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Blunt trauma cause of death for unidentified man, autopsy reveals

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Preliminary autopsy results from a body found Thursday afternoon indicate the cause of death was blunt trauma to the head, as investigators continue efforts to identify the man.

According to Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker, an autopsy was performed on the body by the Lubbock County Medical Examiner's office Friday morning.

"The autopsy has ruled the cause of death to be

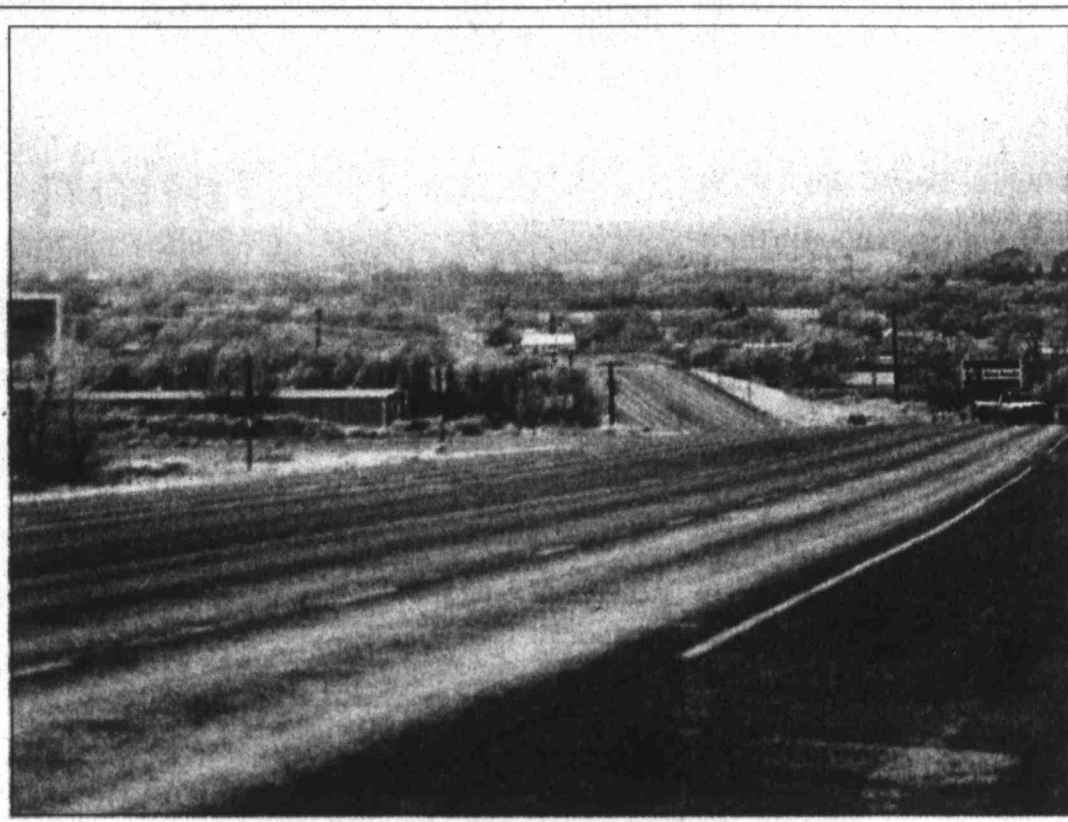


Walker

from blunt trauma to the head," said Walker. "Toxicology testing has been submitted to the lab, and those results could take some time to come back."

Found in a ravine approximately six miles north of Coahoma along Highway 820, the body, described as a male Caucasian between 20

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An arctic cold front combined with freezing rain descended on Big Spring this weekend. Law enforcement and emergency response personnel were kept busy throughout Friday and Saturday, responding to traffic accidents and reports of downed utility lines throughout the area. Icy conditions are expected to continue through Sunday.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Breaking tradition

Forsan senior trombonist selected for all-state band second consecutive year

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

FORSAN — Eric Ellis bucked a bit of a curse to earn a repeat spot in the all-state band.

For the second consecutive year, Ellis will represent Forsan High School as a member of the Association of Texas Small School Bands All-State Band.

Ellis, a senior, was one of five trombonists picked for the all-state slot during area band tryouts at Lubbock Cooper High School Jan. 6.

Aside from competing

against the best musicians in the area, Ellis also had to contend with a curse of sorts concerning FHS musicians.

"At Forsan, it's sort of a tradition that people who make all-state band one year don't make it the next," Ellis said. "So this was a big surprise to me."

Ellis became only the second Forsan band member to make the all-state band in consecutive years, FHS Band Director Jim Rhodes said.

Ellis' encore performance impressed his teacher.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Forsan High School band member Eric Ellis was named to the Association of Texas Small School Bands All-State Band recently. This marks the second consecutive year Ellis has earned the honor.

MLK Walk planned Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A day on, not a day off. That's the idea event coordinators will be promoting Monday, as area residents prepare to hit the pavement and march in honor of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Weather permitting, the event will begin at 6 p.m. and walkers will head west on Martin Luther King Boulevard to FM 700, where the group will hold a prayer.

"The march is going to start at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, which is located at the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Gregg Street," said Stephanie Horton, march coordinator.

"The people at Nalley-Pickle have been gracious enough to let us use their facility as the starting point for several years now, and we are so grateful for that."

"We'll march all the way down Martin Luther King Boulevard to FM 700. When we get there we'll have a prayer. We want to acknowledge the Lord and how far he's brought us, and that's a mighty long way."

For motorists in the area, the city of Big Spring Street Department will be blocking off Martin Luther King Boulevard from Lancaster to FM 700 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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Horton



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring High School band members Malle Carrasco, left, and Ryan Harris were recently named to the Texas Music Educators Association Class 4A All-State Band. Carrasco earned the honor for the second consecutive year.

BSHS duo picked for all-state band

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Malle Carrasco and Ryan Harris took different paths to the same destination.

Carrasco and Harris, members of the Big Spring High School band, were recently named to the Texas Music Educators Association Class 4A All-State Band, BSHS Director Rocky Harris said.

Carrasco, a junior clarinetist, was named to the all-state band for the second consecutive year, while Harris, a senior trombonist, earned his first spot in the elite group.

"It is an amazing accomplishment," Rocky Harris said of the duo. "And it's well deserved, too. They both worked hard for it."

Carrasco and the younger Harris qualified for the honor during Area Band tryouts Saturday at Odessa Permian High School.

The TMEA area BSHS competes in was recently redrawn to include Fort Worth area schools. That made it all the tougher to qualify for the all-state band, Carrasco said.

"There was a lot of pressure

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RIDING FOR A RECORD

BURR RIDGE, Ill. — George Hood was working to spin his way into the Guinness Book of World records by Saturday night.

The 49-year-old Aurora resident and Drug Enforcement Administration supervisor began riding a stationary bike at the Five Seasons Sports Club Wednesday morning and still was pedaling as of 9:30 p.m. Friday, a club employee said.

Hood hoped to break the current world record of 82 hours set last year by Brian Overkaer of Denmark.

Hood, a 23-year federal law enforcement veteran, also hoped the feat would help raise thousands of dollars for the Illinois chapter of COPS.

TRY 555 NEXT TIME

BEIJING (AP) — A court has ordered a Chinese television production company to pay damages to a man who received more than 3,000 nuisance messages after his mobile phone number was used in a police TV drama.

The court said the Runshi Rongguang Film Production Co. should have made sure the number was not in use before having a villain say it aloud on-screen, China's official Xinhua News Agency reported.

The company was ordered to pay \$256 to the mobile phone customer, Chen Bing. The company said it made up the number from a staff member's birthday.

HC HOSTING 2 EVENTS

Howard College Theater Department will present "A Yellow Butterfly," written by HC student Joe Baker, at 8 p.m. Monday in the Hall Center for the Arts.

The play is a winner from the 2006 Playfest Playwriting Contest sponsored by the Texas Educational Theater Association. Admission is free.

Tuesday at 8 p.m., the Dr. Granville T. Hall Auditorium will host a Phi Theta Kappa Seminar, featuring Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mohandas K. Gandhi.

He will speak on "Lessons Learned From My Grandfather." Facilitator will be Susan King. The auditorium is located in the Hall Center for the Arts.



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Obituaries

Dois Hays

Dois Hays, 80, of Colorado City and formerly of Coahoma, died Friday morning, Jan. 11, 2007, at a local care center. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, in the Iatan Cemetery with the Rev. James Edwards officiating. Kiker-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Hays was born Sept. 26, 1926, in Mitchell County to Wilford D. and Tennie Sweatt Hays. He married Jane Williams on June 3, 1951, in Carlsbad, N.M. She preceded him in death on Sept. 12, 2006. He worked in the oilfield for more than 30 years as a pumper, welder and other related jobs. he was a member of the Methodist Church.

He is survived by his mother, Tennie Hays of Big Spring; a daughter, Juanita Kelly of Seattle, Wash.; a son, William and wife Margie of Odessa; a daughter-in-law, Sylvia Webb of Eastland; three brothers, Marion Hays of Westbrook, Clarence Hays of Big Spring and William Hays of White Oak; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his father and a son, Gary Hays.

Jessie McSettes Bennett

Jessie McSettes Bennett, 83, of Coahoma, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binnex, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating and Russ Mullins of Coahoma Church of Christ assisting. Interment will follow at the Coahoma Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

She was born Sept. 21, 1923, in Howard County and married J.R. Bennett Jr. on Feb. 12, 1945, in Big Spring.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

Survivors include her husband, J.R. Bennett Jr. of Coahoma; two sons, Larry Bennett and Lee Bennett, both of Big Spring; one daughter, Ann Lindsey of Andrews; nine grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one sister.

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

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

• The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

• Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at 263-0027, ext. 236 during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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Police blotter

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

- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Mesquite.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 900 block of Bell and the 1000 block of 16th.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 500 block of Ninth and the 900 block of Bell (three incidents).
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway and the 900 block of Willia.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office had no reported activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday.

Take Note

• **THE POWWOW COMMITTEE OF BIG SPRING** is planning its 2007 Powwow and is in need of new members and volunteers. Anyone interested in Native American dancing or just interested in helping to bring an exciting weekend event to Big Spring is encouraged to contact Robert Downing at 263-3255 or Randy McKinney at 267-4843.

• **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them.

To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

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

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

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• **HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS** with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES** are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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TODAY

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

MONDAY

• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Event Center, 1607 E. Third St.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

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

TUESDAY

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

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-9-18-28-34.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$34,230.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-5-3

Weather

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Freezing rain likely in the morning... then a slight chance of light freezing rain or snow in the afternoon. Little or no snow accumulation. Highs in the upper 20s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light freezing rain and snow. Lows around 19. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph shifting to the north 20 to 25 mph after midnight.

Martin Luther King Jr day...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light snow. Highs in the lower 30s. North winds 10 to 20 mph.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of light snow. Lows around 15.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 30s. Lowest wind chill readings zero to 17 above zero in the morning.

Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 30. Friday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

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Menus

Big Spring ISD
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 Tuesday—Breakfast, breakfast pizza, grape juice, milk; Lunch, pigs-in-blankets, green beans, mac & cheese, orange wedges, milk (high school second choice, pizza pocket).
 Wednesday—Breakfast, grilled cheese sandwiches, pear cup, milk; Lunch, chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, English peas, apricot halves, rolls, milk (high school second choice, chalupa).
 Thursday—Breakfast, sausage biscuits, orange juice, milk; Lunch, deli sandwiches, pickle spears, chips, Rosy apple sauce, Rainbow Freeze bars, milk (high school second choice, taco salad).
 Friday—Breakfast, cereal, sausage links, apples, milk; Lunch, beef & bean burrito, oven fries, Mexicali corn, sliced peaches, salsa, milk (high school second choice, meatball sandwiches.)

Coahoma ISD
 Monday—Breakfast, French toast, syrup,

grape juice, milk; Lunch, grilled cheese sandwiches, corn, pickle spears, milk, corn dogs.
 Tuesday—Breakfast, biscuits, jelly gravy, sausage, apple juice, milk; Lunch, shake and bake chicken, macaroni, sweet peas, fruit cups, bread, milk, burritos.
 Wednesday—Breakfast, pancakes, ham, orange juice, milk; Lunch, Frito pie, baked beans, baby carrots, ranch dressing, cookies, milk.
 Thursday—Breakfast, Pop Tarts, sausage links, applesauce, milk; Lunch, chicken-fried steaks, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, milk, sloppy Joe.
 Friday—Breakfast, waffles, sausage, orange juice, syrup, milk; Lunch, hamburgers chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, pears, milk.

Forsan ISD
 Monday—Breakfast, cereal, Poptarts, juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue on a bun, pickle spears, tater tots, apples, milk.
 Tuesday—Breakfast, toast, peanut butter/jelly, juice, milk; Lunch, baked

potato w/ham, chicken & noodles, Texas toast, pears, milk.
 Wednesday—Breakfast, eggs, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, crackers, fresh fruit, milk.
 Thursday—Breakfast, oatmeal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken strips, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fancy gelatin, milk.
 Friday—Breakfast, donuts, juice, milk; Lunch hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, cookies & cream, milk.

Sands CISD
 Monday—Breakfast, breakfast on a stick, juice, milk; Lunch, corn-dog, oven-fried potatoes, fresh broccoli w/ranch, sparkly apple, crispy cereal treat, milk.
 Tuesday—Breakfast, cinnamon roll, juice, milk; Lunch, stuffed baked potato, baby carrots w/ranch, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk.
 Wednesday—Breakfast, breakfast pizza, juice, milk; Lunch, oven crispy

chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fancy gelatin, milk.
 Thursday—Breakfast, Pop Tarts & GoGurt juice, milk; Lunch, nachos grande, lettuce & tomatoes, orange smiles, cornbread, milk.
 Friday—Breakfast, cereal & graham crackers, juice & milk; Lunch, pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center
 Monday—Closed for Martin Luther King Day
 Tuesday—chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, tortilla chips, vanilla pears and low fat milk.
 Wednesday—fish, pinto beans, coleslaw, tapioca pudding, cornbread and low fat milk.
 Thursday—barbecue chicken, potato salad, spinach, mixed fruit, whole wheat rolls and low fat milk.
 Friday—smothered pork chops, mixed vegetables, cottage cheese/peaches, whole wheat rolls and low fat milk.

Moss Elementary students exhibit science projects

Special to the Herald
 Moss Elementary held its annual Science Fair on Wednesday. Among the second-grade projects were:
 • Hannah Jensen, Faith Roberson, and Lauren Smith — "Sense of Smell."
 • Aaron Blackshear and Scott Phariss — "Wet Magnets."
 • Danielle Conner — "Footprints."
 • Dillon Daniel — "Temperature."
 Third and fourth grade projects were judged, with Alan Franco, Charles Yates and Karen McCormick serving as judges. Results are as follows:
 • Overall Winner: Nicholas Conner
 • Mathematics/Physics — first, Angela Garza, Bright Light; second, Faith Norman, Static Electricity; third (tie), Madison Gibson, Electric Motor, and Tyler Bryan, Uphill Roller.
 • Earth/Space Science — first, Jimmy Olivares, Underwater Volcano.
 • Chemistry — first, Mikaela Biddison, Color Dispersion in Milk; second, Audrey Lopez, Lemon Battery.
 • Life Science — first, Julianna Rodriguez, Kitchen DNA; second, Kaeli Hines, Drink Up; third, Mady Gartman, Cheese Mold.
 • Environmental Science — first, Nicholas Conner, Water Evaporation.
 • Team Projects — first, Dylan Watson and Lee Karwedsky, Egg in a Jar; second, Carlee Daniels and Charlie Boling, Human Behavior; third, Rebecka Quillen and Brooke Lindsey, Play With Water Colors.

