswalt said. "I probably threw it 25 or 30 times tonight, and I usually only throw it five or six times. It's a pitch that can get you deep into games."

It impressed the Expos, who were shut out for the 15th time this season — no other team has been blanked more than nine times.

"His fast ball is 96, 97 and his curveball is like 68, 70," Brian Schneider said. "And then he's obviously got a good changeup. When he's throwing

all three for strikes, that's the kind of pitcher he can be. He's tough. You just have to battle."

Nick Johnson went 0-for-3 with two strikeouts.

"He's a very good pitcher," Johnson said. "He had everything. He throws extremely hard, changeup, curveball. He kept us off balance. We didn't get a lot going."

Expos starter Rocky Biddle (3-6) was hit on the right ankle by a line drive off the bat of Lance Berkman in the third inning, with the ball bouncing all the way back across the first-base line. Biddle left the game with a bruised ankle, and Montreal said he was day to day.

"It's sore," Biddle said. "It's a pretty good bruise. It's swollen. It should be all right with some treatment. If it would have hit me square on, it probably would have shattered my ankle. It hit the bottom portion of the ankle. I don't know how long it will take. But I don't see it taking too long."

Bagwell hit a solo homer in the second inning, tying Frank Thomas for 30th on the career list at 436.

After Biddle left, Vargas relieved and loaded the bases with a walk to Carlos Beltran, then forced in a run with a walk to Bagwell.

Houston's Jeff Kent hit a two-run single in the seventh against Sun Woo Kim.

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

as of Saturday, August 7

#### American League

| East             | W  | L  | GB   | Home  | Road  | Streak |
|------------------|----|----|------|-------|-------|--------|
| New York Yankees | 69 | 39 | —    | 41-14 | 28-25 | Won 3  |
| Boston           | 58 | 49 | 10.5 | 33-18 | 25-31 | Lost 2 |
| Tampa Bay        | 52 | 57 | 17.5 | 33-25 | 19-32 | Won 1  |
| Baltimore        | 50 | 57 | 18.5 | 26-29 | 24-28 | Won 4  |
| Toronto          | 47 | 62 | 22.5 | 29-27 | 18-35 | Lost 3 |

#### Central

|                   |    |    |      |       |       |        |
|-------------------|----|----|------|-------|-------|--------|
| Minnesota         | 61 | 47 | —    | 32-25 | 29-22 | Lost 2 |
| Chicago White Sox | 54 | 52 | 6    | 30-22 | 24-30 | Lost 3 |
| Cleveland         | 56 | 54 | 6    | 32-23 | 24-31 | Won 3  |
| Detroit           | 51 | 58 | 10.5 | 28-28 | 23-30 | Won 1  |
| Kansas City       | 39 | 68 | 21.5 | 26-30 | 13-38 | Lost 1 |

#### West

|         |    |    |      |       |       |        |
|---------|----|----|------|-------|-------|--------|
| Oakland | 61 | 47 | —    | 36-15 | 25-32 | Won 1  |
| TEXAS   | 60 | 47 | .5   | 31-17 | 29-30 | Lost 1 |
| Anaheim | 59 | 50 | 2.5  | 30-24 | 29-26 | Won 2  |
| Seattle | 40 | 69 | 21.5 | 25-27 | 15-42 | Lost 1 |

#### National League

| East          | W  | L  | GB  | Home  | Road  | Streak |
|---------------|----|----|-----|-------|-------|--------|
| Atlanta       | 61 | 47 | —   | 30-22 | 31-25 | Won 3  |
| Philadelphia  | 57 | 52 | 4.5 | 29-24 | 28-28 | Won 4  |
| Florida       | 54 | 54 | 7   | 29-24 | 25-30 | Won 2  |
| New York Mets | 52 | 56 | 9   | 27-23 | 25-33 | Lost 1 |
| Montreal      | 42 | 66 | 19  | 23-29 | 19-37 | Lost 3 |

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|--------------|----|----|------|-------|-------|--------|
| St. Louis    | 70 | 38 | —    | 34-21 | 36-17 | Won 3  |
| Chicago Cubs | 60 | 49 | 10.5 | 31-21 | 29-28 | Lost 1 |
| HOUSTON      | 55 | 54 | 15.5 | 29-29 | 26-25 | Won 1  |
| Cincinnati   | 53 | 56 | 17.5 | 29-23 | 24-33 | Lost 1 |
| Milwaukee    | 51 | 57 | 19   | 28-27 | 23-30 | Lost 4 |
| Pittsburgh   | 49 | 58 | 20.5 | 26-26 | 23-32 | Lost 5 |

#### West

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|---------------|----|----|------|-------|-------|--------|
| Los Angeles   | 64 | 44 | —    | 35-20 | 29-24 | Lost 1 |
| San Diego     | 59 | 50 | 5.5  | 31-27 | 28-23 | Won 1  |
| San Francisco | 59 | 52 | 6.5  | 32-26 | 27-26 | Won 1  |
| Colorado      | 48 | 61 | 14.5 | 28-30 | 20-31 | Won 1  |
| Arizona       | 35 | 76 | 30.5 | 18-39 | 17-37 | Lost 2 |

#### Glossary:

W: Wins L: Losses  
GB: Games Back  
Home: Home record  
Road: Road record  
Streak: consecutive games won or lost

#### Friday's AL scores

Detroit 4, Boston 3  
New York Yankees 11, Toronto 4  
Tampa Bay 2, Seattle 1 (10)  
Baltimore 9, Texas 1  
Cleveland 3, Chicago White Sox 2  
Anaheim 3, Kansas City 0  
Oakland 3, Minnesota 1 (11)

#### Friday's NL scores

Florida 7, Milwaukee 6  
Houston 4, Montreal 0  
St. Louis 6, New York Mets 4  
Colorado 8, Cincinnati 5  
San Diego 13, Pittsburgh 1  
Atlanta 4, Arizona 2  
Philadelphia 9, Los Angeles 5 (11)  
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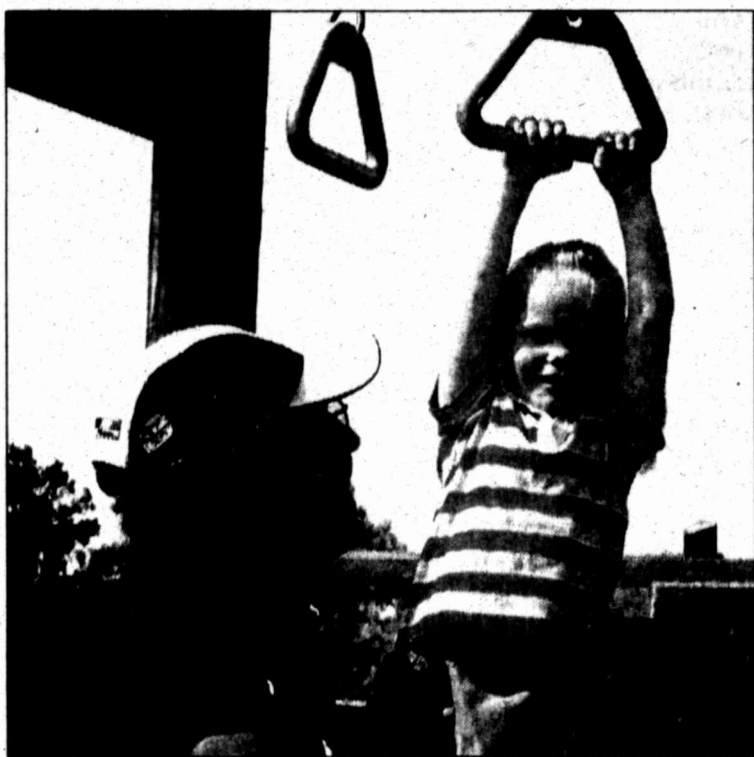
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# A long way from home

## Dutch family revisits Big Spring after 20 years



In each photo, beginning top left moving left to right are Ali and Bart de Jong, and Sherry and Bill Fryrear; Lynn with her Opa, Bart's balloon; the younger family members, Ruud de Wit, Joanne, Rheka, Lynn and Frans; second row left, Frans and Lynn playing at Comanche Trail Park; the entire de Jong clan, laughing because 2-year-old Lynn was doing a back flip in her mother's lap; Ruud and Joanne, Lynn and Rheka; and friends from 1984, Charles Yates, the Fryrears, Cathy and Don Lester and Nell Rogers. The de Jong family spent four days of their three-week vacation in Big Spring. The seven family members traveled across the southern United States this summer in a motor home.

