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The Forsan High School and Coahoma High School mascots display a check Friday night for more than \$7,000 to the Susan Komen Foundation to help fund cancer research. The two schools raised the money in honor of Bob Fishback, a Coahoma native and long-time Forsan educator who recently died of cancer.

Grand jury clears council members

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A Howard County Grand Jury no-billed criminal charges against a trio of Big Spring City Council members accused of accepting illegal campaign contributions during its Friday session, bringing a close to the criminal investigation into the matter.

The grand jury voted not to indict the council members — Mayor Tommy Duncan, District 1 Councilman Marcus Fernandez and District 3



Wilkerson

Councilman Glen Carrigan — following the presentation of evidence in the case by officials with the Texas Rangers, according to Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

"All three of the men subpoenaed (Duncan, Fernandez and Carrigan) were present — some along with legal counsel — at the proceedings and prepared to testify, if called

upon," Wilkerson said. "However, after listening to the testimony of the Texas Ranger presenting the case, the grand jury declined to call for testimony from the three men."

Complaints were filed against all three council members by the Big Spring Herald earlier this year after investigative reports by the newspaper uncovered that all three had accepted campaign contributions — Duncan during his 2010 bid for mayor and

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Preparations for early voting in full swing

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

With approximately a week until early voting in this year's proposed amendment election begins, officials with the Howard County Elections Administration say preparations to open polls for the event are under way.

"Early voting will begin Oct. 24, and run until Friday, Nov. 4," Sandra Bloom said. "The polls will once again be located in the County Elections Administration office, which is located on the third floor of the coun-



Bloom

ty courthouse, with voting continuing daily from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m."

Bloom said her office has also planned a pair of extended-hours polling days during early voting.

"Tuesday, Nov. 1, and Thursday, Nov. 3, we will be offering extended hours," Bloom said. "The early voting polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. both days. We hope, by extending our hours on those days, it will give people a chance to come in

and cast their ballots early when they might not normally get the opportunity because of their work hours."

Among the proposed amendments to be included in the election is Proposition No. 1 (SJR 14), which would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the

residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally dis-

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Mustang Draw Woodcarvers were at Wal-Mart Saturday. Monroe Casey (center), Ken Laird (right) and Lloyd Claxton set up the handcrafted Noah's Ark with animals, which one person will be able to take home at the end of the Woodcarver's Show and Sale next Saturday.

Scouts plan food drives

By **BRIAN SWEENEY**
 Special to the Herald

Big Spring and Coahoma Boy Scouts are planning a Scouting for Food Drive for the needy to help two local relief agencies.

Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers of the Buffalo Trail Council are asking area residents to fill bags with canned goods and other non-perishable food items. The bags will be available in copies of Sunday's Big Spring Herald.

The bags can be delivered to Walmart, HEB, or the Big Spring Herald drop boxes up until Nov. 18. After that date, food can be dropped off at food pantries. Any bag, box or container can be used to hold donations.

The food collected in Big Spring and Coahoma will be

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday:

- CARLOS RENE GARCIA, 33, of 600 S. Bell, was arrested Friday on warrants for failed to maintain financial responsibility and theft less than \$50/shoplifting.
- JAMEY SCOTT JOHNSON, 48, transient, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- SAMMY FERRELL, 50, of 509 N. Johnson St., was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication with three prior convictions.
- DANICA MARIE DIAZ, 18, of 600 Johnson St., was arrested on warrants for violate school rules (two counts), consumption of alcohol by a minor (three counts), use or possession of illegal smoking paraphernalia and fail to appear (two counts).
- TERRELL DEMERSON, 18, of 1900 Martin Luther King Boulevard, was arrested Saturday on charges of possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces and warrant from other agency.
- ALEX FRANKLIN MINTER, 19, of 2509 Gunter, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces.
- GABRIEL ADAM PENA, 18, of 2300 E. Marcy, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces.
- BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported: In the 4000 block of Vicky Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of E. Old Colorado City.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

Take Note

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

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

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915 or the local ACS office at 432-683-6375.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618.

Obituaries

Nelda Jean Green

VICTORIA - Nelda Jean Green, 72, of Victoria passed away on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011. She was born in Gatesville on Oct. 3, 1939, to Lois Thomas Stewart of Big Spring and the late Marvin Stewart.



Nelda is survived by her daughters, Kim (Clay) Strickland of Beaumont, Kenda (Kenneth) Holub of Victoria, and Kellie (John) Olson of Beaumont; grandchildren, Casey Strickland, Tiffany Lance, Luke and Landon Holub, Seth Cooper, Ashley, Chelsea, and Kayley Olson; and great-grandchild, Kellan Lance. In addition to her father, she is preceded in death by her brother, Jimmy Wayne Stewart.