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AUTOPSY

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 and 30 years of age, had only been dead three to four days, Walker estimated.
 "The examiner's office has put together the following description of 'John Doe,'" said Walker. "We're releasing this information in hopes of someone recognizing the man and coming for-

ward with information that might provide his identity to investigators."
 Walker said the unidentified man had very short brown hair and a light brown goatee and mustache. He was 5'9" tall, weighed 136 pounds and had a pierced right ear.
 Walker said the man bore a tattoo of the name Angela across the back. Scars from previous injuries or cuts were also identified on his back and below the right shoulder.

"We would greatly appreciate any information the public may have concerning the victim's identity or information concerning the cause of his death," said Walker.
 A search of the crime scene turned up only minimal evidence, according to Walker, bedding material near the body and a piece of clothing 30 feet away.
 The body, clothed only in a pair of underwear and a white T-shirt, showed signs of a brutal assault, Walker said.

"There are a lot of markings and bruises on the body, from head to toe," said Walker. "So there was definitely an assault involved. To what extent and how those injuries occurred, we're not sure yet."
 The case is being treated as a homicide.
 Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

DUO

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 because of the change in the area," she said. "I didn't know what to expect, so it was a whole new ball game for me this year."
 Carrasco said she had to survive some tough com-

petition to earn one of the four available all-state slots from this area.
 "I was very surprised," she said. "I really didn't expect it. There was a lot of great players I was up against ... It was like a bloodbath."
 If Carrasco's competition was intense, it was doubly so for Harris, who had to best his rivals for the one and only trombone slot from this area.
 "I was really nervous, because you knew you had to be the best, and there were four really good trombone players in there. The pressure was on, knowing there was only one slot," he said.
 Harris said he was close

to making the all-state band last year, and that near-miss served as incentive this time around.
 "Last year, I didn't practice that much and I almost made all-state," he said. "This year, I started practicing in November."
 Even a family vacation to Hawaii didn't interfere

with his practice schedule. When the family left for the islands, Harris' trombone went with him.
 And all that practice paid off.
 "I was really, really excited. This is definitely one of the nicer things that has happened to me," he said.
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TRADITION

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 "Making the all-state band is very difficult to start with. You're compet-

ing against some of the best musicians Texas has to offer," Rhodes said. "For him to make it in consecutive years speaks highly of him."
 Ellis will attend the

Texas Music Educators Association annual meeting in San Antonio Feb. 14 through 17. He will perform in concert at the Scottish Rite Auditorium Feb. 17.
 Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

WALK

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 Horton said people who would like to participate in the march but are unable to make the walk are invited to bring their vehicles.
 "I really look forward to this every year. We usually go down the march singing with flashlights, candles, whatever kind of light you want to shine," said Horton. "We just like to have a really good time with it. The people who can't walk usually drive their cars behind the marchers, and when all of

the walkers and cars get down to the end, we'll hold the prayer."
 "This year's theme is 'A day on, not a day off.' We want to encourage people to use the day to do some good in the community. You can go to one of the nursing homes and just visit with the elderly, or do something right there in your neighborhood. Don't just sit in front of the television Monday. Get out and make a difference in our community."
 At the age of 35, Martin Luther King Jr. was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize, leading a struggle for racial equality that

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OUR VIEWS

Don't forget tickets for the banquet

After Monday, it will be too late. Too late to get tickets for this year's Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet. That's because after Monday, no tickets will be sold. It's that caterer thing. Seems they need to know how many hungry tummies will be there.

Yep, along about 7 p.m. Thursday, a lot of folks in Big Spring will be recognizing the many business men and women who work so hard to make this community great. They'll recognize an organization — the Chamber of Commerce — which is dedicated to helping make our city a better place for shoppers, tourists and those of us who live here.

After that meal, they'll be enjoying Tumbleweed Smith, who through his radio series, *The Sound of Texas*, probably has the largest private collection of oral history in the United States. At least that's what *Texas Highways* magazine says. Or what Tumbleweed told 'em to say, we don't know.

Anyway, don't worry, he's not bringing his entire collection to the banquet. But he will be playing — in an interactive way — his recordings of some people who have said some pretty outrageous and hilarious things throughout the years. It's a fun show; it really is.

Of course one of the things you'll miss if you forget to get a ticket is the naming of the Man and Woman of the Year. Remember the reactions last year? These are people who have worked hard for their community because they believe in it. They are true leaders, true role models, true champions.

We do hope you'll come out and join the *Herald* and many other local businesses and individuals for the 2007 banquet. Tickets are \$22 each and you can get them at the Chamber office on the corner of Gregg and Third Street or reserve them by calling 263-7641.

Remember, the deadline is Monday. Come fill your tummy and have a good time.

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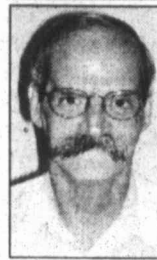
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Thirty-six years of guilt feelings

Random thoughts while not smoking:

This week marks the return of the Amazing News Wire Browser, and we start with the following Associated Press item:



STEVE REAGAN

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A 20-pound stray cat whose girth got him stuck in a pet door while trying to plunder some dog food was reunited with his owner Thursday.

Owner Geoff Ernest said the tubby tabby, Hercules, went missing while he was in Seattle for a lung transplant six months ago.

Jadwiga Drozdek, who lives in suburban Portland, found the feline stuck in the dog door of her home a few days ago, helped free him and gave him a plate of food on her patio.

While at the Humane Society, Hercules was diagnosed with Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, similar to HIV in humans.

The society says cats can live years with the virus and still make good pets, but owners should keep them indoors to keep it from spreading.

Veterinarians say about 40 percent of America's cats are obese, putting them at risk for a variety of diabetes-related disorders.

Hercules, meanwhile, has had his 15 minutes of fame, piling up stacks of hits on YouTube and other Web sites.

Just a few observations:

I'm sure restricting a cat's diet is about the only way to reduce its weight, but wouldn't it be neat if there was some form of exercise regimen specifically designed for felines?

On second thought, that's not a good idea. Lord knows my cat avoids all types of exercise, unless eating or napping can be considered exercise. If that's the case, he's the Jack LaLanne of the cat world.

Pity this poor cat. It's overweight, it's got FIV and it needs a lung transplant. It's a miracle the tabby is still alive. And it speaks well of Hercules' owner that the kitty is still kicking.

As much as it pains me to say so, if the vet ever told me Sylvester needed a lung transplant to stay alive, me and my cat would have to have a heart-to-heart talk. Then, I'd probably wimp out and pay for the operation.

I'm whipped.

Some people are just too good to be true, as the following attests:

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Thirty-six years of suffering a guilty conscience finally has proven too much for a German who shoplifted from a small store while on vacation in Norway in 1970.

Seeking to make amends, he sent a check for \$375 to the small mountain town of Lom, and asked them to find the shopkeeper, Mayor Simen Bjoergen said on the town's Internet site on Thursday.

"For many years, my conscience has bothered me. With the enclosed check, I hope to free myself from that and request your help," wrote the German, whose name was not released. "I would also like to ask for forgiveness for the wrong I did

so long ago." In the letter, the man said he had been traveling in Scandinavia with his young brother and girlfriend, now his wife, when they stopped in Lom, a town of about 2,300 people 155 miles north of Oslo.

He said he shoplifted about \$15 worth of items from a local store, which he recalled only as "a souvenir shop with a big parking lot." He asked Bjoergen to find the shop owner and give him the check, and if that was not possible to use the money for a good cause.

Bjoergen finally found retired 78-year-old shop owner Gabriel Lund, who owned the Fjoset gift shop in 1970, and gave him the check.

In a letter to the German, the Mayor said Lund asked him to say "that he forgives you" and that he had given the money to the local retirement home to do something nice for its residents.

This is one of those stories that makes me feel good and lousy at the same time.

I feel good because I learn there are still good, decent people walking the Earth.

But I feel bad because I doubt I'd do the same thing if I was in the German man's shoes.

Don't get the wrong idea. You won't have to lock up the valuables if I come to visit. But if I commit an indiscretion, I doubt I'll carry a three-decade guilt complex about it, either.

And now I'm going to quit before people think I have no redeeming qualities.

OK, before more people think that.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

As a life-long resident of Howard County, I couldn't believe what I saw and heard as I watched the proceedings of the County Commissioner's Court on the Public Access Channel. Well, once again Big Spring and Howard County are the laughing stock of the Permian Basin and the State of Texas.

Yes, they find us comical in Austin too! And it looks like it will be happening more frequently, thanks to our new County Judge Mark J. Barr.

While we spend our time

infighting, belittling each other and attempting to literally destroy each other, Midland and Odessa are laughing all the way to the bank.

Within the first 15 minutes of his first meeting as County Judge Mark Barr put his hand on the handle and flushed \$331,000 (plus termination penalties) down the toilet — 100 percent Howard County taxpayers' money! He also flushed away any chance for fairness and unity in our County Commissioners' Court.

Yes, it is our court, the taxpayers of Howard

County, not yours, Mark Barr — though you screamed over and over again during the meeting that it was your court. Mark Barr is the most divisive character to make an appearance on the Big Spring political stage in a long, long time — or maybe ever. I was embarrassed for Mr. Barr and everyone present who had to witness his screaming, red-faced tantrum as he attacked Commissioner Bill Crooker, a gentleman who deserves respect from everyone in Howard County for his years of

selfless service to our community. It was shameful!

Mr. Crooker was correct in stating that Mr. Barr's slanderous comments directed toward Mr. Phil Furqueron, the architect contracted to design the jail, were nothing more than an attempt to "trash a good man." Mr. Furqueron is a good man and an excellent architect. Some of the most beautiful, contemporary buildings in Big Spring were designed by Mr. Furqueron — the Trinity

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Growth will solve environmental woes

Those of us old enough to remember the 1970s have no desire to relive those days. After all, it was an era of price controls, gas lines and stagflation. These ills were triggered when our government attempted to "fix" the economy by subverting the free market. Instead it simply ended up creating an economic nightmare.

As John O'Sullivan reminds us in his excellent new book "The President, the Pope and the Prime Minister," the fortunes of the United States seemed then to be in decline.

President Jimmy Carter "had concluded that the American people should maturely accept a narrowing of their hopes and horizons," O'Sullivan writes. Carter thought "the American way of life, combining freedom with prosperity, was no longer possible in a world where shortages of raw materials made controls essential and rationing perhaps morally obligatory."

That's not how Ronald Reagan saw things. "People who talk about an age of limits are really talking about their own limitations, not America's," he chided. And indeed, when Reaganomics replaced Carter's failed policies, our economy took off, beginning an economic expansion that continues to this day.

All this matters now because many want us to repeat some of

the same policy mistakes that made the '70s an economic nightmare.

This time, the impetus is "global warming," but the prescription is the same: government controls and slower economic growth. "Our natural role is to be the pace car in the race to stop global warming," Al Gore explained in a speech this fall. The former vice president says that to do that, "we should start by immediately freezing CO2 emissions and then beginning sharp reductions."

Of course, the reason the U.S. emits so much carbon dioxide is because we've got the planet's largest economy. So Gore's prescription boils down to saying we need to show the rest of the world the way forward by freezing — and then reversing — our economic growth.

That's exactly the wrong approach. If anything, we need to increase the pace of our growth, and the rest of the world's. Economic growth, after all, is the surest way to clean up the environment.

Research cited by the World Bank finds that once per capita income in a country rises to between \$5,000 and \$8,000, pollution starts to decline. It seems that once people are earning enough to support their families, they're eager to improve their environment, too.

Economic success also generates creativity. Our vibrant economy keeps developing clever inventions such as the iPod. High-speed Internet connections allow more people to work from home, thus

taking cars off the road. And as long as we keep growing, the years ahead will bring ever-cleaner and more efficient energy alternatives, too.

Remember that our economy once depended on burning trees for power. We moved from wood to coal, from coal to oil and natural gas, and we'll move from those fossil fuels to something else.

As a bonus, the advanced technologies our economy will develop "could eventually facilitate accelerated progress toward addressing the long-term challenge of climate change, while also continuing the energy-related and other services needed to sustain economic growth," a report by the Bush administration's climate-change technology program explains.

That's because the new technology will improve our energy efficiency, reduce emissions of all types of greenhouse gasses, and may eventually allow us to capture carbon dioxide and actually remove it from the environment. If, that is, we allow the free market and the creativity it generates to thrive.

If we want to eliminate global warming and improve our environment, the answer is to grow boldly in the future — not to foolishly repeat the mistakes of the past.

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Don't allow the moments to escape

When I was in college I worked with a man whom I respected very much. His name was Reid Smith and he was a self-employed window cleaner.

He would ask me to help him on a fairly consistent basis so I learned how to clean windows. I also learned why so many folks say they don't do windows!

It's not really a hard job but it is very meticulous. If it's not done correctly everyone can tell it's not a good job.

Reid was compassionate about his job. I remember him with kind thoughts and wish I could have another opportunity to thank him for spending time teaching me the "art" of window cleaning.

Reid died several years ago and I regret not having a chance to spend any final moments with him. All this was brought to mind recently as I read the story of Jack.



DARRELL RYAN

Jack had not seen his old friend in a long time. All the things of life had gotten in the way. In fact, Jack had moved across the country in pursuit of his dreams. There, in the rush of his busy life, Jack had little time to think about the past and often no time to spend with his wife and son. He was working on his future, and nothing could stop him.

One day, over the phone, his mother told him, "Mr. Belser died last night. The funeral is Wednesday." Memories flashed through his mind like an old newsreel as he sat quietly remembering his childhood days.

"Jack, did you hear me?" "Sorry, Mom. Yes, I heard you. It's been so long since I thought of him. I'm sorry, but I honestly thought he died years ago," Jack said.

"Well, he didn't forget you. Every time I saw him he'd ask how you were doing. He'd reminisce about the many days you spent over 'his side of the fence' as he put it," Mom said.

"I loved that old house he lived in," mused Jack. "You know, Jack, after your father died, Mr. Belser stepped in to make

sure you had a man's influence in your life," she said

"He's the one who taught me carpentry," he said. "I wouldn't be in this business if it weren't for him. He spent a lot of time teaching me things he thought were important. Mom, I'll be there for the funeral," Jack said.

As busy as he was, Jack kept his word and caught the next flight to his hometown. Mr. Belser's funeral was small and uneventful. He had no children of his own, and most of his relatives had passed away.

Before returning home, Jack and his Mom stopped by to see the old house next door for one more time. Standing in the doorway, Jack paused for a moment. It was like crossing over into another dimension, a leap through space and time.

The house was exactly as he remembered. Every step held memories, every picture, and every piece of furniture.

Jack stopped suddenly. "What's wrong, Jack?" his Mom asked.

"The box is gone," he said. "What box?" Mom asked.

"There was a small gold box that he kept locked on top of his desk. I must have asked him a thousand times what was inside. All he'd ever tell me was 'It is the thing I value most,'" Jack said.

It was gone. Everything about the house was exactly how Jack remembered it, except for the box. He figured someone from the Belser family had taken it.

"Now I'll never know what was so valuable to him," Jack said. "I better get some sleep. I have an early flight home, Mom."

About two weeks after the funeral Jack was returning home from work and discovered a note in his mailbox. "Signature required on a package. No one at home. Please stop by the main post office within the next three days," the note read.