Herald photos and story  
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West Texas hospitality provided the icing on a 50th birthday cake for Bart de Jong, who traveled from the Netherlands this summer to fulfill a 20-year-old parental promise.

"We always told Rheka we would bring her back one day so she could see where she was born. We decided to do it this year, because it was the anniversary for three occasions with our family, and we wanted to do it now before the kids are too old to want to make the trip with us," said de Jong.

July marked Bart's 50th birthday, his 25th anniversary with wife Ali, and their daughter Rheka's 20th birthday. A vacation traveling through the United States allowed the younger family members to view the country, and the elder de Jong's to reacquire themselves with old friends and familiar locales.

In 1984, Bart and Ali, along with their 18-month-old son, Frans, traveled from Holland to live six months at the USDA Research Station to study wind erosion. de Jong had completed his studies at the Eindhoven University of Technology in Holland, where he earned the equivalent of a master's degree in agricultural engineering.

While the family lived in Big Spring, their daughter Rheka was born. The family fulfilled their six-month commitment to the wind erosion project and returned to The Netherlands when Rheka was two months old.

A third daughter, Joanne, was born three years later, and when the family made their three-week adventure to the states this summer, Rheka's 2-year-old daughter, Lynn and Joanne's boyfriend, Ruud de Wit, completed the entourage.

"The boys are real boys. They are impressed with the cars you have here in the America. In Holland, the cars are very small and the motors are smaller, to conserve on gasoline, which is \$4.50 to \$5 a gallon," Bart said.

For the vacation, de Jong rented a motor home in Houston, which allowed the family to visit San Antonio, Big Spring, Carlsbad Caverns, Bryce and the Grand Canyon, Mesa Verde, Hoover Dam and Las

Vegas, before concluding their trip with Ali's family in Los Angeles.

Frans gladly did all the driving, attracted to the size of the vehicle and a chance to drive on the right side of the road.

"Driving the motor home is my vacation. The rest is just a bonus," Frans said.

Once the trip was scheduled, Ali contacted their old friends, Sherry and Bill Fryrear of Sand Springs, to let them know they were returning.

The two women planned a surprise birthday party for Bart via e-mail, and when Bart arrived at the Fryrear's home, he was greeted by several of his former co-workers from the service station.

Along with Sherry and Bill, Charles Yates, Don and Cathy Lester and Nell Rogers also were on-hand to wish Bart a happy 50th birthday.

Bart was surprised, and proudly displayed his 20-year-old cowboy boots and eagle-embossed belt buckle, both purchased in 1984.

"I've worn the boots very often and they are just nearly worn out. The belt buckle was given to me for my birthday then," Bart said.

The family also saved a map of Big Spring from 1984, which they used to maneuver around the city. A car bought by the de Jongs when they lived in Big Spring is long gone, but a bicycle they used is still stored at the station.

"Well, parts of it are, anyway," Yates said.

Laughter and good-natured ribbing and jokes complimented the birthday dinner and cake prepared by Sherry. The adults visited at one table, while the younger family members sat at another table.

All the youths admitted the best part of West Texas for them is the open skies and the vast expanse of land. The West Texas heat was an additional experience for the group, and they enjoyed seeing Scenic Mountain and prairie dogs, which are not native to The Netherlands.

"I think this is great, a lot of open space and a lot of nothing. In Holland, every body is on your doorstep. We have 16 million people in Holland. And before we left, we had not seen the sun for two weeks, because it rained every day," Frans said.

A computer software connoisseur, Frans, 21, currently works as a carpenter and attends college-level courses. He said he would like to live in the states, because he sees more opportunities for young people.

"I like my job but it does not pay enough. I cannot

buy a house on my own there, and would have to buy a house with friends, because they are expensive and my wages are low. I am considering studying computers now," he said.

Ruud de Wit, Joanne's boyfriend, works as metal trades student, with a four-day stint each week on the job and one day a week spent in the classroom. de Wit, 20, is hoping to enter the welding profession.

"It is very dry here. We are used to flat country. I like the views and the skyline and I could look endlessly at the mountains," de Wit said.

Rheka, whose nickname is Texan, is studying horse husbandry in a university in Holland. Her passion for horses motivates her life as well as her vacation, as she sought a place to horseback ride as soon as she arrived in Texas.

"I ride horses western style and my mom rides western style too," Rheka said.

While Ali didn't influence Rheka in her love for animals, Ali also wanted to work in animal husbandry or veterinary medicine. Rheka seems to be fulfilling her mother's dreams for a career.

"Maybe it's the jeans," Bart said.

Joanne, 17, attends school to become a beautician, and her family teases her about being a full-fledged city girl.

"I want to see Las Vegas and Los Angeles and the beach," she said.

Frans remarked he was surprised that air conditioning is in every building the family entered.

"It must be because of the heat, but it doesn't make any sense. It is so cold inside the building that the heat feels even hotter when you get outside," he said.

In The Netherlands, young people do most everything their American counterparts do, such as surfing the web, chatting online, playing sports, watching television and listening to music.

Along with Dutch, in public schools the students are taught English, German and French. Even 2-year-old Lynn speaks fluent Dutch, some English and will enter school when she turns 4.

She calls her grand parents Opa and Oma, and enjoys being with her family.



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## Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Kristina and Christopher Price

### McWherter and Price

Kristina and Christopher Price were united in marriage at 3 p.m. April 3, 2004, in the 14th and Main Church of Christ with Rick Cunningham, minister, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David McWherter of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Gay Wright and the late Denver Wright of Corsicana and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton McWherter of Longview.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Perez of Lockhart and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Price of Rapid City, S.D. and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Noli Busto of Lockhart and Ruby Price and the late Anton Price of Leavenworth, Kan.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a Jasmine bridal creation of delicate white organza over satin. The square neckline gown had spaghetti straps embellished with Swarovski crystals, sequins and pearls. The beading was continued on the drop waist and on the floral embroidery on the bodice and skirt. Triple-layered organza created a soft carriage back train. The bride's triple-layer veil was edged with Swarovski crystals and fell from a headband of cubic zirconia and pearls. The bride carried a bouquet of white roses and stephanotis.

Attending the bride was Honey Joy of Big Spring, serving as matron of honor. Dorothy Kora of New Orleans, La., served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Chelsea van der Schaaf, Houston; Kara Crenshaw, Midland; Jenna Helmer, College Station; Lauren Green, Lubbock; and Mandy Watson, cousin of the bride, Corsicana. The bridesmaids wore identical strapless gowns of lavender satin. Each carried individual bouquets of flowers ranging in colors from lilac to deep purple.

Attending the groom as best man was his brother, Bill Price, of College Station. Groomsman were Bryce Jenkins from Addison; Chris Stanley, Austin; Brent Kaz, The Woodlands; Chad Killian, The Woodlands; John Cornelius, Conroe; and Clifton McWherter, brother of the bride, Odessa.

Wedding music

included selections from Mozart, Brahms, Beethoven, Pachelbel and Mark O'Connor. Danny Flenniken directed an a cappella choral group. Singers were Mary Kay Flenniken, Liz Lowery, Harmony Mallet, Lauren Prather, Kyle Flenniken, C.J. Lowery, Leland Mallet, Will Johnson, Scott Prather and Dean Wheeler.

The couple exchanged vows in front of one 16- and two 13-offsetting-branch candelabras. Four large arrangements of snapdragons, lilies, hydrangea, irises, tulips, gerber daisies and roses, all white, were focal points at the front of the auditorium.

