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Getting creative

Howard College offering courses in piano, guitar, & decorating your walls

By **CINDY SMITH**

Special to the Herald

Has your busy schedule been pushed to the limits, not allowing time for you to take some fun classes and learn something new? If so, mark off Oct. 5 and get ready to come to class!

Howard College Community Education Department is bringing in guest instructors to teach three one-time only classes: "A Fast and Easy Twist on Walls," "How to Play the Piano in Three Hours" and "Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy Adults and Teens." Craig and Linda Coffman are coming to

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When: Various times Friday.

To Register: Call 264-5131.

town, bringing years of experience in their respective trades.

"We're very excited about the Coffmans com- See **COURSES**, Page 3A

SWINGIN' ON



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

From left, guitarist Bobby Allsup, vocalist Leon Rausch and fiddle players Bobby Boatright and Dale Morris Jr., along with the rest of the Texas Playboys, entertained Friday night's crowd at the Howard County Fair with their distinctive brand of Western Swing music.

Texas Playboys may have aged, but they are still 'chugging along'

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Bob Wills may be gone, but the Texas Playboys are still on the air.

The Playboys, standard-bearers of Western Swing music for more than 60 years, made a stop at the Howard County Fair Friday night, and the band showed it has aged very well.

Wills, the group founder and "godfather of Western Swing," died in 1975, but current frontman and lead vocalist Leon Rausch still has the group "chugging along," as one band member said.

"I've always said we were a dance band, not a show band. We play the kind of music that makes people want to tap their feet."



Rausch

"I'm 75, and I plan to keep going just as long as I can go," said keyboard player Curly Hollingsworth, who has been with the band since shortly after Wills' death.

"It's a lot of fun, so as long as I

stay healthy, I'll keep doing this," fiddle player Bobby Boatright said. Entertaining a large crowd with such standards as "San Antonio Rose," "Cherokee Maiden" and "Take Me Back to Tulsa," the eight-man group displayed the same style and flair patented by the legendary Wills.

Rausch, who began touring with the Playboys in 1958, recalled Wills as a quiet man who nonetheless knew how to put on a show.

"He was just an ordinary fiddle player, as far as he was con-

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



HERALD file photo

The parishioners of St. Mary's Episcopal Church will host their annual "Blessing of the Animals" at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, in the Bennett Garden with the Rev. Kelly Comkling leading the service. Everyone is invited to bring their pets to the church for the service. Please make sure pets are properly secured with leashes or in cages. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

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AN ART TOWN?

Lou Ann Dean, a freelance writer for Texas Highways magazine, is working on a book to be titled "The Fifty Best Small Art Towns in Texas."

The Heritage Museum and the Big Spring Convention & Visitor's Bureau are encouraging local artists to be part of this new project. A luncheon and opportunity for Dean to interview artists for the book will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Heritage Museum.

The luncheon, catered by Al's & Son Bar-B-Q, will be free for artists. RSVP by calling 267-8255.

SUEZ COOK-OFF NEARS

The Big Spring Shrine Club Suez Fire Brigade Chili Cook-Off will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, at 101 S. Goliad.

Cooks registration will be at 9 a.m. with judging to begin at noon.

There will be cash prizes for first through third place.

Entry fees are \$25. Public sampling of the chili will be \$6.

To register in advance, mail a check to the Big Spring Shrine Fire Brigade at 409 E. Third, Big Spring 79720.

For more information, contact Bo Clawson, fire chief, at 270-2615.

BLOOD DRIVES

United Blood Services will be holding several blood drives in Howard County during October. Among those scheduled are:

- Sacred Heart Catholic Church Blood Drive, Sunday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Western Container Blood Drive, Friday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Star Tek, Thursday, Oct. 18, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
- United Methodist Church, Sunday, Oct. 21, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Scenic Mountain, Monday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.



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IN BRIEF

Area high school sports calendar

Here's a look at the area high school varsity sports' calendar:

TUESDAY

Big Spring volleyball vs. Lake View, 7:30 p.m.
Big Spring tennis vs. Sweetwater, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY

Big Spring football vs. Andrews, Homecoming, 7:30 p.m.

Grady football vs. Hermleigh, Homecoming, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan football at Sterling City, 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma football vs. Anson, 7:30 p.m.

Stanton football vs. Hawley, 7:30 p.m.

Sands football vs. Dawson, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Garden City football vs. El Paso Emmanuel, 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring tennis boosters meeting

The Big Spring High School Tennis Boosters will hold their monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of junior high and high school tennis players are encouraged to attend.

For more information, Call Jeri Farmer at 816-4059.

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Big Spring football players from junior high to varsity are encouraged to attend and help support the Steers' football program.

AP top 10 Texas high school results

Results for the teams ranked in The Associated Press' high school football poll, games Sept. 27-29. Games are on Friday night unless noted.

Class 5A

1. Katy (3-0) vs. Alief Taylor, 2 p.m. Saturday
2. Southlake Carroll (3-1) def. Keller Central, 63-16
3. Smithson Valley (4-1) lost to No. 8 SA Madison, 29-14
4. Cedar Hill (3-1) lost to Arlington Bowie, 57-45
5. Allen (4-0) def. Plano, 35-26
6. Lufkin (4-0) is idle
7. Galena Park North Shore (4-0) def. Deer Park, 38-17
8. SA Madison (5-0) def. No. 3 Smithson Valley, 29-14
9. Odessa Permian (5-0) def. Lubbock Monterey, 44-7
10. Abilene (5-0) def. Denton Ryan, 49-41

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Forsan rallies to top Hornets in OT



Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan's Chance Pool returns a kickoff in the Buffs 35-34 come from behind victory in overtime over Irion County Friday night.

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

Whoever said it was best to put your opponent away early obviously did not have a flair for the atrics.

Friday night the Forsan Buffaloes somehow thought it would serve as a bigger challenge to spot district rival Irion County 27 points and set the stage for a dramatic second half comeback, taking their first win of the season, 35-34, in an overtime thriller.

Behind the running of Jeremy Freitag, who gained 200 yards on 32 carries and scored twice, the Buffs (1-3, 1-0) outscored the Hornets 35-7 in a quarter and a half pulling off one of the school's biggest come from behind victories.

"That was a fantastic comeback. It was easily the biggest since I have been here," Buffs Head Coach Tommy Thompson

said. "We have known all along that these kids had it in them and hopefully tonight they proved it to themselves. The scary thing is we still haven't played our best."

Forsan looked to give the game away very early as Irion County scored on the first play of each of its first two possessions.

To open the scoring, Hornets quarterback Garrett Barnett found multi-purpose back Tramaine Price for 56 yards as he got behind the Buffs' defense, making a great over the shoulder catch.

A few minutes later, the Hornets handed off to running back Brent West who knifed through the Forsan defense and did not stop until he had covered 63-yards and scored to give Irion County a 14-0 lead and huge momentum.

The Buffs did not have trouble

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Badgers blank Bulldogs, 19-0

Herald Staff Report

MERKEL — Up until Friday night, it was opponents' passing attacks that plagued the Coahoma Bulldogs defense. However, Friday night, the Merkel Badgers threw the ball just three times as they gained 314 rushing yards on 61 carries in a 19-0 win over Coahoma.

The Bulldogs (0-1, 0-4) found it difficult to sustain drives against Merkel, losing the time of possession battle 11:08 to 36:52. Coahoma netted 131 total yards with 91 of them coming on the ground.

The two teams were scoreless at halftime and it wasn't until the third quarter was halfway gone that the Badgers found the end zone. Tyler Newberry hit paydirt from 6 yards out and kicked the extra point to give Merkel a 7-0 lead.

The Badgers extended that lead early in the fourth quarter with 21-yard run by Keegan Thomas. Merkel put the game's final points on the scoreboard with 1:28 left in the game courtesy of a Rodrick White 6-yard touchdown run.

Merkel's offensive line, which averaged 248 pounds per player, overpowered the smaller Bulldogs as the Badgers ran for more than 80 yards in the last three quarters of the game. They controlled the clock for all but 44 seconds of the second quarter, but couldn't find the end zone.

Newberry led the Badgers with 128 rushing yards on 19 carries and 29 passing yards. White had 80 yards rushing with a touchdown and Thomas finished with 40 yards rushing and a touchdown.

For Coahoma, running back P.J. Daylong had 71 yards on 10 carries.

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Herald photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring Steers quarterback Nathan Doport (20) gets rid of the ball before two Sweetwater defenders get to him in the Steers' 40-0 loss at the Mustang Bowl in Sweetwater on Friday.

Mustangs shut out Steers, 40-0

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

SWEETWATER — The Bible tells us that Moses held out his rod and parted the Red Sea for the Israelites to cross on dry land. Once all were across, he held out his rod again and the Red Sea came crashing down around the pursuing Egyptians.

If the Big Spring Steers were in that story Friday night then

they would be the Egyptians as the Sweetwater Mustangs' Sea of Red engulfed the Steers, 40-0.

The Mustangs (3-2) scored five touchdowns on five offensive drives to lead 34-0 at the half. They racked up 324 rushing yards as they dominated with their triple-option attack and threw the ball just twice.

Sweetwater used a misdirection blocking scheme to confuse the Steers' defense and allowed the Mustangs to break

several plays into the open field.

"They used a blocking scheme they haven't shown this season," said Head Coach Mike Ritchey. "We had players flowing to each side of the formation rather than just one. Their athletes are very tough to stop in the open field. We got outplayed tonight."

The Mustangs scored their

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Courtesy photo/James Schwartz

Garden City's Cole Schwartz (34) and Wade Jansa (42) tackle a Lorenzo ball carrier in the end zone for a safety in the Bearkats 72-12 win Friday night.

Area roundup: Bearkats rip through Lorenzo, 72-12

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

GARDEN CITY — There is a saying in sports "Come ready to play or don't come at all." Friday night, the Garden City Bearkats came more than ready to play while the Lorenzo Hornets left their game at home.

When the carnage stopped, the Bearkats had simply devoured the Hornets, 72-12, in a game that was called at halftime thanks to the 45-point mercy rule that governs six-man football.

"I was real pleased with our effort tonight," said Bearkats Head Coach Vance Jones after the game. "We came out really focused and just took it to them.

Once we got rolling they just couldn't stop us."

Lorenzo looked as if it was going to play the role of spoiler when Matt Villegas broke through the middle of the line for a 74-yard touchdown just over a minute into the ball game. That, however, was the last time that the Hornets had anything to cheer about as the Bearkats rattled off 34 unanswered points.

Quarterback Nick Sanchez completed passes of 23 and 58 yards to Eric Hirt for the first two Garden City touchdowns before Bo Eggemeyer scored on 22 and 18 yard jaunts up the middle. Throw in a safety by Adrian

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Friday Night Recap

Sweetwater 40
Big Spring 0

Forsan 35,
Irion County 34
(OT)

Merkel 19,
Coahoma 0

Stanton 17,
Anson 0

Garden City 72,
Lorenzo 12

Grady 58,
Water Valley 6

Sands 56,
Klondike 7

A Howard County love af-FAIR



Clockwise from left: Fair-goers take a spin on one of several carnival rides during the Howard County Fair; three-year-old Savannah Avey toughs out the application of a temporary airbrushed tattoo from John Carson of Lubbock; local resident Gloria McDonald takes a moment to enjoy a funnel cake, one of many fair favorites late Wednesday afternoon.; local country music legend Jody Nix, right, joined by members of the Texas Cowboys, performs during the fair's opening day; booths line the inside of the fair barn offering a number of services and wares; a number of photos were submitted by residents for the fair's annual ribbon-laden contests; Sheryl McPeters of Irving serves up some fresh water to her duck, Daffy, at the fair petting zoo. McPeters travels around the state with her mobile petting zoo, entertaining children and adults alike.



Photos by Thomas Jenkins

Obituaries

Bobby G. Bobo



Bobby G. Bobo, 70, of Big Spring died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007, at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Bobby was born Aug. 14, 1937, in Kilgore to Alma and Floyd Bobo. He moved to Howard County in 1949. Bobby married Willie P. Lackey on Dec. 23, 1958, in Milton, Fla. She preceded him in death on March 4, 2002.

Bobby was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, having served in the Pacific and Vietnam. He retired as chief petty officer and received the Silver Star and Bronze Star. Bobby returned to Howard County in 1974 and worked as a pumper for Turner Properties and Citation Oil Company and was later a foreman for Adobe Oil Company.

Bobby is survived by two daughters, Cindy Langston and Wendy Bobo, both of Big Spring; one son, Jim Bobo and his wife Anka of Seattle, Wash.; three grandchildren, Ashley Langston of Big Spring and Ned Bobo and Nik Bobo, both of Seattle, Wash.; one great-granddaughter, Brionna Langston of Big Spring; one brother, James Bobo of Arab, Ala.; four sisters, Era Horn of Port Aransas and Bettye Parrish and her husband Charles, Jeannie Darden and her husband Billy Jack, and Winnie Dodson and her husband Bobby, all of Coahoma; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, Bobby was preceded in death by one son, Bobby Gerald Bobo Jr.; and one brother, Vernon Bobo.

The family suggests memorials to Allison Cancer Center, 301 North N Street, attn: Mary Colliee, Midland 79701.

The family will be at 3304 Cornell. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Concepcion Calderon

Concepcion Calderon, 82, of Big Spring died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Dec. 8, 1924 in Adobes, Texas. She had lived in Big Spring for more than 60 years. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and was a homemaker.

She is survived by two daughters, Aida Valenzuela of Colorado City and Lupe Garcia of Big Spring; one son, Ventura Calderon of Big Spring; one sister, Eloisa Arriola of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ventura Calderon; and one son, Pedro Calderon.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Darrell William Gordon

Darrell William Gordon, 66, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Cynthia Schaffer

Cynthia Schaffer, 59, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, in a Lubbock Hospital.

Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX. 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call Alex at 264-6921 or 1-800 392-8677.

TUESDAY

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

• 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 (432) 816-3033. Leave a message if you get voice mail.

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

Police blotter

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

- **LORENZO F. YANEZ**, 33, 502 State, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and a Howard County Sheriff's Office warrant.
- **STEVE ROGERS**, 55, 2607 Williams, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated-third offense.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700 and the 1800 block of Caprock.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of Main.
- **CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell.
- **FORGERY** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th and the 1000 block of Birdwell.

Take Note

• **KIDS KLUB DVD ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** for \$20. Partial proceeds of these DVDs will benefit next summer's Klub program. Supplies are limited. For more information, call 264-1999.

• **THE BETA KAPPA CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA** will meet Monday in the Howard County Library Community Room. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. The program will be: Breast Cancer Awareness - A Passion for Prevention. All members are encouraged to attend.

• **FLU CLINICS WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT OCTOBER** at the Department of State Health Service, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28 B. Clinics will be held from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 3, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24. Clinics will also be held at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Ave., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 11 and at the Big Spring Mall from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 19. There is no charge for those on Medicaid or Medicare.

• **A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED** for David English of Snyder, who was recently injured on the job in Big Spring and is in critical condition at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. Donations can be made at American State Bank, 1411, S. Gregg St., Big Spring.

• **A BENEFIT DINNER, DANCE AND AUCTION** will be held Oct. 14 at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St. The benefit is to raise funds for B. Michael Brown, who has been diagnosed with cancer and has no insurance. Lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the auction will be held at 1 p.m. and a dinner will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 816-5988, 264-8048 or 270-4156.

• **THE PUBLIC IS BEING AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE A PHOTO** of bluebonnets, with proceeds going toward the Boyce Hale Scholarship - a \$500 scholarship presented to a Forsan High School senior. For more information, contact Jimmy Anderson at 264-2546 or go by Professional Pharmacy at 1000 Main St.

• **ST. MARY'S AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S ARE HOLDING A LAP BLANKET DRIVE** to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

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

• **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

Bulletin Board

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

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets 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 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Weather

Sunday... Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. highs in the upper 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday... Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

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Tuesday night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Wednesday... Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Wednesday night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Thursday... Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Thursday night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Lottery

Winning numbers from Friday:

Mega Millions
4-13-20-25-33, Mega Ball: 42, Megaplier: 3

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Pick 3 Night 0-7-7

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Cash Five: 4-7-8-28-32



Jimmy Anderson from Professional Pharmacy holds the bucket for Rick Nunez who pulls a winner for the "Texas Hill Country" Portrait, the winner was Big Spring resident Sue Riddle (Forsan Graduate). Proceeds to benefit Forsan's scholarship fund Ex student association.

AREA

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Arzola and Jake Schwartz and the Bearkats had a 34-6 lead with just over a minute remaining in the first stanza.

Levi Schaefer contributed the last score of the quarter as the junior took an onside kick attempt from the Hornets and galloped 50 yards up the right side untouched, making the score 42-12 at the end of the first.

Garden City finished off the Hornets in the second, scoring all 30 points in the frame. Eggemeyer scored two more times on runs of four and 44 yards, Schwartz added a 33-yard run and Arzola ran for a 16 yard touchdown.

Senior Troy Barnes also added a score, intercepting an errant Lorenzo pass and returning it 45 yards to paydirt.

Eggemeyer led the Bearkats on the ground as the senior carried the ball 7 times for 121 of Garden City's 186 yards rushing while Sanchez completed two of three passes for 79 yards and two touchdowns. Hirt had 57 yards and two touchdowns on two receptions.

BUFFS

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moving the ball on Irion County, racking up 518 total yards of offense on the night. However, seven turnovers thwarted Forsan's offensive attack.

Early in the second quarter, Forsan had driven to the Hornet 2-yard line, but Price stripped the ball from Frietag and raced 92 yards to paydirt to give Irion County a 21-0 lead at the half.

"Obviously we were disappointed with the first half, but never felt out of it," said Thompson. "In the locker room we told the kids that we were not taking care of the little things and it was giving Irion County the advantage. We reminded them to play until the whistle blows, protect the ball, eliminate big plays and turnovers and that we would be fine."

However, six minutes into the third quarter, it was unclear as to whether the Buffs got that message as Tramaine broke loose up the middle and raced 40 yards for another score, widening the lead to 27-0.

Then the Buffs decided it was time to show up and play.

Forsan marched down the field and quarterback Alex Huckabee dove in for a 1-yard score.

That score came with 7:45 showing on the clock in the third and the Buffs never looked back.

"That first score really got some wind back in our kids," Thompson said. "We had moved the ball all night, but killed ourselves with turnovers. This time they finished the drive and it really got them into the game."

The defense quickly forced the Hornets into a punting situation deep in their own end of the field. Barnett saw the snap fly over his head and with heavy pressure from Chance Pool was forced to throw the ball out of the end zone giving the Buffs a safety.

With the score now 27-8, the Buffs moved quickly on their next possession and Frietag scored from 3-yards out to close the gap to 27-14 before the end of the third quarter.

With 6:57 left to play, Jace Sandridge, who rushed for 80 yards and a score on 22 carries, took the ball around the right end and scored on a 25-yard run, going through a

Garden City allowed the Hornets (2-3) a paltry 162 yards in total offense with Villegas accounting for 151 yards alone.

The Bearkats (3-1) attempt to keep rolling when they host El Paso Emmanuel at 4 p.m. next Saturday.

Grady 58, Water Valley 6

LENORAH — For the third consecutive week, Grady's Wildcats sent their competition packing by halftime courtesy of the 45-point mercy rule that governs six-man football.

Friday's victim was the Water Valley Wildcats who answered Grady's first touchdown of the game with one of their own, but never responded to another Grady score.

Grady led 22-6 at the end of the first quarter, but scored 14 points in the first 20 seconds on the second stanza to break the game open. Tommylee Rivas scored on a 6-yard run to start the scoring outbreak. Grady's defense the recorded a safety, earning a free kick that Roy Rodriguez returned for a 63-yard touchdown.

The defense recorded a second safety later in the quarter and Rivas and

Hornet defender on his way and making the score 27-21.

Adam Bailey intercepted Barnett on the next drive, giving Forsan a little over four minutes to potentially win the game.

However, Huckabee took a helmet to his knee, removing him for the crucial last few minutes of regulation.

"That was a scary moment as we waited to see how badly Alex was hurt," Thompson said. "Plus, we still had to get Bailey ready to go in as his back-up. Those few minutes were really tense, but our kids rose to the occasion."

With 3:03 left in the game, Bailey plunged in from the 1-yard line on a quarterback keeper giving the Buffs the tie with an extra-point try for the lead to come.

However, an Irion County defender burst through the line and blocked Frietag's kick, leaving the score tied at 27.

For the second year in a row, the two teams headed into overtime and Irion County got first crack from the 25 yard line where Barnett found John Theirs on an 8-yard touchdown pass, giving the Hornets a 34-27 lead.

The Buffs responded by pounding the ball toward the goal line, ending with a 2-yard touchdown plunge by Frietag and forcing Thompson to make a big decision.

"I had already thought about what we would do when we tied things up," Thompson said. "It was just a matter of calling the right play, but I always knew we were going for the two points and the win."

Thompson got the call right as Sandridge took the ball and followed his offensive line into the end zone, capping off the come from behind win, 35-34.