Early the next day Jack retrieved the package. The small box was old and looked like it had been mailed a hundred years ago. The handwriting was difficult to read, but the return address caught his attention. "Mr. Harold Belser" it read.

Jack took the box out to his car and ripped open the package. There inside

was the gold box and an envelope. Jack's hands shook as he read the note inside. "Upon my death, please forward this box and its contents to Jack Bennett. It's the thing I valued most in my life."

A small key was taped to the letter. His heart racing, as tears filling his eyes, Jack carefully unlocked the box. There inside he found a beautiful gold pocket watch. Running his fingers slowly over the finely etched casing, he unlatched the cover.

Inside he found these words engraved: "Jack, Thanks for your time! Harold Belser."

"The thing he valued most was ... my time."

Jack held the watch for a few minutes, then called his office and cleared his appointments for the next two days. "Why?" his assistant asked. "I need some time to spend with my son," he said.

As I read this story I remembered the time I had with Reid and how much I appreciated him but I don't think I ever told him. If I could relive some of those moments I would certainly make some changes. But it also makes me realize that I am living precious

Parent's Corner

moments right now with my two boys and I must not let these moments escape my attention.

I am reminded of the quote: "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away," I hope, as I continue to prepare for 2007, that I will not allow the moments to escape to tell others how much I appreciate them and I am glad they are in my life.

What a delightful challenge!

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for Big Spring Independent School District.

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Baptist Church Annex, buildings on the SWCID campus and Heritage Museum, not to mention the state-of-the-art Hall Performing Arts Center at Howard College and numerous other buildings in our community and in others throughout the United States.

All of the commissioners agreed that Phil had done exactly what was asked and had, in fact, performed many services for the county at no charge at all over the past years. Mr. Barr flushed a local relationship that had existed for over 10

years down the toilet. Mark Barr attempted to flush Mr. Furqueron's professional reputation as well, but it didn't work! Phil has lived here his entire life, and people know him to be a man of competence and character in every phase of his life.

And now, moving on to Mrs. Emma Brown, whose political understanding wouldn't even fill a thimble...It appears that Mrs. Brown takes her marching orders from Mark Barr and Mark Barr alone. Enough said about Emma Brown!

The County spent around \$500,000 on another failed bond election several years ago and is now getting close to having spent \$1,000,000 on

failed bond elections and repairs to an obsolete jail. Now let's see, what exactly do we have to show for our \$1,000,000? Nothing! But I guess that's just the price of a good laugh these days.

DAWNE PEARSON
BIG SPRING

DEAR EDITOR,

We would like to express our thanks to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center staff. Our granddaughter is 16 months old and has had health issues since she was born 10 weeks premature.

She has been in the hospital here in Big Spring several times during the last 16 months and the staff at SMMC has always been very kind and help-

ful. A couple of weekends ago, we were in the emergency room and admitted to the hospital once again, and as always, the entire staff was exceptional (especially Dr. Saenz, Donny Booth, Daniel Whitehead and Lois Kennedy). They seem genuinely concerned for Emma Grace and all of her family as well.

The nurses on the third floor were exceptionally kind and considerate.

We hear many stories that are not always good about our local hospital, but we wanted to say that our daughter comes from Abilene to see Dr. Saenz and always asks to use SMMC when hospitaliza-

tion or emergency care is necessary.

Thank you again from our family: Cody, Chelsea and Emma Grace Cottingham and Ronnie and Cheryl Shults.

RONNIE AND CHERYL SHULTS
BIG SPRING

Find a common ground over the war

No matter what differences of opinion flare up in regard to the war in Iraq — between Democrats and Republicans, between our government and the Iraqi government, between the Bush administration and foreign heads of state — the people caught squarely in the middle of each and every debate are, as they have been all along, the men and women of the U.S. military.

The president will no doubt encourage us, in promoting his new approach, to join him in supporting the troops.

Meanwhile Dems, while debating the president every inch of the way, will assure us that they, too, have the troops' best interests in mind.

We basically believe both parties, just as we believe that the vast majority of Americans support our men and women in uniform. ... Another thing we believe: Americans are able to distinguish between supporting our troops and supporting this war. They know that one can see this conflict as a mistake and still support our troops as strongly as

those who see the conflict the way the president professes to see it — as essential to national security.

... From this point forward, we'd like to see Democrats and Republicans alike set the talk aside and show support for our troops by managing this conflict responsibly. That means treating it like a war, instead of a hot-button political issue. And that will mean finding common ground. ...

— Benton County Daily Record, Bentonville, Ark.

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State house passes rules calling for recorded votes

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas House members voted Friday to require recorded votes for final passage of all bills and voted themselves access to more tax dollars.

The House also rejected proposals that would have banned lobbyists and people under indictment from areas of the Texas Capitol barred even to the public during House floor debates. Rep. Jim Dunnam, a Waco Democrat who proposed some of the restrictions, said House members needed to reduce the influence of "superlobbyists."

Freshman Rep. Juan Garcia, D-Corpus Christi, successfully pushed a proposal that would require that all votes for the final passage of bills be officially recorded and available to the public.

Lawmakers also rejected a measure that would have required them to identify any lobbyist or lawmaker with whom they do business.

Asked afterward about the rules, Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick said many of the ethics provisions were either unworkable or unnecessary. He questioned, for example, how officials would identify people under indictment walking around the Capitol.

"People have good ideas, but it's got to be where it can work," Craddick said.

Lawmakers did, however, adopt a measure limiting the values of gifts that one lawmaker can give to another to \$75. House members typically give gifts to committee leaders at the end of legislative

sessions.

Meanwhile, House members overwhelmingly voted to increase their own office budgets. Under a measure offered by Rep. Pat Haggerty, R-El Paso, legislators' budgets would go from \$11,250 to \$12,250. That would be about \$150,000 per month in extra taxpayer expenditures.

Several measures intended to limit Craddick's power ended in defeat. Among them was a proposal that would guarantee that any legislation with 100 sponsors would automatically get a hearing on the House floor.

Craddick faced a challenge this week to his control of the 150-member House, but that effort failed and Craddick was elected to his third term as speaker.

Snub of high court ruling prompts another look at death penalty case

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

LIVINGSTON (AP) — A high-level judicial spat with life-and-death consequences involving a condemned Texas man is back before the U.S. Supreme Court for an unusual second time in three years.

Justices agreed to look again at LaRoyce Lathair Smith's argument that the jury in his sentencing phase was given deficient instructions after Texas's top criminal appeals court ignored their concerns about the jury's decision more than a decade ago.

Smith is one of three condemned Texas men whose cases are being argued before justices Wednesday. Smith argues his sentencing jury wasn't allowed to sufficiently consider the abuse and neglect he suffered as a child.

The two others, Brent Ray Brewer and Jalil Abdul-Kabir, are raising similar claims after the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals turned down their appeals. The Supreme Court has combined their two cases into a single argument, also to be heard on Wednesday.

The state appeals court upheld Smith's conviction despite the high court's concerns.

"My argument is the Court of Criminal Appeals didn't comply to the holding of the Supreme Court decision," said Jordan Steiker, Smith's lawyer.

"It's not unheard of, but not common either," Erwin Chemerinsky, a Duke University law professor who urged the justices to take Smith's case a second time. "Usually when it happens, the Supreme Court does not take well to what they regard as disobedience by a lower court."

Texas has executed 380 prisoners over the past 24 years, making it by far the nation's most active death penalty state.

A favorable decision from the high court could mean new sentencing trials for the three and possibly affect a few dozen other inmates sent to Texas' death row in the late 1980s and early 1990s who might have been sentenced under similar jury instructions.

Smith, Abdul-Kabir and Brewer are not contesting their guilt.

Smith was convicted of the 1991 fatal shooting and stabbing of Jennifer

Soto, a 19-year-old Dallas fast-food restaurant night manager who was tortured in a robbery that netted no money. His lawyers argued the sentencing instructions didn't allow jurors to consider that Smith, 19 at the time of the crime, was a special education student who had made only the 8th grade by the time he was 18, and whose father was in a biker gang and abused alcohol and crack cocaine.

At his trial, jurors were instructed to determine if Smith's conduct was deliberate and if he would probably remain violent. A "yes" to both questions meant a death sentence. A "no" to either or both meant a life prison term.

Jurors also were told to change one of their two "yes" answers to "no" if they believed mitigating evidence could lead them to conclude Smith's life should be spared. A jury in Dallas County deliberated 16 hours over three days before returning with the decision Smith should die.

Texas legislators in 1991 added a third question to jury instructions, specifically asking jurors if mitigating evidence they heard convinced them a life sentence would be more appropriate. The

change in the law, however, came too late for Smith, who already had gone to trial.

In 2004, the Supreme Court ruled 7-2 the instructions in Smith's trial were inadequate because they didn't allow jurors sufficient latitude to consider Smith's mitigating circumstances. Justices returned his case to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

But March 1, the state high court, while acknowledging Smith's hard childhood showed he "may have suffered some actual harm," denied Smith's appeal, saying the jury instructions were not "so egregiously injurious" as to make Smith's trial unfair.

"The United States Supreme Court said this is constitutionally inadequate and the Court of Criminal Appeals and Texas say that's wrong," Victoria Palacios, a Southern Methodist University law professor who teaches capital punishment matters, said. "But you can't disagree with the Supreme Court when the Supreme Court is interpreting the federal Constitution."

Steiker, a University of Texas law professor, appealed again to the high court

Texas briefs

Mexican woman charged in kidnapping of U.S. citizens

LAREDO (AP) — A Mexican woman has been charged in the kidnapping of two U.S. citizens held captive for one day last year before a \$20,000 ransom was paid.

Christina Rodriguez, 31, was arrested Thursday on charges of conspiracy to kidnap U.S. citizens in a foreign country, the FBI said in a statement.

According to court documents, the victims were taken by five black-clad gunmen July 16 in Nuevo Laredo, the violence-plagued border city where those who were kidnapped had gone to attend a wedding.

Rodriguez worked at a Laredo restaurant with the victims and tipped off the kidnapers in Mexico about their whereabouts, according to a criminal complaint. The documents state that the kidnapers later admitted to their victims that they weren't the intended targets.

Mexican authorities arrested four men who admitted to the kidnapping about two weeks after it took place, according to court papers.

Corporations pick up bulk of Perry's \$2 million ceremony

AUSTIN (AP) — Energy provider TXU Corp. and a Houston construction firm with a state contract to help build toll roads across Texas are among the companies paying most of the \$2 million tab for Gov. Rick Perry's inaugural celebration this week.

Corporations will underwrite \$1.4 million of Tuesday's festivities around the Capitol, where Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst will be sworn in. The inauguration kickoffs a daylong party featuring a parade, barbecue and a glittery black-tie ball.

Companies say the political contributions are part of doing business in the state, while critics argue that the donations help corporations and their executive get access and special treatment.

Dallas-based TXU is a \$15,000 donor for the celebration, which comes about 14 months after Perry issued an executive order to fast-track the permitting process for new coal-fired power plants. Florida-based AshBritt Inc., also a \$15,000 donor, is a debris-removal com-

pany that has sought government contracts following hurricanes and ice storms that hit Texas.

Wintry weather forecast across much of Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Flight delays and cancellations out of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport were expected Saturday because of an Arctic cold front moving through Texas that is expected to bring rain, snow, sleet and ice to North Texas and other parts of the state.

American Airlines canceled flights Friday night to St. Louis, Tulsa and Oklahoma City because those cities "already have snow on the ground and are starting to get freezing rain," spokesman Tim Wagner said. About a dozen flights were diverted to other cities.

American will "probably run about half of our operation through maybe mid-afternoon" on Saturday, Wagner said.

Southwest Airlines spokeswoman Paula Berg said the airline is monitoring the forecast in anticipation of possible delays Saturdays.

A winter storm warning was in effect Saturday in North Texas and the Panhandle, according to the National Weather Service.

Temperatures were expected to dip below the freezing mark around Dallas, with an 80-percent chance of precipitation. Ice accumulation was also possible.

Snow, freezing rain and sleet were likely in the Permian Basin and the Panhandle, where the predicted high was 21 degrees with a low of 13.

Houston girl indicted in gang killing

HOUSTON (AP) — A 17-year-old girl accused of fatally stabbing a 15-year-old boy was indicted on a murder charge Friday.

Ashley Paige Benton is charged with fatally stabbing Gabriel Granillo in the chest during a brawl in a Houston park June 6. Police said two gangs were involved in the brawl, and Benton is affiliated with one of them.

Police said Benton told authorities Granillo swung a baseball bat at her and she acknowledged stabbing him.

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Missing boys reunited with families

By **CHRISTOPHER LEONARD**
Associated Press Writer

BEAUFORT, Mo. (AP) — Two boys kidnapped four years apart and found in the same suburban St. Louis apartment smiled shyly but said nothing to media at two hug-filled news conferences Saturday, a day after they were rescued.

The boys' parents clung to them and focused on their joy at the shocking outcome, saying little about the 41-year-old man charged in the case or how they were treated.

The boys — 15-year-old Shawn Hornbeck, abducted more than four years ago, and 13-year-old Ben Ownby, taken after getting off his school bus Monday afternoon — smiled shyly and appeared at ease.

"I still feel like I'm in a

dream, only this time it's a good dream, not the nightmare I've had four-and-a-half years," Hornbeck's mother, Pam Akers, said Saturday at an elementary school adorned with balloons and welcome-home signs.

Hornbeck's stepfather, Craig Akers, said he and his wife were in disbelief when they were reunited with the boy.

"There was that split second of shock," he said. "Once I saw the face, I said, 'Oh my God, that's my son.'"

Hornbeck smiled often, his mother's arm draped around him, and seemed at ease. He was much bigger than pictures of the missing 11-year-old, his hair darker and longer.

Hornbeck and Ownby disappeared 4 1/2 years and 40 miles apart.



Scarlett Stokes, left, hugs Connie Feth Friday evening in the Voss Market in Beaufort, Mo., after hearing the news about the recovery of missing boys, Ben Ownby and Shawn Hornbeck, Friday.

Bush defends new Iraq strategy vs. strong opposition

By **DEB RIECHMANN**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Saturday challenged lawmakers skeptical of his new Iraq plan to propose their own strategy for stopping the violence in Baghdad.

"To oppose everything while proposing nothing is irresponsible," Bush said.

In a pitch to lawmakers

and the American people, Bush said the United States will keep the onus on the Iraqi government to take charge of security and reach a political reconciliation. He countered Democrats and his fellow Republicans who argue that Bush is sending 21,500 more U.S. troops into Iraq on the same mission.

"We have a new strategy with a new mission: Helping secure the popu-

lation, especially in Baghdad," Bush said in his weekly radio address. "Our plan puts Iraqis in the lead."

The president, who hosted an informal, mostly social gathering of Republican leaders at Camp David on Friday night and Saturday, asked for patience from lawmakers from both parties. They had grilled Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice,

Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, last week when the officials testified before Congress in defense of the president's plan.

Democratic leaders in the House and Senate intend to hold votes within a few weeks on Bush's revised Iraq policy. The nonbinding resolutions would be one way to show their opposition.

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IN BRIEF

NFL divisional playoff schedule



Saturday, Indianapolis at Baltimore, 3:30 p.m. (CBS).

Philadelphia at New Orleans, 7 p.m. (FOX).

Sunday, Seattle at Chicago, Noon (FOX).

New England at San Diego, 3:30 p.m. (CBS).

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Tulsa picks Rice's Graham as coach

Tulsa planned a Friday afternoon news conference amid reports it had selected Rice coach Todd Graham as its new football coach.

The job opened Tuesday when Steve Kragthorpe took the job at Louisville.