The family will receive friends Monday, Oct. 17, 2011, from 6-8 p.m. at Grace Funeral Home. Funeral services are 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, at Grace Funeral Home chapel with Chaplain Larry Green of Hospice of South Texas officiating. Burial will follow at Resurrection Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Casey Strickland, Seth Cooper, Heath Stewart, Andy Stewart, and Timothy Glenn.

Memorials in Nelda's name may be made to Hospice of South Texas In-Patient Facility.

Grace Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Support Groups

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• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• Parents Empowering Parents, first and third Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. Northside Community Center. Support group for parents, grandparents raising grandchildren, adoptive-foster parents or stepparents. Professional facilitator, parent-led discussions on variety of topics.

• Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

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abled veteran.”
Bloom said the lack of local races on the ballot will certainly effect the voter turnout in November, but encouraged area residents to study the issues and weigh-in on the issues.

“The voter turnout for amendment elections is traditionally much lower than elections involving local and state candidates,” said Bloom. “However, some of these propositions will have a direct effect on our county and its residents, so it’s important to educate yourself on the issues and cast your ballot.”

Bloom said her office began accepting requests for mail-in ballots Sept. 9.

“I would encourage everyone to get their applications in as soon as possible,” said Bloom. “If you’re 65 years old or older, disabled, confined to jail or you know you will be out of the county

for the election, you can apply for a ballot by mail. They can write us a letter or send us a request by fax or e-mail.”

According to Bloom, requests for a mail out ballot must include the voter’s name, address of residence inside Howard County, the reason for their request and the address the ballot should be mailed to.

If the reason for requesting a mail out ballot is the voter will be out of the county during the election, Bloom said the ballot must be mailed to an address outside Howard County, as well as mailed back from outside the county.

“We’re hoping this will help our college students, military and voters temporarily working out of the county,” said Bloom.

For more information on voter registration, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Campaign reports to offer first look at GOP field

WASHINGTON (AP)—With one year left in the race for the White House, a handful of presidential candidates are planning to file key disclosure reports Saturday that will offer the first major picture into the financial health of all Republican campaigns.

The financial reports are expected to show how flush the GOP candidates are with cash — or how nearly broke they are — heading into the final weeks before contests in key primary states.

Two of the top Republican contenders, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and Texas Gov. Rick Perry, have brought in more than \$30 million combined. Meanwhile, candidates like Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann and businessman Herman Cain are expected to bring in less than that.

The new reports will

reveal the campaigns’ major donors, where money has been spent since July and if the candidate took out any loans to finance what is likely to become a costly presidential election.

Reports on two of the biggest money-raisers so far — Romney and President Barack Obama — reveal millions in contributions from party devotees and small-dollar donors alike.

At the same time, reports filed late Friday offered a mixed picture of the campaign field, with Obama raising more than \$70 million between his campaign and the Democratic Party. Some candidates are saddled with debt, such as former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman and former candidate Tim Pawlenty.

Texas Rep. Ron Paul, a favorite of libertarians, collected \$8.2 million and spent \$7.5 million.

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divided between the Iglesia Bautista Mission and Isaih 58, especially for holiday aid programs. All Howard County residents are eligible for aid through these local agencies.

The food will meet a real need in the area.

Both agencies will be working to provide as much food as possible for the needy during the Thanksgiving holidays. On Nov. 19, Scouts will pick up all donations from drop locations and deliver them to the agencies.

The project helps Scouts to realize that there are people less fortunate than they are as well as participating in a variety of social service throughout the year. Studies cited by Boy Scouts of America claim that there are more hungry people in the United States now than at any time in the past 25 years.

More than 20 million Americans, including 4 million children, go hungry at some time every month.

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Carrigan and Fernandez during their May bids for seats on the council — from a pair of Crossroads corporations, Quad A Inc. and Hydro Dynamics.

Under the Texas Ethics Commission Title 15 Election Code, candidates seeking to hold office are not allowed to accept campaign contributions from corporations. The violations are considered third-degree felonies and if found guilty on the criminal charges, all three men faced 2 to 10 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000, according to the Texas Election Code.

According to the campaign report submitted by Duncan, he accepted a \$300 political contribution from Hydro Dynamics Inc. and a \$500 political contribution from Quad A Inc. during his bid for mayor in 2010.

Similar campaign finance reports filed with the city’s secretary during the 2011 municipal elections show Fernandez accepted a donation of \$1,000 from Quad A Inc. and a \$200 donation from Hydro Dynamics, while Carrigan reported receiving \$1,000 from Quad A Inc. and \$400 from Hydro Dynamics.

When filing for an elected position, candidates for Big Spring City Council, including the office of mayor, are required to fill out and sign various forms, one of which details appoint-

ment of a campaign treasurer.

That document includes the statement “I am aware of the restrictions in title 15 of the Election Code on contributions from corporations and labor organizations.” All three men signed the affidavits saying they understood the state law governing campaign contributions.

All three candidates have maintained they were not aware it was illegal to take the campaign contributions at the times they were accepted, a point Wilkerson said was key in the criminal investigation.

“The grand jury agreed that all three men were unaware,” Wilkerson said of the decision.