"I cannot say enough about how proud I am of this team," Thompson said. "I got onto some of them pretty good in the first half and at halftime, but they responded exceptionally well and stepped up like men. This shows what we are capable of when we play like we are taught and stop giving our opponents so many advantages."

The Buffs will look to avenge a 28-0 loss to Sterling City last year as they travel to take on the Eagles next week in another district matchup.



Herald photo/Bruce Schooler

Grady's Roy Rodriguez runs for one of his four touchdowns in the Wildcats 58-6 win over Water Valley Friday night.

Rodriguez each added a touchdown apiece before halftime.

Rodriguez — who scored the first and last touchdowns of the game — did most of Grady's scoring, picking up touchdown runs of 49 and 44 yards along with a 27-yard scoring reception from quarterback Dylan Cox to compliment his kickoff return touchdown. Cox finished with 117 yards passing and two touchdowns — one to Rodriguez and one to Justin Tubb. Casey Shands also scored on a 10-yard run.

Grady amassed 213 yards rushing and 330 yards of total offense, while holding Water Valley to 119 total yards.

Grady celebrates homecoming Friday when it hosts Hermleigh.

Stanton 17, Anson 0

ANSON — Despite not completing a single pass, Stanton's Buffaloes put together a dominant performance in their District 5-2A opener. Keyed by several key defensive stops and a ball control attack offensively, the Buffs methodically shut

out Anson's Tigers (0-1, 2-2).

The biggest plays of the game came just before halftime when the Buffs' defense was backed up to its own 3-yard line, following a 49-yard pass by the Tigers. Stanton held Anson to just one yard over the next four plays, thwarting Anson's best chance of putting points on the board.

Stanton's 23-yard line was the closest the Tigers came to the end zone after that drive.

Leading the Buffs defensively was Adam Evans with two sacks and safety Garrett Fulton with 11 tackles.

Fulton also had 92 yards rushing on 10 carries from the quarterback position, including a 55-yard insurance touchdown with 2:53 left in the game.

The Buffs gained 219 yards on the ground with running back Robbie Noland netting 114 of those yards on 24 carries. Noland scored Stanton's first touchdown in the first quarter on a 4-yard run.

Irving Pastrana kicked a 24-yard field goal in the third quarter to round out the scoring.

The Buffs (1-0, 3-1) host Hawley (1-0, 2-2) Friday as both teams attempt to stay undefeated in district play.

Sands 56, Klondike 7

PATRICIA — In their most dominating performance of the season, the Sands Mustangs stamped past their nemesis, Klondike's Cougars.

The Mustangs exploded out of the gate for 36 first quarter points. Quarterback Johnny Rogers, who had a part in four touchdowns, connected with Jesus Gomez on a 60-yard scoring strike on the first play of the game.

Rogers scored the next three Sands touchdowns — a 13-yard run on the game's fourth play and completions of 13 and 11 yards — as the Mustangs built a 28-0 lead before Klondike had time to respond.

Daniel Armendariz scooted for a 51-yard touchdown run to give Sands a 36-0 lead after one quarter. The Mustangs continued to pile it on as they added 14 more points in the second quarter. Only a 1-yard touchdown run by Klondike kept the game from being called at halftime.

However, Sands scored early in the third quarter to end the game on the 45-point mercy rule.

The Mustangs (3-2) host Dawson Friday before heading into district play against Garden City Oct. 12.

Crossroads District Standings and Scores

District 4-4A							District 16-1A						
Team	DW	DL	OW	OL	PF	PA	Team	DW	DL	W	L	PF	PA
1. Frenship	0	0	3	2	97	93	1. Christoval	1	0	3	1	99	131
2. Estacado	0	0	1	3	97	83	2. Bronte	1	0	2	2	85	68
3. Lake View	0	0	1	4	79	140	3. Forsan	1	0	1	3	61	131
4. Plainview	0	0	0	5	53	144	4. Menard	1	0	1	3	72	99
5. Big Spring	0	0	0	5	40	188	5. Miles	0	1	1	3	47	145
Friday's results: Sweetwater 40, Big Spring 0; Brownwood 38, Lake View 7; Abilene Wylie 36, Frenship 7; Hereford 21, Plainview 20.							6. Eldorado	0	1	1	3	63	87
							7. Irion Co.	0	1	1	3	76	134
							8. Sterling City	0	1	0	4	17	170
							Friday's games: Forsan 35, Irion Co. 34 (OT); Menard 31, Miles 7; Bronte 26, Sterling City 0; Christoval 20, Eldorado 19.						
District 5-2A							Six-man District 1 Div. 1						
Team	DW	DL	OW	OL	PF	PA	Team	DW	DL	OW	OL	PF	PA
1. Stanton	1	0	3	1	106	60	1. Grady	0	0	5	0	268	20
2. Colorado City	1	0	3	1	34	40	2. Rankin	0	0	5	0	334	119
3. Hawley	1	0	2	2	98	84	3. Fort Davis	0	0	5	0	329	147
4. Merkel	1	0	1	3	47	73	4. Garden City	0	0	3	1	241	134
5. Stamford	0	1	2	2	87	116	5. Sands	0	0	3	2	230	155
6. Haskell	0	1	2	2	125	61	Friday's games: Grady 58, Water Valley 6; Garden City 72, Lorenzo 12; Sands 56, Klondike 7; Rankin 68, Eden 21; Fort Davis 66, El Paso Jesus Chapel 7.						
7. Anson	0	1	1	3	38	80							
8. Coahoma	0	1	0	4	27	145							
Friday's games: Merkel 19, Coahoma 0; Stanton 17, Anson 0; Colorado City 7, Haskell 6; Hawley 39, Stamford 20.													

Key: DW - District wins; DL - District losses; OW - Overall wins; OL - Overall losses; PF - Points for; PA - Points against.

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Jill Denise Hoelscher and Aaron Lee Phillips

Hoelscher and Phillips

ST. LAWRENCE — Jill Denise Hoelscher and Aaron Lee Phillips were married Aug. 25, 2007, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. The Rev. Francis Njoku and the Rev. Tony Gruben officiated the double ring ceremony.

Scripture readers were Shane Halfmann, Amy Fuchs and Leslie Matthiesen. Vocals were provided by Charla Jenkins and Brandy Hoelscher with accompaniment by Diane Eggemeyer, Darrell Zimmerman and Jimmy Carnes. A reception, dinner and dance were held immediately following the ceremony in the St. Lawrence Hall.

The bride is the daughter of Tommy and Karla Hoelscher of St. Lawrence. She is the granddaughter of Leon and Jo Ann Halfmann of

St. Lawrence and Magdaline and the late Elo Hoelscher of San Angelo.

The bridegroom is the son of Mike Phillips of Uvalde and the late Jan Phillips. He is the grandson of Irene and the late Thomas Aaron Shipley of Crandall and Katherine and the late Glenn Phillips of Olton.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a strapless, A-line Mori Lee gown with chapel length train, all of duchess satin. The sweetheart bodice was adorned with embroidery and crystal beading, which cascaded down the v-back dress and encircled the hemline. The empire and hemline were trimmed with double bands of duchess satin. The bride carried a cascading bouquet of calla lilies,

stephanotis, and roses.

Maid of honor was sister of the bride, Lori Hoelscher of Westphalia. Matron of honor was friend of the bride Cecilia Wagner of College Station. Bridesmaids were sister of the groom Cara Phillips of College Station, sister-in-law of the bride Tara Hoelscher of Kearney, Neb., sister-in-law of the groom Kathy Phillips of Summerville, S.C., cousin of the bride Brianne Lee of Arlington and friends of the bride Deidra Wilcomb of Houston, Julie Havelka of Robstown and Kayla Rathmann of Lubbock. The bridesmaids wore two-piece, chocolate brown Mori Lee dresses featuring a strapless bodice with asymmetrical draping and a soft cascading flounce that overlaid a slim a-line skirt.

Candle lighter was friend of the bride Melissa Muegge of Houston. Flower girls were niece of the groom Elizabeth Phillips of Summerville, S.C., and cousin of the bride Makemma Cockrell of Big Lake.

Best men were twin brother of the groom, Nathan Phillips of Summerville, S.C., and brother of the groom Caleb Phillips of College Station. Groomsmen were brother of the bride Craig Hoelscher of Kearney, N.E., and friends of the groom Adam Hixson of Raleigh, N.C., Brent Laffere of Dallas, John Niedecken of San Antonio, Kris Havelka of Robstown, Luke Etheredge of Baton Rouge, La., and Richard Jenkins of Childress.

Ring bearer was friend of the couple Trae Jost of

St. Lawrence.

Ushers were brother of the bride Landon Hoelscher of St. Lawrence and friends of the groom, Chandler Schuessler of San Antonio, Derek Walker of Uvalde and Shane Halfmann of College Station.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Garden City High School and earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture science from Texas A&M University in 2004. She is currently employed as a loan officer with Capital Farm Credit in Uvalde.

The bridegroom is a 1996 graduate of Uvalde High School and earned a bachelor's degree in entomology from Texas A&M University in 2000. He is currently employed as a research manager and production supervisor with Del Monte Foods in Crystal City.

Following a honeymoon in St. Lucia, the couple resides in Uvalde.

Annie McKinnon, D.C., daughter of Clayton and Reean McKinnon of Garden City, graduated from Parker College of Chiropractic Aug. 18, 2007, with a bachelor of science degree in anatomy, a bachelor of science degree in health and wellness and a doctor of chiropractic degree.



Annie took one year of basics at Howard College in Big Spring and four

years of prerequisites at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin before transferring to Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas.

She will be moving to Anchorage, Alaska, where she accepted a job at Tieszen Chiropractic and Massage Clinic.

Annie graduated from Big Spring High School in 1999.

She is the granddaughter of Felix and Bernice Petrosky of Guy and the late Ray and Charlene McKinnon of Big Spring.

Military

PFC Arthur Armando Saldivar graduated from basic training at MCRD Marine Corp Recruit Depot on July 13, 2007, Marine Combat Training on Aug. 14, 2007, and is currently in small



arms repair tech at Aberdeen, Maryland. He is a 2005 graduate of Big Spring High School and graduated from Wyotech School in Laramie, Wyo., in September of 2006.

PFC Saldivar is the son of Mary Guzman of Big Spring and Jose (Tony) Saldivar Sr. of Big Spring.



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Rotary District 5730 Governor Michael Graves, left, presents Paul Harris Fellow awards to Big Spring Rotary Club members Hollis McWright and Hayes Stripling. Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary and the award is held in high honor by Rotary Clubs around the world.



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Judith Viorst, left, guest speaker at the Howard College Foundation lecture series held Sept. 20, autographs books following her lecture. The lecture, titled "Parenting Our Children From Newborn to Thirty-Year Old - and Beyond" was a heart-warming depiction of parenthood through Viorst's own words and poems. The lecture series will continue in the spring of 2008. To become a lecture sponsor or contribute to the lecture series fund, contact Cindy Smith at 264-5034.

Local teenager remains critical following stabbing

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

A Big Spring teenager remains in critical condition in a Lubbock hospital after suffering multiple stab wounds in a Wednesday night altercation.

Seventeen-year-old Joseph Gutierrez was transported by emergency helicopter to University Medical Center in Lubbock after the incident, which occurred in the 1600 block of Virginia. Big Spring Police Department Sgt. Tony Everett said Gutierrez remained in critical condition Friday morning.

Police responded to the scene after receiving a call of a person being shot at 11:05 p.m. Wednesday. Upon arrival, officers found Gutierrez collapsed in the front yard of a residence, suffering from multiple stab wounds to the abdomen area.

A witness reported that Gutierrez had stumbled onto the front yard and asked for help before col-

lapsing.

Gutierrez was immediately transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. He had been stabbed four times — once each in the abdomen, chest, arm and shoulder, reports stated.

During a brief interview at the hospital, Gutierrez identified his assailant as Joel Villesca, also 17, of Big Spring, police reports note.

Villesca was arrested late Wednesday and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

He remains in custody in the Howard County jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond, jail officials said Saturday.

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Bobby G. Bobo, 70, died Thursday. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial with Military Honors will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Darrell William Gordon, 66, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Concepcion Calderon, 82, died Saturday. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

COURSES

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ing to teach these classes," said Chandra McBee, director of Community Education at Howard College. "They are a great team and know how to make learning fun for their students."

Craig Coffman will be teaching the piano and guitar classes, utilizing his 20-plus years of experience as a professional pianist and music director. He has also taught private lessons for more than two decades.

"While the classical approach stresses discipline and precision in playing, this approach stresses enjoyment and getting great sounds early on," said Coffman.

The "instant piano" class will allow a person with little or no experience to start on the road to — and eventually achieve — professional playing skills. You don't have to be experienced to take the class — just bring yourself and your desire to learn. Coffman promises that after this workshop, each student will know how to play any pop tune with both hands using this system.

The piano class will be offered Friday from 6:40 p.m. to 9:40 p.m. at Studio

C in the Hall Center for the Arts on the campus of Howard College.

If the guitar is more your instrument of choice, check out the "Instant Guitar" class, also taught by Craig Coffman. The class, also held Friday from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Studio C, will teach you the basics about playing chords on the guitar so that you can start having fun right away playing your favorite songs.

"Many young people want to learn the guitar but the time and money involved in taking private lessons keeps them away," said Coffman. "With this class, I am able to give them enough information and tools that they can go home right away and teach themselves what they want to learn."

You don't need to know anything about music or the guitar to attend the class as it is designed for the absolute beginner. The emphasis here is on learning for your own enjoyment and having fun, so bring your acoustic guitar to class and get a jump start on that dream.

For those less musically inclined, and those who want to learn some new tricks and trends for home decorating, "A Fast

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"Beginners will amaze their neighbors," said Linda. "And may even be asked to do their walls!"

To achieve your own personal style, it just takes a twist of the wrist and tricks of the trade that you will learn in this very practical and money saving class held in the Art Room at Hall Center for the Arts.

Fees for the classes are as follows: "A Fast and Easy Twist on Walls" — \$52; "Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy Adults and Teens" — \$54; "How to Play the Piano in Three Hours" — \$53.

For more information or to register for classes, contact Howard College Community Education at 264-5131.

PLAYBOYS

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cerned," said Rausch. "But he was a very good man. We rode lots of miles back then, and we talked about lots and lots of things.

"But once we got on the bandstand, you knew he was the boss," Rausch added.

While Western Swing — which adds a peppy, jazzy feel to country standards — has been eclipsed by other forms of music in recent years, Rausch and the Playboys are still firm disciples.

"Even if the song is kind of sad, it still sounds a bit happy," he said. "It just makes you feel good ... I've always said we

were a dance band, not a show band. We play the kind of music that makes people want to tap their feet."

"You can play anything you want," Hollingsworth said of the music. "You play a little bit of jazz, a little bit of swing, a little bit of everything."

Rausch admits the group is far past its salad days, but says that won't

stop the music.

"We're over here in our own little corner, playing the kind of music we love. We're too old to change," he said. "We keep playing for our fans. We're proud of all of them."

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No more drama! T.O. sparking Cowboys' offense

By **JAIME ARON**

AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — For a big guy with a big mouth, Terrell Owens sure has become tough to find this season.

At the direction of coach Wade Phillips, and through the creativity of offensive coordinator Jason Garrett, the Dallas Cowboys are forcing defenses to search for No. 81 on every play. They've moved him around so much you have to wonder if a chapter in their playbook is called "Now you see T.O., now you don't."

There he is in the slot. Now he's wide left. No, wide right. Wait! Is that him in the backfield? Yes, and now he's coming in motion.

Owens doesn't need tricks to succeed, but the new wrinkles are making the game fun for him again. So are the results: Dallas is 3-0 and has scored the

most points in the NFL, with Owens leading the club in every receiving category.

"The coaches are utilizing me and putting me in situations to win," Owens said. "That's all I ever wanted last year. When I said 'Why did you bring me here?' those are some of the things I meant by that. I just want to be used in a way for myself to get opportunities, but at the same time that helps the whole offense."

Owens is clicking with his coaches and his quarterback for the first time since 2004, when he helped Philadelphia start 13-1. The Eagles ended that season in the Super Bowl.

There's been all sorts of craziness since then, including an accidental overdose a year ago this week. He's so at peace now that the 33-year-old Owens is talking about playing five more years and saying he "definitely would like to retire here and go

into the Hall of Fame as a Cowboy."

"The big picture looks brighter and brighter every week," he said.

His short-term forecast is promising, too. The undefeated Cowboys host the banged-up St. Louis Rams on Sunday, then travel to Buffalo for a Monday night game against the banged-up Bills. Both teams are winless. After that, Dallas will welcome New England to Texas Stadium in what will be a showdown between Owens and Randy Moss and might be a battle of unbeaten.

First up are the Rams. Stats show they're giving up the third-fewest yards passing, but it's a deceiving figure. Teams aren't throwing on them because running is so easy. St. Louis is giving up 152.3 yards per game, the fifth most.

Clubs used to run against the Rams to shorten the game and

keep their "Greatest Show on Turf" offense on the bench. That's not much of a concern these days, especially with running back Steven Jackson out with a partially torn groin, quarterback Marc Bulger playing with two broken ribs and the offensive line so banged up that only the center remains intact from the Game 1 alignment.

Despite it all, St. Louis receiver Isaac Bruce guaranteed a victory during his weekly radio show.

"I applaud him for putting in efforts to motivate our team," Rams coach Scott Linehan said. "Certainly, that's bulletin-board material for probably the best team in the NFC right now. It probably doesn't sound like the thing you should be doing. But it's important that we change what we're doing, how we do things, how we think, to enable us to get started."

The Cowboys shook up their way of doing things by changing coaches in the offseason.

Phillips is a defensive specialist, so he leaves the offensive play-calling to Garrett, albeit with one specific order: Get the ball in the hands of his play-makers.

Like T.O.

Garrett figures the best way to do so is to keep defenses guessing, such as figuring out where he is. Another benefit is that the more places he lines up the harder it is to figure out what route he's going to run. The Chicago Bears saw the latest trick this past Sunday when Owens started a few plays in the backfield.

Owens has 16 catches for 329 yards and three touchdowns. Dallas has gotten a first down out of all but one of his catches, and six receptions have gained at least 20 yards; he had 18 of that length all last season.

STEERS

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first four touchdowns in just 11 offensive plays, racking up 267 yards. Quarterback Thomas Holsey scored Sweetwater's first touchdown on a 50-yard run off the right tackle. Holsey picked up the second touchdown as well on a run around the right end from 15 yards out.

Fullback Auston Davis continued the onslaught of big gains on the ground, rushing up the gut for a 57-yard touchdown with nine seconds left in the first quarter.

Trailing 21-0, the Steers continued to struggle to find any rhythm offensively.

However, Sweetwater added to its lead as Holsey threw his first of just two passes on the night for a 15-yard touchdown to Keifer Adamez.

The Mustangs finished their first-half scoring on an 11-play, 63-yard drive that ended with Rufus McCann finding paydirt, extending the lead to 34-0 after Big Spring's Martin Yanez blocked the extra point.

Sweetwater picked up in the second half where they left off in the first with Keke Wallace returning the opening kickoff to the Big Spring 13-yard line. Three plays later, Auston Davis plunged into the end zone from three yards out, scoring his second touchdown of the night and making the score 40-0.

Davis led all players with 132 yards rushing on just five carries. Holsey had 72 yards also on five carries.

The Steers (0-5) had opportunities early and late to put points on the board, but mistakes kept them from cashing in. On their second offensive drive of the game, Big

Spring worked its way down to the 20-yard line, thanks to hard running by running back Monte Anderson and quarterback Nathan Doport.

However, the drive stalled when wideout Sidney Parker couldn't come up with a reception on fourth and seven. Big Spring's coaches were upset that a defensive pass interference penalty wasn't called on the play as Sweetwater's Wallace made significant contact with Parker before the ball got to them.

The Steers again pushed deep into Sweetwater territory towards the end of the first half, courtesy of a 33-yard pass from Doport to Terrance Clemons. However, one of many mishandled snaps on the night caused the Steers to lose 10 yards, followed by a 5-yard penalty that set up a second and 24.

Doport attempted to make a tough pass across

his body, but the ball was intercepted by the Mustangs, killing any potential momentum Big Spring could take into the locker room at halftime.

The Mustangs fumbled on the first play of their second and third possessions in the second half, but the furthest Big Spring could penetrate Sweetwater territory was to the 12-yard line.

The Steers gained 165 yards of total offense. Anderson led with 40 yards on 18 carries. Doport finished four of

11 for 58 yards passing with two interceptions. Tyler Tannehill was three of six passing for 35 yards. Parker had four receptions for 47 yards and Clemons registered 37 yards on two catches.

Next week, Big Spring hosts another group of Mustangs as Andrews comes riding into town. As if the rivalry with Andrews isn't enough to be excited about, it will also be the 2007 homecoming game.

"Andrews is an undefeated team coming into

our stadium for our homecoming," Ritchey said. "We're excited about the opportunity to hand them their first loss in front of a large homecoming crowd. We saw a Sea of Red in Sweetwater so this week we want a Black Sea filling up Memorial Stadium. We believe in this football team and believe me when I say that this season is going to turn around."