A reception was held at the 14th and Main Church of Christ fellowship hall where hors d'oeuvres and punch were served. The bride's and groom's cakes were served in the parlor. The bride's cake was three-tiered with white fondant ribbon and molded butterflies. Each tier was separated by red roses and topped with an arrangement of red roses. The groom's table held an array of Texas A&M memorabilia, and a two-tiered chocolate cake topped with the Texas A&M seal.

Serving as members of the house party were Mr. and Mrs. J. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bowlin, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Purcell, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bibb, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Green, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. Willie McEndree.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in biomedical science. She is employed by the Institute of Metabolic Disease at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas as a metabolic technician.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Lockhart High School and a 2000 graduate of Texas A&M University having earned a bachelor of science degree in microbiology, and a 2002 graduate of the Texas Heart Institute. He is a cardiovascular perfusionist at Baylor University Medical Center.

After a wedding cruise to the western Caribbean, the newlyweds have made their home in Garland.

### Proctor and Caswell

Terra Lynn Proctor of Big Spring and Mark David Caswell of Denton exchanged wedding vows at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004, in the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring.

Brad Cockrell, the groom's youth minister, of Denton, and Jim Wright, minister of music at First United Methodist Church, officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Terry and Irma Proctor of Del Rio and Charles and Bonnie Miller of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Filomena Glanister of Pinellas Park, Fla., and Theresa Miller of Big Spring.

Terra graduated from Texas Tech University in May of 2004 with her master's degree in speech language pathology. She is employed by the Denton Independent School District.

The groom is the son of David and Alberta Caswell of Denton and the grandson of Frances Caswell of Bowie.

Mark is attending the University of North Texas where he is pursuing a degree in elementary education.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Terry Proctor and her stepfather, Chuck Miller. Terra wore a princess gown from the Mari Lee Collection. The strapless bodice with white Italian satin was embellished with embroidery, seed pearls, sequins and bugle beads. The Basque waistline allowed the ball gown of French tulle to fall gracefully to the floor

and featured a detachable mid-cathedral train of tulle.

The skirt and train sparkled with a scattering of beaded flowers. To complete the romantic look she chose a tiara of rhinestones finished with a cathedral veil edged with teardrop crystals. She carried a bouquet of gerber daisies.

Vocalists were Katie Ganzer, dear friend of the bride and groom, Kristen Stockdale, sister-in-law of the groom and Kara Stockdale, friend of the bride.

Instrumentalists were Noreen Bales, organist, friend of the bride, and Melissa Mikeska, trumpet, friend of the bride.

Scripture readers were Dr. Dickey Stanley, long-time friend of the bride and Suzette Straughn of Era, dear friend of bride and groom.

Matron of honor was Cinda Stanley, dear friend of the bride.

Maid of honor was Janice Tibboel of Lubbock, college friend of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Amanda Burton of Denton, life-long friend of the bride; Kim Rowlett of Lubbock, college friend of the bride; Kimberly Nelson of Denton, college roommate of the bride; Heather Steinhauer of California, college friend of the bride; Natalie Richie of Amarillo, college friend of the bride; Molly Caswell Cooper of College Station, sister of the groom and Kristen Caswell of Denton, sister-in-law of the groom. Flower girls were Amy



Mrs. Mark David (Terra) Caswell

and Sarah Glanister of Lake Orion, Mich., cousins of the bride.

Candlelighters were Taylor Caswell of Denton, cousin of the groom; Becca Campbell of Lubbock, friend of the bride; and Darby Straughn of Era, friend of the bride and groom.

Best man was Micah Caswell of Denton, brother of the groom.

Groomsman were Scott Nelson of Denton, life-long friend of the groom; Phillips Ray of Denton, high school friend of the groom; John Straughn of Era, friend of the groom; Christopher Cooper of College Station, brother-in-law of the groom; Jerry Howard of Denton, long time friend of the groom; Clint Goode of Denton, long-time friend of the groom; Wesley Miller of Big Spring, brother of the bride; and Chris Putman of Denton, longtime

friend of the groom.

Ring bearers were Tyler Caswell of Denton, cousin of the groom and Samuel Cooper of College Station, nephew of the groom.

Ushers were Casey Straughn, Garret Lee, Logan Stanley, Jason Pyle, Chance Huddleston and Stacey Pittman.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony in Garrett Hall.

The bride's cake was a five-tier Italian cream cake, decorated with fresh gerber daisies. The table was covered with an antique white tablecloth and decorated with silver and crystal.

The groom's cake was done in a sports theme with four different cakes. Each cake was a different flavor.

Following an 11-day honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple will make their home in the Denton area.

### Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Dick and Mary Dubose

James (Dick) and Mary Dubose of Big Spring will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary with a cookout hosted by their children and grandchildren.

Dick was born in San Angelo and graduated from Garden City High School. Mary Holloway was born in Paris and graduated from Big Spring High School.

They met at the Jet Drive-In through high school friends and were married in San Angelo Aug. 4, 1969.

They have three children, Barbara Dubose of Brownfield, Jennifer Dubose of Big Spring and J.R. Dubose of Midland and three grandchildren, Ashley Squyres and Pete and Loree Dubose.

They have lived in San Angelo and Huntsville and spent the last 32 years in Big Spring.

Dick is retired from the City of Big Spring Fire

Department and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge 598, Shriners, TMRA II, Big Spring Firefighters Association, Democratic Club and Sponsors for Brownfield Texas TSA.

Mary is retired from the City of Big Spring Water Department. They enjoy fishing, motorcycle riding, helping coach little league sports and traveling.

Their comments on their marriage include, "Have fun everyday, enjoy your children. Spending time with your family makes a marriage strong."



Mr. and Mrs. Virgil and Jeannette Long

Virgil and Jeanette Long were the guests of honor at a Celebration of Life Luau on July 31, 2004, hosted by their family and attended by friends and family.

The event celebrated the couples' 60th wedding anniversary, Virgil's 80th birthday and Jeanette's 78th birthday.

Virgil Long and Jeanette McCormick met at a movie theater when he threw popcorn at her. They were married at 3 p.m. Aug. 3, 1944, in the Big Spring Bombardier Chapel in Big Spring.

They moved to Bentonville, Ark., in 1990 from Big Spring. Virgil, a

32nd degree Mason and member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, was a medical laboratory technician for 32 years at Medical Arts Hospital. He worked for Wal-Mart in Big Spring until he retired in 1990. Jeanette was the owner/operator of her beauty shop before retiring to move to Bentonville.

They have two daughters, Sandra Ward and Kandis Wright, of Bentonville, Ark., one son (deceased), six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

They commented on their marriage of 60 years — "What a Ride!"

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Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Dawn and Jason Pollick

## Parker and Pollick marry

Dawn Alei Parker and 1st Lt. Jason Ray Pollick exchanged their wedding vows in a very personal ceremony June 19, 2004, at the Sandals Resort in Nassau, Bahamas with the Rev. Dewitt Hutcheson, a Bahamian minister, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Doug and Donna Parker of Taylor, formerly of Forsan. She is the granddaughter of Dell Parker of San Angelo and the late D.W. Parker and the late Don DeBerry of Mercedes.

The groom is the son of Doug Pollick of Henderson, Ky., and Linda and Dale Sorrells of Spotsville, Ky. He is the grandson of Annette Johnson of Henderson, Ky. and the late Gordon Johnson and Gerry Cardwell, also of Henderson.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father down their private oceanside pier to her awaiting groom, who was attired in full military dress blues. The double ring ceremony was held in an outdoor gazebo overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The wedding party entered to Johann Pachelbel's "Canon in D."

The bride wore a strapless, ivory-satin gown with a side-drape tier and beaded bodice. The elegant gown featured a matching chapel train. To complement her gown, the bride chose an ivory, finger-tip veil. She carried a round nosegay of Vendela roses with assorted peach and ivory daisies, tulips and pixie carnations.