While the criminal as-

pect of the accusations may be moot, the civil ramifications remain in the air, as former long-time District 1 Councilwoman Stephanie Horton recently filed a lawsuit against Fernandez. Former District 3 Councilwoman Joann Staulcup has also indicated she plans to file a similar suit against Carrigan.

According to Sec. 253.131 of the Election Code, candidates chal-

lenged during the election by a person who accepts an illegal campaign contribution is liable for civil damages to the tune of “twice the value of the unlawful contribution,” as well as “reasonable attorneys fees incurred in the suit.”

The civil suit could cost Fernandez \$2,400 — payable to Horton, who was unseated in the election — and a total of \$2,800 from Carrigan,

who would have to pay the amount to Staulcup and challengers Shannon Thomason and Oscar Velasco, for a total of \$8,400.

Midland attorney C.H. “Hal” Brockett is representing Staulcup and Horton in the legal action.

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YOUR VIEWS

A big thank you

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to say a big thank you to the Big Spring V.A. hospital. Thank you to Mr. Marsh and to Dr. Phemster for their help with all of the paper work and information that let me receive my oxygen, power chair and lift through the V.A. health care system.

I want to say thank you to Clara Lewis for her help with telling me who I should talk to for all of the information. A big thank you to Dr. Bonet and his nurse in the Silver Clinic (I think her name was Kelly) for getting the request put in for the power chair and lift very promptly. I want to also say a big thank you to Gwen in occupational therapy and to Gina in prosthetics for their help with my power chair and lift.

I was admitted to the V.A. on Sept. 16 this year and was discharged Sept. 20. The care and treatment I received was as good as anyone could ask for. A big thank you to triage nurse on the first floor, the staff of Urgent Care, the staff in X-ray, and the ones from the lab who had to draw my blood more than once! I have to say a special thank you to Audra in urgent care. They were all very kind and professional. I must give a big thank you to the nurse on the third floor. They were very kind and took extremely good care of me. A special thanks to Linda Walker. She was always very kind and professional. Also a big thanks to Dr. Awosemo for admitting me and giving me the medication that I needed at the time.

If you are a veteran, live in the area and have not been registered at the Big Spring V.A. Hospital, I recommend you do so as soon as possible. There are people at the Big Spring V.A. who deeply care for veterans. I feel this is the place for veterans to go to receive the proper care and treatment they need and deserve.

FREDRICK T. (RICKY) JAMES
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Thank you

TO THE EDITOR:

The men and women of the Big Spring Fire Department would like to extend their admiration and gratitude to the dedicated emergency nurses of Scenic Mountain Medical Center during this, their week in the spotlight. The citizens of Big Spring and Howard County should feel the same confidence we do that true professionals await us at the end of a 911 emergency call. We are honored to share in the care of our patients with each and every one of you.

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Anti-American Funeral Picketers

TO THE EDITOR:

The recent Supreme Court decision upholding the First Amendment right of the Westboro Baptist Church, Topeka, Kans., to picket at the funerals of military personnel was a victory for our Constitutional rights, but a defeat for morality in this country.

The followers of this so called church typically gather at the funeral ceremonies of our fallen heroes accusing them of condoning homosexuality within the military.

These misguided disciples are reminiscent of the Nazis and other fascist elements who persecuted gays, the clergy, Jews, gypsies and various ethnic peoples in the 1930s and 1940s. They should be looked upon as anti-American bigots who are trying to undermine our military and tear at the fabric of our country.

States should pass laws which prohibit such provocative and anti-American behavior within one mile or more from a funeral ceremony.

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Time to save social security

Social Security reform is a topic of much concern to most Americans — whether they are current retirees counting on their benefits check to meet living expenses, or disabled Americans who can no longer work, or young and middle-age Americans who are paying into a system that they are counting on to be there in the future.

Social Security's fiscal health is critically important. As Americans are living longer, healthier lives; adjustments are necessary to keep it strong. But reforming a major entitlement program requires great effort and political will.

While these attributes are often in short supply in Washington, if left unattended, Social Security is on course today to run out of funds, leaving current and future retirees vulnerable to drastic cuts in their core benefits.

This situation is unacceptable and unsustainable. We can, and must, act quickly to ensure that Social Security is truly secure for those who count on it now and those who will need it in the future.

The Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (the "super-committee") is now working to tackle the critical issues facing our nation's debt and deficits, and I am calling on them to put the vital issue of Social Security

reform on the table as well.

With just a few adjustments, Social Security's finances can be shored up for many decades longer. When Social Security began during the Great Depression, the average life span of an American male was 60; a female 64. Today men live to 76 on average and women to 80.

If we do nothing, the Social Security Trust Fund will exhaust its reserves and run short of money by 2036. At that point, current law would force immediate benefits cuts of about 23 percent (about \$270 per month in today's dollars).

After that, the situation only gets worse as benefits payments are projected to exceed payroll tax contributions by as much as \$6.5 trillion over the next 75 years.