"It's the hardest decision I've ever had to make. Bottom line, I had to do what's best for my family," Graham told Houston television station KRIV on Friday.

Graham led the Owls to a 7-6 record and their first bowl game in 45 years, a 41-17 loss to Troy in the New Orleans Bowl. Rice was 1-10 the previous season.

Houston Astros sign Hidalgo to contract

The Houston Astros announced they've signed outfielder Richard Hidalgo, a former team MVP, to a minor league contract that includes an invitation to spring training.

Hidalgo was the Astros' most valuable player by the Houston chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America in 2003, when he hit .309 with 28 homers and 88 RBIs. His 44-homer season in 2000 gave him the fourth 40-homer season in Houston franchise history.

Lady Red Raiders game postponed

Sunday's basketball game between No. 8 Oklahoma and Texas Tech has been postponed by the threat of bad weather.

The game was rescheduled for 7 p.m. Monday.

The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm watch for Lubbock, with predictions of freezing rain and snow through the weekend and a high temperature of 26 Sunday.

Big Spring drops district opener

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

Scott Fankhauser scored 17 points and pulled down 11 rebounds, but the double-double effort was not enough to keep visiting Frenship Tigers from humbling the Big Spring Steers, 53-37 Friday night.

Frenship (12-11) won the first district match of the season by sending 6-6, 285-pound Mason Walters to clog the middle on defense and asking its sharp shooter, Matt Quinn, to launch as many shots as possible. That was a good combination as Fankhauser admitted the Steers could not drive to the basket and Quinn ended the night as the leading scorer with 22 points.

"They did exactly what I would have tried to do to stop us," Big Spring coach Joey Martin said after the game. "They took away our No. 1 scoring option (Fankhauser) by rotating defensively and not allowing us any penetration, then they made Rondell (Trevino) put the ball on the floor and not let him get set for his 3-point shot. It worked well for them tonight."

With 2:42 left in the first quarter, the Steers were down 8-9, but that was as close as they would get on this cold evening in front of a fired up crowd.

In the second quarter, BSHS was outscored 18-3 during a stretch that included the first 5:43 of the third quarter. The lack of offense caused the crowd to pipe down and Coach Martin said he didn't blame them.

"Our offense just didn't click tonight," Fankhauser said, standing in the empty Steer Gym after the loss. "Our defense was solid, but on the offensive end we couldn't get to the hole and we



Big Spring senior Scott Fankhauser skies and stretches for one of his 11 rebounds in the Friday night loss to Frenship at Steer Gym, Friday night. The Steers will return to the hardwood on Tuesday, at Estacado.

ended up settling for jump shots. We're just not going to win many games by trying to out-shoot our opponents from the perimeter."

When informed that he had 11 rebounds to go along with his 17 points and one busted lip,

Fankhauser said, "I should have had more — this is my last year and I need to step up and do whatever it takes to win."

That type of attitude was noted by the visiting coach and the referees calling them game.

"Loved the game tonight, Coach. Your boys played hard and never gave up — I have not

always seen

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The Lady Steers bench shows little emotion after a tough district loss to Frenship Friday night at the Steer Gym. The home loss drops the Big Spring girls to 0-2 in district competition this season.

Lady Steers struggle at home

**Frenship-59
Big Spring 36**

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

The Lady Steers were toppled at home Friday night by a deeper, more experienced Frenship basketball team, 59-36.

Steers' freshman guard Keonna Ward refused to go silently into the night — no matter what the scoreboard lights said and she ended the game with 12 points — to tie Heather Sheppard as the team's leading scorer.

In a game that was stopped in the first half because a fan had to be escorted out of the gym for what the referees later described as "refusing to referee the game from a seat and not leaving the baseline of the basketball court when

asked", the Lady Steers (5-19, 0-2 district) could not stay out of foul trouble or solve the Tigers' fullcourt press.

Jordan Chesworth and Desire Yanez both fouled out of the game in the fourth quarter.

"We spent a lot of energy getting back into the game right before half-time," Steers' coach Sherman Chew said from his office after the game. "We have some injuries and we have some girls who can't suit up — throw in two players fouling out and I am not overly disappointed in the game. I was very pleased with how Keonna stepped up and played tonight and Heather played a great game defensively. I don't know how many shots Heather changed, but it was a lot."

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Area high school basketball round up

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

BOYS

Coahoma 58

Anson 41

ANSON — The Coahoma Bulldogs continue to win in district play and now stand at 4-1 in District 5-2A, after cruising to a 27-11 halftime lead.

Anson outscored the visiting Bulldogs 20-13 in the final period, but by that time it was too little, too late.

Jason Gonzales led the Bulldogs with 19 points and Colter Morgan added 8 more as Cohoma improved to 15-7 on the season.

**Garden City 41
Robert Lee 26**

GARDEN CITY — Friday night, Taylor Nieheus led the Bearkats over district foe Robert Lee by scoring 16 points and playing solid defense to help Garden City improve to 8-4 and 2-0 in District 11-A, Division II.

Up 14-6 after the first quarter and 27-13 at halftime, the Bearkats had little trouble staying undefeated in district play.

The old football backfield of senior Evan Jansa and junior Bo Eggemeyer combined for 11 points to help out Nieheus on offense.

Grady 75

Loop 15

LENORAH — This was over almost before tip-off as Grady stormed to a 19-2 lead after the

first quarter, then added 15 more in the second quarter for a 34-6 halftime lead.

Justin Tubb was the leading scorer for Grady with 20 points, but the scoring was certainly spread around the offense. Clay Mitchell went off for 13 points and Dylan Cox scored 11 more. Tubb was the leading rebounder of the game as he cleaned the glass with 10 boards.

Stanton 64

Hawley 53

STANTON — The Buffaloes used a career-high 27 points from Jarron Sparks as they moved to 4-1 in District 5-2A play by defeating Hawley Friday night.

Stanton (14-7) found itself down after the first quarter and

down at intermission 30-29, before outscoring Hawley 21-10 in the final 8:00 of the game for a 64-53 victory.

Mike Carmona had 13 points to help Sparks with some offense and Garrett Fulton and Chase Pinkerton both added 10 points respectfully.

Stanton will host Merkel Tuesday night at 8 p.m.

GIRLS

Hawley 37

Stanton 32

STANTON — Hawley used a tight defense to outscore the Lady Buffaloes 13-5 in the third quarter and hold on for a 5-point victory in the District 5-2A clash.

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Rockets squeat past Nuggets

By PAT GRAHAM
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — With Tracy McGrady drawing all the attention, Shane Battier all too willingly knocked down the open shots.

Battier scored 25 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter, and the Houston Rockets held off the Denver Nuggets 90-86 on Friday night.

As the Nuggets watched every move made by McGrady, Battier quietly went unnoticed.

"I like it that way," he said. "I don't want anyone to pay attention to me. Hopefully, my defenders will keep leaving me open."

Battier hit two 3-pointers late in the fourth quarter, including one that gave Houston an 89-86 lead with 46.7 seconds.

Yakhouba Diawara missed a 3-point attempt with 4.9 seconds remaining in the game and Luther Head sealed the win by making one of two free throws with 2.1 seconds left.

"I just hit a few jumpers," Battier modestly said. "At the end of the night, that's all I did — hit a few jumpers."

McGrady had 12 points and 11 assists as the Rockets won for the eighth time in nine games.

"He's a playmaker," Battier said. "He makes the right decisions 98 percent of the time. Some nights he helps us by shooting, some nights by his assists."

Steve Blake scored 13 points — all in the second half — in his Denver debut. Blake didn't practice with the team Friday

morning as he waited for the paperwork to go through on the trade that brought him from Milwaukee in exchange for Earl Boykins, Julius Hodge and cash considerations.

Blake certainly made quite an impression on his new teammates, though.

"He's definitely a bright spot," Allen Iverson said. "He adds a lot of toughness to our team."

Marcus Camby tied his career high with 24 rebounds despite battling an illness and playing with a fractured right ring finger. His 19 defensive rebounds tied an NBA season high.

"I tell Marcus all the time he's one of the few people who doesn't have to score points to be a major factor in the game," George Karl said.

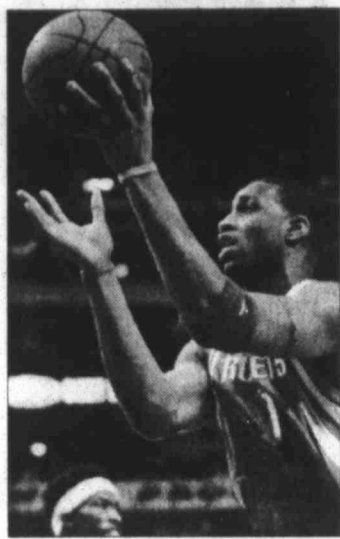
Iverson, who was playing with a sore big toe on his right foot, finished with 28 points. He scored the Nuggets' first 10 points.

"It was frustrating not to get the win," said Iverson, who played 43 minutes, 43 seconds and is averaging a league-leading 42.7 minutes a game. "We had an opportunity to get the win, and we just didn't get it done. They outplayed us."

When Battier was informed he almost matched Iverson in points, he just laughed.

"A.I. scores more points in his sleep than I'll probably score in my career," Battier said.

Houston fell behind 83-78 with 3:18 remaining in the game, but didn't panic. After the Rockets called a timeout, the team



MCT photo/Ron Jenkins
Tracy McGrady leads the Rockets in total offense.

closed out the game on a 12-3 run.

So, what exactly did coach Jeff Van Gundy say to his players?

"Nothing really," Battier said. "We're a stoic group. We're not going to let the highs and lows get to us. We just wanted to play good, solid Rocket basketball."

The Nuggets are counting down the days until Carmelo Anthony returns from his 15-game suspension. He will be back after three more games. The Nuggets are 4-8 without him.

J.R. Smith, who recently finished up his 10-game suspension, can't find his shot. He's a combined 9-for-30 from the field in two games since his return. Smith had 11 points against the Rockets.

"It's just tough right now," Iverson said. "Maybe at the end of the season we'll be laughing about these games right here, especially the ones at home we should have won."

Mavericks use OT to beat Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks had an answer for every run by the Indiana Pacers.

Despite trailing by double digits in the first half, and six points late in the fourth quarter, the Mavericks rallied to force overtime before beating the Pacers 115-113 on Friday night.

"We've been in a lot of close games, that's what got us to the finals last year," said Nowitzki, who scored a season-high 43 points, including three free throws in the final 5 seconds of overtime to seal the win. "We learned last year how to close big games out, and that's what you've got to do."

Jason Terry had 30 points, Josh Howard scored 15 and Nowitzki grabbed 12 rebounds for the Mavericks, who improved to 16-1 in their last 17 games and an NBA-best 30-8 overall.

Dallas' only setback since Dec. 13 was a 101-98 loss at the Lakers on Jan. 7. The Mavericks have won three straight since then.

"This was thrilling," Terry said. "When you can come out on an off-night defensively and still pull it out on the road, against a tough Indiana team, that says a lot about your team."

In overtime, Danny Granger gave the Pacers a 107-105 lead with a 3-pointer, but Nowitzki came right back with a 3 of his own to put Dallas back in front.

After the teams traded baskets, Jermaine O'Neal's layup put Indiana ahead by a point, but again the Mavericks

answered with Terry's jumper for a 112-111 lead with 27.8 seconds remaining.

"It was another brawl

tonight. ... One of those old heavy weight Joe Louis, Joe Frazier-type of brawls," Mavericks coach Avery Johnson said.

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Opening lead — two of hearts.

It is said that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, and this deal, where South reached six clubs on the sequence shown, would certainly seem to provide support for that argument. Most players with the West hand would choose the king of diamonds as their opening lead. It simply wouldn't occur to them to make any other lead, and in the end, they would wind up defeating the slam.

In the actual case, however, West, a well-known player, led a heart. He

realized from the bidding that South almost certainly had no diamonds, and thought it might be essential to establish a heart trick for the defense before declarer could establish dummy's spades and dispose of his heart losers.

But, alas, West's opening heart lead proved fatal. Declarer won with dummy's queen, ruffed a diamond, played the K-Q of trumps and then led the four of spades.

This presented West with an insoluble problem. If he went up with the ace, South would later discard his J-8-5 of hearts on dummy's spades. And if West followed low instead, declarer would win the spade with dummy's queen and return a low spade to the jack and ace, forcing West to concede the slam whatever he did next.

If West had led a diamond originally — the so-called automatic lead — declarer would have gone down regardless of how he proceeded. There would have been no way for him to avoid losing a spade and a heart, assuming best defense.

Was West simply unlucky because he was smart enough to figure out that South was void of diamonds, or should he have led a diamond anyway? It's hard to say, but of one thing we're sure: A little knowledge can be a dangerous thing!

STEERS

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that here," said one of the referees as he stepped out of Steer Gym and into the cold night.

With just over three minutes to play in the district match, the Steers began fouling the Tigers in an attempt to get back into the game.

"I knew the game was over, but my job is to teach these kids," Martin said after the referees left the building. "I wanted to use the situation to prepare us for down

the road. We substituted and fouled at the end for the experience and game situation — not to extend the game."

Frenship hit its free throws down the stretch and maintained its lead throughout the fourth quarter.

"Coach Martin has done an excellent job of getting the student body here at Big Spring into these basketball games," visiting coach Jason Dear said. "I feel fortunate that we have a senior, four-year-let-terman in Quinn and he refused to allow the crowd to distract us in a big game like this. Word is out around the district that this gym is

now a tough place to come and play. I am impressed with everything that I have seen here and I feel fortunate to get out of this gym with a win."

Jason Walker added 10 points for the Steers and according to coach Martin, Walker and Darious McCallister (4 points) played very tough defense.

"We're 15-10 right now and this was our first district game," Martin added. "We have to do a better job of getting through some distractions that I don't want to go into right now, but we are not going to hang our heads and get down.

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Big Spring used an 11-0 run that was capped off by Cheswoth's 3-pointer with under 30 seconds to play in the half and the Lady Steers were down just 21-17 at intermission.

Early in the third quarter the game was tied at 21-21.

"The difference in the game was the start of the second half," Tigers' coach Terry Lowrey said. "When Big Spring tied the game we really responded well. We held them scoreless for a long

time and outscored them by about 30 points. We played great defense and just out-rebounded them in the second half — that was the difference in the game tonight."

Actually, the Lady Steers were outscored 22-3 during that span.

"We need to find some players who want to play," Chew said as he searched for answers and read the stat sheets. "We're going to find those players and we're going to work on being more aggressive on offense this week. We are going to have to play tougher and play a more aggres-

sive style of basketball if we are going to compete in this district."

Before fouling out of the game Yanez scored 7 points and pulled down 5 rebounds.

Sheppard was the Lady Steer's leading rebounder with 9.

"We played pretty darn good on defense," Chew added. "I was really proud of how we rebounded tonight, but we're going to have to work on offense. I hate to say it again, but we have to become more aggressive when we have the ball."

The Lady Steers will travel to face district rival

Estacado on Tuesday. Game time is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

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Eva Dyck of Stanton was the leading scorer the game, but shooting less than 50 percent from the free throw line doomed the Lady Buffaloes (8-19).

Traci Clark added 6 points and Brennan Harp managed 5 more in the losing effort.

The Lady Buffaloes will host Merkel in district action on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Garden City 65
Robert Lee 24**
GARDEN CITY — The Lady Bearkats improved to 22-1 and 3-0 on the year after disposing of Robert Lee in quick fashion.

Garden City jumped out to a 17-4 first quarter lead and then extended it to 38-9 at halftime before enjoying the 41-point victory.