Serving as matron of honor was Donna Parker, mother of the bride. Best man was Jason Duane Parker, of Dallas, brother of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a champagne recep-

tion was held at the Sandals Resort, featuring an "Inspiration in Ivory" Tres Leche cake. A rehearsal dinner was hosted for the couple at Conch Fritters Bar and Grill in Nassau.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Forsan High School and attended Howard College and Texas Tech University and is presently employed by All God's Creatures Veterinary Clinic in Clarksville, Tenn. The groom is a 1998 graduate of Henderson County High School and a 2002 graduate of West Point (U.S.M.A.) with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and was awarded a Purple Heart. He completed Ranger School in March 2004. He is currently assigned to Bravo Battery, 1/320th Field Artillery Regiment at Fort Campbell, Ky., where he serves as a Fire Direction Officer in direct support of the 2nd Strike Brigade.

The couple met when Jason was attending officer candidate school in Fort Sill, Okla., and Dawn was a public relations representative for Park Place Mercedes Benz dealerships in Dallas.

Following an eight day Bahamas honeymoon the couple is making their home in Fort Campbell, Ky.

The couple is planning an autumn trip to Texas to visit with friends and family.

## Hoch and Harper wed

Michelle Leigh Hoch and Gregory Bruce Harper, both of Martindale, exchanged wedding vows at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church in Garden City. The Rev. Jerry Don Cheshire of Abernathy presided over the ceremony.

Jessica Hoch, sister of the bride, was the soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Melissa Hoch of Garden City. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Forest Hoch of Garden City and Royce and the late Betty Ruth Lee of Bronte.

The groom is the son of Bruce and Linda Harper of San Marcos and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack Farmer Harper of San Marcos and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bryant of Baird.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Michael Hoch, and wore a strapless, cream colored, two-piece, creation featuring four-tuck pleats around the top of the bodice. The corset bodice also featured rows of embossed roses, set off by shimmering beads. The skirt was a A-line style enhanced by the same

four-tuck pleats around the entire hem. The bouquet was an 18-red rose creation by O.T. of A Timeless Design. Large leaves surrounded the roses and the entire bouquet was enhanced by the hand-tied cream ribbon around the stems.

Maid of honor was Amy Hoch, twin sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Rebecca Smith, Andrea Smith, Cory Thornton and Jessica Hoch.

Flower girls were Ferrell, Caroline and Olivia Harper.

Candlelighters were Cole and Shelby Schwartz.

Jeff Harper and Jack Harper served as best men.

Groomsmen were Bob Gary, Preston Morrison and Trevor Wardlaw.

The guestbook attendant was Kerri Brake of San Angelo, lifelong friend of the bride.

Cake attendant was Barbara Lou Ratliff of Garden City.

The reception was held at the Glasscock County Community Center with a fiesta theme. All of the food was prepared by the mother of the bride and two members of the house party, Mrs. Dot Mitchell, cousin of the bride and



Mrs. Gregory (Michelle) Harper

Mrs. Gail Schwartz, family friend of the bride.

The bride's cake was a four-tiered lemon cake with butter cream frosting featuring a red ribbon around the base of each tier.

The groom's cake was an Italian cream cake dec-

orated with light and dark chocolate designs. After feasting on the buffet-style food, guests enjoyed dancing until the early morning hours.

Following a honeymoon cruise to Mexico, the couple will make their home in Martindale.

## Newcomers

• Rex Clayton and wife, Karen of Everman. He is the pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

• Coby Norman, wife Lisa and daughters Faith and Emma of Olton. They are both employed by B.S.I.S.D.

• Paul Hidalgo and wife, Renee of San Marcos. They are employed by B.S.I.S.D.

• Jaime Soliz, wife Stephanie, daughter Ysabel and son Ehren of Snyder. He is employed by Redman Pipe & Supply in Snyder.

• Helen Glaspie of Midland. She is a retired beautician.

• Barbara Hulseley of Concord, CA. She is retired from church office work.

• Don Romero, wife, Amy, sons Anthony and Andrew and daughter Ashley of Pecos. He is employed by Nabors Drilling.

• William Douglas, wife Maria and daughter Hanna of Grants, NM. He is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical

Center.

• Johnnie Rutledge, wife Jackie and daughter Kelsey of Altus, OK. He is employed by Sheeno.

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| 2000 Chrysler LHS - Stk# D63, Blue/Gray, Only 42,000 One Owner Miles, Power Windows, Locks & Mirrors, Tilt/Cruise, CD/Cassette, Leather, Nicel Nicel Nicel! Was \$12,880. <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$11,995 | 2003 Chevrolet Avalanche 1500 - Stk# D46, V8, 5.3 Liter, Auto., 4WD, A/C, Power Steering/Windows/Door Locks, Only 19,000 Miles. Was \$26,945. <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$25,995                                  |
| 2004 Chevrolet Classic - Stk# D145 & D79, Automatic, Tilt/Cruise, Power Windows, Locks & Mirrors, 2 To Choose From, Just Arrived... <b>SOLD</b> \$12,995                                           | 2004 Chevrolet 1500 Ext. Cab - Stk# D143, Automatic, 271 4X4, LS Pkg., 16,000 One Owner Miles! Just Arrived... <b>SOLD</b> \$25,995                                                                     |
| 2004 Pontiac Grand Am SE - Stk# D79, D80, V6, Power Windows, Locks & Mirrors, Tilt/Cruise, CD, Rear Spoiler, Teen Miles, Two To Choose From!! Was \$17,015. <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$12,995               | VANS                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1999 Cadillac DeVille - Stk# D148, V8, 4.9 Liter, Power Steering, Tilt/Cruise, Premium Sound, Leather, Alloy Wheels. Was \$14,995. <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$13,995                                        | 1997 Chevrolet Conversion Van 1500 - Stk# D102 V8, 5.7 Liter, 4 Bucket Seats, TV VCR, Power Reclining Bed. Was \$8,080. <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$7,995                                                         |
| 2003 Pontiac Grand Am - Stk# D163A, GT, 4 door, Ram Air, White, Sunroof, Loaded, One Owner, 12,000 Miles! Was \$15,995. <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$14,995                                                   | 2000 GMC Safari Minivan - Stk# D65, V6, 2.8 Passenger, Rear Air, Power Windows, Locks & Mirrors, Tilt/Cruise, Quad Seating, Roof Rack. Was \$13,510. <b>SOLD</b>                                        |
| 2004 Dodge Intrepid SE Sedan 4D - Stk# D114, V6 2.7 Liter, Auto., FWD, A/C, Power Equipped, Tilt/Cruise, AM/FM Stereo, Cass, CD, Alloy Wheels. Was \$16,925. <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$15,495              | 2004 Chevrolet Venture Ext. Minivan - Stk# D144, V6 3.4 Liter, Automatic, Power Sliding Door, 7-8 Passenger, Rear Air, CD, Power Seat, Roof Rack, Privacy Glass. Was \$22,210. <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$19,495 |
| 1993 Cadillac Allante - Stk# D122, Red, Black Convertible Top, Only 45,000 One Owner Miles. Was \$18,995. <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$16,995                                                                 | SPORT UTILITY                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| PICKUPS                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2001 Chevrolet Blazer LT - Stk# D148, Red, OnStar, 45,000 Miles. Was \$13,995. <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$11,995                                                                                                 |
| 1995 Chevrolet 1500 Ext. Cab - Stk# D128, V8, 5.7 Liter, Power Windows/Locks, Tilt/Cruise, Towing Pkg., 271, 4X4. Was \$9,995. <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$8,995                                             | 2001 GMC Jimmy - Stk# D70A, White, V6, 4.3 Liter, Rear Air, Power Windows & Locks, Tilt/Cruise, Cassette, Dual Power Seats, Roof Rack, Alloy Wheels. Was \$13,735. <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$12,495             |
| 1998 GMC 1500 Club Coupe - Stk# D88A, V8, 5.7 Liter, Auto., 2WD, Third Door, SLE, A/C, Power Steering/Windows/Door Locks, Tilt/Cruise, AM/FM, CD. Was \$11,660. <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$9,995            | 2002 Buick Rendezvous CX - Stk# D129, V6, 3.4 Liter, Auto., Tilt/Cruise, CD, Third Seat. Was \$15,995. <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$14,995                                                                         |
| 1999 Chevrolet 1500 Ext. Cab - Stk# D151, Pewter, 271, Bucket Seats, Spray in bed liner. Was \$15,995. <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$13,995                                                                    | 2003 Dodge Durango - Stk# D113, V8, 4.7 Liter, Auto., 2WD, Power Steering/Windows/Door Locks, Tilt/Cruise, Alloy Wheels. Was \$21,000. <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$17,995                                         |
| 2001 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Ext. Cab - Stk# D92, V8, 5.3 Liter, Auto., 2WD, LS, A/C, Tilt/Cruise, AM/FM, CD, Air Bags. Was \$17,660. <b>SOLD</b> NOW \$15,995                                    | 1999 Cadillac Escalade - Stk# D57, 5.7 Liter, Auto., Rear Air, CD, Premium Sound, Leather, Tilt/Cruise, Quad Seats, Roof Rack. Was \$20,995. <b>SOLD</b>                                                |
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# So long to long distance?