The math is inescapable. If we hide our heads in the sand, deep cuts in benefits or massive payroll tax increases will be the only choices. Doing nothing now is not a responsible option.

My proposal, called the Defend and Save Social Security Act, would maintain Social Security for at least the next 75 years — without raising taxes or cutting core benefits.

This would be accomplished by very gradual upticks in the retirement age and a modest adjustment to the annual cost-of-living increases, keeping core benefits untouched. Enacting these incremental changes now would leave enough time to erase the projected 2036 Social Security shortfall.

Under the Hutchison plan, the eligibility age would not be

changed for those ages 58 and older. For everyone else, we would raise the normal retirement age by just three months a year, starting in 2016, going from age 67 in 2019 to 69 in 2027.

The early retirement age would also be raised gradually from 62 to 64. Again, these age increases would be done very gradually over the next decade. My bill would couple this with a 1 percent reduction in the increase of the annual COLA. Together, these two steps would prevent triggering automatic benefits cuts and keep the Social Security Trust Fund solvent until nearly the end of the century.

Others have different ideas for adjusting retirement age requirements and COLAs. But this is an important national discussion whose time has come. Small adjustments now will avoid the necessity of big, painful changes in coming years.

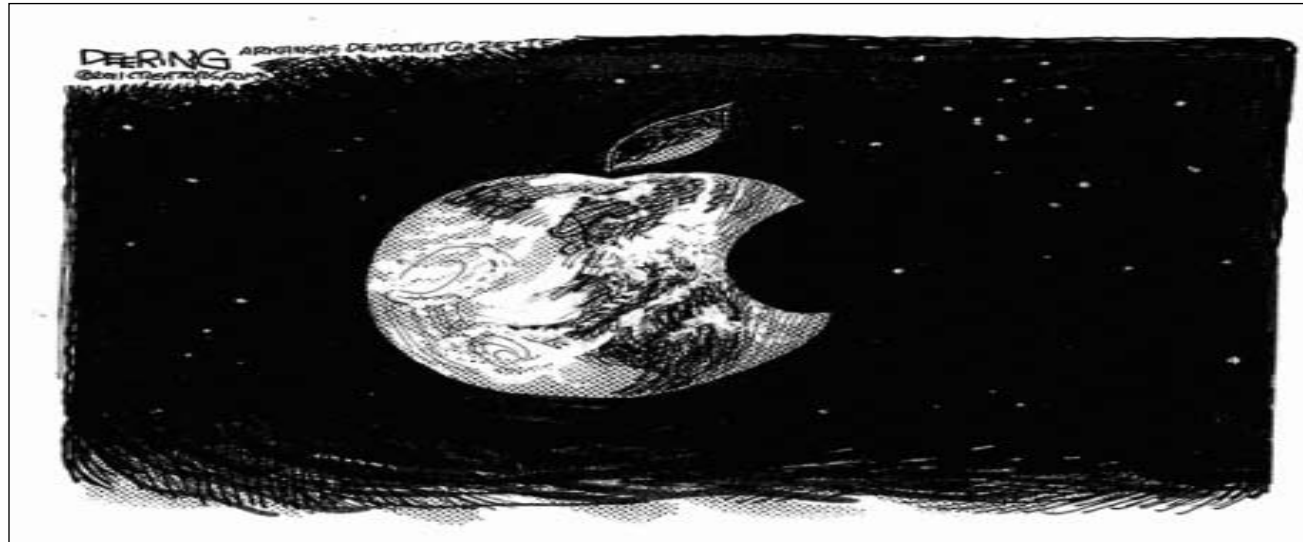
The 12 members of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction are charged with putting forward a long-term deficit-reduction plan. Getting the Social Security system back on a sustainable financial footing is a crucial part of meeting this challenge.

We now have a unique opportunity to design a timely, bipartisan package of gradual Social Security reforms. Doing so will assure that benefits will be there for both current and future retirees. We should not let this opportunity slip away.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas



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May I quote you on that one?

Surely clever t-shirt messages will pop up any day now. They'll flow from creative juices of Texas

Christian University students whose athletic teams have been members of four different athletic conferences over the past dozen years. "We gave the Big East \$5 million, and all we got were these lousy shirts," the message might read. (Another one bound to pop up: "We aren't military veterans, but we all have purple hearts.")

TCU's most recent hook-up with the Big East Conference lasted months instead of years. Since the Frogs essentially got out before they got in, they can boast of an "undefeated, untied BEC record."

TCU's trustees are "gung ho" about the Big 12 invite, voting unanimously to sign on for competition in 2012. Never mind the \$5 million "exit fee" for the U-turn from the BEC; TV revenues will ease the pain. And the Frogs get to renew competition with many of the same schools that were members of the old Southwest Conference, where they battled for 65 years, 1929-1995.