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The Bulldogs also saw the return of starting quarterback Donnie Garcia from a foot injury. Garcia had

20 yards rushing and 40 yards passing on the night.

Josh Paniagua, who had started at quarterback for two games in Garcia's absence, led with 35 yards receiving on two recpetions. Corey Roberts

had two catches for 12 yards.

The Bulldogs look for their first win of the season when they host Anson (0-1, 1-3) Friday. Anson was shut out by Stanton, 17-0, Friday night.

BRIEFS

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Class 4A

1. Copperas Cove (5-0) def. Tyler, 37-16
2. Stephenville (4-0) def. No. 6 Aledo, 31-28
3. La Marque (5-0) def. Brazosport, 48-3
4. Dallas Highland Park (4-0) def. Terrell, 31-0
5. CC Calallen (5-0) def. Gregory-Portland, 51-12
6. Aledo (3-1) lost to No. 2 Stephenville, 31-28
7. Waco (4-1) def. Tyler Lee, 19-15
8. Brownwood (4-0) def. San Angelo Lake View, 38-7
9. WF Rider (4-1) def. Sherman, 45-13
10. New Braunfels (4-0) def. Schertz Clemens, 27-21

Class 3A

1. Giddings (5-0) def. Hewitt Midway, 28-14
2. Liberty Hill (5-0) def. Wimberley, 35-10
3. Celina (4-0) def. Princeton, 35-6
4. Gilmer (4-0) def. Center, 63-6
5. Royse City (4-0) is idle
6. Graham (5-0) def. Monahans, 33-7

7. Waco LaVega (5-0) def. Mexia, 52-7
8. Vernon (4-1) lost to Clyde, 39-21
9. Cuero (4-1) def. La Vernia, 49-0
10. Crockett (4-1) lost to Madisonville, 30-17

Class 2A

1. Mart (4-0) def. Centerville, 48-3
2. Cisco (5-0) def. Comanche, 41-7
3. Refugio (4-0) def. Taft, 49-6
4. Elysian Fields (4-0) def. Timpson, 54-0
5. Coleman (4-0) def. Bangs, 35-0
6. Tatum (3-1) def. Garrison, 42-0
7. Holliday (4-0) def. WF City View, 27-0

8. Newton (2-2) lost to Carthage, 43-36
9. Teague (4-0) def. Elkhart, 48-7
10. Canadian (3-1) at 1A No. 6 Windthorst, 2 p.m. Saturday

Class 1A

1. Alto (4-0) is idle
2. Roscoe (5-0) def. Baird, 69-0
3. Joaquin (4-0) def. Lovelady, 30-13
4. Sundown (4-0) def. Farwell, 39-0
5. Normangee (4-0) def. Hubbard, 42-2
6. Windthorst (2-1) vs. 2A No. 10 Canadian, 2 p.m. Saturday
7. New Deal (5-0) def. Lockney, 21-14
8. Gorman (5-0) def. Ranger, 7-6
9. Munday (5-0) def. Quanah 57-7

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Anniversary



Beatrice and Joe Ybarra

Ybarra 50th

Joe and Beatrice Ybarra celebrated their Golden Anniversary with their children by having a nice dinner out for the evening.

The couple have seven children: Joe Ybarra Jr. of Cedar Park; Albert Ybarra of Phoenix, Ariz.; Johnny Ybarra of Leander; Jimmy Ybarra of Big Spring; Jerry Ybarra of Leander, Andy Ybarra of Big Spring and

Amanda Ybarra of Lago Vista. Joe and Beatrice have eight grandchildren and one great-grandson, Brannon Darden.

Joe was born in Coahoma and Beatrice was born in Big Spring as Beatrice Munoz.

They met as teenagers in Big Spring and married at Sacred Heart with Father Casey officiating on Sept. 25, 1957. They lived in Midland for 10



years and also Fresno, Calif. and Albuquerque, N.M. for a short time but have spent most of their married life in Big Spring.

Joe was a self-employed painter for 54 years. Some of his loyal customers include Dorothy Garrett, Barbara Ratliff and Dottie Duncan.

Beatrice worked at the

Veteran's Administration for a short time but was a homemaker most of the time.

Their hobbies include fishing and camping with their children. Beatrice enjoys spending time with her brother and sisters and playing Bingo. They are both members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Weddings



Jeneane Nichol Richard and Joshua Allen Noble

Richard and Noble

Jeneane Nichol Richard and Joshua Allen Noble, both of Big Spring, were united in marriage at 4 p.m. Sept. 15, 2007, at the bride's parent's home on Parkway with pastor Johnnie Sevey, uncle of the groom, officiating.

Jeneane is the daughter of Denise and Eugene Richard. Her grandparents are Annie Blake and Gloria and Welmon Richard.

Joshua is the son of Janet and Preston Daylong and Elvira Martinez and Ventura Martinez. His grandparents are Eldred and Verda Lou Noble, Ester Daylong and the late A.P. Daylong.

Given away by her father, Eugene Richard, the bride wore a strapless, white satin, full-length gown with red and white lace adorning the neckline. Red satin with white lace adorned the top and bottom of the dress. The gown was made by her grandmother, Annie Blake.

She carried a bouquet of four-dozen red roses surrounded by eight white roses. Red and white ribbons hung from the bouquet.

Maid of honor was Kristin Choate and Matron of Honor was Brittney Kosev.

Best man was P.J. Daylong, younger brother of the groom, and groomsman was Joseph Noble, cousin of the groom. Flower girl was Michaela Cotton. Ring bearer was Richard Thurman III.

Live music by James and Brenadine Grissett provided entertainment during the reception and dinner. The colors were red, white and black and Denise Richard, Jeneane Richard, Janet Daylong, Martha Neighbors and others decorated for the evening.

The bride wore a ruby, red strapless gown white shawl and carried a bouquet of two white roses and one red. The groom and groomsman were attired in black tuxedos with red vest, red, long ties and they wore white mini-roses on their jacket. The groom has a single large rose.

The bride is a 2004 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2006 graduate of Howard College with an associates of science degree. She will be applying for nursing school. She is employed with Comfort Keepers.

The groom is a 2004 graduate of Coahoma High School and attended Howard College. He is employed at Bob's Custom Woodwork.



Beatrice and Joe Ybarra

Grisham 60th

Billye and Tolbert Grisham are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this week.

First Baptist Church is having a Fifth Sunday Night Fellowship today with sandwiches, ice cream and games.

The Grishams are providing a 60th anniversary cake for the fellowship. What better way to celebrate than with their church friends!

Tolbert is a deacon at First Baptist Church and Billye is an adult Sunday school teacher. Tolbert was born in Wingate and

later moved to Ship. He is a retired optician from Malone-Hogan Clinic.

Billye, whose maiden name is Corley, is a retired school teacher from Big Spring High School. She was born in Blackwell and later moved to Ship.

There they spent their teenage years and married Sept. 27, 1947, in First Baptist Church.

The couple have lived in Big Spring since 1963, having moved here from Lubbock.

They have three children. Carla lives in Hurst



with her family. Roger lives in Salado with his family. Paige lives in Amarillo with her family.

The couple have seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Grishams will celebrate their 60 years of marriage with their children at Christmas time.

They belong to the Kiwanis Club and to the Big Spring Retired Teachers Association in which she is past president. They work out every day at Dora Roberts Wellness Center.

The Grishams are still working. They have owned and operated their own business, Creative Celebrations, a wedding business for the past 30

years. They credit their longevity and good health to the good Lord and to hard work.

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The SMMC Volunteers have scheduled a **BLOOD DRIVE** on **October 22 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**
Please come out and help save a life!

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Remember, it's time to register parade entries

The Christmas season is fast approaching and will officially begin in Howard County on Saturday, Dec. 1, when Santa Claus arrives to take part in the 22nd annual *Big Spring Herald* Community Christmas Parade.

A registration form is included in today's edition of the *Herald* and we hope they'll soon be returned from individuals, businesses and church, civic and school groups who are planning their entries in keeping with this year's theme — "Peace on Earth."

The parade, which first wound its way down Gregg Street in 1986, will again be a lighted parade and entries will be judged in the same categories as last year. First-place plaques will be awarded to winners in four categories — Individual or family entries; those from churches, civic groups or schools; commercial entries; and those from industries. Second- and third-place finishers will receive certificates.

The entry judged "Best of Show" will receive a \$100 cash prize. The Mayor's Trophy for best use of lighting will earn one entrant \$75 and the Grand Marshal's Award for best costuming will receive \$50.

In addition, the *Herald* will again present a trophy to the best mounted entry from a sheriff's posse or riding club.

The parade is again set to begin at 5:30 p.m. that Saturday and we here at the *Herald* want to encourage everyone to come out and help us in getting the Christmas season off to a rousing start.

While it may seem there's plenty of time to make decisions about the Christmas season, it's important to remember that a parade this size takes time to plan and coordinate.

That's why we're reminding our readers about the need to get those entries submitted.

Entry forms will continue to be printed in future editions of the *Herald*. In addition, entry forms are available at the *Herald's* offices located at 710 Scurry, and you can also download them from our Web site at www.bigspringherald.com.

So, if you are involved in any of the many organizations or businesses that annually take part in the Christmas Parade, get your entries filled in as soon as possible and let us know what you're planning to do.

Entry forms should be mailed to the *Herald* at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1431. For additional information concerning the parade, call parade coordinators Rick Nunez or Elizabeth Flores at 263-7331.

As always, we're asking the community to help us make this the best Christmas parade Big Spring has ever had.

So come on and join us.

How To CONTACT Us

The *Herald* is always interested in our readers' opinions. In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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- By telephone at 263-7331
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- By e-mail Managing Editor John A. Moseley at editor@bigspringherald.com or News Editor Bill McClellan at newsdesk@bigspringherald.com.
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, inspire us.

Amen

Prisoners actually people, too

*Treat those jailbirds
Mean, and then;
They'll go out,
And sin again.*

Whenever a columnist gets so bereft of ideas that he writes about prisons, he's sure to receive a letter from the inside saying, "You don't know the half of it!" My last note came from an older woman. She reports that under certain circumstances the Department of Corrections loads inmates into vans shortly before midnight, drives them around until after the witching hour, and then brings them back to their cells. This gimmick reduces the daily inmate count and thus conceals overcrowding.



WILLIAM A. COLLINS

You can't make this stuff up! The gist of our incarceration system is that, upon conviction, offenders not only give up their freedom, they also give up their humanity.

They become not merely the number ironed on their jumpsuit, but a dollar figure inscribed in the state budget. A cost center, if you will. The chief job of legislators and prison administrators then becomes to shave a few nickels off that cost in order to hold taxes down.

California is presently doing its shoddy best to accomplish just that. It has, as you might expect, produced a movie. This gem is a recruiting film hyping the wonders of Tennessee prisons. That's

where Golden State officials would like their own felons to volunteer to be transferred. It's cheaper, plus there's ping-pong. Of course, it's also much farther from parents, kids, girl friends, fellow gang members, and maybe a doctor that they finally got to see. Connecticut once explored this same route with host Virginia, but gave it up due to the ensuing human rights furor.

And the doctor issue is no joke. Take hepatitis C. It's rare in the general population, but being pretty contagious, it's rampant in jails. Maybe 40 percent of inmates carry it. It's also often short on symptoms until late in the game, and expensive to treat. Thus, there's little incentive for prisons to look for it. They just report a few deaths from liver failure as necessary and ultimately release the live ones to infect unsuspecting families and friends.

Certainly treating inmates like people, both medically and otherwise, would be expensive for the Corrections Department, but it might persuade some convicts upon release to follow a different path. If you provide more schooling, medical care, counseling, time with families, freedom from nasty guards, and other basic elements of humanity, they might not feel quite so angry at society when they get out.

Of course, such a civilized policy also calls for more expenditures once they're civilians again. And those needed follow-up social services often fall to someone else's department and budget. What a mess! But without such services, prison release tends to mimic the now-famous CIA technique of

finally depositing their charges on some remote Albanian hillside.

Parole and halfway houses before sentences expire are likewise smart practices. Several states use plenty of each to good effect for low-risk offenders, shortening their actual time in the clink. Our state made a disastrous decision in 2002 to lay off parole officers, whereupon there was a major spike in the prison population. Luckily, the legislature quickly came back to its senses.

Happily, a different kind of penal experiment here has turned out all for the good. The draconian penalty for possession of microscopic amounts of crack cocaine was lately revoked, and at last fewer blacks are going needlessly to jail. Well surprise, surprise. The Three Stooges could have figured that one out, but it took the legislature decades. Now we need the Stooges back to work on our other dumb drug penalties.

For example, many states still mindlessly throw the book at any drug activity near schools, even possession, and most still outlaw all marijuana. This leads to prisons so crowded that staff cannot properly treat the inmates. And that in turn leads to gangs and other anti-social activity upon release.

Other nations, as they love to do, roll their eyes at our incompetence.

Larry, Moe and Curly, where are you now that we need you?

Columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently, I contacted the FDR Presidential Library in Hyde Park, N.Y., regarding data about my triplet brothers: Franklin, Delano and Roosevelt Shaw, namesakes of the president. They were born Sept. 30, 1936, in Knott.

I was happy to secure photos and newspaper clippings from your paper, and personal letters sent to the president from the Chamber of Commerce, the postmaster and Dr. True, who delivered the triplets and had the honor of naming them. This was the first set of triplets born in Howard County.

Franklin and Roosevelt will be celebrating 71 years today. At this time, Franklin resides in Seminole and Roosevelt resides in Coahoma. Unfortunately, Delano is deceased. He died at the age of 69. Delano resided in Big Spring for many years.

It was good looking at the old newspaper clipping from back

when the *Big Spring Daily Herald* sold for the massive sum of 5 cents. How times have changed. Thanks for publishing these articles about my brothers.

NELDA SHAW TOBIAS
ARLINGTON

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to say thank you to John Moseley and Thomas Jenkins for the columns they wrote in the *Herald*.

We the people of Howard County need all the good and correct information we can get. Passing the bond issue in November is a must.

The "Taj Mahal" bunch did so much damage, I wonder if the county will ever recover.

I hope the members of the Moore Board keep their thumbs on the member that was involved with "Taj Mahal" and keep him from doing any more damage. I don't understand how anyone with his

attitude got on that board.

I'm also curious. I wonder if the judge has offered to give up his salary to help repay for some of the damage some of his actions before and after the election caused. I also wonder if he intends to work as hard to get this bond issue passed as he did to get the last one defeated.

INEZ HOWELL
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

This is in reference to the letter published in May regarding the "mail delivery problems in Big Spring" and that "everyone in Big Spring should worry about identity theft." In the letter, an address to El Paso was given for those who "care to file a complaint." I personally don't need to file a complaint. There are several solutions to protect your identity and to imply and

See **LETTERS**, Page 5A

Work for a corporation? Be careful

Five years after the Worldcom and Enron cases spawned the government's Corporate Fraud Task Force, some very scary figures have just come out. Since its inception in 2002, the Task Force has convicted 1,236 executives — including 214 chief executive officers and presidents, 129 vice presidents, 53 chief financial officers and 23 corporate counsels or attorneys — for various frauds and criminal activities.



MARTHA BURK

Maybe they should have snagged a few diversity officers as well — because not all corporate fraud is financial.

There is big business in a kind of non-financial fraud that can really hurt workers, especially women and minorities. I call it the diversity dodge. It's a shell game where highly paid folks with highfalutin' titles like "Diversity Vice President" spend the majority of their time getting the companies on so-called "best places to work" lists.

You know the ones: "Most Family-Friendly Workplaces," "50 Best Places for Latinas to Work," "Best Companies for Diversity," and so on. The VP is valued more for the image she or he is able to build for the company than for any other duty — like maybe promoting policies that would mean better pay and promotions for the groups in question.

In corporate America, one of the most highly prized lists is "Working Mother" magazine's "100 Best Companies for Working Mothers," to be released on Oct. 1. But the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) in Washington, D.C., has just released a revealing report on the pregnancy leave policies of those companies that made the list last year (if history is any guide, most will win again). This report sheds some light on just how good — or not so good — these firms are when it comes to putting their policies behind their public relations.

Can you believe 7 percent of the highest-ranked companies offer no maternity leave at all, and another 7 percent provide only one to two weeks? A mere 28 percent of companies provide nine or more weeks, and "many of the winners' paid parental leave policies fall far short of families' needs," according to IWPR. Not one company in the top 100 provides more than six weeks of paid paternity leave and only 7 percent provide seven weeks or more of paid adoptive leave.

If these are the best companies for working mothers, I'd hate to see the worst ones.

Actually, some of the winners could also make a "worst" list. Doing a little math using numbers supplied by the companies themselves, we find that American Express, Bank of America, IBM, Citigroup, and Prudential Financial — all "Working Mother" multi-year "Hall of Fame" winners

— fall short when it comes to women's pay.

Bank of America is typical. While 68 percent of their employees are female, only 39 percent of the top fifth of earners are women. The story is nearly identical at the other firms. Not a single one has women in the ranks of top earners anywhere near matching their numbers in the company.

For non-hall-of-famers who nevertheless made the list, it gets worse. JP Morgan Chase has a workforce that is 60 percent female — but only 30 percent of the top earners are women. At General Electric, women make up a paltry 20 percent at the top of the money heap. There's no doubt these numbers would look even more dismal if stock options and perks, instead of just paychecks, were reported. And one more thing — none of these exemplary firms has more than three women on the board; some have only one.

So what's a working mother to do? Her own research, for one thing. Remember that the award lists are not what they appear. Magazines get ad dollars from awardees, awardees get good publicity from the magazines, so both win.

The only losers in this fraudulent game are working women who believe all the hype.

Martha Burk is director of the Corporate Accountability Project, National Council of Women's Organizations.

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Births



Zayda Jade Stallings

Zayda Jade Stallings, a girl, was born at 10:09 p.m. Sept. 11, 2007, weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long. She is the daughter of Kenny and Renea Stallings of Big Spring. Her maternal grandparents are Randy and Debbie Rister of Abilene and Polly Speaker of Big Spring. Her paternal grandparents are Ken and Darlene Stallings of Big Spring.



Katie Lynn Bronaugh

Katie Lynn Bronaugh, a girl, was born at 3:51 p.m. July 19, 2007, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long. She is the daughter of Mathew and Misty Bronaugh of Bertram. Her maternal grandparents are Kim and Jr. Savell of Bertram. Her great-grandparents are Preston and Marva Daniels of Big Spring and Laverne Lockhart of Lindale. Her great-great-grandmother is Minnie Kennedy of Lindale. Her paternal grandparents are Chuck and Ronda Bronaugh and Joe and Sharon Adams. Her great-grandparents are Fern Bronaugh and Nell Clark, all of Big Spring. Katie was welcomed home by big sister, Elizabeth Ryleigh.

Caylie Janea Daves

Caylie Janea Daves, a girl, born at 1:14 p.m. Sept. 24, 2007, weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 inches long. She is the daughter of Bittany and Sandy Daves of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Terry and Marie Camden and Zeita Mase, both of Big Spring. Caylie was welcomed home by big siblings Sheyenne, Corbain and Chandler.



Conley Joe Baker

Conley Joe Baker, a boy, was born at 7:56 a.m. Aug. 24, 2007, weighing 9 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21-1/2 inches long. He is the son of Cory and Stephanie Baker of Little Rock, Ark. His maternal grandparents are Gary and Heather Smith of Oklahoma and Debbie Pasmore of Oklahoma. His paternal grandparents are Jesse and Connie Baker of Big Spring. Conley was welcomed home by big sister, Emily.

*Reader's
Corner*

The White Bronco
By Bernice Reed Jones

He was tall, dark and handsome
as he stood there that night
Got into his Bronco
there in the dim light

He rode down to the Sun Set
and then he cut back
His thought on the lady
he could never win back

When he turned off on Bundy
by his side was a knife
There was hate in his heart
and his heart filled with strife

He stood there a- watching
in back of her home
He knew that the lady
was always alone

But Akita was watch- ing
out there in the dark
When he saw him a stalking
he started to bark

But his whining and wailing
they all seemed in vain
Two helpless people
on the ground, there were slain

The blood on the walkway

like a river it flowed
He got in his bronco
and away from it rode

Akita kept barking
till somebody heard
They went there to see
why he was so dis- turbed

When they found Akita
and looked at his paws
All covered in blood stains
they stood there in awe

Akita then led them
and he walked very slow
He stopped at the house
where the lights dimly glowed

A man and a woman
lay there on the ground
But the man, nor the woman
did not make a sound

You could see the blood flowing
and run all around
It ran like a river
flowing there on the ground

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LETTERS

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attack our post office as the sole reason for some not getting their mail is unjust, as there are many employees at the post office that do an excellent job.

In speaking with the Big Spring postmaster, he suggested a post office box which is very secure, very affordable, convenient, reliable and the mail is always delivered to your box by 10 a.m. He also suggested the NBUs (Neighborhood Box Units) which are no cost to the customers. He said the post office has sent out letters in the past asking customers if they would like this other alternative to providing the safety and security of your mail, but many have opted to stay with the mail boxes that they already have in place. Unfortunately, mail boxes at the curb of your street are an easy target and an invitation for anyone to walk right up and take whatever they want out of your mailbox. The NBU boxes have keys and the first set of keys are of no cost to the customer. A parcel locker is also available and attached to the NBU in order for carriers to leave larger mail other than envelopes.