Calling packages, Internet phoning swiftly ending a high-cost category

By CHRISTOPHER STERN

The Washington Post

"Shush, it's long-distance!"  
For decades, a long-distance call was something special — and expensive. It could instantly quiet a dinner-table conversation and infuse a household with an aura of anxiety or romance.

Over time, long-distance became cheaper and more routine. And now it appears close to disappearing entirely as its own category, thanks to the popularity of unlimited telephone packages. For millions of people, it no longer makes a difference if they call across the country or across the street.

What began as a slow change has been accelerating in the past year or so, upending an industry long viewed as a steady utility. A combination of deregulation and new technologies has spawned a sometimes bewildering choice of pricing plans for consumers from different players — traditional phone giants, wireless firms, cable systems and Internet companies. Most of them offer connections for much less than what separate local and long-distance used to cost.

One victim of the changes is AT&T Corp., the dominant phone carrier for a century, which last month made the historic announcement that it was no longer marketing long-distance service to consumers. Meanwhile, local phone companies such as BellSouth Corp. and Verizon Communications Inc., which were spun off from AT&T two decades ago, have been freed to sell long-distance service in many states. Now, Verizon, BellSouth and SBC Communications Inc. each have more long-distance cus-

tomers than either MCI Inc. or Sprint Corp.

People who never expected to change their phone habits have learned to love the new world. Many have switched their long-distance calling to their cell phones, which often have packages allowing unlimited usage in the evenings and on weekends. Others, like Jeane-Louise Turner, have bought bundled service from landline companies.

Turner, 61, of Washington, used to wait until Sunday nights, when rates were cheapest, to call her son in

Brooklyn, N.Y. They kept conversations brief, aware that each ticking minute would show on her bill.

"Now I call him several times a week and we talk for 45 minutes to an hour," said Turner, who subscribes to a local and long-distance package that costs \$49.75 a month. "I could talk for five hours on each call and it's still the same price."

Turner gets her service from ACN Inc., one of dozens of companies offering the all-you-can-talk plans that are quickly making per-call charges obsolete.

In 1920, a 10-minute call between Los Angeles and New York cost \$26.17 — the equivalent of almost \$250 in 2004 dollars. By 1998, the price of that same call had fallen to 50 cents, said A. Michael Noll, professor at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University at Southern California.

Noll no longer tracks the per-minute cost of a long-distance call. "The problem now is that I can't do my study anymore because with all the flat-rate plans it doesn't make any sense," Noll said.

The biggest impact on the long-distance industry has been the entry of giants such as Verizon and SBC. In many markets, the Baby Bell is now the leading long-distance provider.

"The biggest reason (AT&T is) getting out of the retail market is that (it is) getting clobbered by the regional Bell companies," said Stephan Beckert, an analyst with TeleGeography Inc.

Neither MCI nor Sprint is marketing long-distance to residential customers as a stand-alone service. Unlike AT&T, neither company has called attention to the change, although executives confirmed it.

The regional phone companies have the advantage of being able to include a pitch for their bundle of local and long-distance service in every monthly phone bill. They also are big enough to afford to cut prices to keep residential and business customers and to attract new ones. "They are pricing their services much more aggressively than I expected," said Beckert.

That turned out to be good  
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## Stanton Laser Car Wash named 2004 Propane SuperStar

Special to the Herald

Stanton Laser Car Wash has been honored for its use of propane-powered high heat and pressure washers.

The business was one of 13 organizations and individuals receiving 2004 Propane SuperStar accolades from the Texas Railroad Commission.

"Propane is holding down energy costs for residents of Martin County. They can now enjoy a clean, high pressure, high-heat wash at an affordable price," said car wash owners Bill and Chipper Coggins of Stanton.

Terry Franklin of Franklin & Son Inc. of Stanton nominated the SuperStar winner.

The Railroad Commission presents its SuperStar Awards each year to businesses, agencies, organizations and individuals that have found innovative ways to use propane as an environmentally beneficial fuel. Railroad Commissioner Charles R. Matthews presented the awards at the Texas Propane Gas Association Annual Convention, held in San Antonio.

"I am pleased to recognize Stanton Laser Car Wash for expanding the use of this clean, economical Texas Fuel,"

said Commissioner Michael Williams. "As we've seen here today, the diversity of this year's SuperStar Award winners is testimony that propane is a fuel for all of Texas."

Propane SuperStars are chosen by a panel of propane consumers coordinated by the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division. Criteria for the SuperStar awards include originality and commitment to the environment as it relates to the use of propane fuel.

Winners compete against other business and individual nominees from across the state.

# Staying cool while reducing energy costs?

TXU Delivery touts  
some solutions  
for its customers

Special to the Herald

A Texas-sized problem: Staying cool while reducing energy use

As citizens face another hot Texas August in Big Spring they all have the same problem — reduce energy use at home to save money or spend more to run the air conditioning and stay cooler?

Fortunately, there's another solution, according to TXU.

"In addition to delivering dependable and reliable electricity, we have a great deal of experience with making it easier to cut energy consumption and expenses without giving up air conditioning for the summer," said Paul Folger, local Big Spring manager for TXU Electric Delivery.

"We also have some help from the Texas Legislature which established goals to reduce

energy growth by 10 percent each year. This resulted in the creation of eight different programs to help consumers maximize energy and cost savings and encourage the installation of energy efficient measures to reduce energy demand."

According to TXU, since 2001, the company has invested millions of dollars to help some 90,600 households save an average of \$181 through home improvements such as attic insulation, weather-stripping and the installation of high efficiency air conditioning and heat pump units. All of TXU Electric Delivery's programs have also reduced demand by 467,392,648 kilowatt hours — the equivalent of the annual energy usage of 29,212 homes.

Specifically, TXU has the following easy-access programs to help reduce energy demand within the TXU Electric Delivery service area:

Low-Income Weatherization Program — Targets residential

consumers with an annual household income at or below 200 percent of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines.

As part of the overall program, consumers who qualify are provided energy efficient measures and improvements to reduce the energy cost in their home by an approved TXU Electric Delivery contractor. Depending on the contractor, used services are either free or low cost for these weatherization improvements.

Residential and Small Commercial Program — Offers incentive for the installation of a wide range of measures that reduce energy use and peak demand. Incentives are paid to project sponsors, which may include energy service companies, retail electric providers, HVAC contractors, lighting companies and other energy conservation firms or commercial customers.

Air Conditioning Distributor Program — Program for distributors designed to increase the installation of high efficien-

cy air conditioners in the residential and small commercial market to reduce summer peak demand for electricity.

Air Conditioning Installer Program — Designed to encourage improved installation practices for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment, including measures designed to reduce leakage in air ducts. The program is administered by Air Conditioning Contractors of America — (ACCA-NT) and Texas Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA-Texas).