Good for TCU and its Big 12 decision. Regional rivalries will abound, and when the Frogs play the University of Texas, they can dust off an old quote former Longhorn Coach Darrell Royal wished he'd left unsaid 50 years ago. His "bulletin board clipping" revved the Frogs up enough to defeat the 'Horns, 6-0 in the 1961 game, tumbling UT from top national ranking.

"The Horned Frogs are like a cockroach," Royal said. "It's not what he gets into and carries away but what he falls into and messes up." It's been quoted a jillion times over the past half-century.

Royal was kidding, of course, but the TCU faithful took it seriously.

About the same time, an equally classic quote came from another coach during the annual meeting of Lone Star Conference officials and coaches at Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State) in San Marcos.

LSC leaders were considering McMurry College's membership application.

The late Gil Steinke, who coached several great football teams at Texas A&I, contended that McMurry didn't have a well-rounded athletic program.

That's when the late Milton Jowers, long-time Southwest Texas coaching genius who won national small-college championships in both football and basketball, made a wry comeback, abetting McMurry's candidacy.

Jowers, a tough-as-nails coach not known for smiling, felt that football was king at Texas A&I, while most other team sports languished.

"What do you know about well-rounded programs, Gil?" Jowers laughed. "Your track team came to the spring meet on a motorcycle with a side car!"

In those days, it was fairly common for colleges of all sizes to emphasize certain sports.

During one stretch, TCU's basketball program was lackluster. The Frogs once played the College of Santa Fe from New Mexico.

"Oh, my goodness," a sports-

writer exclaimed, "TCU has scheduled a railroad!"

Some quotes should never be repeated—better yet, never uttered to begin with.

Regrettably, television sports coverage too often includes basest comments. It's one thing to "lip read" ill-advised epithets, but when vulgarity at its very worst is expressed, networks should be embarrassed—whether the person speaking is or not.

Nyjer Morgan, a hero for the Milwaukee Brewers in the National League baseball play-offs, repeatedly spewed vulgarity I'd never heard on network television. Couldn't Turner Broadcasting System invoke a 10-second delay to avoid such a needless and unfortunate litany of post-game vulgarity?

Uncle Mort thrives on quotes, particularly his own. While Oklahoma fans "yukked it up" after the Sooner's 55-17 wipe-out of Texas, my 99-year-old kin said he now understands why UT has its own "Longhorn Sports Network."

"They can feature selective programming, showing games from years past when the Horns' scores were top heavy," he said. "I think they call 'em 're-runs.'"

He offered one final shot: "If they happen to show a 'bad' game oldie, they can end it early by switching to Heidi. Should they accidentally air the 2011 Cotton Bowl bloodbath, surely they'll run a banner at the bottom of the TV screen, explaining, 'The problem is NOT with your set.'"

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Menus

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: grahamwich, juice, milk. Alternative: cereal. Lunch: toasted ham and cheese, veggie dippers, orange smiles, baked doritos, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk. Alternative: cereal. Lunch: crispy tacos, lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: pancake, sausage, juice, milk. Alternative: cereal. Lunch: spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, savory green beans, Texas toast, apple crisp, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast burrito, juice, milk. Alternative: cereal. Lunch: submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tater tots, sliced peaches, brownies, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: cereal, cinnamon toast, juice, milk. Lunch: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, orange glazed carrots, strawberries and bananas, whole wheat roll, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: oatmeal, sausage, grape juice, milk. Lunch: homemade burritos, baked beans, pears, milk. Corn dogs.

Tuesday: Breakfast: pop tarts, sausage, variety juice, milk. Lunch: cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, pineapple, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: pancake sausage on a stick, applesauce cups, syrup, milk. Lunch: tacos,

salad, ranch beans, chocolate cake, milk. Hot Pockets.

Thursday: Breakfast: sweetened rice, ham, variety juice, milk. Lunch: meat loaf, macaroni/cheese, green beans, wheat bread, mix fruit cups, milk. Burritos.

Friday: Breakfast: biscuits, gravy, sausage, jelly, apple juice, milk. Lunch: nacho grande, lettuce and tomatoes, peach cups, graham crackers, milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast: apple jacks, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: nachos with ground beef, border beans, lettuce/tomato salad, fruit cocktail, celery and peanut butter, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: breakfast pocket, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, applesauce, mixed vegetables, orange smiles, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: backed cheese sticks, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, carrots, pears, roll, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: maple mini pancakes, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: southwest chicken flatbread, tossed salad, ranch dressing, corn, applesauce, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: pancake on a stick, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: turkey/cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, broccoli, ranch dressing, strawberries and bananas, baked cheetos, milk.

Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast: hot pockets, juice and milk. Lunch: hamburger, lettuce, tomato and pickle, oven fries, baby carrots with ranch, pudding and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: donuts, juice and milk. Lunch: golden fish strips, mac and cheese, tossed salad, fruit, Texas Toast and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: biscuit and sausage, juice and milk. Lunch: carne guisada, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, flour tortilla and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: pancake, juice and milk. Lunch: chicken alfredo, savory green beans, sliced peaches, hot roll, cookie and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza, juice and milk. Lunch: barbecue on a bun, oven fries, pickle spears, seasoned corn, fancy jello and milk.