Erin Hurt led the Lady Kats with 19 points, but she had plenty of help from K'Laan Niehues and freshman Macy Schwartz, as each scored 10 points.

The Lady Bearkats will travel to play Water Valley on Tuesday night with a scheduled tip off for 6:30 p.m.

**Grady 75
Loop 43**
LENORAH — Kelsi

Howard powered Grady to a District 8-A, Division II victory as she lit up the scoreboard for 21 points in the 75-43 route over Loop.

Grady was 6-for-9 in 3-pointers in the contest and built a 32-13 lead at the break.

Kenzie Madison poured in 19 points of her own and Brittney Rivas added 16 for the Lady Wildcats.

Grady will stay on the road next week, as the Lady Wildcats will travel to play Sands at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

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Youngest teen in 50 years makes cut

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer
HONOLULU — History finally arrived at the Sony Open when a teenager from Hawaii made the cut Friday.

Michelle Wie won't be around to see it. Tadd Fujikawa, the pint-sized sophomore who turned 16 on Monday, stole the show from the island's biggest golf star with an eagle on the last hole for a 4-under 66, making him the youngest player in 50 years to make the cut on the PGA Tour.

He walked up to the 18th green to a standing ovation, the loudest of the week at Waialae Country Club, then sent the grandstands into delirium with a 15-foot eagle putt. He dropped his putter and raised both hands in the air, then punched the air with a big uppercut as a smile stretched across his face.

"I can't breathe right now," Fujikawa said. "I'm so excited."

The cheer resonated all the way to the clubhouse, where the 17-year-old Wie was wrapping up her press conference after again struggling off the tee on her way to a 76. She missed the cut for the fourth straight time at the Sony Open, this time by 14 shots.

"I tried my best. It's all I can do," said Wie, who has not made the cut in seven PGA Tour starts. "I have a lot of game, it's just not showing right now. When I get it to come out, I'm going to be fine."

Paul Goydos (63) and Luke Donald (66) shared the lead at 11-under 129, but attention shifted to the 5-foot-1 kid who first got everyone's attention when he qualified for the U.S. Open at Winged

Foot.

Fujikawa was tied for 25th at 3-under 137.

The youngest player to qualify for the weekend on the PGA Tour was Bob Panasuk at the 1957 Canadian Open when he was 15 years, eight months. Ty Tryon was 16 years, nine months when he made the cut in the 2001 Honda Classic.

"Making the cut is an awesome thing for me right now," Fujikawa said. "Having all these people watching and supporting me ... I wish everybody in the world could feel what I'm feeling now."

That's what Wie has wanted since she was 14, but it will have to wait. Her driving was so erratic that when she hit the fairway on her 10th hole, she covered her mouth and said, "Oh, my God!" in mock surprise.

Her 14-over 154 total was her highest at the Sony Open; in three previous tries, she didn't miss the cut by more than seven shot.

The gallery fled to the far east side of Waialae, the back nine, after seeing that Fujikawa was 3 under for his round and two shots inside the cut line. He missed a 3-foot par putt on the 14th, then missed the green well to the right on the 15th for another bogey, and followed that by driving into a bunker on the 16th.

But he hit out to 15 feet and holed the birdie putt and punched the air in sheer delight, and he was on his way.

The kid now gets two more days to see how far he can go.

"I'm probably not going to win this tournament," he said.

Chad Campbell, tied for the lead going into the

final round at the Sony Open last year until he went 16 holes without a birdie and finished five shots behind David Toms, played in the morning and turned in a 65 to finish two shots out of the lead at 9-under 131.

Charles Howell III rode a birdie-eagle finish to a 63 and was at 132, followed by Will MacKenzie (68), Jim Furyk (68) and Robert Allenby (66).

Fujikawa didn't pick up a club until he was 8 and didn't get serious until he was 12, when he took his first lesson from a PGA instructor. He has been on his own the past few months, working almost exclusively on his putting. Even after a morning round Thursday, he was at Waialae until twilight on the putting green.

"If I didn't work so much on my putting, I don't think I would have made that (eagle) putt," he said. "I don't think I would have made the cut."

He was assured of making the cut when he found the fairway on the 551-yard closing hole, and when he hit 6-iron from 207 yards to 15 feet, just left of the hole. Boo Weekley and Steve Wheatcroft were playing with him, and they graciously waited behind so Fujikawa could walk alone to the 18th green and soak in the applause.

That gesture normally is reserved for champions, and the kid sure felt like one Friday.

Asked what he would do when he got home, he closed his eyes and said wearily, "Eat. Sleep."

Then he flashed a big smile.

"And be watch the Golf Channel."

Rice Owls lose head football coach

By JUSTIN JUOZAPAVICIUS

Associated Press Writer
TULSA, Okla. — Tulsa hired Rice's Todd Graham as its new head coach Friday, replacing Steve Kragthorpe with his former defensive coordinator.

Graham ran Kragthorpe's defense for three years at Tulsa before taking the Rice job last year. He turned around the Owls program, taking a team that had been 1-10 in 2005 and leading it to a 7-6 season and its first bowl game in 45 years.

"I'm very excited for my family, and thrilled about this opportunity to be the head football coach at the University of Tulsa," Graham said in a statement. "To be able to return to a program that you helped to rebuild, and now have the chance to take it to an even higher level is exciting."

His flight from Houston was diverted to Kansas City, Mo., because of

freezing weather in Tulsa, and he was preparing to meet with the media via a phone call.

Last season, Tulsa led the league in total defense, while Rice University ranked last.

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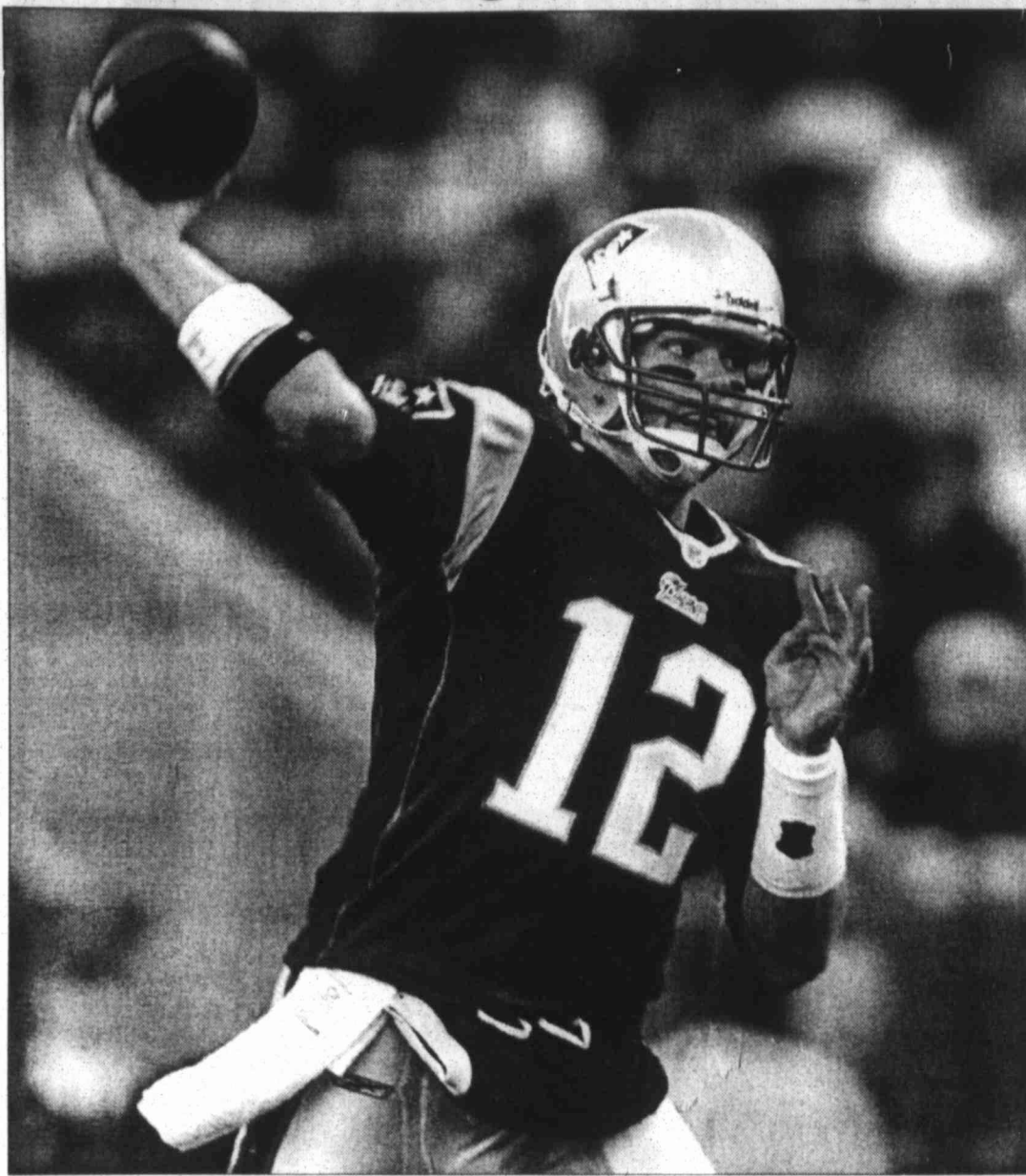
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Pats and Chargers: QB experience could be factor — NFL Picks



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady throws against the New York Jets during the AFC Wild Card playoff game. The Patriots defeated the Jets, 37-16, at Gillette Stadium in Massachusetts, Sunday, Jan 7, 2007.

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

— Tom Brady is 11-1 in playoff games as a starting quarterback. Philip Rivers is starting his first.

That makes New England's trip to San Diego on Sunday a mismatch at the game's most important position. It's also a mismatch (at least by postseason record) at coach, where the Patriots' Bill Belichick is 11-2 in the playoffs and the Chargers' Marty Schottenheimer is 5-12.

Beyond that, however, the Chargers have a huge talent advantage, which is one reason they are a five-point favorite in what might be the marquee game in the second round of the playoffs. In fact, start with LaDainian Tomlinson, the NFL's MVP, and keep going through Antonio Gates, Shawne Merriman and a bunch of lesser-known but very skilled Chargers.

"It's no one-man band out there," Belichick says of San Diego, whose 14-2 record was the NFL's best in the regular season. "They have a lot of good players."

"Good," doesn't always cut it in the playoffs.

Experience does, especially at quarterback.

So expect Rivers to see

things from Belichick's defense that he hasn't witnessed before. Rivers was on the bench last season when Drew Brees quarterbacked San Diego to a 41-17 regular-season win in Foxborough, a game in which Tomlinson ran for 134 yards. Rivers probably won't learn from looking at tape, either, because the Patriots adjust better than anyone to their opponents. What they did against the Jets last week may have no relationship to what they do against the Chargers on Sunday.

Maybe all Rivers has to do is hand the ball to Tomlinson a few times and watch him run. Or throw it to him. Or to Antonio Gates.

Could happen. The guess here is that it won't.

PATRIOTS, 20-19
Indianapolis (plus 4) at Baltimore

If the Colts' defense can play the way it did against the Chiefs, Peyton Manning can provide more than enough offense to win. Even against Baltimore's defense

But this isn't the RCA Dome and the Ravens' middling offense can't possibly be as inept as the Kansas Chiefs were last week.

RAVENS, 24-22

Philadelphia (plus 5) at New Orleans

The Eagles, who lost 27-24 in New Orleans in October, are the hottest team in the NFC with six straight wins heading into the playoffs.

The Saints are certainly the feel-good story of the NFL.

But this game may turn simply on the dislocated elbow incurred by cornerback Lito Sheppard, Philadelphia's best cover man in the Eagles' 23-20 win over the Giants last week. New York exploited his absence for the tying touchdown in the fourth quarter and Brees is sure to try to do the same.

SAINTS, 31-25
Seattle (plus 8) at Chicago

Rex Grossman is liable to be paying attention this week the way he wasn't the finale. He's also likely to be on a short leash. Any sign of a passer rating of nil and Brian Griese will be in the game.

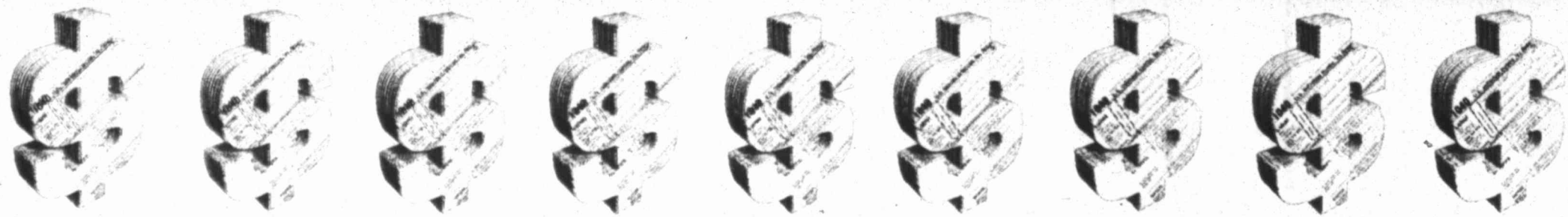
Shaun Alexander didn't play in the Seahawks' 37-6 loss at Soldier Field on Oct. 1 and some significant Chicago defenders (Mike Brown and Tommie Harris) won't play in this one.

The spread is too big, but ...

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FELINE FUN FACTS

1. What percentage of American households owns a cat?

According to the "U.S. Pet Ownership and Demographics Sourcebook," about 32 percent of U.S. households included a cat in 2001.

2. How many breeds of cats are there?

The Cat Fanciers' Association, the world's largest registry of cat breeds, recognizes 39 pedigreed breeds in its Champion Class.

According to the CFA, the most popular breeds in 2005 were:

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| 1. Persian | 6. Ragdoll |
| 2. Maine Coon | 7. Birman |
| 3. Exotic | 8. American Shorthair |
| 4. Siamese | 9. Oriental |
| 5. Abyssinian | 10. Sphynx |

3. Why is a cat's tongue so rough?

Cats' sandpaper-like tongues act as a comb when they are grooming themselves, and help them scrape the meat off the bones of their prey.

4. How many hours a day do cats sleep?

They sleep an average of 16 hours a day, nearly twice as long as most mammals. Cats nap much of the day and are most active during the late evening and early morning.

5. What is a healthy weight for a cat?

The average house cat ranges from 6 to 12 pounds, but many cats are overweight.

Some signs of an overweight cat:

- It is difficult to feel its ribs or spine.
- It is difficult to see its waist.
- Its abdomen is sagging.
- It has difficulty grooming itself.
- Its face looks round with larger cheeks.
- It hesitates to jump on furniture.
- It has matted fur on the back or tail area.

Wild cats have a wide range in size. The Siberian tiger can weigh up to 700 pounds while the wild black-footed cat weighs as little as 3 pounds.

6. What are the most popular cat names?

According to a survey by Veterinary Pet Insurance, the top five male cat names are Max, Tigger, Tiger, Smokey and Oliver. The top five female cat names are Chloe, Lucy, Cleo, Princess and Angel.

7. Why do cats scratch furniture?

Cats scratch furniture to define their territory by using the glands in the pads of their feet to create a scent mark.

Cats also need to scratch to pull off the old outer nail of the claw and expose a sharp, smooth one.

Cat owners can trim their pet's nails every two to three weeks to help protect furniture (and their arms!). Scratching posts can help distract cats from shredding a favorite couch.



SUSANNA FROHMAN/KRT
Holding a cat has a calming effect on humans.