All of Big Spring's mail goes to the Midland General Facility, so, therefore, they handle all of Big Spring's mail as well. So, there are many people handling your mail, not just the Big Spring postal workers. The Big Spring Post Office is also a self-sustaining agent and its revenue is generated by the cost of postage stamps, parcels and merchandise — such as pictures, teddy bears and various other items to help pay employees' wages. I must say that 41 cents is a very inexpensive price to mail a letter to anywhere in the United States. The post office also has a canned food drive several times a year in Big Spring. So on those days, not only are the postal employees trying to deliver your mail without any mistakes, they are also picking up food for the less fortunate in Big Spring.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my mail carrier, Candace Williams. She is one of the nicest people. She will personally pick up our newspaper from the driveway, if we haven't done so, and place it on our front porch before putting our mail in our box which is located next to our front door. She has even expressed concern about various issues in our life and has wished us well. Of course on her days off, another carrier fills in and takes over her route. We have received a piece or two of mail in the past for someone else on our street or the next street over, but we don't complain. These carriers are not familiar with her route. We either take the mail to the person's house, if we know them, or we simply attach the mail to our box for the next day's pick-up.

As far as the isolated incident when the water company sent approximately 50 to 70 cut-off notices, the water bills had been hand-carried that days, as always, to the post office. As I already mentioned, the Midland Post Office always receives Big Spring's mail. Could Midland possibly be responsible for this problem and the city of Big Spring and the Big Spring Post Office are being blamed for someone else's mistake?

An employee at the water department said Mayor Russ McEwen instructed the water department to reverse any charges — fees, late charges, cut-off notices, etc. — as he took full responsibility for this one-time incident.

Another suggestion: If you know when your bill, any bill, usually arrives on a certain day of the month and it hasn't, call that particular office or institution and let them know as a courtesy that you have not received your bill. After all, in the end, it is still your responsibility to pay your bills on time. This certainly could save you and everyone involved some time and heartache.

Regarding credit card ratings, they too, seem to be very understanding that certain occurrences are well out of your control when the situation is explained.

As everyone should know, people are human and make mistakes, and unfortunately, there are people who do steal from others, even if it is a piece of mail. Just like the old saying goes, to err is human, to forgive is divine.

SHELLEY VELA
 BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

It has been nine days since I got a brand new knee and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those who made it a success.

To Dr. Hayes, his staff, nurses, physical therapists and the entire staff at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, I want to express my gratitude for the excellent care I received. How great to get such quality care right here at home.

There were smiles, clean rooms and good food. We are lucky to have such a facility and the quality personnel here in Big Spring.

DEAN FORREST
 BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am a mother of two girls and I am concerned by the style and behavior that seems to be acceptable of young ladies today.

I was surprised and disgusted at the uniforms that area cheerleaders are wearing this year. They are very short and very revealing. I was also disappointed in some of the routines that were displayed at the Battle of the Cheerleaders.

I was in a local store and saw a cheerleader and the back of her skirt did not even cover her rear end. I was very disgusted. What are these young ladies doing running around that way?

I thought they were supposed to be cheering for the sports team, not themselves. Where are their fathers? Since when did it become appropriate to wear your underwear in public?

If my daughter was wearing something so revealing, you can bet there would be something done. They are young ladies and need to be treated as such.

These young ladies are role models for the younger girls that dream of being cheerleaders when they get to junior high and high school. But what kind of role models are they when they're dressed and acting that way?

That's certainly not the kind of role model I want my daughter to follow. Parents need to step up and voice their opinions. I'm sure I'm not the only one with concerns. I just think that our area schools could do a lot bet-

ter with their cheerleading squads' uniforms and dance routines. They do not have to be so vulgar to be good.

SHELLEY NORMAN
 BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

As a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, I want to let the people of Big Spring know that I am very disappointed in the poor showing of respect for the POW-MIA ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial.

Don't you know you owe your freedom to the POW and MIA and veterans who went to serve our country in time of need?

And I am also ashamed of our county and city leaders. The housing market takes a big drop and they raise the property value and there's a real big jump in property taxes. What will it be now, another raise for them? I wouldn't put it past them.

I wish the people would wake up and be able to have a say in what happens in the county and city instead of four or five people telling us what we can and cannot do.

DONALD SCHEIBER
 BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Bipolar disorder affects an estimated 10 million Americans.

Unfortunately, 7 out of 10 people with bipolar disorder receive at least one misdiagnosis and many wait years before an accurate diagnosis.

People living with bipolar disorder experience alternating episodes of mania (severe highs), depression (severe lows) and mixed states which contain elements of both. If left untreated, people with bipolar disorder are at greater risk for suicide, substance abuse, incarceration and other harmful consequences.

But with accurate diagnosis and treatment, people with bipolar disorder have better treatment success rates than people with heart disease. Essential components of the treatment process for people living with the disorder include medication, psychotherapy, support groups and education about the illness. It is estimated that 80 percent to 90 percent of people with bipolar disorder can be treated effectively with medication and psychotherapy.

Raising awareness of bipolar disorder is an important step toward promoting early detection and accurate diagnosis, which is why the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) created Bipolar Disorder Awareness Day, scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 11.

We can all play a role in helping make Bipolar Disorder Awareness Day a success, simply by learning more about the symptoms of bipolar disorder and mental illness and understanding its impact on society; reaching out to individuals living with bipolar disorder or mental illness; and encouraging individuals with the disorder to seek treatment.

LISA PETROWSKI
 BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

My daughter was released from the Scenic Mountain Medical Center today (Sept. 27). She had a staph infection that spread to her eye. First of all, she is allergic to mosquitos. For a couple of months she has had bites all over her and we put bug repellent on her every time we went outside. But being the age she is, it is difficult to keep her protected.

This past Monday she was bitten while she was at day care and that night her eye was a little swollen. The next morning when we woke up it was bigger. So we took her into the emergency room here in Big Spring.

To the lady who sat across from us in the ER, I hope you read this and realize that people who are a little bit different and maybe not up to your

standards of living are still good people.

When we weren't seen there because the nurse in the ER didn't seem like she really wanted to help us we left and went to Dr. Ahmed's office here in town. He took a post dated check so that we could see him.

Later on that night we took her back to the ER because we couldn't see her eye. It was swollen shut. At the ER they ran a CT and found that the infection had not gone to her brain. We all sat and waited, and it was the hardest, longest 40 minutes ever!

But thank God she is home today.

I wrote all that to tell you this: We live in a house that we rent from a guy here in town. I call him a "guy" because he doesn't deserve to be called a man. When we first moved in, we had the impression that he actually kept up his houses and fixed things that needed to be repaired within a reasonable time. Well the house that we live in has horrible insulation. I know, everyone thinks they have it bad too, but this house — you can see through the wood and see outside. When we first moved in it wasn't noticeable. From the outside it looks like a nice house.

We have also called him

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In This Season Of Hope

22nd annual **HERALD** Community Christmas Parade

5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1

Parade theme:
"Peace On Earth"

Entry deadline — Noon, Friday, Nov. 16

The parade will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and head north on Gregg Street toward downtown, arriving in time for the downtown Christmas celebration.

\$100 Herald's Best of Show Award: for best interpretation of theme.

\$75 Mayor's Trophy: for best use of lighting.

\$50 Grand Marshall's Award: for best costuming.

First-place plaques will be awarded in the following categories:

1. Individual or family
2. Civic group, school or church
3. Commercial
4. Industrial

In addition, certificates of commendation will be awarded to the second- and third-place entries in each of those categories. Also, a special award will be presented to the best sheriff's posse, riding club or other mounted entry.

PARADE RULES

1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald. **No other Santa Claus will be permitted in the parade.**
2. Floats should not exceed 65 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.
5. Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards.
6. For safety, do not throw candy from your float. Small children run up under the tires. Please have someone walking beside your float if you want to throw candy.

2007 Christmas Parade Entry Form

Name of organization: _____

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 Parade Committee
 Big Spring Herald
 PO Box 1431
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 Big Spring, TX 79721
 Fax (432) 264-7205

You will receive by return mail, your float number and a map showing where to go to line up.

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► **Menus**

Big Spring ISD

Monday: chili-dogs, ranch style beans, veggie medley, apples, milk.
 Tuesday: green enchiladas, pinto beans, garden salad, apple cobbler, milk.
 Wednesday: chicken patties, California vegetables, mashed potatoes, mandarin oranges, rolls, milk.
 Thursday: beef-shepard pie, broccoli w/cheese, Jello, wheat rolls, milk.
 Friday: hamburgers, salad, pickle slices, oven fries, chocolate cake, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast, waffles, applesauce, sausage, milk; Lunch, chicken dumplings, fruit cups, peas, carrots, milk, ham sandwiches, chips.
 Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, ham, grape juice, milk; Lunch, green enchiladas, mexicali corn, pears, milk, corn dogs.
 Wednesday: Breakfast, French toast, ham, orange juice, milk; Lunch, tacos, pinto beans, salad, milk, burritos.
 Thursday: Breakfast, biscuits, gravy, apple juice, sausage, milk; Lunch, chicken patties, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, milk, grilled cheese sandwiches.
 Friday: Breakfast, pancakes, sausage, grape juice, syrup, milk; Lunch, nacho grande, salad, oranges, milk.

Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast, pancakes, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburgers, hamburgers, French fries, hamburger salad, apples, milk, mustard.
 Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, cinnamon, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch, popcorn chicken, country steak, mashed potatoes, spinach, fruit cocktail, hot rolls, milk.
 Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuits, sausage, cream gravy, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch, pepperoni pizza, corndog, mixed vegetables, garden salad, pineapples, milk, ranch dressing.
 Thursday: Breakfast, blueberry muffins, yogurt, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, baked chicken beef tips, steamed rice, green beans, peaches, cheese bread sticks, milk.
 Friday: Breakfast, breakfast burrito, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch, peanut butter, jelly sandwiches, ham & cheese sandwiches, potato chips, vegetarian beans, sandwich salad, pickle spears, pears.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center

Monday: cheeseburger, lettuce/tomatoes, onion/pickles, fries and mixed fruit.
 Tuesday: barbecue chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, garlic toast and banana cake.
 Wednesday: baked ham, seasoned cabbage, black-eyed peas, vegetable salad and cornbread.
 Thursday: vegetable beef stew, cornbread, green salad and fruited pudding.
 Friday: meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, okra and tomatoes, cottage cheese/peaches and whole wheat rolls.

► **Engagements**

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Kristin Wegner and Jose Negrete

Wegner and Negrete

Kristin Wegner and Jose Negrete of Big Spring announce their engagement and intention to marry at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, at

14th and Main Street Church of Christ.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Sherry and Bob Wegner, the granddaughter of Mattie Fuller and the late J.H. Fuller, all of Big Spring. Paternal grandparents are the late Bob and Clara Wegner.

The groom-to-be is the son of Beverly Rains of Midland and Jose Negrete Sr. of Puerto Rico.

His maternal grandmother is the late Katherine Pool and his grandfather is Howard Rains of Missouri. His paternal grandparents are Carmen and the late Julian Negrete of Puerto Rico.

Kristin attended Big Spring schools and earned her certificate in massage therapy at Midland College. She is taking classes at Howard College toward earning a degree in nursing.

Jose graduated from high school in Midland. He is employed at B&E Roustabout and is taking welding classes at Howard College.



This five-generation picture was taken Aug. 11 in Eden. Pictured are Lawrence Allen, 80, of Big Spring; Wanda Chaney, 59, of Eden, who is holding Lucas Michael Zarbue, 10 1/2 months old; Cindy Moore, 40; and Diana Zabue, 22, both of Wichita, Kan.

It Ain't What You Think

Submitted by Sam Myers

I worked 45 years for someone else
 So that I could retire.
 I dreamed of sleeping late
 And sitting by the fire.

I dreamed of long vacations
 Enjoying stage and song.
 But, let me set you straight on that concept,
 It is simply wrong.

I did junk my safety glasses
 And the work boots that cramped my toes.
 But, the rest of it had a mind of it's own
 And this is how it goes.

My wife had been thinking of retirement
 And had plans of her own.
 She had spent much time with the kids
 But, now they are grown and gone.

We sold our cattle and horse
 So we wouldn't have that chore.
 I poured concrete over my alarm clock
 But, I still wake up at four.

I get my eyes check on Monday.
 Ann gets hers checked the next day.
 I go for a colon check on Wednesday
 And pass my wife going the other way.

I have a dental appointment on Thursday.
 Ann goes for a test on her heart.
 Friday we go get prescriptions filled
 And browse a while at Wal-Mart.

Saturdays we just stay home
 And try to get the paper work right.
 We can't take any over-night trips
 'Cause we can't see to drive a night.

Restroom confusion keeps us out of church on Sunday
 And we really do hate that.
 There's nothing wrong with the restrooms,
 We just can't remember where they're at.

We don't need to plan next week,
 Just make sure we can drive.

And not forget where the hospitals and clinics are.
 We'll need them to survive.

Once a week we visit the cemetery
 And it seems more like home each time we go.
 I look around at the headstones
 And see everyone I know.

So, don't build your castles too high, my friend,
 While strolling through the clover
 This is a typical week in retirement
 And on Monday we start all over!

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The Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez, Texas State Veterans Home would like to congratulate the following employees on their completion of five years of service. They were recently awarded a five year service pen.



(Pictured left to right) DeLayne Parnell, Jean Clark, Yolanda Montelongo, Annette Dominguez, Rebecca Morales, Nursing; Teresa Warrington, Veteran Land Board Representative; Ben Mazzara, Administrator; Hilda Lara, Human Resources Director; Tony Ramirez, Steve Davis, Maintenance; Sandra Lobaton, Nursing; Ida Sanchez, Housekeeping/Laundry Supervisor; Ruth Jamison, Nursing; Paul Webb, Dietary Manager; and Renea Jones, Bookkeeper.

(Not Pictured) Angelica Cazares, Gloria Garza, Lori Gonzales, Elia Gonzalez, Alice Lewis, Elva Sundy, Linda Waddill, Nancy White, Alma Yanez, Nursing; Louise Mata, Admissions Coordinator; and Reta Yruegas, Asst. Dietary Manager.

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 Texas State Veterans Home

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Need a hobby? Why not give stamp collecting a try?

What can you call a hobby which teaches so much in addition to providing fun and pleasure. Philately, or stamp collecting, helps instruct the collector in geography, biography, history, culture and art.



GARY CRITTENDEN

Stamps are miniature gateways to the world. Stamp collecting has very few rules. You don't have to buy expensive sneakers or rackets to enjoy it. However, there are a few simple things to remember when col-

lecting stamps. First of all, one of the essential rules to remember is that the condition of a stamp is a highly important consideration. Badly torn and mis-handled stamps are not only unpleasant to the eye, but they are worth next to nothing when compared to their undamaged counterparts. Try to acquire the finest possible specimens. Stamps are rated in condition from "poor" to "superb." A stamp which can be called "superb" is one of the finest quality. That means it has perfect centering, brilliant color and perfect gum. A used stamp can also be called superb, if it is perfectly centered, fresh looking, is lightly cancelled and undamaged.

A designation of "fine" means a stamp without flaws, average centering, gum with light hinge marks. Used stamps designated "fine" are not quite as fresh, cancels are heavier and centering is good. "Good" stamps are those which are off-center, but fairly attractive. There may be minor defects such as disturbed gum, thin areas, heavy hinge marks. Stamps which fall below these standards should be ignored and are not worth acquiring by the serious collector; however, beginners sometimes collect them as starters. These are known as "space fillers." Because their condition is so important — and stamps are only bits of paper after all — when

handling them it is essential to remember to use caution. The best way to safely handle stamps is with tongs. Because stamps are small, it is often difficult to see all of their minute detail with the naked eye. Magnifying glasses, which come in a variety of shapes and sizes, will help you not only see the design better, but also, in some instances discover small details which can help distinguish one stamp from another. You'll soon learn that there are times when stamps appear to be the same, but are not. Look-alike stamps frequently turn stamp collectors into Sherlock Holmeses. Sleuthing is fun and a test of your knowledge and skill. You can always find

stamps in your own mail box, or you can ask a local business to let you have stamps from their mail. But when you want to remove a stamp from an envelope, you will need to soak the stamp off. When you soak stamps off of the remnants of envelopes, all you really need is a container to hold the cool water while the stamps soak. It's best to let the stamps soak for perhaps 15 to 20 minutes — sometimes more depending on the quality of the paper and gum which is used. You can tell when the stamps are ready to be handled, they will float free from the envelopes. Not all stamps soak well. If you have stamps with purple ink or cancellations on them, you may want to soak them

separately, because these colors may run, discoloring other items in the container. Others may require separate attention because of colors which may run from the envelopes on which the stamps were affixed. If you have trouble in telling the difference between two seemingly similar stamps you may want to measure the perforations. A perforation gauge is used to measure the number of perforations in a prescribed space on each stamp. Some stamp designs may look alike but the gauge of the perforation is different. Subtle differences are apparent in other ways. Another way of distinguishing seemingly similar stamps is by measuring the distance between the perforations. See **STAMPS**, Page 7A

LETTERS

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over because of break-ins. He fixes the problems by screwing openings shut. Another worry we have is the driveway. It has been washed away by the weather. Our Jeep has had several things go wrong and just last week our tire was flat. Since we don't have a paved driveway, our car is hard to get up the hill that our house sits on. The Jeep has been running very shaky because the driveway is lopsided. We don't have money to buy anything else if something happens to that Jeep. All this is an example of why people don't want to live in Big Spring, because the houses that are affordable are owned by the kind of "guy" who rents out a lot of houses that are like the one that we rent.

DENA COOK
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

OK, I am writing yet another letter, it's been awhile since my last. I want to put our focus on keeping our park clean. My memories of growing up here in Big Spring is the park — going swimming, walking the trails. My sisters and I had a wonderful time doing that. But when my twin and I went there a week or so ago, we were disheartened by the fact people have littered and made a mess of it. Also the little spring which would stream into the big spring was all dry. That little spring is one of my fondest memories. It was my thinking spot, and it's all dry and has trash in it. Please, when you go to the park utilize the trash cans. If you see trash from others, pick it up and throw it away. And shame on anybody who litters there, or anywhere else in Big Spring. We have to focus on making our city pretty and clean. Do you keep your house all littered? Do you toss soda cans on your floors? Think about the city and the park as your house.

Clean — that's CLEAN — is the focus of this letter. Make it safe for our younger generation to go out to the park and have a good time. In addition, you teens who choose to vandalize, shame on you. I hope you get into trouble when caught for acting your age. You teens want to be treated as adults. I'll say this: You will get treated as you act. My generation had to suffer the consequences of our actions and you now have it light when it comes to getting disciplined. Maybe your actions would be better if you were scolded and had consequences put upon you for your actions. It would make teens better when they grow up if they were disciplined. All I am asking is that all of us, young and old alike, start to care about our city and our parks and make it a better tomorrow.

TAMMY ADAMS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

There are no words that can adequately describe our appreciation for the tremendous outpouring of support that the city of Odessa received from the citizens and police officers of Big Spring during Odessa's tragic events, which began on the evening of Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007. On that fateful day, three of Odessa's police officers responded to a domestic violence call and all were shot in the line of duty. Cpl. Arlie Jones and Cpl. Scott Gardner died at the scene of the incident and Cpl. Abel Marquez succumbed to his injuries four days later. From the moment that word began to circulate about the shootings of these outstanding public servants, law enforcement officers — including many who were off-duty — began responding. Among those who first responded were other members of the Odessa Police Department, the Odessa Fire Department, the Midland Police Department, the Ector County Independent School District Police

Department, the Ector County Sheriff's Department, the Midland County Sheriff's Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety. Support continued to grow as it became known that two of the police officers had died and a third was critically injured. The city of Odessa especially thanks the citizens of the city and county of Lubbock who reached out to the family of Cpl. Marquez; their generous support included providing of food, lodging and prayers as Cpl. Marquez fought for his life. Other local and area law enforcement agencies volunteered to have their own officers assume police responsibilities during the funerals for each of these three officers. Local and area citizens and the business community established a benevolence fund which is to be equally shared by the three families. The acts of kindness from both cities and law enforcement personnel during this time have been overwhelming. While we cannot list each individual who responded to our city's needs, we want each of you to know we are thankful for your assistance and the city of Odessa thanks each and every one of you.