Senior Center

Monday: pork tenderloin patty, butter beans, okra and tomatoes, cornbread, pears, milk.

Tuesday: barbecue chicken, potato salad, yellow squash, cornbread, sliced peaches, milk.

Wednesday: hamburger on a bun, waffle fries, lettuce and tomatoes, mandarin oranges, sugar cookies, milk.

Thursday: chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce/tomatoes/cheese, picante sauce, apricot crisp, milk.

Friday: chopped steak with onions and peppers, corn/peas and carrots, tossed salad, biscuits/pineapple tidbits, milk.

United Way Dine-Out-Days
Sponsor of the week: KC Steakhouse

KC Steakhouse is the participating Dine-Out-Days sponsor for United Way, Oct. 17 through Oct. 22.

A portion of their proceeds made during this week will be donated to the 2012 United Way campaign. The money will be divided and used to support the 15 agencies of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

Their agencies are: American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, CASA of West Texas, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest, Howard County Council on Aging Mobile Meals, Howard County Humane Society, Isaiah 58, Northside Community Center, Rape Crisis/Victim Services of Big Spring, The Salvation Army, Westside Community Day Care Center,

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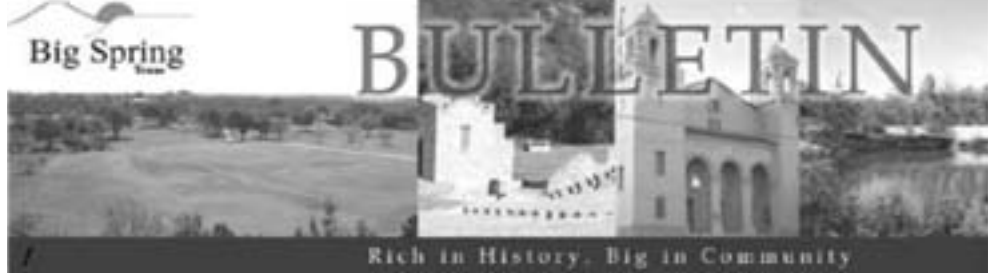
Previous Dine-Out-Days sponsors have been: Herman's, Papa Chon's, Sonic, Chicken Express, Big John's BBQ Feedlot and Dell's Cafe.

To find out more about the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, call Executive Director

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Romney's rise challenges Tea Party clout

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mitt Romney's early success in the Republican presidential race is challenging the tea party's clout. Will it continue to pull the GOP sharply right? Will it slowly fade? Or merge with mainstream Republican elements in a nod to pragmatism, something it's hardly known for?

On the surface, Romney's strength seems at odds with the tea party's fiery success in ousting Republicans seen as compromisers, and in making the House GOP caucus more ideological, even when its leaders plead for flexibility.

Romney defends the government's 2008 bank bailouts, plus the mandated health insurance he initiated as Massachusetts governor. He says he can work with "good Democrats." Although he later changed, Romney once supported abortion rights, gun control and gay rights.

These positions run counter to the beliefs and goals of many tea party activists scattered throughout the country. Yet Romney is faring better in polls, fundraising and debates than are contenders with stronger tea party credentials, including Michele Bachmann, Rick Santorum and Rick Perry.

Several Republican strategists, and even some tea party leaders, say they aren't surprised or alarmed. Their overarching goal is to defeat President Barack Obama next year, they say, and if Romney is best-positioned to do that, they'll endure his shortcomings.

"The perception that tea partyers are ideological purists is wrong," said Sal Russo, a long-time Republican strategist in California and a leader of the Tea Party Ex-

press. "We are a broad-based movement," he said, "and we are looking to win in 2012."

Danny Diaz, a Washington-based Republican strategist unaligned with any presidential candidates, agrees.

"The tea party movement is an anti-Washington movement," he said. While Perry and Herman Cain might make a more dynamic claim to that mantle, he said, Romney has never lived in Washington, and tea party activists won't rule him out.

"Many of them are pragmatists," Diaz said. They desperately want to oust Obama, he said, and "they need a candidate that's electable."

A CBS-New York Times poll found that tea partyers are more satisfied with the GOP presidential field than are Republicans in general. Cain was the top choice among tea party activists.

Some campaign veterans see bigger problems ahead for Romney.

Polls of Republicans show Romney holding steady at about 25 percent, while Bachmann, Perry and Cain take turns making surges. "That tells me that 75 percent of the primary voters would really rather have someone else," said GOP lobbyist and consultant Mike McKenna.

Many tea party activists have little or no loyalty to the Republican Party, and McKenna predicts big problems next year if they feel their conservative values were sacrificed for political expediency. "Romney would cause enormous numbers of tea party-type voters to simply not show on game day," he said.