8. Are there health benefits to owning a cat?

Yes. Picking up a cat has a calming effect and causes a person's blood pressure to drop and heart rate to slow. And cats can add up to 10 years to their owner's lives, according to The Berlin Longevity Institute.

9. How long do cats live?

The average life span of an indoor cat is 13 to 17 years, although many cats live into their 20s. When they are young, cats age quickly relative to human years. A cat that's 6 months old is equal to about 10 years old in human years. As they get older, the aging process slows down, so that after age 2, every cat year is equal to about four human years.

10. Does a cat's tail serve a purpose?

The tail helps a cat balance, which is especially useful when the animal is climbing a tree or walking on a narrow railing. It also helps a cat to orient itself when it makes any abrupt change in direction.

You can tell a lot about a cat's mood when you look at its tail. When a cat's tail is held high it shows the animal has dignity. When the tail is in a lower state it means the cat is relaxed. When a cat's tail twitches, it can mean it's annoyed, but it can also mean it's interested or excited. If a cat holds its tail down, close to its body, swishing from side to side, it's a warning that the animal is aggressive or angry.

11. What do cat whiskers do?

The average cat has 24 whiskers, 12 on each side of its face. The whiskers act as a sort of antennae for cats, helping them measure the space around them and detect objects in the dark.

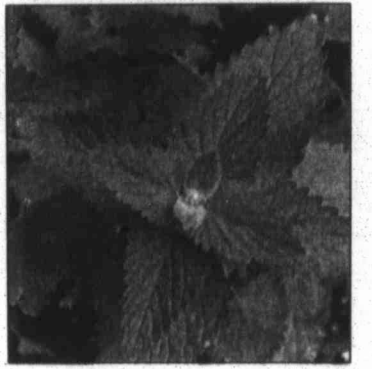
Whiskers also indicate a cat's mood. If they are fanned straight out to the side of the face, the cat is relaxed and happy. If they are pointed backward, flat against the cat's face, the animal is angry or afraid.

12. Why do cats usually land on their feet?

Cats have a "righting" reflex that gives them the ability to right themselves when they fall. A cat instinctually turns its head and front torso to the ground, and its tail helps it align its back with the rest of the body before it lands. The cat arches its back and stretches its legs to reduce the impact, and the paw pads and leg joints help absorb the shock to the legs.

13. Why do some cats go crazy for catnip?

The oil nepetalactone in the leaves of catnip sets off most cats, although kittens and some adult cats do not respond to the herb. Some cats roll in catnip, others eat it and some fall asleep after sniffing it. The treat is not addictive and the effects last only about 10 minutes.



SOME CATS ENJOY ROLLING IN CATNIP LEAVES.

14. How long did the musical "Cats" run on Broadway?

Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical "Cats" opened on Broadway on Oct. 7, 1982, and ran until Sept. 10, 2000. The play, which was based on a book of T.S. Eliot's poems, was the longest running musical on Broadway until Jan. 9, 2006, when "Phantom of the Opera" took over the record.

15. What is a "Hemingway cat"?

Hemingway cats, also known as mitten or polydactyl cats, have extra toes. Cats typically have five toes on the front paws and four toes on the back paws. The Hemingway nickname comes from author Ernest Hemingway, whose cat Princess Six Toes was polydactyl.

Jake, a 28-toed cat, holds the world record for the cat with the most toes. Jake has seven toes on each paw. The Hemingway Home and Museum in Key West, Fla., houses around 60 cats, some of which are descendants of Hemingway's cat. About half are polydactyls.

16. Are there benefits to neutering or spaying a cat?

While the main benefit to neutering and spaying is helping to control the cat population, there are other benefits:

- Stops the howling of cats who are looking for a mate.
- Ends the desire for cats to roam and find a mate.
- Curbs the animal's urge to mark a territory with urine.
- Stops the soiling of a female cat in heat. (A cat's heat can last up to 21 days. It can occur two to three times a year.)
- Raises an animal's life expectancy.

17. What is the scientific name for a person who loves cats?

A person who loves cats is an ailurophile, while cat haters are known as ailurophobes. The prefix "ailuro" is of Greek origin and means "cat."

18. What sounds do cats make?

Cats make about 16 different sounds, including purring, hissing and meowing. Some breeds, such as the Siamese, are more vocal than other cats.

19. When a cat purrs does it mean it's happy?

Not always. While cats do often purr when they're content, they also purr when they're in pain, in labor or dying. Most likely a purr is a sign of a social mood, either in appreciation for attention or in need of attention — which would be the case if it's in pain — according to Desmond Morris, author of "Catwatching."



COURTESY OF WARNER BROS.
Halle Berry played the title role in the 2004 movie "Catwoman."

20. What actresses have played Catwoman?

Julie Newmar and Eartha Kitt played Catwoman in the TV series "Batman." Lee Meriwether played the character in the 1966 movie based on the TV series. Michelle Pfeiffer played Batman's nemesis in the 1992 movie "Batman Returns." And Halle Berry played the role for the big screen in 2004's "Catwoman."

—Jody Mitori and Kim Ossi, Knight Ridder/Tribune

Wedding

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Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Wayne Park

Amber Michelle Breaux of Arlington and Kevin Wayne Park of Midland were united in marriage at 4 p.m. Oct. 28, 2006, at Trinity Baptist Church with the Rev. Randy Cotton of Trinity Baptist Church officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Dana Kelly of Canton and James and Daphna Breaux of Lago Vista, Texas. Her grandparents are James and Shirley DuBois and Jodi Breaux and the late Harold Breaux.

The groom is the son of Linda Park of Big Spring and the late Roger Park. His grandparents are Jake and Jean Smith of Big Spring and the late Henry and Estill Park.

Given away by her father, James Breaux, the bride wore a floor length, white satin, A-line gown with scalloped sweetheart neckline and apple colored beaded lace on the bodice which matched the white and apple veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses.

Serving as maid of honor was Jamie Steinborne, friend of the bride, and best

man was Chris Perry, friend of the groom.

Bridesmaids were Sherie Breaux and Amanda Breaux, sisters of the bride. Groomsmen were Andy Hyden and Toby Clanton, friends of the groom.

Makenzie Sanderford, niece of the bride served as flower girl and Gage Speck, nephew of the groom, was the ring bearer.

Candle Lighters were Brantley Cahoon, nephew of the groom, and Lori Speck, sister of the groom. Ushers were Casey and Colton Speck, nephews of the groom.

Following the ceremony, the reception was held at the Claude Craven Annex. The couple spent their honeymoon on a cruise to the Bahamas and the Virgin Islands.

The bride is a graduate from Red Oak High School. The groom graduated from Big Spring High School, Howard College and attended Texas Tech University. He works for State Farm Insurance in Midland.

Births

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Jaycee Nikole Smith, a girl, was born Dec. 24, 2006, at 12:57 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Wesley and Stacy Smith of Big Spring. Her maternal grandparents are Fred and Lisa Rubio, both of Big Spring. Her maternal great-grandparents are David and Janie Lownes, both of Big Spring. Her paternal grandparents are Phillip and Becky Smith of Big Spring. Her paternal great-grandparents are Don and Grace Karns, both of Big Spring.

Jaycee was welcomed home by big sister Tristan.



Jaycee Nikole Smith



Tristan Alexander Gaitan Cansino

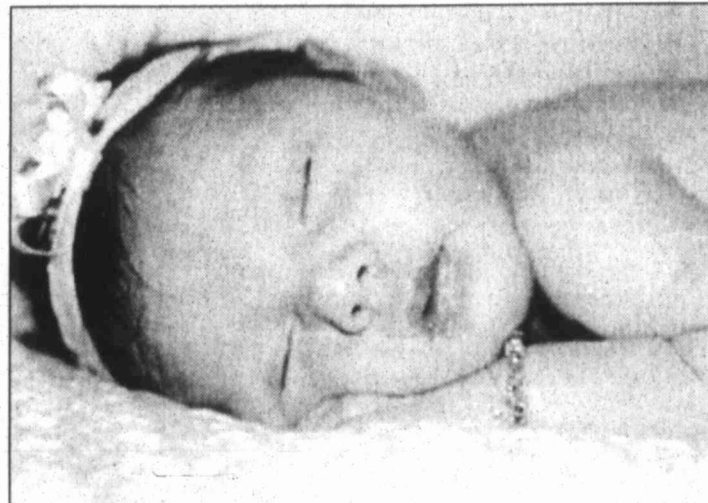
Tristan Alexander Gaitan Cansino, a boy, was born Dec. 31, 2006 at 12:29 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

He is the son of Hector Cansino and Sylvia Gaitan of Big Spring. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Agustin V. Gaitan of Big Spring. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ponciano Cansino of Big Spring.

Tristan was welcomed home by siblings Justin, Jackie, Ana, Andrea, Alexis, Vickie and Shania.

Madison Faye Hataway, a girl, was born Nov. 29, 2006, at 3:12 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Ross and Andrea Hataway of Big Spring. Her maternal grandparents are Tony and Angela Gillespie of Knott. Her paternal grandparents are Cindy and Tommy Wright and Emmitt and Kathy Hataway, all of Snyder.



Madison Faye Hataway



William Evans Hale

William Evans Hale, a boy, was born at 9:43 a.m. Dec. 24, 2006, weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. He is the son of Lane and Kara Hale of Austin. His grandparents are Bob and Peggy Evans of Big Spring and Steve and June Hale of Lake Kiowa.

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 - LUNCH-N-LEARN - 11:30 AM
- January 18 * Thursday
 - Mall Walking - 8:00 AM
 - Coffee @ Just Peachy's - 10:00 AM
 - BUNCO - 5:00 PM
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Club News

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Local dentist Dr. Myers will speak to the group about dental health.

Members are reminded to turn in their volunteer hours for the year to Mike Cowley, community volunteer services chairman.

All retired school personnel are invited to attend the meeting.

The Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club

The Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club, in Midland is proud to announce that they will continue to have an event sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association in Big Spring during 2007.

For those of you who are new to volkssporting it is a wonderful sport in which you have fun, see the world and walk off those extra pounds. The Midland Club has sanctioned a number of walks in Midland, Odessa, Big Spring, Andrews and in San Angelo. Most of the walks are 10K (6 miles in length), however, some people choose to walk only a 5K, which is 3 miles.

Each sanctioned walk has been measured and a map giving you directions as to where to start and where the walks end are provided each time you do the walks.

Each walk has what is called a start box, located at a hotel or restaurant close to the start of the walk. These year round walks can be walked at any time you want to do them.

As a member of a volkssporting club you get credit for doing each walk every six months.

Fredericksburg is the home of the first volkssporting club in the United States. Volkssporting is a European sport that migrated to the United States.

We want to invite you to get in touch so you can walk the walk with us at the Big Spring State Park.

At the present we have one walk scheduled in April and one in September at the state park. Each month we do at least one walk.

In addition to our walks, we have a general meeting the third Sunday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church in Midland at 800 W. Texas, Room 201, at 5 p.m.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 20.

Since there is no age limit, anyone can join the fun. From these walks you gain renewed energy, friendships, fun, improved health, and a sense of accomplishment. Not a bad prescription that costs so very little!

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Johnny and Darla Swindell

Johnny and Darla Swindell of Big Spring marked their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a wonderful trip to the Pacific Northwest. Besides the breath-taking diverse beauty of that country, highlights included the amazing Mount St. Helens volcano and the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville, Ore.

Their children are music teacher daughter Elizabeth King of Fort Worth; late son John Phillip Swindell; and light-of-their-lives-granddaughter, 4.7-year-old Mikayla King of Fort Worth.

Johnny was born in Lovington, N.M., but graduated from Big Spring High School. Darla was born in Big Spring — one of the first babies delivered by the new, young Dr. John Hogan at Malone & Hogan Hospital — but lived in and graduated from Coahoma.

Johnny and Darla Woodson were married Oct. 16, 1956, at the home of the bride's parents in Coahoma by Jack Powers, pastor, Trinity Baptist

Church. They had been introduced at a youth after-glow watermelon fest in his parent's yard, just three days before a blind date, pre-arranged by her sister.

They've lived in their present home 49-plus years, and he, with a little help from her, has completely remodeled it beginning in the 1960s. Their house is the old Hayden home place which had been moved from the corner of Johnson and 9th Streets.

Johnny is retired from Union Pacific Railroad and Darla from Big Spring ISD.

They are members of Trinity Baptist Church, where she sings in the choir, and has played piano and taught Sunday school and in the junior department some 25 years.

His hobbies include sharing his computer skills, and history — especially WW II and the Jewish nation, which he finds rich and rewarding. Her hobbies include music, singing and piano, reading and sewing.

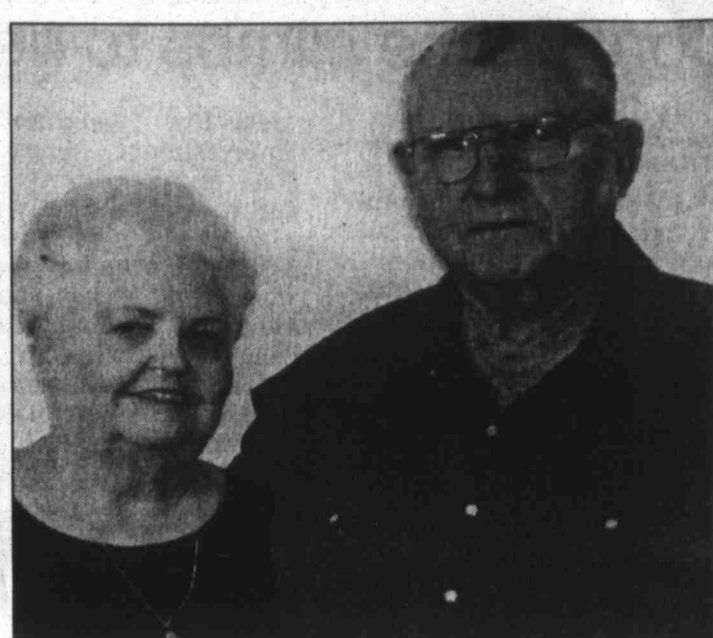
Throughout their mar-

riage, one or both have been privileged to be involved in the Four O'clock Garden Club, College Heights PTA (receiving a Texas Life membership), Brownies, Cub and Boy Scouts, Little League, Gray-Y Football, US Girls Softball, Meistersingers, youth camps and fellowships, Texas Educational Secretaries Assn., Assn. of Texas Professional Educators, Big Spring Bible Church, East Fourth Street Baptist Church, driving the Mighty Oaks Club senior citizens some 50,000 miles by van, VAMC Wednesday night services, Canterbury Sunday afternoon services, The Compassionate Friends Inc. local election clerk and judge, and West Texas Pachyderm Club.

The Lord has been good to us, an ever present rock, refuge, comforter and guide.



Leo and Lola Mae Foster



Leo and Lola Mae Foster of Duncan, Okla. will celebrate their Golden Anniversary with a reception, hosted by their children, held Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Stephens County Fair Grounds building in Duncan, Okla.

Leo was born in Lamesa and Lola Mae Smith was born in Vealmoore. The couple were married on Jan. 18, 1957, in Carlsbad, N.M.

Their children are Larry and Debra Foster, Lonny and Vicki Foster, all of Duncan, Okla.; and Lavoy and Stacey Foster of Davis, Okla. They have six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

During their 50 year marriage, the couple have lived in Ackerly and Duncan, Okla. Both are retired and they attend Eastside Church of Christ.

The couple enjoy bluegrass music.