LARRY MELTON
MAYOR
CITY OF ODESSA

TO THE EDITOR:

I moved to Big Spring about nine months ago to be closer to my family after having lived all over the state. I am becoming very sorry I did. Just try to get hired in this town! Qualifications do not seem to matter, nor does willingness to work hard. I am getting tired of going into local businesses and being treated rudely, ignored or waited on by someone who obviously doesn't want to be there, while there are people looking for work who are highly qualified and anxious to work. A family member has been trying to find a job for months. He finally got hired at a locally owned

convenience store and was asked to work that very day, which he did. He was then told to "stay by the phone" and he would be called in a couple of days after someone else was trained. After almost two weeks, he worked one afternoon, only to be told at the end of that time that he didn't really have a job! He was just being used until something better came along, I guess. He was told the hours were going to be split between the other employees. Interestingly enough, there is still an ad in the paper for help at this store and this took place weeks ago. This is a professional way to run a business? This is just one example, there are others. At another local business, a friend filled out an application and went back three times to talk with someone but was always told no one was there. For two weeks following that, they had an ad in the paper. What does it take, business owners? You want people to shop Big Spring but you treat the local people like this? Why would anyone want to help your business? I will definitely not shop at these places and I will tell everyone I can how these employers treat people. Did I make a mistake moving to Big Spring? I am beginning to think so.

LYNNE McWILLIAMS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am a former resident of Big Spring. I have not lived in Big Spring for many years, over 20 to be exact, but I never forget where home is. I have been following some of the things the county commissioners have been doing — some have been good, some have been not so good. The tax increase sounds like a must, but remember what you do today will affect everyone, not to mention your position. What is it I am getting to? One must answer to the ones who have gotten you to that position. Before you make any increases or layoffs, make

sure you take into consideration who voted you into those positions. Many times we lose focus of the importance of our positions. In the long run nobody wins. I say this to all commissioners because in the county I now live in (Hernando County, Fla.) we are in an uproar over the many things the county commissioners have been doing. Not to mention, what they should have been doing. Please go to www.hernandotoday.com to see what I am talking about. During the tough tax cut times we are facing today, certain positions will suffer. Others won't. I trust you all will do the right thing for Howard County. Though I now live in Spring Hill, Fla., I will always consider Big Spring my home.

FERNANDO TERCERO
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TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you so much for the notice on the available grants for wireless service. I'd like to make something clear to Mr. Cawthon who also had a letter in Sunday's paper. Very well said, Mr. Cawthon. I don't speak for all Republicans. Sorry that was the impression; but my reason for mentioning party affiliation was a matter of identification. On the other hand, I also speak for some Democrats who think the way I do on the jail issue because of two most important things that unite us. One, the best interests of Howard County and

this community. A non-partisan issue. Two, we are in a "Catch-22" situation. If we do not pass the bond, we will go bankrupt for the very well known reasons. If we pass the bond, we'll get into a deep debt as very well said by your letter last week. Therefore, whether the bond passes or not, we are doomed to see our taxes increase. But personally, I would rather have a jail that meets federal and state requirements to show for the taxes I pay, than nothing at all. Our job now as united citizens is to demand that county officials do not make more ridiculous and wasteful mistakes.

MARGARITA DURAND-
HOLLIS
BIG SPRING

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring Herald news carrier Sonny Crocker, left, shares a laugh with Herald Circulation Manager Robert Smith Friday. Crocker, who has delivered newspapers for the Herald for more than 50 years, is retiring effective Saturday.

After 50 years slinging newspapers, Sonny retires

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

After 50 years and goodness knows how many deliveries, Sonny Crocker is calling it quits.

Crocker, a news carrier at the *Big Spring Herald* for more than a half-century, will retire from his job after making one last delivery Saturday.

He first began delivering newspapers for the *Herald* as a 12-year-old in 1941 and, with a few breaks here and there, has been doing it ever since.

As he approaches his 79th birthday, however, he has a very simple reason for retiring.

"I'm tired," he said. "I'm just worn out ... hauling all those papers is getting tougher ... I love my job, but I'm just too tired to

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Robert Smith, circulation manager

keep it up."

Crocker has carried quite a workload for the *Herald*. He currently handles 16 routes and delivers more than 500 newspapers daily.

Herald Circulation Manager Robert Smith said Crocker has been a walking institution during his half-century of service.

"I really hate to see Sonny go,

because he really takes good care of his customers," said Smith. "But at 79, he's earned it. We hope he enjoys his retirement."

A measure of Crocker's worth is that Smith will use three carriers to pick up the slack left by Sonny's retirement. Current *Herald* carriers Patrick Gonzales, Wayne Pusley and Pamela Estep will divvy up Crocker's routes, Smith said.

As for Crocker, he plans to do quite a bit of relaxing in the near future.

"I'm not going to do anything," he said when asked of his retirement plans. "Well, maybe do a little fishing."

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Dagestad retires following 28-year career with TxDOT

ABILENE — Larry Dagestad, maintenance technician in the Howard County maintenance section, has retired from the Texas Department of Transportation following a 28-year career.



Dagestad

Dagestad began his tenure with TxDOT in May of 1979 in the Howard County

maintenance section and remained in that section his entire career. Prior to joining the department, Dagestad drove a gas truck delivering fuel.

When he started working for TxDOT, Dagestad's duties were mainly patching potholes and mowing the right-of-way.

Then, after several years, he started operating the asphalt pot and driving dump trucks and

heavy equipment. He also drove the street sweeper.

Dagestad's hobbies include buying, selling and trading cars, lawnmowers and equipment.

Asked what he will miss when retired, Dagestad said working and operating the street sweeper.

What is he going to do during retirement?

He said he plans to travel and tinker with cars and lawnmowers.

NRCS accepts applications for EQIP funding

Herald Staff Report

Howard County landowners interested in participating in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) need to apply by Nov. 16 if they have not already done so to be eligible for the next round of funding, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"Although EQIP is a continuous sign-up program, some producers may not have signed up yet," said Eddy Spurgin, district conservationist for Howard County.

"We will rank all eligible applications received by the end of the ranking period on Nov. 16 for 2008 funding.

"One important component of EQIP that remains the same is the input needed from the local level to make EQIP address the most pressing resource concerns in the county."

Eddy Spurgin, district conservationist

"There is a strong possibility that EQIP funds will become available in October," Spurgin added.

EQIP promotes agricultural production and environmental quality. Through EQIP, farmers and ranchers receive financial and technical assistance to help install conservation practices and to implement management systems that promote conservation.

Financial assistance is on a cost-shared basis with the producer. The

technical assistance is provided at 100 percent of the cost by NRCS.

According to Spurgin, there are a few changes in EQIP for 2008. New features include a process to streamline payments. Instead of the traditional percentage-of-cost rates, NRCS will offer flat-rate payments based on a schedule for each conservation practice.

"Landowners will know up front what the payment in dollars will be," Spurgin said.

"One important component of EQIP that remains the same is the input needed from the local level to make EQIP address the most pressing resource concerns in the county," Spurgin said.

"Our local office will be holding program development group and local working group meetings very soon to gather that input," he added.

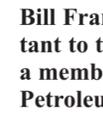
NRCS and the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District will have more information about local meetings.

To sign up for EQIP or to get more information, contact the NRCS office at the USDA Service Center located at 302 W. Interstate 20, Suite 101 or call (432) 267-1871, ext. 3.

Energy Watch



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



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



Shell's former chairman, Lord Oxburgh, has said oil may move towards \$150 per barrel in the coming years because the industry has its head "in the sand" regarding the depletion of supplies.

His comments were made to The Independent ahead of his talks before the Association for the Study of Peak Oil. Oxburgh's primary concern is that oil demand will continue to outpace supply, causing prices to spike, thereby, supporting alternative fuel projects solely on the basis of price.

We feel another, more immediate issue, facing the oil industry is the imminent retirement of a major portion of an aging workforce. But for this, it appears help is already on the way.

The University of Texas and Texas A&M will graduate 8 percent more petroleum engineers in 2008. This year 213 students are expected to finish their coursework. Both students and faculty suggest surging oil prices have given oil-related studies renewed life.

Last week the Fed cut its benchmark interest rate by 50 basis points to 4.75 percent. The oil market took the news as bullish, speculating a rate cut will support the economy, bolster growth, and subsequently increase energy demand.

The rally we've seen since late-August may have been pricing in a larger than discounted cut. It will be interesting to see in coming sessions whether the focus returns to the fundamentals or if the momentum continues to gain strength.

Shell and Saudi Arabia have agreed to spend \$7 billion in order to more than double the size of their Port Arthur refinery. The expansion will be the largest seen in the U.S. in over 30 years and will make the Motiva refinery the largest in the United States; capable of processing 600 thousand barrels per day of crude oil.

A 50 million gallon ethanol plant may use up to 150 million gallons of water annually. Because of that, numerous Corn Belt towns are becoming increasingly conscious of the placement of the plants.

According to Mike McConnell, the director of national intelligence, China and Russia are spying on the United States nearly as much as efforts seen during the Cold War. His comments were prepared for a hearing on the government's eavesdropping power.

The Wall Street Journal reports Congress is moving towards phasing out the conventional light bulb over seven years. The hope is the shift would save energy and reduce emissions. Florescent bulbs are more costly up front, but they cost less to use over their lifetime.

The solar power industry is estimated to be growing at a pace upwards of 45 percent annually. This growth will likely lead to solar power generation overtaking the semiconductor industry as the primary user of polysilicon.

In Mexico, following three months of debate, their congress has approved a tax reform bill that will increase the funding for state oil company PEMEX by \$2.7 billion next year. PEMEX has struggled to increase production and offset declining rates of production at the giant Cantarell field. PEMEX finances roughly 40 percent of all government spending.

The Texas Traffic Institute's urban mobility report claims drivers across the U.S. wasted 4.2 billion hours sitting in traffic during 2005. According to the report, "Too many people, too many trips over too short a time period on a system that is too small."

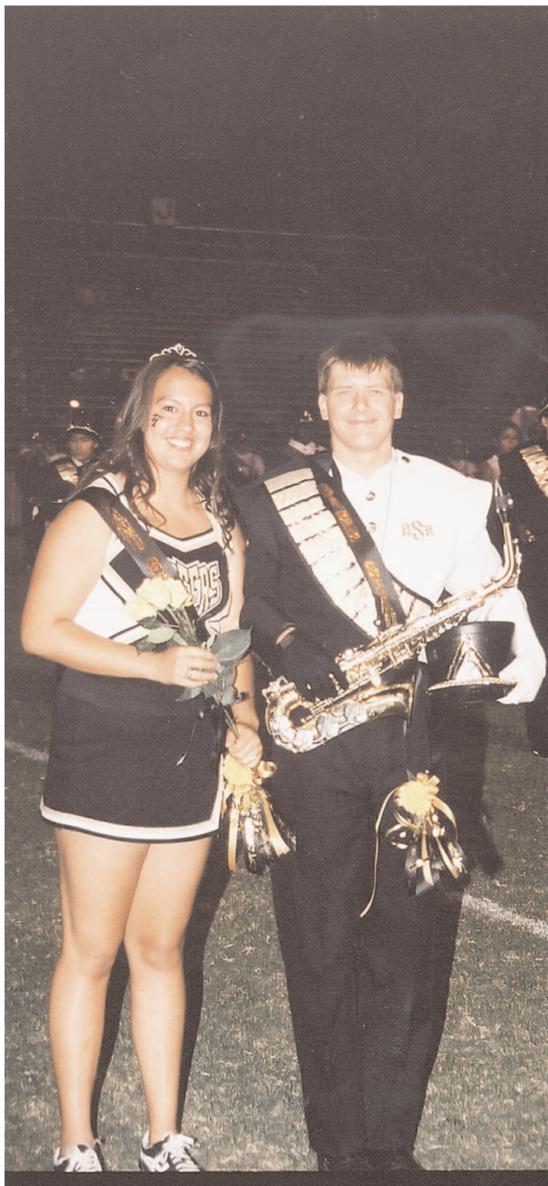
We tend to think one of the smarter ways for the U.S. to cut fuel consumption would be to travel smarter. For instance, have employers use more flextime so they don't have to sit in traffic. Additionally, allowing employees to telecommute may improve congestion issues.

In California, a federal judge has thrown out a lawsuit filed by California's attorney general against six automakers. The lawyer sought hundreds of millions of dollars for the automakers damaging the state with greenhouse gases.

According to E&Y consultants, the U.S. is the world's most attractive destination for new biofuels investment. The Biofuels Country Attractiveness Indices ranked 15 nations according to infrastructure and ethanol and biodiesel investment. The U.S. topped Brazil, Germany, France, and Spain in the top five.

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BAND ROYALTY



Courtesy photo
Big Spring High School seniors Ale Garcia and Shane Bowles were recently named Big Spring High School Band Sweetheart and Band Beau. Ale is a cheerleader and Shane is band captain.

STAMPS

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lar stamps is by using a watermark detector. Some stamps have a very faint watermark which has been incorporated into the paper during its manufacture and it is necessary to use a special device to detect such marks.

Although sometimes a watermark can be found by holding the stamp up to the light, more often the stamp has to be examined in a watermark detector. Place a few drops of special, non-toxic, watermark detector fluid into the detector dish, adding enough to shallowly cover the bottom. The stamp is then placed face-down in the smooth black tray. The watermark should quickly become visible. As a precaution, remember to always use watermark fluid in well ventilated areas.

As with watermarks, look-alike stamps also differ in color. Color guides provide another helpful guide to differentiate between stamps which appear similar. Using a color guide can help you tell if your stamp is rose, rose-red, deep rose-red or dull rose-red.

Knowing how to handle stamps properly is only one part of the fun of collecting. Once you've got a stamp or envelope, you will no doubt want to learn more about it. Perforation gauges, watermark detectors and magnifying glass will help you identify the differences between stamps, but referring to periodicals, reference books and catalogues will help you not only identify each item, but learn more about them as well.

The most important book which you will want to use is a stamp

catalogue.

The catalogue you use will depend on the type of stamps you collect. The most common catalogue used in the United States is the Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue, produced by the Scott Publishing Company.

If you collect only stamps from the United States, then you would need to use only the Scott Specialized Catalogue of the United States.

For other countries, there are five other catalogues. Volume 1 includes U.S. and territories, Canada, Great Britain and the Commonwealth as well as the United Nations. Volumes 2 through 5 include the remaining countries of the world listed alphabetically.

There are other specialized catalogues, too. They are used by collectors who specialize in collecting stamps from other countries, or specialized collections that focus on transportation methods and other topics.

The most common international catalogs are produced by Gibbons in Great Britain, Yvert and Tellier in France and Michel in Germany. These catalogues list stamps or covers by number and if you are using pre-printed albums produced by the same companies, that number will probably be used as a reference there as well.

In addition to numbering the stamp, the catalogue will usually tell such things as which printing method was used to produce the stamp and the date it was first issued.

Even more information about your stamps can be found by using handbooks. Many times information that can be found nowhere else can be found in a handbook. Hundreds of different

philatelic handbooks can be borrowed through your local library. If the library does not have the book, you can request that they order it for you through inter-library loan from the National Philatelic Collection.

If you are unsure about what area of collecting you would like to concentrate on, you may want to consult a beginning collectors book. These "how-to-books" can be purchased or ordered through a local stamp dealer or bookstore, or you may find them at your local library.

Because one of the first things you will learn through collecting stamps of other countries is geography, you may want to get an atlas, globe or world map to help you see where the country is located, or to help locate countries which issued stamps you have in your collection. Several stamp atlases have been published for philatelists; they show "dead" countries that formerly issued stamps, as well as current nations.

Sometimes, collectors decide to collect stamps not by country of issue, but because of something else. There are people who collect stamps that are oddly shaped, or items that aren't technically stamps, such as labels and seals. These are commonly called cinderellas (because they appear to be something they're not).

Some people collect revenue stamps, which are used by the country of issue to tax items. Many more people collect stamps according to topic, such as animals, like birds, or fish, people on stamps, such as authors or scientists, or sport scenes, flowers, art or crafts, the list of stamp collections by topics is practically endless.

If you have decided to

collect according to a country, topic, or any other area of stamp collecting that you want to concentrate on, you may want to keep in touch with others who are collecting the same way. There are numerous specialized stamp clubs locally or nationwide. Many of these clubs can be found through web searches using the terms "stamps" and your collecting topic.

Often when a club has members around the country, the only way for them to keep in touch with each other is through a magazine, newsletter, or bulletin. You may want to subscribe to a philatelic magazine that covers your interests. There are stamp journals which let you know what is going on in the field of philately in general, and keep you up to date on new discoveries.

There are stamp journals which are devoted to studying and describing stamps and covers. Whatever area of collecting you wish to collect in, there is an enormous amount of information available to help you enjoy your hobby. The best place to start is a local stamp club.

You've probably already made that first step, now you can try and decide which kinds of stamps or envelopes you'd like to collect and which materials you'll need to help you.

Good luck, and remember — enjoy yourself, because the main reason for collecting stamps is for the fun of it.

Gary Crittenden is postmaster in Big Spring. His column centers on the history of and services provided by the United States Postal Service.

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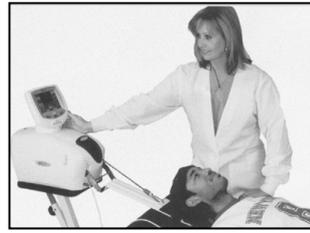
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County Court Decisions:
 Probated Judgment: Billy Joel Marlar, criminal mischief - more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$500 fine, \$320 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Dina Joyce Wilkinson, theft of service by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Kenneth Ray Williams, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$389 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: David Delbosquez Arguello, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction, \$1,500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Judgment and Sentence: Martha Montoya Martinez, bail jumping and failure to appear, \$324 court costs, 90 days in jail.
 Judgment and Sentence: Jessie R. Lopez, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$274 court costs, 90 days in jail.
 Judgment and Sentence: Jessie R. Lopez, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 90 days in jail.
 Probated Judgment: Ruben Cisneros, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
 Judgment and Sentence: Esmerejildo Balderas Jr., failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 30 days in jail.

District Court Filings:
 Craig Duncan vs. Oksana Zileerskteyn Ind., injury or damages.
 Knife River Corp. North Central vs. Douglas Johnson, injury or damages.
 Crown Asset Management LLC vs. Gerald W. Parnell Jr., accounts, notes and contracts.
 Barcelona Associates LTD vs. Howard County Appraisal District, civil suit.
 Denise White vs. Curtis White, divorce.
 Angelica Arredondo vs. Henry Arredondo, divorce.
 Richard Dean Anderson vs. Angie Juarez Anderson, divorce.
 Guy Prater vs. Patricia Prater, divorce.
 Katherine Michelle Rodriguez vs. Alex Martinez Rodriguez, divorce.
 Cach LLC vs. Natalie K. Permenter, accounts, notes and contracts.
 Nationstar Mortgage LLC vs. Tori Borchart, accounts, notes and contracts.
 Ruth Jamison, Angeala Jamison, Clinton Smith and Tobii Martin vs. John S. Farquhar M.D., injury or damages.
 Tina Williams for Froylan Williams and Sebastian Calderon and Janie Marin vs. Tina Williams, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
 Armando Alaniz Jr. vs. Javier Ortiz, protective order.
 G.L. Recovery Group LLC vs. Maria Delasrios, accounts, notes and contracts.
 Timothy Glen Bretz vs. Kimberly Michelle Bretz, divorce.

Joni Billingsley vs. Calvin D. Billingsley, protective order.
 Timothy Banks vs. Melinda Gene Johnson Banks, divorce.
 Alicia Carranza vs. Miguel Montes Carranza, protective order.

Marriage Licenses:
 Sean Kelly Ferguson, 40, and Sherri Lynn Line Berry, 39, both of Big Spring.
 Joshua Keith Johnson, 19, and Tara Janae Beeler, 18, both of Big Spring.
 Nicholas Joseph Horvatich, 27, and Madonna Chavez, 35, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:
 Grantor: Lyco Financial Inc.
 Grantee: Robert Lindsey and Jeanie Lindsey
 Property: Lot 17, Block 6, Wasson Place
 Date: Sept. 21, 2007

Grantor: Phillip M. Burcham Jr.
 Grantee: Terry W. Whetsel and Twila Jo Whetsel
 Property: Lot 8, Block 3, Lockhart Addition
 Date: Sept. 21, 2007

Grantor: Cheryl Click
 Grantee: Tim Blackshear and Terri Blackshear
 Property: The N/35 feet of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12, Block 4, College Heights
 Date: Sept. 25, 2007

Grantor: Frank Garza
 Grantee: Marie Chavez and Julian Chavez Sr.
 Property: Half-interest in Lot 6, Block 29, College Park
 Date: Sept. 25, 2007

Grantor: Michael H. Hall and Barbara Hall
 Grantee: Robert Hicks
 Property: Lot 2, Block 24, College Park
 Date: Sept. 25, 2007

Grantor: Vital Enterprises Inc.
 Grantee: Don Koerber
 Property: A .2-acre tract out of Section 44, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: Sept. 26, 2007

Warranty Deeds With Vendor's Lien:
 Grantor: David Parrish
 Grantee: William Bryan Males
 Property: A 20-acre tract out of Section 27, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: Sept. 20, 2007

Grantor: Gerald G. King and Shea King
 Grantee: Gary Martin and Summer Martin
 Property: Tracts 13 and 14 out of the H.E. Heaton Subdivision
 Date: Sept. 21, 2007

Grantor: Lee Boyd Alexander
 Grantee: Don Koerber and Juanita Lestikow
 Property: A tract in Lot 8, Block 12, Kentwood Unit No. 1
 Date: Sept. 25, 2007

Grantor: Bennis A. Billington and Linda Billington
 Grantee: Clifford P. Van
 Property: A 6-acre tract out of Section 39, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: Sept. 26, 2007

Grantor: Janet L. Spurlin and Evelyn Kendrick
 Grantee: Eddie Leven
 Property: The S/77.5 feet of the N/155 feet of the W/2 of Lot 1, Block 2, Lockhart Addition
 Date: Sept. 26, 2007

Grantor: Christie Larson
 Grantee: Krista Shepard
 Property: Lot 8, Block 7, Douglass Addition
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▶ Howard County Fair results



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Extension Agent Kathy McWhorter talks to a group of people about safe food preparation at the Howard County Fair Friday night.