The chief question, he said, "is whether one candidate will be able to aggregate the anti-Romney Republicans

before it is too late." Perry seems the likeliest choice, McKenna said, "but the clock is ticking."

Jenny Beth Martin of Atlanta, who is active with Tea Party Patriots, said several groups are having informal talks about whether they should try to coalesce behind an alternative to Romney. Tea partyers cherish their independence, she said, and "over the next eight to 10 weeks, it'll be interesting to see how it all shapes up."

Conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh repeatedly criticized Romney on his radio show last week. "Romney is not a conservative," he said. "The Republican base doesn't want Romney."

For now, Romney seems willing to run some risks, hoping to attract independent voters who will be crucial in the 2012 general election.

In last week's debate in New Hampshire, Romney defended President George W. Bush's 2008 decision to spend billions to rescue banks teetering on collapse, partly because of disastrous home loans. The action was meant not just to save banks, Romney said, "but to keep the entire currency of the country worth something and to keep all the banks from closing and to make sure we didn't all lose our jobs."

Many conservatives despise the bailout, known as TARP, for Troubled Asset Relief Program. In one of their first political victories, tea party activists in Utah chant-

ed "TARP, TARP" at then-Sen. Robert Bennett as they bounced him from the GOP ticket at a 2010 party convention. Bennett, a three-term senator with solid conservative credentials, had voted for the program.

Nonetheless, there was little commentary about Romney's TARP comments after Tuesday's debate, which focused largely on Cain's tax overhaul plan.

It may take hard-hitting TV ads to drive a bigger wedge between Romney and tea partyers, something the well-financed Perry might try soon. Such ads could go into detail, with heavy repetition, about Romney's Massachusetts health care plan, which was a partial model for Obama's 2010 federal overhaul.

Virginia-based Republican strategist Chris LaCivita says the tea party's deliberately decentralized nature makes it ill-suited to play a big role in presidential politics.

"The tea party's strength was always a state-driven or congressional district-driven level," he said. It can continue to influence targeted contests that draw comparatively small turnouts, such as the Utah GOP convention that drummed Bennett out of the party.

Moreover, LaCivita said,

the tea party might choke on its own success. If it appears more like the Republican mainstream, he said, it's because tea partyers have shifted that mainstream to the right.

Largely because of their clout in the 2010 elections, LaCivita said, these activists have "changed the conversation, not only among Republicans, but everybody in Washington. Who'd have thought the Democrats would be leading with spending cuts" in deficit-reduction talks?

Those ongoing negotiations, however, could renew tensions between tea party-affiliated House Republicans and the party's more established leaders, including Speaker John Boehner. If presidential candidates are pressed for their views, Romney might find it difficult to keep appealing to independents without antagonizing tea partyers.

The Republican Party "still hasn't resolved all of its ideological internal conflicts," said John Feehery, a top aide to then-Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. "But they have agreed that they don't like Obama," he said.

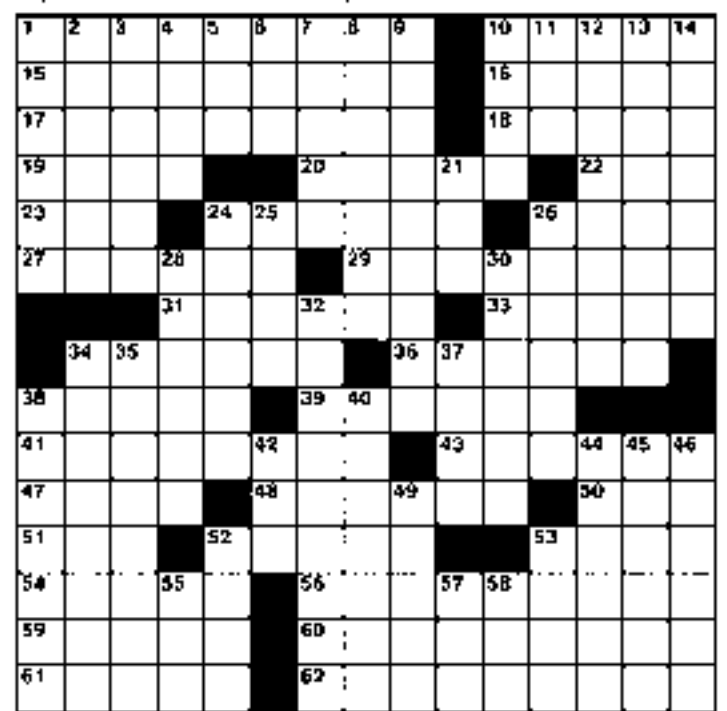
Their level of intensity may determine whether Romney can keep prospering against rivals who boast stronger tea party ties.

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News in brief

Leader of San Angelo drug ring gets prison

LUBBOCK (AP) — A man accused of leading a West Texas drug trafficking ring must serve nearly 21 years in prison.