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Confidence climbs to nearly 1-year high as consumers greet new year

By JEANNINE AVERSA
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Consumers greeted the new year in a much more optimistic frame of mind, with their confidence rising to a nearly one-year high in January.

And, their outlook for the economy's prospects and their own financial situations over the next six months turned con-

siderably brighter. This improvement comes after a long, angst-ridden period about future economic activity.

"A lot of the fears people had about the economy seem to be dissipating. Fears about inflation and soaring gas prices. Fears about higher interest rates and the housing bust," said Mark Vitner, an economist at Wachovia Corp.

The RBC Cash Index, based

on the results of the international polling firm Ipsos, showed confidence clocking in at 95.3 in January. That was up from 86.9 in December and was the best showing since February of last year.

The new reading also shows that consumers are in better spirits now than they were in January a year ago, when confidence had sunk to 78.2.

The pickup bodes well for the

national economy. If consumers are in good moods, they may be more inclined to spend at a pace sufficient to keep the economy moving along. Consumer spending plays a major role in shaping overall economic activity.

Most of the upswing in consumer confidence this month can be traced to people feeling more upbeat about economic conditions and their own finan-

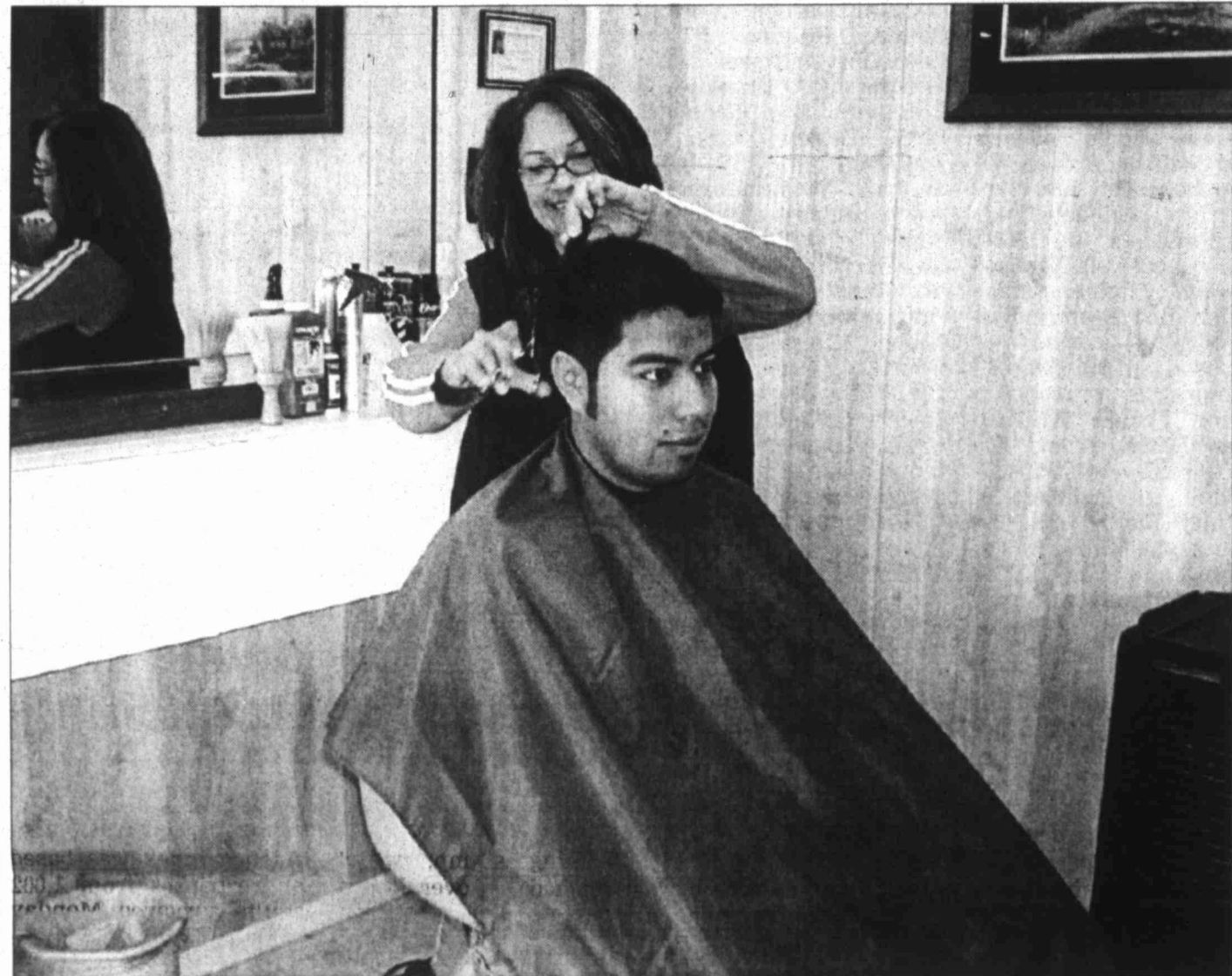
cial prospects over the next six months.

This "expectations" index soared to 83.8 in January, from 55 in December. The new reading was the highest reading in more than two years.

That's particularly important because this measure, which had turned negative after the deadly Gulf Coast hurricanes in

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Going on her own



HERALD Photo/Andrea Medlin

Vicky DeLeon, owner-operator of One Way Salon, cuts customer Jeremiah Torres' hair. The newly opened salon is located at 1706 1/2 West Third. The shop is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday to 8 p.m. Saturday appointments are also available. For more information, call DeLeon at 264-6094.

With strength from faith and friends, local beautician opens One Way Salon

By ANDREIA MEDLIN
Special to the Herald

"I give God all the honor, praise and glory."

Vicky DeLeon, owner and operator of One Way Salon, gives most of her success to a higher power. A project in the works for several years, the opportunity to have her own place just never seemed to come to fruition.

Until now. "My husband and I prayed about it and asked God if this is what He

wanted me to do," Vicky explained. "When we tried in the past it just never seemed to work out. It was never the right building, the right place or the bankers didn't want to do it."

Vicky and her husband, Ray DeLeon, then enlisted the spiritual help of the pastors at their church to pray for her endeavor. Finally, she got an answer and with the help of a fellow church member, Marcelino Rangel, has opened The One Way Salon where she is the sole hairdresser — for now.

Although the shop is new, Vicky is no stranger to Big Spring. She has had her beautician's license for 12 years and enjoyed a regular clientele at the Downtown Barber Shop for eight years. The experience and opportunity she received there isn't lost on her.

"I enjoyed working there," Vicky said. "And I'm grateful Larry (Knight) hired me. He showed me a lot of tricks with the clippers."

With help she feels she receives

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Avoid fraudulent tax preparation

Tax evasion scams, including fraudulent tax return preparation, cost taxpayers billions of dollars every year. Dishonest tax preparers can commit fraud in a number of ways. They can claim inflated personal or business expenses, false deductions, unallowable credits or excessive exemptions on returns prepared for their clients. Fraudulent preparers also may manipulate income figures to obtain fraudulent tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Missing the signs that a preparer could be abusive could cause the taxpayer considerable financial problems. Some of the most common signs include:

- Claiming that they can obtain larger refunds than other preparers.
- Basing their fee on a percentage of the amount of the refund. Fees should be based on the complexity of the return, never on the size of the tax savings or refund.

- Claiming they can get you immediate payment of your return. Keep in mind that this is a loan. Fraudulent tax preparers often pad their pockets by giving cash up front at a high interest rate while presenting it as an instant refund from the federal government.

- Refusing to sign the tax return or provide the taxpayer a copy for his or her records. Always make sure that you have something in hand that shows proof of what transpired and you should have a receipt for services rendered.

Taxpayers should be very careful when choosing tax preparers. While most preparers provide good service to their clients, a few unscrupulous tax preparers file false and fraudulent tax returns and ultimately defraud their clients. It is important for taxpayers to know that even if someone else prepares their return, they are ultimately responsible for all the information on the tax return. The Better Business Bureau, along with the IRS, recommend that taxpayers follow these tips when hiring a preparer:

- Get referrals from satisfied clients.
- Ask the preparer about their training, experience and current knowledge of tax law.
- Find out whether the preparer has ever represented taxpayers in an audit, or has ever been denied eligibility to do so.

- Consider whether the individual or firm will be around to answer questions about the preparation of the tax return months or even years after the return has been filed.

Most importantly, taxpayers should always review their return before signing and ask questions on entries they do not understand, and get a copy of the return for their records. Finally, do not ever sign a blank tax form or one filled out in pencil!

This article was provided by the Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin. The office can be reached at (432) 563-0213.



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Samantha Ann Berrera, 606 Lamar, Sweetwater
Kerrie Lea Bhuiyan, 538 Westover, Big Spring
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Latonya Campbell, 5948 Callastion Lane, Fort Worth
Maria Campos, 751 Agua Pesada, El Paso
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Rae Lynn Jennings, 1904 E. 25th St., Big Spring
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County Court Decisions:

Probated judgment; Andy Lee Flores; criminal mischief less than \$1,500; 180 days in jail/probated for 12 months, \$500 fine, court costs.
Probated judgment; Rita Faye Wilkerson; theft of service by check; 180 days in jail/probated for 12 months, \$500 fine, court costs.
Probated judgment; Steven Franco; duty on striking unattended vehicle; 180 days in jail/probated for 12 months, \$250 fine, court costs.
Probated judgment; Ector Brandon Jaramillo; evading arrest; 180 days in jail/probated for 12 months, \$1,500 fine, court costs.
Probated judgment; Fred Allen Perry; driving while license suspended; 180 days in jail/probated for 12 months, \$500 fine, court costs.
Probated judgment; Jose Munoz III; driving while license

suspended; 180 days in jail/probated for 12 months, \$500 fine, court costs.
Probated judgment; Michael Arnulfo Hernandez; driving while intoxicated/second offense; 365 days in jail/probated for 12 months, \$2,500 fine, court costs.
Probated judgment; Clifford Raymond Stinson; driving while intoxicated; 180 days in jail/probated for 12 months, \$1,500 fine, court costs.
Probated judgment-deferred adjudication; Nathan Lozano Torres; fictitious/counterfeit inspection document for display; six months probation, \$250 fine, court costs.
Probated judgment; Carolina Moskoe; driving while license suspended; 180 days in jail/probated for 12 months, \$500 fine, court costs.
Probated judgment; Jerrick Decova Straighter; assault causing bodily injury; 180 days in jail/probated for 12 months, \$1,500 fine, court costs.
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Marriage Licenses:
William J. Franks, 30, and Leslie Kayla Jones, 24, both of Big Spring.
George Michael Kennedy, 49, and Cynthia L. Roberts-Parker, 44, both of Big Spring.
Brian E. Lower, 26, and Aimee L. Sinclair, 20, both of Ohio.

District Court Filings:
Erin L. Cloud vs. Kenneth C. Cloud, divorce.
David Martinez Jr. vs. Victoria Valbuena Martinez, divorce.

Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: Jimmie Sholults Sr.
Grantee: Faye Southern and Paula Stevens
Property: Lots 10 through 15, original town of Forsan
Date: Dec. 27, 2006

Grantor: Maria Barber
Grantee: H.D. Barber
Property: Lot 5, block 20, original town of Big Spring
Date: Dec. 27, 2006

Grantor: Ackerly Oil Co.
Grantee: Eddin-Walcher Co.
Property: Tract out of section 30, block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date: Dec. 27, 2006

Grantor: Calvin C. and Irene O. McWhorter
Grantee: Jamesw A. and Stephanie J. Rosenblum
Property: Part of Locd C, tract 8, Kennebeck Heights Addition
Date: Dec. 27, 2006

Grantor: Cleo L. Carlile
Grantee: Cosme and Juley Ramirez
Property: Lot 11, block 3, Piner Heights
Date: Dec. 27, 2006

Grantor: William R. and Brenda Fay Banks
Grantee: James T. and Janet L. Scott
Property: Lots 2 and 3, block 3, Marshall Fields Estates
Date: Dec. 27, 2006

Grantor: Midfirst Bank
Grantee: Secretary of Veterans Affairs
Property: Lot 17, block 4, Douglass Subdivision
Date: Dec. 28, 2006

Grantor: Raymond B. and Norma N. Alexander
Grantee: GRR Properties
Property: Lot 5, block 3, Coronado Hills Addition
Date: Dec. 28, 2006

Grantor: Wells Fargo Bank Trustee
Grantee: Henry Backes and Jo Carruth
Property: Lot 12, block 26, Monticello Addition
Date: Dec. 29, 2006

Warranty Deeds with Vendor Lien:
Grantor: Roy Taylor
Grantee: Robert L. and Kelly D. Hankins
Property: Tract out of north-east quarter of section 41, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey.
Date: Dec. 27, 2006

Grantor: Gayla D. Williams
Grantee: Robert Rowan
Property: Lot 6, block 30, College Park Estates.
Date: Dec. 29, 2006

Grantor: Troy Koenig
Grantee: Rodolfo and Christina Brito
Property: Lot 1, block 1, Belvue Addition
Date: Dec. 29, 2006

Grantor: Josue and Cindy Lugo
Grantee: Brandon Boreliz
Property: Lot 7, block 4, Thorp Subdivision
Date: Dec. 29, 2006

Business briefs

AMR to use smaller planes at Love Field

DALLAS (AP) — AMR Corp., the parent of American Airlines, will switch to smaller planes on all of its flights from Dallas Love Field, where it competes against Southwest Airlines Co.

American operates 136-seat MD-80s on four flights each day to St. Louis and Kansas City, but those will be replaced in April with 50-seat planes operated by sister carrier American Eagle, AMR spokesman Tim Wagner said Friday.

AMR will continue to operate 16 departures a day from Love Field, Wagner said. The other 12 already use Eagle's smaller Embraer 145 aircraft.

The change was first reported by Fort Worth television station KXAS.

American has a major hub at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, but it resumed flights at Love Field last year to compete with Southwest on service from the downtown airport to St. Louis, Kansas City, Austin and San Antonio.

Southwest has long flown from Love Field to other airports in Texas and surrounding states. A law passed by Congress last year allowed Dallas-based Southwest to begin selling one-stop flights to more distant cities, which could pressure American's operations at DFW Airport.

Wagner declined to say how many seats American typically sells on the MD-80 flights or whether AMR is making a profit at Love Field. He said the smaller Eagle plane "better matches the demand we're seeing at Love Field."

Wagner said Fort Worth-based AMR isn't retreating from the Dallas airport.

"We always said that splitting our operation (between Love and DFW Airport) wasn't ideal, but it's what we needed to do to compete with other carriers," he said. "We're

going to stay there. We're committed to Love Field."

American currently uses the bigger MD-80s on three flights each day to St. Louis and one to Kansas City. Other flights to both cities that once used American MD-80s were switched to American Eagle's smaller Embraers in November.

Business travelers will lose one perk after the MD-80s leave Love Field on April 10: No first-class service. The Embraers don't have a separate cabin for first class.

ConocoPhillips to repurchase up to \$1B of stock

HOUSTON (AP) — ConocoPhillips, the third-largest U.S. oil company, said Friday it plans to repurchase up to \$1 billion in stock, including about \$750 million in the first quarter of 2007.

In a brief statement, the company gave no explanation for the buyback program, though it said it expected to announce further details before March 31.

ConocoPhillips shares were up \$1.48, or 2.4 percent, to \$63.30 in early afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Based on Thursday's closing price, ConocoPhillips shares are off about 14 percent so far this year.

Last month, when ConocoPhillips announced it will reduce capital spending in 2007 by 25 percent, chairman and chief executive Jim Mulva said "prioritizing" such spending this year would enable the company to "more quickly reduce debt and increase dividends and share repurchases."