Energy Star® Homes Program — Open to all homebuilders and is intended to increase the construction and sale of Energy Star® labeled homes to reduce energy demand and provide utility bill savings for consumers.

Multifamily Gas Water & Space Heating Program — Pilot program designed to reduce summer peak demand by increasing high-efficiency gas water heating in new multifamily properties.

Commercial and Industrial

Program — Designed to achieve a high level of energy and demand savings in the commercial and industrial sectors. The program does not prescribe technologies or end uses, but instead provides a framework through which service providers can receive incentives for implementing and installing a wide range of measures at customer sites.

Emergency Load Management Program — During emergency circumstances, TXU Electric Delivery will request that facilities of participating customers be curtailed in order to improve system reliability. TXU Electric Delivery will pay project sponsors for verified demand savings resulting from the interruptions requested by TXU Electric Delivery during emergency periods.

If you are interested in one of these programs, or if you would like the names and phone numbers of the Big Spring area contractors who participate, please visit TXU Electric Delivery's Internet site at [www.txuelectricdelivery.com](http://www.txuelectricdelivery.com) or call toll-free at 1-866-728-3674.



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Andrea Coxey, PO Box 1042, Sterling City  
Kathi Duke, 337 Greeson Street, Summerville, Ga.  
Shannon Fonda, 910 N. Runnels or PO Box 715, Coahoma  
Kenneth Galindo, 6830 El Paso Dr., El Paso  
Christopher George, 215 S. Third Street Apt. 30, Laramie, Wyo.  
Frank Gibbs, 1102 Hwy 176 or 1907 Scurry, Big Spring  
Billy Gonzales, 1212 S. Hannah Rd., Hobbs, N.M.  
Cody Heath Hale, 2477 Country Club Rd., San Angelo  
Gary L. Hale, 2320 CRC 3100, Stanton  
Bryan Hammonds, 603 Circle, Big Spring  
Jeremy Royce Harman, 6713 E. Roobinson, Stanton  
Erin Jean Hernandez, 2901 Runnels, Big Spring  
Erica Marie Letrex Johnston, 3100 Caldera Blvd Apt. 2314, Midland  
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Robert P. Landrum, 310 E. Palace Ave., Hobbs N.M.  
Ronald Troy Little, 1710 Young, Big Spring  
Diana Marie Luna, 715 Shinnery Lane, Brownfield  
Vaughn Lee Medina, 4000 W. Hwy. 80, Big Spring

Tammy Nicholson, 1104 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring  
Arthur Ortega, 607 Bristlewood Cove, Cedar Park  
Dandra C. Ortega, 2300 Camp Dr. Apt. 1, Midland  
Erica Elaine Ortega, 214 Grimes, Big Spring  
Danny Gene Priest, 1418 W. FM 818 or 3701 Connally, Big Spring  
Randy Ramirez, 1511 Sunset, Big Spring  
Sierra Ramos, 1905 Wasson Road Apt. 20, Big Spring  
Dennis Michael Richardson, 2201 S. Main Street or 1102 S. Lancaster, Big Spring  
Salome Adolph Rios, 2511 Albrook, Big Spring  
Kayla Roberts, 3600 Hamilton, Big Spring  
Evelyn Rodriguez, PO Box 2942 or 5402 Lancaster, Odessa  
Patricia Rodriguez, 2201 CR 31, Lamesa  
Allen Stanford, 774 E. 8th Street, Colorado City  
Jerrick Delova Straughter, 811 Llorilla, Big Spring  
Stephanie B. Street, 2611 Ryan Pl. Dr., Fort Worth  
Tracy J. Thompson, 8406 S. Service Road, Big Spring  
Jacob Unger, County Road 402, Seminole  
David Yanez, 2507 Gunter, Big Spring  
Teresa Josephine Zarate, 1105 W. Kentucky Ave., Midland  
James Dean Zeigenbein, 9413 University, Odessa  
Shuang Cheng Zhang, 1201 Gregg Street, Big Spring

County Court Rulings:  
Judgment and Sentence: Israel Miramontes, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Richard Wayne Rains, possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs, 60 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Israel Miramontes, evading arrest, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Jimmy Dean Killman, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Henry Clay Hernandez, violation of a protective order, \$311 court costs, 120 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Martha Martinez, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,500 fine, \$376 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Angela Castaneda, driving while license suspended, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Robert Eric Garcia, unlawfully carrying a weapon, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Alonso Pina, criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Ivan Pina, criminal

mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Olivia Gonzales, displaying a fictitious motor vehicle inspection certificate, \$250 fine, \$291 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Tammie Sue Horn, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$376 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Freddie Sosa, purchase/furnishing alcohol to minor, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Jimmy Todd Shepard, driving while license invalid, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Phillip Garcia, driving while license suspended, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Israel Miramontes, burglary of a vehicle, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail.  
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Probated Judgment: Jose Manuel Jimenez Jr., possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$261 court

costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Manuel Alvarado Olvera, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$376 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Angela M. Alcoria, purchase/furnishing alcohol to minor, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Benny Islas, possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Seth Patrick Northwall, possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less, \$100 fine, \$261 court costs, 7 days in jail.  
District Court Filings:  
Monica Leigh Ortega vs. Rudy Ortega Jr., divorce.  
Isabel Garza vs. Frank Garza, divorce.  
John G. Gladstein vs. Karla De Caceres Alvarez, divorce.  
Roxanne Gauvin Massingill, divorce.  
Veronica Vasquez Estrada vs. Eric Estrada, divorce.  
Priscilla Marie Gamboa vs. Robert Gamboa, divorce.  
Maria Torres vs. Gerardo Covarrobias, family protective order.  
Desiree Thompson vs. Brent Newton Faglie, family protective order.  
Laticia Faglie vs. Brent Newton Faglie, family protective order.  
Broadway Communications, LLC, and Witel Communications, LLC, vs. Steve McClain dba M&D Contractors, injury or damages other.  
Amanda Carrisalez vs. CRST Flatbed

Regional Inc. and Carl Hill, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.  
D.W.R. Oil Company Inc. vs. Marjorie E. Massey, Catherine L. Freil, and the unknown heirs at law devisees and legal representatives of the defendant, other civil.  
Marriage Licenses:  
Ernest Sarmiento, 33, and Amy Garza, 20, both of Big Spring.  
Wesley Paul Smith, 18, and Stacy Lee Rubio, 18, both of Big Spring.  
Danny Isbell Ortiz, 28, and Kristi Charlene Brockman, 23, both of Big Spring.  
Justin Lee Jernigan, 20, of Big Spring, and Patricia Renee Hollander, 17, of Coahoma.  
Warranty deeds:  
Grantor: Jennifer J. Fink and Bruce W. Fink  
Grantee: Jo Watkins  
Property: Lot 3, Block 10, Kentwood Addition Unit No. 1  
Date Filed: July 26, 2004  
Grantor: Vazgen Artounian and Lidoush Artounian  
Grantee: Aung Myint Thein and Mee Mee  
Property: Lot 15, Block 11, Coronado Hills Addition  
Date Filed: July 26, 2004  
Grantor: Scott L. Nelson and Mindy L. Nelson  
Grantee: Prudential Residential Services  
Property: A 5 acre tract out of the NW/4

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news for Anthony Loiacono. He uses an unlimited calling plan from Verizon for his media planning firm in Brooklyn.

When he moved into the building four years ago, Verizon offered him little flexibility beyond call-waiting and call-forwarding. But just about the time he began hearing from Verizon's competitors, he also heard from Verizon. It was eager to keep him as a customer even though he had only 10 employees and spent \$1,000 to \$2,000 a month on his phone bill — a pittance compared with Verizon's largest business customers.

The Verizon representative told Loiacono, "We want to bring down your rates." Verizon offered him a flat-fee package that cut his average bill to about \$500.