□ More fair results can be found on Page 13C and 14C.

Art Department Results for 2007
Best of Show-Richard Grove

Amateur
Grand Champion-Frankie Conklin

Professional-01 Drawing
Grand Champion-Richard Grove
Reserve Champion-Lois Ray Craft

Professional-03-Oil
Grand Champion- Lois Ray Craft

Adult-Advanced-01-Drawing
Blue Ribbon-Frankie Conklin
Red Ribbon-Larenda Harrison
White Ribbon-Frankie Conklin

Adult-Advanced-02-Graphics
Grand Champion-Larenda Harrison
Reserve Champion-Jean Money
Blue Ribbon-Frankie Conklin, Larenda Harrison
Red Ribbon-Frankie Conklin, Jean Money

Adult-Advanced-03-Oils
Grand Champion-Evelyn Zellars
Reserve Champion-Belle Schooler
Blue Ribbon-Frankie Conklin, Evelyn Zellars, Belle Schooler
Red Ribbon-Frankie Conklin, Jean Money
White Ribbon-Belle Schooler
Honorable Mention-Grace Phelps, Jean Money

Adult-Advanced-04-Acrylics
Blue Ribbon-Evelyn Zellars, Frankie Conklin
Red Ribbon-Frankie Conklin
Honorable Mention-Emily Jones

Adult-Advanced-05-Water Colors
Blue Ribbon-Frankie Conklin
Red Ribbon-Frankie Conklin

Adult-Advanced-06-Mixed Media
Grand Champion-Frankie Conklin
Blue Ribbon-Frankie Conklin
Red Ribbon-Frankie Conklin

Photography results 2007
Best of Show-Terri Myrick

Amateur
Grand Champion-Frankie Conklin

Professional
Grand Champion- Land Bond
Reserve Champion- Bruce Schooler

Professional-A-Black & White
Blue Ribbon-Laura Garcia
Red Ribbon- Laura Garcia
White Ribbon- Laura Garcia
Honorable Mention- Laura Garcia

Professional-B-Color
Blue Ribbon-Bruce Schooler
Red Ribbon-Bruce Schooler
White Ribbon-Bruce Schooler
Honorable Mention-Bruce Schooler

Professional-C-Landscape

Blue Ribbon-Lane Bond
Red Ribbon-Lane Bond

Professional-D- Flowers
Blue Ribbon-Lane Bond

Professional-G-Still Life
Blue Ribbon-Lane Bond

Professional-H-Collage
Grand Champion- Land Bond
Blue Ribbon-Lane Bond

Professional-I-Portrait
Blue Ribbon-Lane Bond
Red Ribbon-Lane Bond

Professional-J-Full Length
Blue Ribbon-Lane Bond

Professional-K-Home
Blue Ribbon-Lane Bond

Amateur-A- Black & White
Blue Ribbon-Gloria Echevarria
Red Ribbon-Gloria McDonald
White Ribbon-Michelle Grove
Honorable Mention-Gloria McDonald

Amateur-B- Color
Blue Ribbon-Terri Billington
Red Ribbon-Sheila Hall Cervantes
White Ribbon-T. J. Walker
Honorable Mention-Ada Hernandez

Amateur-C- Landscape
Blue Ribbon-Barbara Hulsey
Red Ribbon-Gloria McDonald
White Ribbon-Ada Hernandez
Honorable Mention-Richard Van Hessel

Amateur-D- Flowers
Blue Ribbon-Barbara Hulsey
Red Ribbon- T. J. Walker
White Ribbon-Andrea Lyons
Honorable Mention- Ada Hernandez

Amateur-F-Animals
Blue Ribbon-Terri Myrick
Red Ribbon-Andrea Lyons
White Ribbon-Terri Billington
Honorable Mention-LaDonna Hudgins

College
Grand Champion-Kayla Marie Nichols
Blue Ribbon-Kayla Marie Nichols
Red Ribbon-Kayla Marie Nichols
White Ribbon-Kayla Marie Nichols
Honorable Mention-Kayla Marie Nichols
Honorable Mention-Kayla Marie Nichols



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Kaleb Roberts, held by father Jason Roberts, doesn't seem to be having too good a time as he competes in the Kountry Kids Contest at the Howard County Fair main tent Saturday morning.

High School
Grand Champion-John Lyons Jr.
Blue Ribbon-John Lyons Jr., Jacob Nixon
Red Ribbon-John Lyons Jr.
White Ribbon-Valerie Wagner
Honorable Mention-Heather Kirby

Jr. High School
Blue Ribbon-Kaley Duncan
Red Ribbon-Kelsey Westbrook.
White Ribbon-Kelsey Westbrook
Honorable Mention-Kelsey Westbrook

Grades 4, 5, and 6
Blue Ribbon-Ashley Luce
Red Ribbon-Molly Walker.
White Ribbon-Ashley Luce

Grades 1, 2, and 3
Blue Ribbon-Ashley Ferguson
Red Ribbon-Aaron Ferguson.
White Ribbon-Christopher

Edge
Favorite Family Pet
Blue Ribbon-Terri Billington
Red Ribbons-Rhonda Warsen
White Ribbons-Beverly Sunday
Honorable Mention-George Luna

Kids do the darndest things
Blue Ribbon-Michelle

Grove
Red Ribbons-Peggy Harrison
White Ribbons-Myka Blissard
Honorable Mention-Donna Nixon
Grandparents Corner
Blue Ribbon-Andrea Lyons
Red Ribbons-Emma Dove
Honorable Mention-Cheryl Shults

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Desperate Measures

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 10 7
♥ J 7 3
♦ 8 4
♣ J 10 9 5 2

WEST
♠ J 6 5 2
♥ Q 8
♦ J 10 7 2
♣ K 6 3

EAST
♠ 9 8 3
♥ K 10 9 4
♦ K 9 5
♣ 8 7 4

SOUTH
♠ K Q 4
♥ A 6 5 2
♦ A Q 6 3
♣ A Q

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — two of diamonds.

There are times when declarer is forced to make a play that would make him look very foolish if it did not succeed. Even so, if that play actually offers the best chance to bring the contract home, declarer should screw up his courage and back his convictions to the hilt.

Consider the accompanying deal where South got to three notrump and West led the diamond deuce. After taking East's king with the ace, South played the A-Q of clubs.

Had West taken the queen with the king, declarer would have made four notrump easily. But West properly ducked the queen, leaving South with only eight sure tricks and no obvious way to utilize dummy's J-10-9 of clubs. Although dummy could be entered with the ace of spades in order to establish the club suit, there would then be no way to reach the other two club winners.

Declarer gave some thought to attempting to establish his fourth heart, but quickly dismissed that idea. Even if the opposing hearts were divided 3-3 — just a bit better than a one-in-three possibility — he would very likely wind up losing two diamonds, two hearts and a club before he could score nine tricks.

And so, South instead took what looked like his only chance for the contract. After the club queen held, he led a low spade and finessed dummy's ten! When the ten won the trick, he conceded a club to the king, and, with the spade ace still in dummy as an entry, he had no difficulty collecting 10 tricks.

Interestingly, even this line of play could have been thwarted, since West could have played his jack on the first spade lead. This would have restricted dummy to only one entry and rendered the contract hopeless. However, the jack play was certainly not an easy one for West to make, and might have worked out badly had South held a different hand.

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Man sentenced to four years in dog's death

DALLAS (AP) — A man convicted of animal cruelty in the fatal torture of his ten-month-old dog was sentenced to four years in prison Friday.

Twenty-two-year-old Deshawn Brown was found guilty Friday of animal cruelty. The dog, named Mercy by caregivers, died ten days after she was stabbed, doused in an accelerant and set on fire in April 2006.

Prosecutors said Brown was angry because the pit bull mix would not breed.

Brown could have been sentenced to as much as ten years in prison.

Neighbor charged in hanging of Navarro County girl, 6

CORSICANA (AP) — A neighbor of a 6-year-old Navarro County girl found hanged and sexually assaulted in her family's garage -- is now accused of killing her.

Investigators Friday announced 19-year-old Shaun Earl Arrender is charged with capital murder in the death of Hanna Mack.

The body of the first-grader was found hanging from the garage rafters Sept. 10.

Arrender lives less than one mile from the Mack's rural home, about 65 miles south of Dallas.

Arrender was already in jail on unrelated burglary and drug possession charges when officials announced he's now accused of the girl's death.

A DNA sample taken from the shirt Hanna was wearing was entered into

a Department of Public Safety DNA indexing program. The results indicated Arrender was a possible match.

His bond is \$2.5 million.

Investigators earlier said the 32-year-old live-in boyfriend of the victim's mother had been a suspect in the killing. Kevin Wayne Anders has not been charged in the girl's death.

Anders was arrested Sept. 12 on a child pornography possession charge.

Court's reprieve could halt Texas executions

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court's decision to review the legality of lethal injections

could mean an extended hiatus for executions in Texas.

The court late Thursday spared Carlton Turner Junior of Irving after his lawyers raised arguments that mirrored a Kentucky case -- which justices will consider in January.

Two condemned inmates in Kentucky say lethal injection is unconstitutionally cruel.

University of Texas law professor Jordan Steiker says he thinks Texas is headed toward a moratorium, at least until the Supreme Court resolves the Kentucky case.

Also, attorneys for condemned killer Heliberto Chi say they'll file a similar objection to lethal

injection.

Chi, who's from Honduras, faces execution Wednesday for a slaying during a 2001 robbery. The victim was Arlington clothing store manager Armond Paliotta.

Honduran officials met Friday in Austin with representatives of the governor and the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles and urged them to spare Chi's life.

Suspect in student's death admitted crime, affidavit says

DALLAS (AP) — The man police suspect in the slaying of a University of

North Texas student confessed the crime to a man who has been arrested for tampering with evidence in the case. That's according to a police affidavit released Friday.

The affidavit said that 20-year-old Ernesto P. Reyes showed up at the Carrollton apartment of Donovan Young early Tuesday with blood on his shirt and said that "he killed someone, he didn't mean to and needed to get rid of her body."

Reyes of Denton is named in a murder warrant in Goodwin's death and remains at large.

The burned body of Melanie Goodwin, a 19-year-old from Arlington, was discovered about late

Tuesday morning near a Carrollton office complex. She died of blunt force trauma.

A surveillance camera at the office complex shows a man investigators believe is Reyes dragging a woman's body out of a car and setting it on fire.

Police say Young and Reyes are acquaintances.

Police say it appears Reyes did not know Goodwin. According to an arrest warrant affidavit released Friday, a clerk at a Denton convenience store saw Reyes asking a woman matching Goodwin's description for a ride early Tuesday morning.

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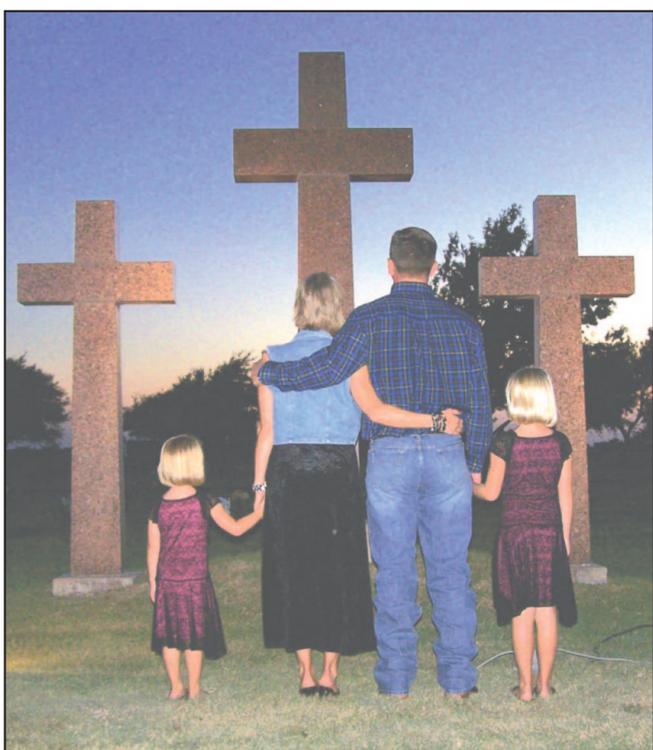
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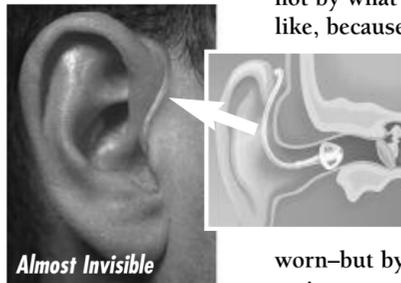
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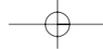
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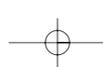
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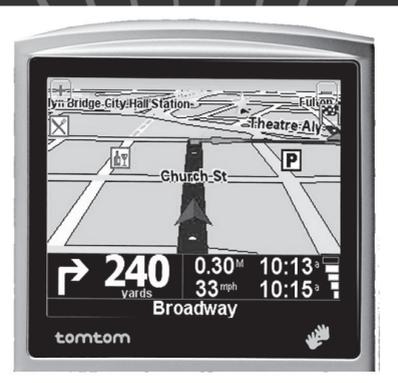
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Legals

Cause No. 45580 IN THE INTEREST OF A CHILD IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HOWARD TO: Gene Hernandez

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

The Petition of Texas Department of Family And Protective Services Petitioner, was filed in the District Court of Howard County, Texas, on the 12th day of September, 2007, against Gene Hernandez Respondent, numbered 45580, and entitled "In the Interest of D'Lyliah Hernandez and Iliana Hernandez, children who is the subject of the suit. The child's date of birth is and place of birth is. The suit requests Protection Of A Child, For Conservatorship And Termination.

"The court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption."

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID court and Big Spring, Texas, this 26th day of September, 2007.

COLLEEN BARTON District Clerk, Howard County, Texas By: Colleen Barton #5529 September 30, 2007

CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed bids on the following date/time for the purchase of the below listed items/equipment:

1. Date/Time: Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., for the following

1. Fleet Fueling Services

2. Radio and Tower Maintenance

Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Hall Conference Room, Upstairs at 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s).

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. #5518 September 23 & September 30, 2007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE 3 OF THE BIG SPRING CITY CODE BY AMENDING SECTIONS 16-70(A), 16-70(B), 16-70(C) AND 16-70(D), INCREASING THE MONTHLY LIFE LINE RATE AND WATER CONSUMPTION RATES; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR PUBLICATION. #5527 September 28 & 30, 2007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COAHOMA, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 46 MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO DUMP OR DEPOSIT GARBAGE, TRASH, BRUSH, WASTE OR REFUSE ON ANY, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE LOT, PREMISES, OR PARCEL OF LAND, DECLARING THE ACCUMULATION OF SUCH MATTER ON ANY LOT OR PREMISES WITHIN THE CITY TO BE A NUISANCE AND REQUIRING ABATEMENT OF THE SAME, PROVIDING FOR A HEARING ON ANY SUCH ORDERED ABATEMENT, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING A PENALTY. #5531 September 30 and October 3, 2007

Legals

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COAHOMA, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 37 ENTITLED ABANDONED, LOST, OR STOLEN PROPERTY BY RENAMING IT "ABANDONED, LOST, OR STOLEN PROPERTY AND JUNKED VEHICLES," DECLARING SUCH PROPERTY TO BE A NUISANCE, PROVIDING FOR A LIEN ON IMPOUNDED PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR COSTS INCURRED IN IMPOUNDED SAID PROPERTY, PROVIDING FOR METHODS OF REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED PROPERTY BY OWNERS OF SAID PROPERTY, PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND SALE OF PROPERTY OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES, PROVIDING NOTICE AND SALE PROCEDURES FOR ABANDONED, OR LOST MOTOR VEHICLES DECLARING JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES AS DEFINED IN THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE TO BE NUISANCES WHEN VISIBLE FROM A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, REQUIRING THE REMOVAL AND ABATEMENT OF SAID VEHICLES, PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND A HEARING PRIOR TO REMOVAL OR ABATEMENT OF JUNKED VEHICLES BY THE CITY, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING A PENALTY. #5530 SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 3, 2007

Notice for Early Public Review of a Proposal to Support Activity in the 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Coahoma has received funds through the Owner Occupied Program under HOME Contract #1000747 to reconstruct or to do major rehabilitation on the following unit(s) in the City of Coahoma, Howard County.

This notice is required by Section 2(a)(4) of Executive Order 11988 for Floodplain Management, and by Section 2(b) of Executive Order 11990 for the Protection of Wetlands, and is implemented by HUD Regulations found at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management. The 8-Step Decision Making Process includes public notices and the examination of practicable alternatives to building in the floodplain.

This notice is to inform the public that the unit(s) proposed for reconstruction or major rehabilitation is/are located within the floodplain area. The unit(s) is/are located at:

(1) 104 4th St. (2) 400 Texas St.

This notice with a request for public comment was mailed to the regional office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State office of Environmental Protection (EPA).

Additional information may be obtained by contacting: Bill Read, Mayor at (432) 394-4287.

Written comments must be received by the City of Coahoma at the following address on or before [15 Days after Posting]: City of Coahoma, 122 North First Street/ PO Box 420, Coahoma, TX 79511 Attention: Bill Read, Mayor. #5532 September 30, 2007

CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC HEARING 5:30 P.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 307 E. 4TH STREET, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 RENEWAL OF DESIGNATION OF A DOWNTOWN REINVESTMENT ZONE

The City of Big Spring City Council will hold a Public Hearing concerning the renewal of the designation of a downtown reinvestment zone pursuant to Texas Tax Code Chapter 312. The area designated is all of that area held within the following boundaries: west side of Gregg Street beginning at 1st Street and going southbound to 4th Street, then south side of 4th Street beginning at Gregg Street and going eastbound to Johnson Street, then the east side of Johnson Street beginning at 4th Street and going northbound to 1st Street, and then the north side of 1st Street beginning at Johnson and going westbound to commence at the beginning intersection of Gregg Street within Big Spring, Howard County Texas. Citizens will have the opportunity to express any oral or written comments at the hearing, by mail to City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or call (432)264-2401. #5533 September 30, 2007

The Big Spring Police Department, 400 E. 4th Street, will hold an auction on October 8, 2007 at 9:00 AM to dispose of the following vehicles: 1993 Buick 4dr VIN-1G4BN5378PR421062 Anyone interested in bidding on the vehicle must be present at the auction. #5528 September 30, 2007

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ANSWERS grid with numbers 1-9 in a 9x9 grid.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with letters in a 9x9 grid.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Are you the architect of your life's design? Saturn in Virgo is the ultimate method man.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Enough madness, says he, lifelong lasting changes require method! Today, Mercury in Scorpio excites Saturn with remodeling ideas. Don't start over -- do improve on what you've got. Take notes, protractor to drafting table, pen to paper.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). All situations have their inconveniences. If they are readily apparent, great -- you don't have to wonder. If they are not, you have a good sense of what they will be. You masterfully manage life's risks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're testing your influence, and it's passing the test. You never know how people will respond to your requests until you make them. By driving your life, you're making sure it doesn't drive you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Relationships have an arc. The start is interesting, exciting and new, and then there's a natural cooling off. This period is appropriate and healthy, and it can even be quite enjoyable. Go with it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You know where your moral strength comes from, and you rely on that source to make the decisions you'll be proud of. Tonight, beware of manipulative people who tell you your opinion is not of their own.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You refuse to believe in anything just because you're supposed to. Your prevalent feeling of irreverence is a threat to authority figures, and

Tomorrow's Horoscope

this works in your favor - you're left to do your own thing. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your astral gift is comic timing. Your humor is rapidly developing. You crack up your peers, and they'll relay the story or even use your "material" to impress their friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Objectivity takes maturity. You're able to stand back and observe yourself, thus becoming less reactive. Little by little, you're gaining complete control of your own behavior.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have stamina. You're willing to work for the long-range goal, use your energy in good measure, and focus only on what will further your mission. Aries helps you keep the faith.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). First you become excellent, and then you become powerful. The money comes last. By that time, you realize that though you thought it was all about the money, it was never really about the money.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The best is yet to come. This isn't optimism -- it's truth. And in the meantime, enjoy yourself. Many would cry to have the very things you tend to take for granted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're a valued contributor to projects and decisions. True to form, you casually put in your two cents, invited or not, which is what loved ones are counting on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The enemy is that part of you that feels the need to complain. If you resist, you'll find your power. It takes energy to articulate these gripes, and that energy is better spent in a more proactive way.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Featured on the big screen of the

cosmic multiplex this week is the blockbuster adventure of two superstars, Venus and Pluto, who meet for their final embrace in an affair to remember. We've been tracking their clandestine meetings since March, discovering love and strength at seemingly impossible circumstances -- in the aftermath of a break-up, at the bedside of a sick friend. At first glance, the love goddess didn't know what to do with Pluto -- she's all heart, this girl. With the god of interminable endings and universal truths, come on! He started filling her head with all these messages like "Love conquers all" and the classic "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger." Now her heart is puffed up like a blow-up swimming pool toy, and the incredibly alive, vibrant and changed attitude of Venus empowers us all to find the silver lining in every challenge. The weekend's Leo moon makes a big deal out of everything, so those who look for such precious

cloud linings may wonder, "Why settle for silver?" Triple-dipped platinum linings are far easier on the eyes.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Certain Librans make you wonder if they've been cast from the mold of the Venus de Milo. As descendants of the goddess of love, voluptuous Italian sex symbol Monica Bellucci broke the mold. Librans are notoriously smart, too. She says, "Beauty is a handicap if you're stupid but not if you are intelligent and know how to use your beauty." She'd make a model spokesmodel for both beauty and brains.