ConocoPhillips said this month it estimated the company had 1.67 billion shares outstanding in the fourth quarter. It also said its year-end debt was roughly \$27 billion.

John Parry, a senior analyst at energy consulting firm John S. Herold Inc., said it's not uncommon for large companies like

ConocoPhillips to institute stock repurchases to help increase shareholder value, and ConocoPhillips has indicated it wanted to maintain some control over the number of its shares outstanding.

Parry said the company could have opted to use the \$1 billion to reduce debt. But with projected cash flow between \$18 billion and \$20 billion this year, according to the firm's estimates, "it's not a bad use of the money," he said.

Standard & Poor's said Friday the stock buyback initiative would not immediately affect the company's corporate credit rating. But it said the announcement, coupled with Thursday's unfavorable news regarding oil and gas reserve additions in 2006 and other factors, "substantially reduces ConocoPhillips' upward rating momentum."

On a positive note, S&P said the company has made "meaningful progress" reducing the large amount of debt incurred last year, primarily through its \$35.6 billion purchase of Burlington Resources Inc.

BP chief executive to retire at the end of July

LONDON (AP) — BP PLC Chief Executive John Browne will retire at the end of July and will be succeeded by Tony Hayward, the head of exploration and production, the company said Friday.

Browne said last year that he would retire at the end of 2008. Over the past year, BP, one of the world's largest oil companies, has suffered a series of operational and governance problems that have led to strong criticism from investors and a dent in its reputation.

"Last summer, John and I had agreed that he would stay as CEO until the end of 2008," said BP Chairman Peter Sutherland. "John decided that it would be in the company's interest to name a successor now in order to provide an orderly transition."

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the fall of 2005, had been pretty much mired in a weak zone ever since.

"I think it's very impressive that the expectations component, which was stuck in the mud for quite a while, took a noticeable leap," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group. "This is a bullet through the heart of the doomsday crowd."

The improved outlook comes as Americans' paychecks, which had been whittled by inflation, have started to grow briskly.

Over the 12 months ending in December, workers' wages grew 4.2 percent. The last time the

annual wage gain was higher was six years ago.

And, with inflation calming down, peoples' purchasing power also is getting a boost. That's good for consumers' pocketbooks as well as for the overall economy.

A government report issued Friday showed that shoppers propelled retail sales up by 0.9 percent in December, the most in five months.

Gasoline prices, meanwhile, which had been creeping up, are slipping. Gasoline is now selling for \$2.31 a gallon nationwide compared with \$2.34 a gallon in late December, according to the Energy Department. Oil prices, meanwhile, are tumbling and dipped below \$52 a barrel on Thursday, the lowest price since May 2005.

Against this backdrop, Americans gave President Bush higher marks for his economic stewardship. The president's approval rating on the economy rose to 43 percent in January from 38 percent in December, according to a separate AP-Ipsos poll.

Consumers' feelings about current economic conditions clocked in at 94.3 in January, a solid showing that was nearly steady with December's reading of 95.2.

Another index tracking peoples' attitudes about buying, saving and other investment decisions came in at 83.2 this month — again holding close to December's showing of 82.5.

Consumers continue to feel buoyant about the job market. This reading

clocked in at 126.3 in January, virtually unchanged from December's 126.5, the highest on record.

For all of 2006, the unemployment rate averaged a six-year low of 4.6 percent, the government reported last week.

That was especially impressive because the economy had encountered its share of bumps last year — notably from the housing slump, which weighed on overall economic activity. Economists predict the economy will continue to turn in some sluggish performances in the months ahead but most don't believe the housing bust will throw the economy

into recession this year. Some economists believe the worst of the housing slump may be over; others aren't so sure. Still, all agree that pain will linger and consumers' anxiety over the slump won't evaporate.

The overall confidence index is benchmarked to a reading of 100 on January 2002, when Ipsos started the survey.

The RBC consumer confidence index was based on responses from 1,002 adults surveyed Monday through Wednesday about their attitudes on personal finance and the economy. Results of the survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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from God and the support of her husband and daughter-in-law JoAnn DeLeon, Vicky is confident she can succeed.

Despite the move and being on her own, she will continue to offer the same services at the same prices.

"I'll be doing the same thing," Vicky explained. "Women, men, kids, highlights and perms."

Barber style cuts such as a flat top, fade, crew cut and layering are also available.

Vicky invites all her regular customers to her new location. New customers are welcome, too.

"You don't have to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome or you can just stop in," she said.

The shop is located at 1706 1/2 West Third, next to the Hill Top Barber Shop and will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

and on Thursday until 8 p.m. Appointments can be made on Saturday if needed. For more information, or to make a Saturday appointment, call Vicky at 264-6094.

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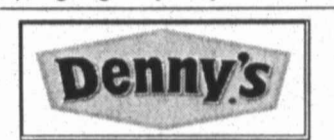
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to Article 258.002(c) of the Texas Transportation Code, the Commissioners Court of Howard County, Texas provides this notice to the public of its intention to convene a public meeting to receive comment upon the adoption of a County Road Map including each road in which the County claims the continued existence of a public interest and a right of access and egress for maintenance of an existing County Road. The roads in which the County claims a public interest have been maintained for many years beginning some time prior to 1981 have previously been listed in notice included in the 2006-07 Ad Valorem Tax statement. A proposed County Road Map depicting each road in which the County claims a public interest is available for inspection by the public at the office of the County Judge in the County Courthouse, during business hours, commencing December 1, 2006.

The Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing on 2/6/07, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Howard County Courthouse. At this time, pursuant to Article 258.002(b), Texas Transportation Code, any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may appear before the Commissioners Court to object or protest the County's claim of its right to continue maintenance of the public roads depicted on the County Road Map. Any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may also file a written protest with the County Judge at any time before the time and date of the scheduled public hearing. By way of this procedure, the County make no claim affecting title, acreage, or ownership of the land but seeks merely to establish and document the right of the County to continue maintenance of the existing county road in its present location and dimension.
Donna Wright
County Clerk
#5205 December 31, 2006 & January 7, 14, 21, 2007.

No. P-13,485
ESTATE OF LELAND WALLACE, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LELAND WALLACE, Deceased were issued on the 5th day of January, 2007, under Docket No. P-13,485, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to ROBERT E. HANEY, JR. and JIMMY TAYLOR.
Claims may be presented in care of LELAND WALLACE to the estate addressed as follows:
Estate of Leland Wallace
c/o Robert E. Haney, Jr.
2801 Crestline
Big Spring, TX 79720
or
Estate of Leland Wallace
c/o Jimmy Taylor
2800 S. Birdwell Lane
Big Spring, TX 79720

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED this 5th day of January, 2007.
Robert E. Haney, Jr., Co-Independent Executor of the Estate of Leland Wallace, Deceased
Jimmy Taylor, Jr., Co-Independent Executor of the Estate of Leland Wallace, Deceased
#5207 January 14, 2007.

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

TO: William L. Lee and wife, Bilye F. Lee
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Tract No. II: Block No. 103 of the Spence Subdivision of Section No. 18, Block 34, TSP 1 South, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$905.82 exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against William L. Lee and wife, Bilye F. Lee, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 27th day of December, 2006, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. WILLIAM L. LEE and wife, BILLYE F. LEE, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5055 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.
Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.
All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 12th day of February, 2007 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 28th day of December, A.D. 2006.
Priscilla Ginnetti
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5211 January 14 & 21, 2007

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

TO: Jose Mendez Cuellar, Jr.
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 5, Blk 4, Mesa Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,584.60, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Jose Mendez Cuellar, Jr., as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the 27th day of December, 2006, in a certain suit

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styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOSE MENDEZ CUELLAR, JR., for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5143 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 12th day of February, 2007 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 28th day of December, A.D. 2006.
Priscilla Ginnetti
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5208 January 14 & 21, 2007

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

TO: Mary Lee Wright
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 4, Blk 6, Banks Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$819.32, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Mary Lee Wright, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the 27th day of December, 2006, in a certain suit styled

HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MARY LEE WRIGHT, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5128 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 12th day of February, 2007 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 28th day of December, A.D. 2006.
Priscilla Ginnetti
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5210 January 14 & 21, 2007

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
THE STATE OF TEXAS & COUNTY OF HOWARD

By virtue of an ORDER OF SALE issued out of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, pursuant to judgment rendered in 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said Court, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I did on the 9th day of January, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., levy upon and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction on the 6th day of February, 2007, being the first Tuesday of said month beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day, at the North Courthouse door of said County, all the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, to-wit:

CAUSE NO. T-4710
STYLE Howard County, et al vs. William H. Stoll, et ux
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION A 22.510 acre tract out of and part of the SW/4 of Section 27, Blk 32, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas

CAUSE NO. T-4710
STYLE Howard County, et al vs. William H. Stoll, et ux
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION A .820 acre tract out of and part of the SW/4 of Section 27, Blk 32, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas

CAUSE NO. T-4755
STYLE Howard County, et al vs. Bobby W. Gaskins, Sr.
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 5, Blk 2, Avion Village, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

CAUSE NO. T-4755
STYLE Howard County, et al vs. Bobby W. Gaskins, Sr.
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 14, Blk 1, Avion Village, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Texas

CAUSE NO. T-4755
STYLE Howard County, et al vs. Bobby W. Gaskins, Sr.
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Pt. of the W/2 of Section 1, Blk 34, T-1-S, Howard County, Texas

Howard County, et al vs. Bobby W. Gaskins, Sr.
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Pt. of the SE/4 of Section 23, Blk 33, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4823
STYLE Howard County, et al vs. Lester M. Miller, et ux
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 10, Blk 22, Cole & Strayhorn Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4964
STYLE Howard County, et al vs. Sheri L. Hart
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 6, Blk 1, Highland Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4974
STYLE Howard County, et al vs. Floyd Howell
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 11, Blk 61, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4979
STYLE Howard County, et al vs. Jack I. McMillan aka Jack Irvin McMillan
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Being a 0.70 acre tract of land out of the SW part of Lot 31, Silver Heels Addition, in Section 18, Blk 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4980
STYLE Howard County, et al vs. Amy Gilbert
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 4, Blk F, Earles Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4980
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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 5, Blk F, Earles Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-4980
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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 6, Blk F, Earles Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-5016
STYLE Howard County, et al vs. Margarita Olga Pena
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 7, Blk B, Earles Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-5020
STYLE

Howard County, et al vs. Cynthia Ann Hale
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 10-14, Blk 52, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-5021
STYLE Howard County, et al vs. Jerry Hankins
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 6, Blk 4, Mountain View Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-5085
STYLE Howard County, et al vs. James Craig Richardson
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lot 1, Blk 1, Hayden Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-5166
STYLE Howard County, et al vs. H. Clay Read Estate, Earl A. Read, Gladys Whipple and Ethel Church
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION 8 acres out of the SE/4 of Section 41, Blk 32, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas
CAUSE NO. T-5192
STYLE Howard County, et al vs. Ozzie Calvin Miller
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION All of Lot 16, Blk 2, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.
Witness my hand this 9 day of January, 2007
DALE L. WALKER
SHERIFF OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
BY DEAN RESTELLI, Deputy
#5212 January 14, 21 & 28, 2007

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The lunar shift from Scorpio to Sagittarius turns passion into action.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

But it's not the tiresome kind of action that drains our energy resources. It's swift and accurate. Stellar moves this afternoon are followed by bewilderment later tonight as you wonder exactly what you did. You may never be able to duplicate it. Suffice it to say, it worked.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can do it. That's the surest thing you know. Charge forward before you have a chance to listen to the peanut gallery. They always say the same thing anyway — let them say it to someone else.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're walking the

fine line between showing off and sharing your talent. Once you prove you don't need it, loved ones will give you all the attention you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your schedule is packed. This is even more true if your plans are to do nothing. "Nothing" takes up even more hours than "something" does. So honor your plans and do them — or don't do them — to the fullest.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your charm has no limits, and so you apply it generously. What you get away with is amazing. (For those of you who lost your charm somewhere in last week's bustle, this is your day to retrace your steps and find it.)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your vantage point is no more remarkable than the person's to your left, or to your right. And yet you are seeing an entirely different world. Quietly review your astounding findings tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you're still hurting from a past injury, be it physical or emotional, it's now time to call in a professional to help your healing process along — one of the many ways you can be good to yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll meet people who are very different from you, and you'll still be able to communicate beautifully. Create space. When there's space, others tell you more than you would ask of them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The stars align to help you fulfill your intellectual or artistic potential. You're learning to turn neutral events into opportunities. And there are more coming, so don't feel that you must jump at the first one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Creative ventures are a process, unproven and wonderfully surprising. That said, the project is probably taking more time and money than originally

planned. It's par for the course.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're more likely to feel centered and generous when your definition of success is being met. If you don't have a definition of success, invent one now. (It doesn't count unless you put it on paper.)

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As the sign of technology, you can use computers to make your life easier and better without all the hassle and learning curve that others must go through to enjoy the same functions. Poor everybody else!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your brand of diplomacy is crucial to maintaining a happy home, and also useful in casual socializing. Others see through your flattery, but that doesn't mean they don't want to hear it.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: At the end of this week, the sun enters Aquarius, the sign of altruism, friends and the future. I like to think of Aquarius as the post-modern sign of the zodiac. Being second to the

last on the zodiac wheel, Aquarius has the energetic qualities of every other sign before and melds bits of information, experience and resources together in the most unlikely albeit brilliant ways. But before the sun brings on this eclectic cycle, there are a few loose ends to tie. The red-tape details of protocol, etiquette and respect must be served before we can pass out of Capricorn's gate. Mars enters Capricorn on Tuesday as if to lend solidarity to this hard-working purpose. The warrior energy of Mars is most effective in the earthy realm of Capricorn. Practicalities are resolved and logistics are smoothed over. There's a new moon on Thursday — the perfect beginning for a project. Brainstorming sessions produce gems of reason. Saturday, the sun chases the moon into Aquarius, bringing levity and laughter all the way. Much of the intense labor is over, so have a blast with your weekend!

FILES: A former child actor who seamlessly transitioned into a successful acting career as an adult, the charming Jason Bateman has all the driving ambition for which Capricorn is famous. Though he led the way in the quirky and critically acclaimed "Arrested Development" and supported in last year's smash film "The Break-Up," I see Bateman directing and producing within the next three years.

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Legals

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

TO: **Davis E. Patterson aka Davis Edgar Patterson**
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

A certain tract 75 feet East and West by 140 feet North and South out of a certain 2.5 acre tract of land put of Sec. 44, Bk 32, T-1-N, T&P Railway Company Survey, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,425.83, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Davis E. Patterson aka

Davis Edgar Patterson, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the 27th day of December, 2006, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. DAVIS E. PATTERSON AKA DAVIS EDGAR PATTERSON, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suits now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5093 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and

answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 12th day of February, 2007 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 28th day of December, A.D. 2006.

Priscilla Ginnett
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5209 January 14 & 21, 2007

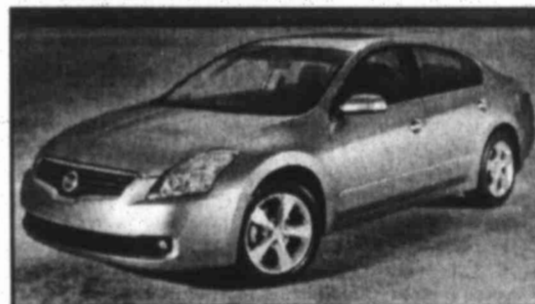
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