Until last month, AT&T had been fighting a rear-guard action by offering its own bundle of local and long-distance service. Because AT&T has no local network of its own, it had to lease lines from rivals such as Verizon and SBC. But last month, the Federal Communications Commission changed

rules that allowed AT&T and other firms to lease local lines at deeply discounted rates. AT&T Chief Executive David Dorman cited that change as the key factor in his decision to stop chasing consumers.

Further roiling the industry, consumers have begun to embrace a technology that allows them to make calls over their high-speed Internet connections instead of phone lines. Such services are driving prices down further, although they are still working out some kinks when it comes to reliability and sound quality. Lingo.com of McLean, Va., gives users unlimited local and long-distance Internet calling for \$19.95 a month — including unlimited calling to Western Europe.

The technology has been waiting in the wings for several years but has begun to take off now that 25 percent of the nation's homes have subscribed to a high-speed Internet service. In the past few months, Verizon, AT&T and other large telephone companies have introduced their own Internet-based offerings.

The technology is already popular with businesses that have been able to cut their long-distance bills by as much as 50 percent. American West Transportation's phone

furniture shipping company in California, used to pay \$30,000 or more as it kept in touch with customers and employees nationwide.

But in December, American West signed a contract with Covad Communications Group Inc. to move all of its telephone traffic onto the Internet. Now American West's monthly long-distance bill is around \$20,000, and when the transition is complete — sometime next month — costs should drop to about \$15,000, said Curt Scott, who is in charge of American West Transportation's phone

system. The company's \$75,000 investment in new equipment will pay for itself in the first year.

Noll believes the falling cost of long-distance calls is directly related to new technologies and the growing capacity of the long-distance networks, rather than the forces created by competition.

For instance, in 1946, a 10-minute call between New York and Los Angeles cost \$5.50 — about \$50 in 2004 dollars. At the time, AT&T's network could handle only 1,800 simultaneous conversations. Callers had to request a long-distance line from an operator and

then wait several hours for the operator to call back with an open circuit. That was true in some places into the 1950s, Noll said.

Network capacity expanded steadily until Congress passed the deregulatory Telecommunications Act of 1996. Eager to cash in on the newly opened market, dozens of companies spent billions of dollars laying new long-distance lines across the country and around the world. The huge oversupply led to the demise of some high-flying firms, including WorldCom Inc. and XO Communications Inc.

The sudden surge in capacity sent wholesale rates plunging. The cost of a link capable of carrying 2,000 simultaneous calls has fallen from \$155,000 a month in January 2000 to \$6,200 now, according to Beckett of TeleGeography.

Beckett sees no end to the oversupply of long-distance network capacity. Less than 4 percent of the long-distance lines now in the ground are being used, he said.

For the foreseeable future, that means customers such as Turner and Loiacono can feel free to continue talking as long as they want.

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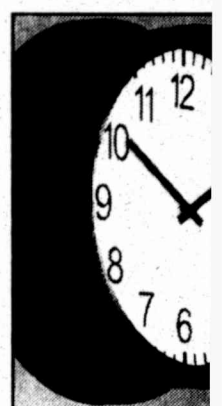
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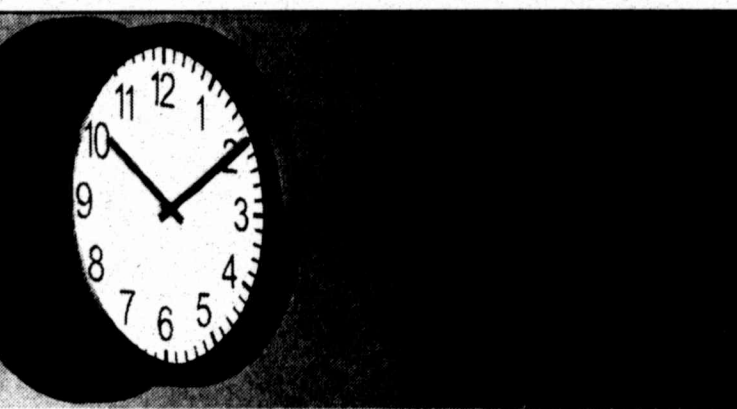
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**Freddy D. Drachenberg Trust - Owner**

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**AUCTION**

**SATURDAY, August 14th: 9:30 am**

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### Real Estate for Sale

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### Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

The spotlight swivels around to each and every one of us under the Leo sun, so be sure you know what you're going to do when it's your turn. Getting your story straight means being certain in your own mind how you really feel about what's going on in the world. The moon enters Gemini tonight, bringing a second wind.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your picture of the perfect relationship is not wrong, but it's different from a loved one's ideas. A conversation will clear up misunderstandings. Long-running success is possible when you're acting toward long-term goals.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You don't need to say you are a good person because others can tell. You'll get a second chance. Don't tempt fate again. The gears are in motion toward commitment. Bone up on your talent; you'll use it tonight.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Success is not without struggle. Challenges only serve to show others how accomplished you can be. You'll be able to turn the tables in an unequal relationship. Be careful not to gloat, though, or this win becomes very temporary.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Enjoy the fun of having your true friends nearby, and don't worry about everything being perfect. You are more attractive than you know. What you saved comes in handy. Sagittarius and Pisces bring luck.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Special projects can be all-consuming. Think twice before you even start. Couples easily gain one another's trust but should carefully guard this because it is also easily lost. Dare to openly express emotion tonight.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Make those plans for the future, but keep them to yourself for now. A jealous female should be handled with care. Put a little spice into your love life to keep things from becoming predictable.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll get the green light on expansion or education plans. Make up for mistakes as soon as possible. Look behind you as you leave a bus or restaurant booth; it's easy to lose things today. You could find what someone else left.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you have been neglecting your dreams in favor of a joyless reality, it's time to change the bad habit. Unexpected and late guests make the day more interesting. Do what you can to include elders in the festivities.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are now better equipped to handle a family responsibility. You also have the power to rekindle love if you choose it. Because of your selfless efforts, a better relationship develops with a parent, spouse or friend.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Indecision interferes with luck, so be certain and clear. Pay no attention to what others think; do your life your way. Love is out to snag you. Enjoy the fun, but don't go too far with spending or imbibing.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Envy could alter the dynamic of important friendships. Anticipate this problem, and stay away from potentially incendiary statements. You'll have to interpret signals from loved ones.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be in a poetic mood and will wish to share it. When people look at you cross-eyed, you'll think it's not easy being a dreamer. But when they applaud and laugh, you'll feel triumphant — your whimsy is someone else's delight.

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### Legals

This is an invitation to any school interested in becoming a training provider for the Permian Basin area. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. For more information on becoming a training provider, please contact the Permian Basin Workforce Development Board at 1-877-563-2580. #4291 August 4 & 8, 2004

### Legals

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO MARJORIE E. MASSEY, CATHERINE L. FREEL, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEFENDANTS Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday 13 day of September, 2004, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas at the Court House of said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 26th day of JULY, A.D. 2004, in this case, numbered 43711 on the docket of said court, and styled:

D.W. R. OIL COMPANY, INC. Vs. MARJORIE E. MASSEY, CATHERINE L. FREEL, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEFENDANTS.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Obtain oil, gas and mineral leases from all the mineral owners on and under the following described land ("the subject property") located in Howard County, Texas. The North Half (N/2) of Section 41, Block 33, T-1-W, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, containing 320 acres, more or less.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issue and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Big Spring, Texas this the 29th day of JULY, A.D. 2004

COLLEN BARTON, District Clerk  
118th District Court, Howard County, Texas  
By Priscilla Ginnetti, Deputy  
#4292 August 8, 15 & 22, 2004