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Blue Ribbons-Virginia Lujan
Red Ribbons-Darlene Hipp (3) and Virginia Lujan.
White Ribbons-Nellie Kirby and Bobbie Crenshaw.

Cookies

Red Ribbon-Darlene Hipp
White Ribbon-Kelli Schaeded and Betty Gross.

Candy

Grand Champion-Nellie Kirby
Blue Ribbon-Nellie Kirby
Red Ribbon-Beverly Sussy

Decorated Cakes

Grand Champion-Darlene Hipp
Blue Ribbon-Darlene Hipp

Pies

Grand Champion-Darlene Hipp
Reserve Champion-Darlene Hipp
Blue Ribbon-Darlene Hipp
Red Ribbon- Darlene Hipp

CREATIVE ARTS RESULTS 2007

Hobbies and Crafts-Golden Age

Division I-Holiday Crafts
Blue Ribbon-Mamie Lee

Dodds, Eunice Thixton, Dean Priest
Red Ribbon- Mamie Lee Dodds
White Ribbon- Mamie Lee Dodds, Olnee Menges

Division 3-Pictures

Blue Ribbons-Jesse Saenz
Red Ribbons-Virginia Oliver, Rosie Jackson

Division 4-Flowers

Blue Ribbons-Virginia Oliver

Division 5-Misc. Hand Crafts

Blue Ribbons-Lois Ray Craft, Marie Hughes, Olnee Menges, Virginia Oliver, Bob Kennedy
Red Ribbons-Robert Cline, Rosie Jackson, Bob Kennedy, Virginia Oliver, William Warden
White Ribbons- Rosie Jackson, Beverly Sundry, Rosie Jackson

Division 10-Decorative Painting

Blue Ribbons-Lois Ray Craft, Sandra Cox, Jesse Saenz
Red Ribbons-Lois Ray Craft
White Ribbons- Jesse Saenz

Division 11-Wreaths & Baskets

White Ribbons-Beverly Sundry

Division 12-Juvenile Crafts ages 5-8

Red Ribbons-Sarah Slate, Zane Slate, Trent Slate, Nesa Slate

Division 13-Juvenile Crafts ages 9-13

Blue Ribbons-Kenneth Ray Priest, Will McMorris, Cassandra Daniels, Molly Walker
Red Ribbons-Colton Hare, Will McMorris



Big Spring State Hospital employee Billy Walton, who works in the hospital's greenhouse looks over some of the pumpkins and gourds grown in the hospital garden that have been for sale at the Howard County Fair. Courtesy photo

White Ribbons-Colton Hare, Kenneth Priest

Handwork and Needlework-Golden Age Division 1-Afghans

Blue Ribbons-Fran Emerson, Gloria McDonald, St. Mary's Friends, Joyce Hollingsworth, Wanda Lee, Rachel Roubison
Red Ribbons-Joyce Hollingsworth, Mamie Lee Dodds, Fran Emerson, St. Mary's Friends, Beth Moren, Wanda Lee
Wight Ribbons-Joyce Logan, Fran Emerson, St. Mary's Friends, Beth Moren, Sibyl Gilmore

Division 3-Tea Towels

Red Ribbon-Mamie Lee Dodds

Division 5-Scarves & Doilies

Blue Ribbon- Mamie Lee Dodds

Division 6-Potholders

White Ribbon- Mamie Lee Dodds

Division 7-Quilts

Grand Champion-Velma Henderson
Blue Ribbons-Velma Henderson
White Ribbons-Beverly Sundry, Alice Stevens, Marie Hughes, Johnnie Bennett

Division 9-Misc

Handwork

Blue Ribbons-Lois Ray Craft, Wilson Money, Garth Hyder, Mamie Lee Dodds
Red Ribbon-Jesse Saenz, Wilson Money, Joyce Jones, Olnee Menges
White Ribbon-Jesse Saenz, Mamie Lee Dodds

Division 11-Crocheted/Knitted Wearing Apparel

Red Ribbons- Mamie Lee Dodds
White Ribbon-Beth Moren, Joyce Hollingsworth

Division 14-Wall Hangings

Red Ribbons-Debra Franklin

Sewing-Golden Age

Division I-Infant Wear
Blue Ribbon-Dean Priest

Division 2-Woman's Wear

White Ribbon- Mamie Lee Dodds

Art-Golden Age

Red Ribbon-Dottie Jones

Hobbies and Crafts-Adults

Division 1-Holiday Crafts
Red Ribbons-Barbara Hulsey, Vicki McCombs,

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White Ribbons-Vicki McCombs, Kris Ivey, Donna Menges

Division 2-Dolls
Blue Ribbons- Donna Menges
Red Ribbons- Donna Menges

Division 3-Pictures
Blue Ribbons-Robbie Crenshaw
Red Ribbons-Stephanie Cox
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Division 5-Misc Hand Crafts
Blue Ribbons-Isadora Duncan, Cheryl Shults, Donna Menges, Kris Ivey
Red Ribbons- Kris Ivey
White Ribbons- Kris Ivey, George Luna

Division 7-Non-professional Jewelry
Blue Ribbons-Jan Rouille
White Ribbons- Kris Ivey

Division 8-Kiln Products
Blue Ribbons-Robbie Crenshaw

Division 9-Wood Crafts
Blue Ribbons-Randall Connor, Larry James, Sam Priest, Terry Jenkins, Toni Reese
Red Ribbons-Sam Priest
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Division 11-Wreaths and Baskets
Red Ribbon-Robbie

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Handwork and Needlework-Adults
Division 1-Afghans
Blue Ribbons-Donna Menges, Galynn Gamble
Red Ribbon- Donna Menges, Rosa Moreno
White Ribbon- Donna Menges, Stephanie Cox, Robbie Crenshaw, Rosa Moreno

Division 2-Pillowcases
Blue Ribbons-Vicki McCombs

Division 3-Tea Towels
Blue Ribbons-Virginia Lujan, Barbara Hulsey
White Ribbon-Robbie Crenshaw

Division 4-Tablecloths
White Ribbons-G. Jean Govea

Division 5-Scarves and Dobbies
Blue Ribbon-Debra Franklin, Virginia Lujan

Division 6-Potholders
Red Ribbon-Robbie Crenshaw
White Ribbon-Virginia Lujan, Melissa Myers

Division 7-Quilts
Blue Ribbons-Vicki McCombs, Hollis McCright, Barbara Cooley, Bethany Sleight
Red Ribbons-Joyce Logan, Virginia Lujan
White Ribbon-Barbara Hulsey, Gloria Jean Covea, Susie Yancey

Division 9-Misc. Handwork & Needlework
Grand Champion-Gloria Jean Govea

Blue Ribbons- Gloria Jean Govea, Virginia Lujan, Barbara Hulsey
Red Ribbons-Robbie Crenshaw, G. Jean Covea
White Ribbons-Robbie Crenshaw, G. Jean Covea, Deanna Burnett, Virginia Lujan

Division 10-Baby Accessories
Blue Ribbons- G. Jean Govea, Debra Franklin
White Ribbons-Debra Franklin, Galynn Gamble

Division 14-Wall Hangings
White Ribbons-G. Jean Govea

Sewing -Adults
Division 4-Men's Wear
Red Ribbons-Toni Reese

Cookbooks
Grand Champion-Nelda Snodgrass, Mamie Lee Dodds
Reserved Champion-Nelda Snodgrass, JoBeth Corwin
Blue Ribbons-Patsy Anderson, Mary Churchwell, JoBeth Corwin, Robbie Crenshaw, Mamie Lee Dodds, Jean Gleason, Betty Gross, Darlene Hipp, Dottie Jones, Courtney Long, Tammie Rogers, Nelda Snodgrass, Loma Jean Wynn
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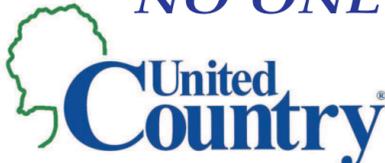
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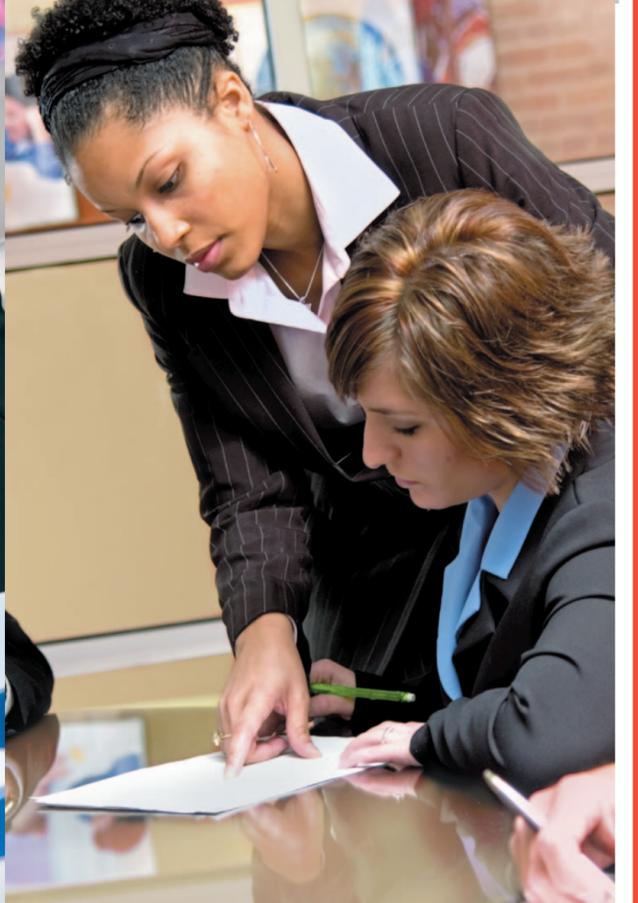
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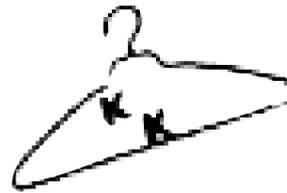
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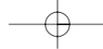
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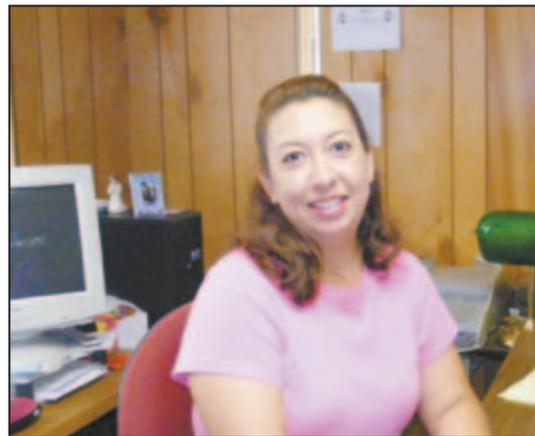
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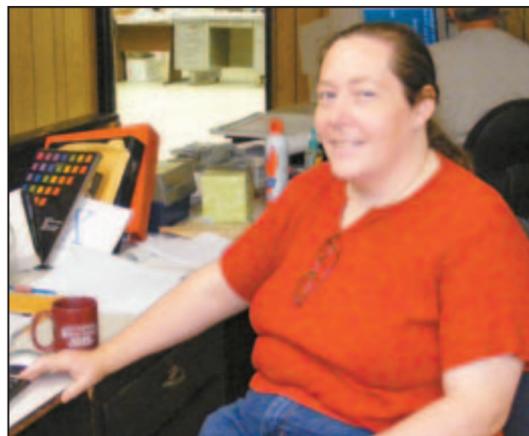
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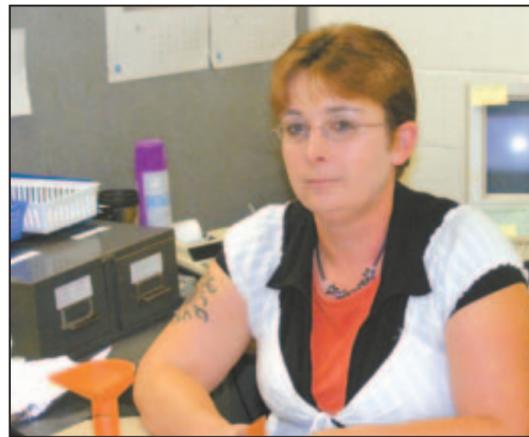
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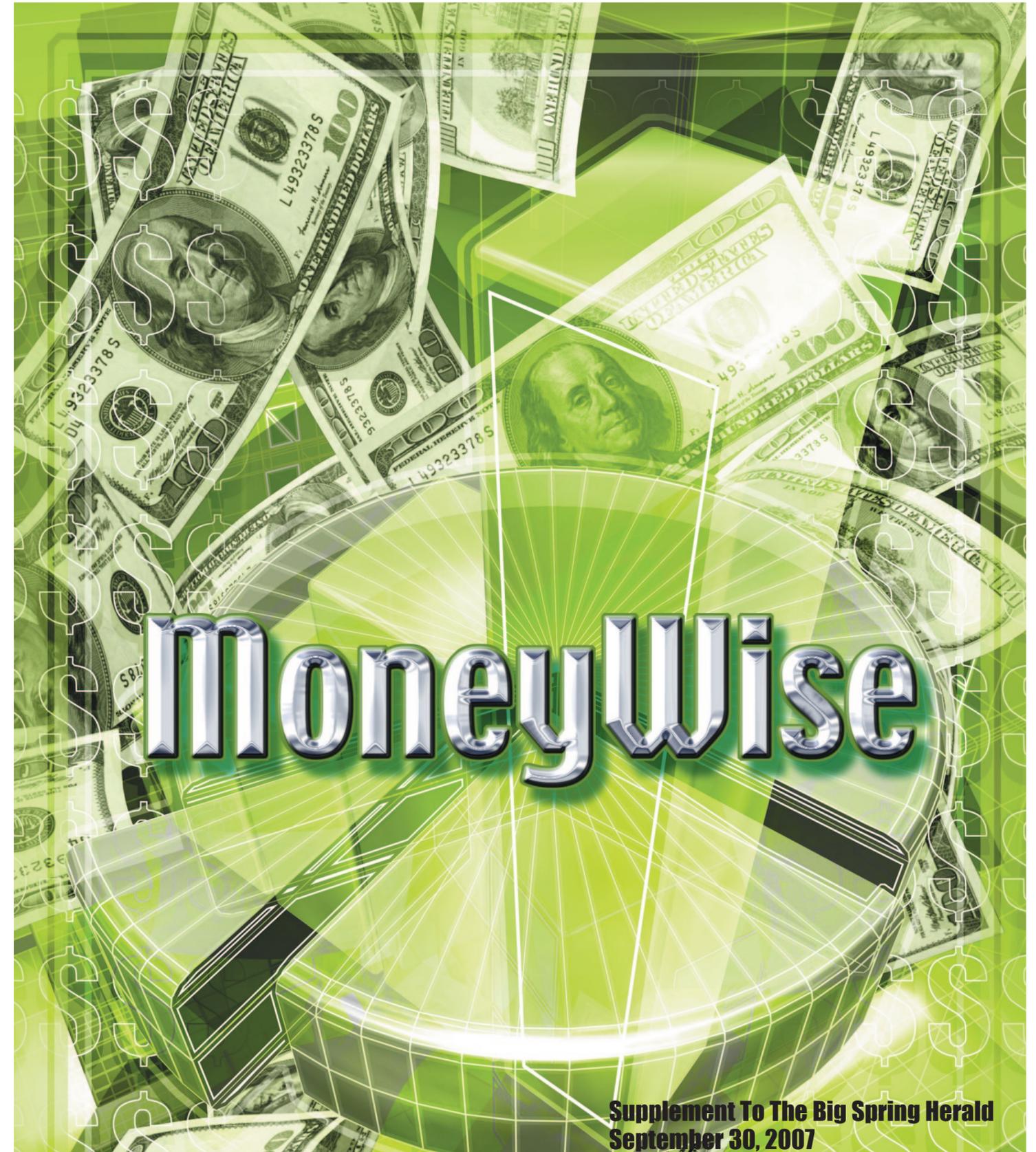
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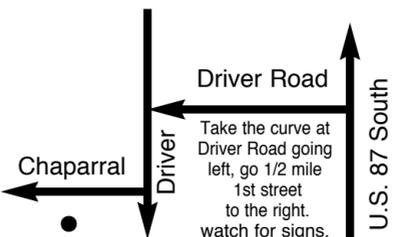
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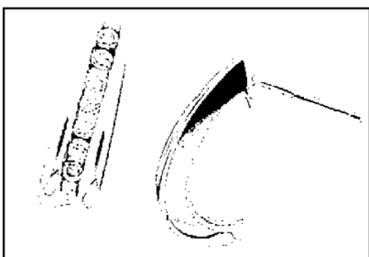
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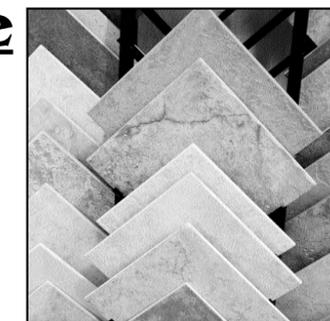
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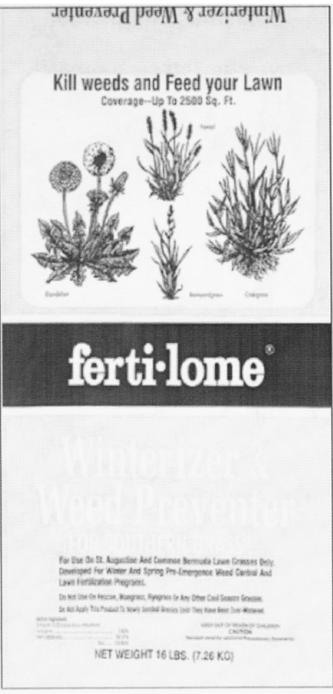
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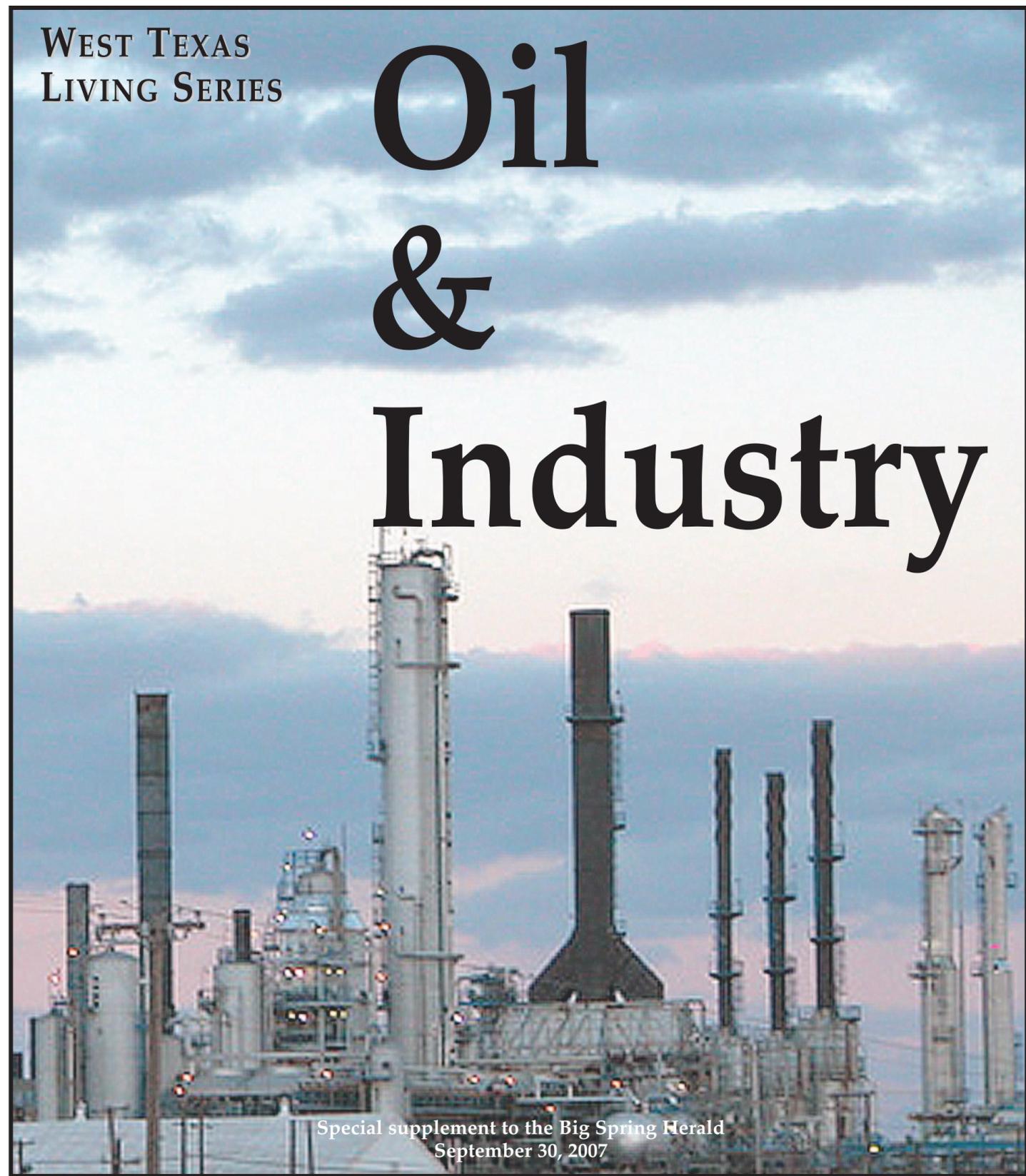
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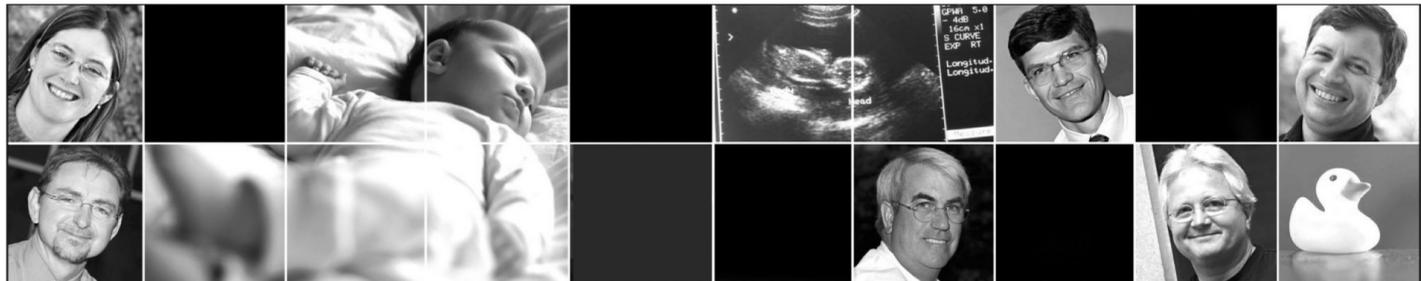
At the time oil prices were in the neighborhood of \$50 per barrel and the West Texas oil fields were a hotbed of activity.

"Everyone's trying to be cautious talking about the 'B' word these days," Ben Shepperd, executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, said at the time. "But there's really no question that's what's happening."

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Western Container has Big Spring on bottle-blowing map

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

More than 27 years ago, a group of soda bottlers got together in Big Spring to solve a simple problem of supply and demand and managed to create one of the Crossroads area's most prolific manufacturers — the Western Container Corporation.

“Western Container was established in Big Spring in 1979 by Coca-Cola bottlers who needed a

local resource for plastic bottles rather than having to ship them in from out-of-state,” said Pat Chesworth, general manager of the corporation. “Other Coca-Cola bottlers saw the success of the operation and wanted to participate.

“Western Container added additional plants to accommodate the demand and has now grown to seven manufacturing plants operating in five different states. The company produces plastic bottles for all of the Coca-Cola bottlers

operating in the western United States and even a few in Canada.”

Big Spring remains home for the company, however, and according to Chesworth, Western Container continues to put the West Texas city on the bottle-blowing map.

“In order to accommodate growth in our business and to improve efficiency, the Big Spring facility recently installed three new injection molding systems, two of which are the largest cavitation PET injection systems in

the world,” said Chesworth. “These high output machines dictated that the manufacturing plant also install a new state-of-the-art automatic guided vehicle system. These self-guided robots collect parts from the injection molding machines and takes them to the warehouse for storage.

“In 2007, approximately \$10 million dollars was invested in this project, which enables the Big Spring plant to supply preforms to Coca-Cola.”

said working at StarTek has its advantages.

“Being in a big group like this, it's a family atmosphere,” she said. “We do a lot for our employees and their families ... We have fun at work.”

Osborne said the company offers

a “great” benefits package and the pay is competitive for a market that requires little or no prior work experience.

StarTek Inc., which employs more than 7,500 people in 19 locations across the U.S., is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

Company officials claim that, since its opening, the local StarTek has injected more than \$6 million annually into the Big Spring with its payroll.

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“The company has invested a great deal of money in renovating this building,” Cooper said.

Osborne, a Big Spring native,

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investors, so tax abatements are a really big deal in these projects.

“The further west you go, the more apt communities are to basically give away the farm for a few

years. It's a very competitive thing, because we're not the only place these people can do this. We're at a point now where we have to see how far the community is willing to go.”

The impact these projects could have on Howard County — if the county lands one or more — is

hard to hang a price tag on, according to Wegman, but it would certainly be beneficial.

“Like someone already told me, 50 percent of a \$10 million project is still better than zero percent,”

said Wegman. “It's really going to depend which developers decide to locate here. Most of the projects

we're talking about are 50 megawatts to 200 megawatts, and they range in price from \$50 million to \$120 million, even as high as \$200 million.”

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patch. “To put it mildly, things are extremely good in the oil business right now,” Edwards said. “Every piece of equipment and every person that can be hired is in operation.”

However, this oil boom is different than virtually any other ever seen in West Texas.

Past booms have seen drastic increases in the number of drilling rigs being built and an influx of population brought on by the prospect of jobs in the oil fields.

“In the '80s, everyone started building equipment as fast as they could and people came in from all over the country looking to go to work,” Edwards noted. “That's really not what's happening right now. It's a lot more controlled than it's every been.

“People aren't building a lot of new equipment because there just aren't enough experienced people available to operate it, and we're not seeing that many people flocking here looking for jobs,” he added. “There are a lot of people that are switching jobs, though. There are people in law enforcement and education ... fields like that ... changing jobs and going to the oil fields where they can dou-

ble their salaries and in a lot of cases cut down on the number of hours they're having to work. The result has been a manpower shortage in a lot of other businesses and other fields.”

Still, drilling companies throughout the region are reporting shortages in both material and manpower, as a result.

“Good hands and drill pipe are hard to come by ... they're at a premium right now,” Edwards acknowledged. “An if you can locate a drilling rig, you need to lock it down quick because equipment is fully utilized and the supply of tubular goods is extremely short.”

With West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark in crude oil, selling at \$79.19 per barrel last week — more than \$20 per barrel more than the price late last year when Shepperd said business in the West Texas oil fields should be brisk for some time to come — there's little doubt the boom will continue for the foreseeable future.

West Texas is not the only area experiencing a boom — not with the price of oil having reached a record high of \$84 a barrel a couple of weeks ago. Drilling of oil and gas is increasing throughout the

state according to statistics from the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC), however, figures for July (the most recent available) indicate slightly lower production than a year ago.

The RRC issued a total of 2,234 original drilling permits in August 2007 compared to 1,865 in August 2006. The August total included 1,880 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 120 to re-enter existing well bores, and 234 for re-completions. Permits issued in August 2007 included 290 oil, 570 gas, 1,252 oil and gas, 97 injection, zero service and 25 other permits.

However, preliminary July 2007

crude oil production averaged 844,150 barrels daily, down from the 915,737 barrels daily average of July 2006.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for July 2007 is 26,168,640 barrels, a decrease from 28,466,951 barrels reported during July 2006.

The latest RRC statistics on well completions show that operators reported 334 oil, 529 gas, 54 injection and three other completions compared to 441 oil, 815 gas, 30 injection and zero other completions during August 2006.

Total well completions for 2007 year to date are 9,461 up from 8,768



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recorded during the same period in 2006.

Operators reported 529 holes plugged and three dry holes in August 2007 compared to 544 holes plugged and 14 dry holes in July 2006.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 478,578,413 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for July 2007, up from the July 2006 preliminary gas production total of 440,099,051 Mcf.

Texas production in July 2007 came from 130,291 oil and 76,378 gas wells.

In July, the state's top 10 oil producing counties ranked by preliminary production were:

1. Gaines County, 2,221,997 barrels.
2. Andrews County, 1,969,592 barrels.
3. Yoakum County, 1,966,709 barrels.
4. Hockley County, 1,554,875 barrels.
5. Ector County, 1,423,162 barrels.
6. Scurry County, 1,250,877 barrels.
7. Pecos County, 973,408 barrels.
8. Upton County, 946,288 barrels.
9. Midland County, 854,369 barrels.
10. Crane County, 769,476 barrels.

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July were:

1. Zapata County, 23,304,527 Mcf.
2. Panola County, 22,142,427 Mcf.
3. Hidalgo County, 19,383,760 Mcf.
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StarTek

Firm continuing to grow workforce

The hiring lamp is lit at StarTek, which provides a variety of customer services for telecommunications companies, has steadily increased its workforce since opening its Big Spring location in 1999, but that's nothing compared to what company officials have in store in the next few months.

"By Nov. 11, we have plans to go 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Greg Cooper, an operations manager at StarTek. "We will be hiring aggressively ... and we are in extreme need of bilingual agents."

Agents, as StarTek employees are called, handle customer services ranging from activation to trouble shooting for telecommunications firms, helping customers get their cell phones turned on or giving helpful suggestions once trouble occurs.

"The bulk of our clientele is in the wireless and telecommunication industry," Cooper said. "We are the inbound call center for

those companies' customer services.

"We are one of the main players in outsourcing," he added. "Our clientele ranges from just about every major wireless company to Internet service providers."

As the wireless and telecommunications industries have grown, so has StarTek. Human Resources Manager Anna Osborne said the company has added about 150 employees since it opened in 1999, and plans call for an even greater hiring surge in the near future.

Cooper said the company has immediate need for about 100 agents, including an "extreme" need for bilingual personnel. And that's just the beginning — he noted that the company would like to add about 250 people to the payroll by year's end.

To meet that growing need, the company is in the middle of expanding its base of operations at College Park Shopping Center.

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Wind energy projects focusing on area



By Thomas Jenkins

Wind may be a driving force in Howard County and West Texas in more ways than just those intended by mother nature, as an upcoming federal deadline has wind energy developers very interested in the Crossroads area.

That's the message being delivered by Terry Wegman, executive director of Moore Development Inc., Big Spring's economic development firm that doubles as the liaison between developers and local government entities for tax abatements.

"It's really very exciting right now," said Wegman. "I had only been director for a couple of weeks when County Judge Mark Barr called me and told me he needed to show me something. That's how I got introduced to this sudden influx of wind energy developers looking at Howard County and West Texas for their projects."

"The current legislation — which offers a number of incentives for wind energy projects — ends in 2008, and a lot of developers are nervous about its renewal.

There's little doubt that it will be renewed, but whether or not it will be in a timely manner is questionable. There was quite a lag a few years ago and that really hurt the industry."

Wegman said most developers are hoping to get their projects in the works before that 2008 deadline.

"If they have the project going by then, they can be grandfathered in and don't have to worry about a lag in the legislation," said Wegman. "That's one of the main reasons we have so many developers interested in our area. It's made Howard County very attractive to them."

Wegman said he believes recent development in Nolan and other nearby counties may also help make Howard County a hot point for activity.

"Most of the land leases in the Nolan County area are already locked up at this point," said Wegman. "The area's basically been saturated because it's such a fertile development area. Also, most of the projects there have been expanded as much as possi-

ble, so developers are looking for new areas, and Howard County is one of them getting attention."

Wegman said Big Spring isn't the only area being considered by any means, with stout competition eager to land these types of multi-million-dollar projects.

"The wind resources in the Panhandle are some of the best anywhere," said Wegman. "However, they don't have the transmission lines to support these projects, and they are at least two years from developing those kinds of lines. You have to have those lines in place to get the electricity to the market. We already have them in place in our area."

"One of the things these developers look very closely at are tax abatements. Most abatements are for approximately 10 years, which gives the developer time to recoup the initial cost of the project. Once you get past that capital investment, the most costly thing these developers are looking at over the years is property tax, and they have to turn a profit for their

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Alon USA

With plans for millions in improvements, future looks bright for Big Spring Refinery

It's not a secret that it's a good time to be in the refining business. Like many other refiners, Alon USA has been reporting record profits. But as anyone in the oilfield knows, good times don't last forever. With that in mind, Alon USA and the Big Spring Refinery are constantly positioning themselves to remain viable in a very competitive field.



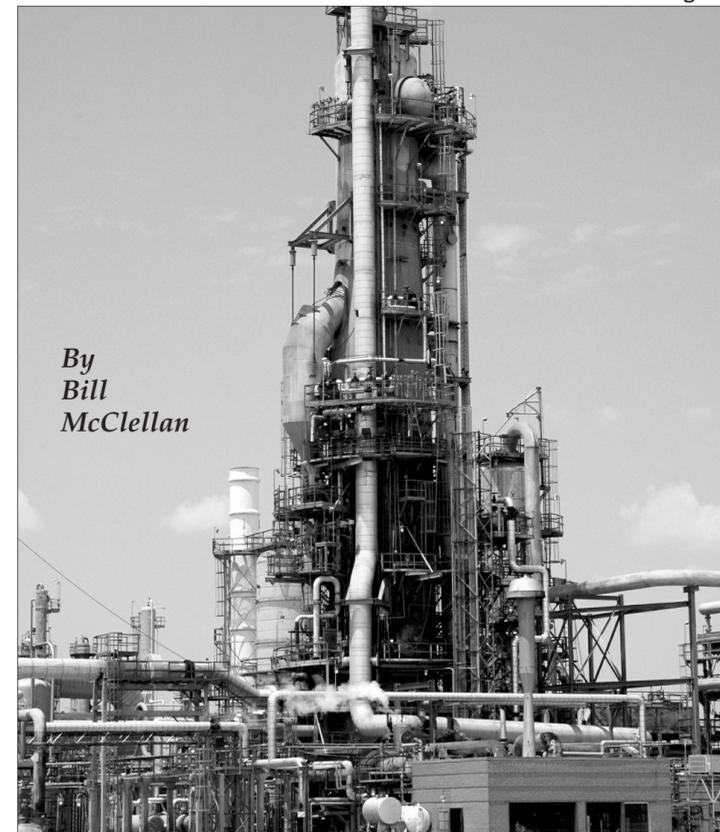
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"We have to keep our costs down, try to increase our throughput and become more efficient, even during the good times," said Big Spring Refinery Manager David Foster. "You can't get complacent. For a small refinery, the consequences of complacency can be dire."

Officials at the Big Spring Refinery are anything but complacent. Fresh off a \$17 million upgrade to reduce the amount of sulfur in the diesel it produces, the refinery will soon be working on a \$15 million project to do the same with its gasoline product.

"By September 2009, we have to be making no higher than 30s part per million sulfur in gasoline. There have been some plants in the country that have had to shut down because of that. We think we have a good enough project and it's financially viable to where we can get that approved and stay in operation," said Foster.

Currently, the gasoline produced at the refinery contains 300 parts per million of sulfur. The refinery had been granted a small refinery exemption by the Environmental Protection Agency until 2011, but



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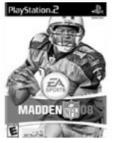
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that exemption was cut short when Alon USA purchased refineries in California last year.

Foster said reducing sulfur is a partnership between the automobile industry and the refining industry, under guidelines set by the EPA.

"It's not so much the amount of sulfur that goes out into the atmosphere that is important. The important part is that car manufacturers are being required to put anti-pollution devices in their vehicles — for example, catalytic converters. Those catalytic converters are poisoned by sulfur. We are trying to produce a fuel that is more friendly for the catalytic converter. It reduces emissions of all sorts, unburned hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide — and all of those emissions are reduced with the proper catalytic converter," explained Foster. "The lower sulfur level you can produce, the kinder the gasoline is to the catalytic converter. It's kind of a shared partnership between the automobile industry and the refining industry to make a fuel that will burn cleaner."

Reducing the sulfur content in its gasoline will take major upgrades at the Big Spring Refinery.

"We have to buy reactors; we have to buy the catalysts that go inside those reactors. It's going to be a two-reactor addition for us. That's the

biggest part of the cost," said Foster. "It's happening across the industry. Everybody has to ante up a little bit or get out of business. It's all part of making cleaner air."

In 2005-2006, the refinery spent \$17 million to cut the amount of sulfur in its diesel fuel

"For diesel, we had to get down to no more than 15 parts per million, sulfur. We typically run about 10 now," Foster said. "Diesel has long been associated with soot. The new diesels that are coming out require special devices to prevent that soot from occurring. But those devices are sensitive to sulfur, too. There are also reactors in the diesel vehicle to reduce smog. And those are sensitive to sulfur, as well."

Faced with the September 2009 deadline, Foster said plans are to start ordering equipment for the project this year.

"It takes that long at least. You can't go down to the Home Depot and pick one up," he said with a laugh. "And then I think you'll see some construction late next year."

Another project for the near future is increasing the plant's refining capacity from 70,000 barrels per day (bpd) to 75,000.

"The more throughput you can run, the better your chances for long-term survival. So that's important



for us. And we think it is possible," said Foster. "We also hope to be able to run heavier, more difficult to run crudes, too. Typically they go for a better price. If we reduce our cost of crude, it helps us to remain competitive."

And the industry, Foster explained, is extremely competitive.

"Shell just announced a \$7 billion refinery expansion in Port Arthur to

add 325,000 bpd capacity — half of which will be coming our way in the form of gasoline. And we have to be able to compete with that. And they are doing it with low-cost crudes. We have to compete with the Shells of the world. Our ability to lower our costs and become more efficient is important."

Cost of the increase from 70,000 bpd to 75,000 is expected to be well in

excess of \$10 million, according to Foster, who said the numbers are still being determined.

The refinery will also be spending millions on safety in the next several years. Equipment replacement is a continual process at the plant, which was originally constructed in 1928 by Joshua Cosden. Alon USA — which purchased the company from Fina in

2000 — also plans to install special

safety equipment.

"In your home, you have ground fault interrupters, GFIs. We'll be doing something on a grander scale here. They aren't called GFIs, but they are similar. It senses when an unsafe condition exists and takes you to a safe situation automatically," said Foster. "We're going to be investing millions of dollars in safety equipment in next few years."

"It has a two-fold benefit. The most important one is the protection of our people in the community. The second is liability. You want to keep the refinery running. But safety of the people is a good enough reason by itself," he added.

Foster said the future looks bright for the refinery and Alon USA.

"We are a growing company. Alon purchased the two refineries in California and is looking into heavily investing in those. We brought two refineries and are operating them as one. It's producing about 70,000 barrels a day and hope to get that up to 90,000. Only a small percentage of their product is actually salable as diesel or gasoline, but part of the money will allow that percentage to grow," said Foster.

"And we will be looking to growing the company some more. Big Spring is the start of what Alon wants to be. California is the next step, but we

don't expect it to be the last one," said said, adding that the company may purchase other plants in the future.

The reason the refining businesses is booming is demand.

"There haven't been any new refineries built in the United States since the mid 1970s. There was so much capacity over the past 30, 40 years, that we had more capacity than we had need for. Over time, that capacity was shut down. Dozens of individual oil companies decided there was no use to run a particular refinery any more. The margin of profit wasn't there any more. So you had refineries like Pride in Abilene shut down. You had a refinery in Odessa shut down. This repeated itself all across the country. You literally had more than 100 refineries that shut down in the past 30 years in the United States. And no new refineries were being built," Foster noted.

"Since the 1980s, the economy has continued to grow steadily and the overall populous in the U.S. has more disposable income. And they are willing to spend it on SUVs and trucks and trips. So gradually, that surplus capacity disappeared. Now it has gotten to the point where the demand for gasoline as outstripped its supply. It's a truly unique time.

It's not going to last forever," said Foster.

Hence, there is a rush for refiners to meet demand, and increase profits.

"Everyone is finding ways to add capacity. We are doing it through acquisitions. Some companies, like Shell, are building. They are doing it in other places in the world and have been for a while. The people who predict these things believe we will be seeing decent margins for the next few years. Then, as these acquisitions and plants come on line, we will see those margins start to shrink. The danger is overbuilding capacity."

Foster said an industry report rated the Big Spring Refinery as one of the best in the U.S. on a per-barrel basis.

"We take great pride in that. I think it speaks volumes as to the quality of the people we have in the refinery," he added. "I have seen how well people at this refinery execute. It's very impressive. I think it is that ethic — thrift, ingenuity, and hard work — that makes for a bright future for this place."

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