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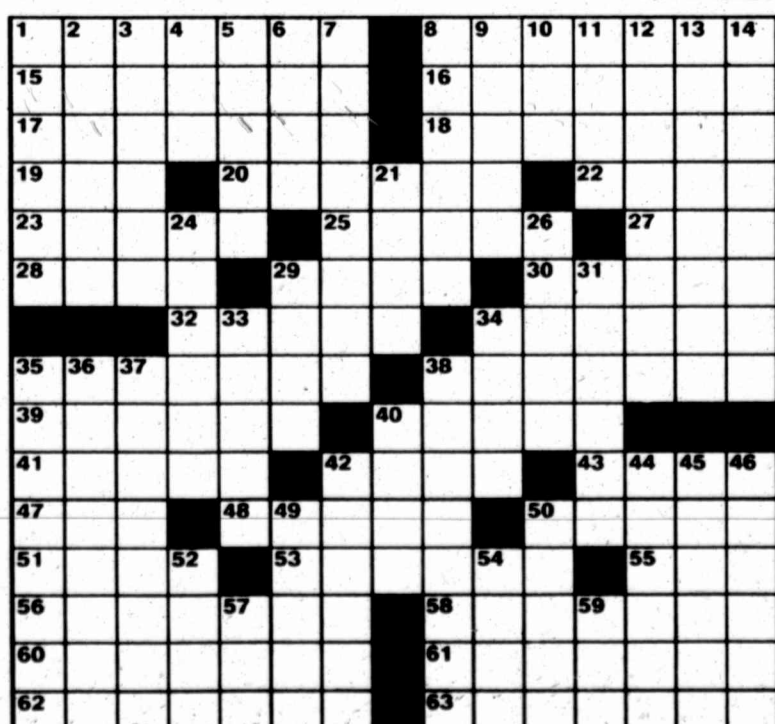
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- ACROSS**  
1 Do away with  
8 Elegant  
15 Hoodlum  
16 Green Acres cow  
17 Great joy  
18 Velocipede  
19 Court need  
20 Lemnos' sea  
22 Brake part  
23 Mill starter  
25 Palm locales  
27 Actress Harding  
28 Lays down turf  
29 Crafty move  
30 Brit's bread spread  
32 Messenger's wear, maybe  
34 More roomy  
35 — and goings  
38 Curator's concern  
39 Far point  
40 Smudged  
41 Fishing device  
42 Bangalore attire  
43 Laird's daughter  
47 Paycheck abbr.  
48 Scottish topography  
50 Ancient storyteller  
51 Picture borders  
53 Horse's lead  
55 Soil turner  
56 Ceaseless

- 58 Spring flower  
60 Work with antiques  
61 Shrugged off  
62 Gated acreage  
63 Window covering  
**DOWN**  
1 Moles, maybe  
2 Short jacket  
3 Held forth  
4 Not dark  
5 High schooler's reading  
6 Purple fruit  
7 Popular places

- 8 Cheaper  
9 Skirt style  
10 Jiffy  
11 Onetime film censor  
12 Boss  
13 Opposite of currently  
14 Shrubs and such  
21 Leisure  
24 Post  
26 Feel a sting  
29 Height of fashion  
31 Hose pattern  
33 Lower oneself  
34 Actress Singer  
35 Fine fabric

- 36 Runs  
37 Most humid  
38 Kit's purpose  
40 You Only Live Twice screenwriter  
42 Piano practice  
44 On the ground  
45 First  
46 Efficient  
49 CTA Blue Line terminus  
50 Boxing venue  
52 Tijuana Ms.  
54 Bridge bldr.  
57 Teen's denial  
59 Unruly hair



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MONDAY THRU SATURDAY 10 AM - 9 PM  
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AUGUST 2004



## Engagements

Yates and  
Day to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Jody Yates of Tarzan and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Day of Meadow announce the engagement of their children, Katie Jo and Rusty Alan.

Katie is the granddaughter of Sammy and Nancy Yates of Tarzan and Michael and Jane Pugh of Midland. She is the great granddaughter of Jack Glaze of Tarzan and Addie Blissard of Midland. Katie is a 1999 graduate of Grady High School and received her bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Texas Tech in 2003. She is employed by State Senator Robert Duncan in Lubbock.

Rusty is the grandson of Ray and Jean Gober of



Katie Jo Yates and Rusty Alan Day

Meadow and the late Don and Catherine Day. He is a 1997 graduate of Meadow High School and received his bachelor's degree in agricultural business from Texas A&M in 2001. He current-

ly farms and raises show cattle in Meadow.

An outdoor wedding is planned for Oct. 9 at the home of Jody and DeAnn Yates.

Gibbs and  
Vaughn engaged

Heather Dawn Gibbs and Jeromy James Vaughn, both of Andrews, will exchange wedding vows at 4 p.m. Aug. 28, 2004, at Means Memorial Methodist Church in Andrews.

The bride is the daughter of Jana Porter and L.C. "Trip" Gibbs III, both of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Bennie and Ruelene Porter and L.C. Gibbs and Zelda, all of Big Spring, and the great granddaughter of Modehn Wyatt of Big Spring and Lilly Porter of Coleman.

She is a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School, a registered massage therapist and is attending the nursing program at



Heather Dawn Gibbs and Jeromy James Vaughn

Odessa College.

The groom is the son of Maureen Vaughn of Andrews and Sid Vaughan of Caddo, Okla., and the grandson of Lucy

Odegaard.

He is a 1989 graduate of Andrews High School and is employed by the State of Texas.

## Births



Jaron Todd Slaton

Jaron Todd Slaton, a boy, was born on July 12, 2004, at 11:40 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. His parents are Todd and Amy Slaton of San Angelo. His grandparents are Ray and Vicki Slaton of Big Spring and the late Ginger Rich. His great-grandparents are A.C. and Doris Alexander of Big Spring and Eileen Halfmann of Ballinger.

He was welcomed home by big sisters Sterling and Addison.

Tony Jr. Lynn Leos, a boy, was born on July 30, 2004, weighing 5

pounds, 12 ounces and was 18 inches long. His parents are Tony Leos and April Cunningham. His grandparents are Eva and Charlie Leos and Tina and Terry Cunningham.

Jamarion Jamar Ford, a boy, was born on July 30, 2004, weighing 5 pounds, 12 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. His parents are Deanna and Chauncey Ford. His grandparents are Deidra Avery of Big Spring and Bertie and Freddie Hawkins of Midland.

Kirstyn Nicole Gusman, a girl, was born on July 28, 2004, at 8:03 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Henry Gusman and Michelle Edmondson. Her grandparents are Frank and Gracie Alcantar of Big Spring and Bobby and Rhonda Edmondson of Colorado City.

## HEALTH HAPPENINGS

Scenic Mountain Medical Center  
invites you to join our...

## August 2004 Schedule

## August 1

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 2

\*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 3

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Retirement Living - 10:00 am

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 4

\*Stretch & Tone (Hospital) - 11:00 am  
\*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Hospital)

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 5

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Coffee @ Gales - 10:00 am  
\*Supper Club "Furr's" - 5:30 pm

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 6

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 7

Childbirth Classes - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
2nd Floor (Hospital) Call To Enroll 268-4550  
Laurie Burks, Instructor

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 8

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 9

\*Games - 2:00 pm (Hospital)  
\*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 10

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Lunch Bunch & Birthdays - 11:30 am - "Hunan's"  
Bus Fare & Hotel (Cut off of trip) Aug. 10  
Openings Still - Open - Call - \$225 per person

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 11

\*Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am  
\*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Hospital)  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 12

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am  
\*Supper Club "Hermans" - 5:30 pm

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 13

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 14

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 15

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 16

\*Shreveport Trip For Seniors

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 17

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Shreveport Trip For Seniors

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 18

\*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 19

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 20

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 21

\*ROCKHOUND BASEBALL & Fireworks - 5:00 pm

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 22

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 23

\*Games - 2:00 pm (Hospital)  
\*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 24

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*POT LUCK & BINGO - 11:30 (Hospital)

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 25

\*Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am  
\*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am  
\*Supper Club "La Posada" - 5:30 pm

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 26

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
\*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am  
\*Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 am (Hospital)

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 27

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 28

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 29

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 30

\*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

## August 31

\*Mall Walking - 8:00 am  
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

\*Anita Cline  
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