A federal judge in Lubbock on Friday sentenced 27-year-old Rodney Pena Mendez, in an investigation going back to 2008 drug deals. Prosecutors say Mendez, known as "Pee Wee," was the head of a methamphetamine and marijuana trafficking organization based in San Angelo.

Mendez in July pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Prosecutors say Mendez was among eight people from San Angelo who were indicted in May and eventually pleaded guilty to drug-related counts.

Man's death is homicide after wife claimed suicide

KELLER (AP) — A North Texas man's death has been ruled a homicide, a day after his wife blamed a fictitious intruder but then said he committed suicide.

Forty-year-old Gregory Williams was found dead early Thursday morning in his Keller home near Fort Worth. Police say his wife initially told authorities that an intruder broke into their home, hit her in the head and shot her husband.

But a police dog found no sign of an intruder. Then authorities say she acknowledged that she staged a break-in because she didn't want their child to know Williams had committed suicide.

But the medical examiner ruled Friday that Williams was shot in the head by another person.

Police say his wife Michelle Williams is a person of interest in the case.

Fort Worth mayor reports theft of campaign funds

FORT WORTH (AP) — Just about anyone can be the victim of theft -- even a mayor who used to be the county's tax assessor.

Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price says someone spent more than \$900 from her political campaign's account.

The unauthorized charges were discovered after she received the September bank statement. Price filed a police report this week.

Price says someone stole the ac-

count information -- then made purchases at three stores in Abilene and Oklahoma City last month.

Police are investigating but have not arrested anyone.

Price was elected Fort Worth mayor in June after a run-off election. Before that she was the Tarrant County tax assessor and collector.

Pair sentenced for killing 2 in East Texas

HENDERSON, Texas (AP) — Authorities say two men have pleaded guilty to a double slaying in which the victims were shot and dumped along a road in East Texas last year.

The Rusk County Sheriff's Office on Friday said that 24-year-old Drake Dario Blanton, of Cushing, was sentenced to life in prison for each victim.

Twenty-five-year-old Jason Terrell Hunt, of Jacksonville, received 35 years in prison for his role in the January 2010 murders.

The victims, 29-year-old Rigoberto Tovar Pina and 27-year-old Steve Abran Parra, both of Center, died from gunshot wounds.

Blanton and Hunt were arrested five days after the shooting in a vehicle that belonged to Pina.

Sgt. Viki Penny says Blanton's thumbprint on a spent shell case helped state and local authorities quickly solve the case.

Man arrested in California over 1983 Houston death

HOUSTON (AP) — Police say a man arrested in Orange County, Calif., is being charged with murder for a fatal shooting in Houston 28 years ago.

Police said Friday 53-year-old Ronald Loynes was arrested earlier this week and was awaiting extradition to Texas.

Loynes is accused of the slaying of Michael Moriarity, who was found dead in his southwest Houston office on Aug. 6, 1983.

Homicide Sgt. M.K. Peters says Loynes was living in Florida in 1987 when a witness told authorities she saw the shooting. Police took her statement and filed charges against Loynes, but prosecutors had to drop the charges when they were unable to relocate the witness.

The case was re-examined by cold case detectives this year, and the missing witness was found and interviewed again.

Texas man convicted of trafficking drugs to Conn.

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A Texas man faces up to life in prison after pleading guilty to charges that he trafficked large amounts of cocaine to Connecticut.

Federal authorities say 54-year-old Victor Villanueva of Brownville conspired with others to bring the drugs from Texas to Connecticut between 2006 and 2009.

He was arrested in February and pleaded guilty to a trafficking charge Friday in U.S. District Court in Hartford. He faces a minimum of 10 years and up to life in prison at sentencing.

A coconspirator from Connecticut, Anthony Spence, was sentenced last year to 12 years in prison for his role in the drug ring.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, which seized some of the drugs in a 2009 raid on the Hartford apartment of Spence's girlfriend.

Texas pastor's mistress gets 7 years

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston preacher's mistress has been sentenced to seven years in prison over her role in the slaying of his wife.

Jurors on Thursday found Tyonne Palmer guilty of murder. Palmer also was convicted of evidence tampering and must serve 10 years of probation.

Another jury last month found Pastor Tracy Burleson guilty of capital murder in the 2010 shooting death of Pauletta Burleson at the couple's home.

His 21-year-old son, William Fuller, remains in custody awaiting trial on a murder charge.

Fuller, who originally was charged with capital murder, testified for the prosecution about shooting his stepmother and that his father promised him some of the victim's life insurance benefits.

The sentences for Palmer, who was accused of aiding and abetting Fuller, will run concurrently.

Weekly US oil and gas rig count up by 11

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of

rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. rose 11 this week to 2,023.

Houston-based drilling product provider Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday that 1,080 rigs were exploring for oil and 936 for natural gas. Seven were listed as miscellaneous. A year ago this week the rig count stood at 1,670.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Louisiana gained six rigs and Pennsylvania was up four. New Mexico and Texas each increased by three and Alaska, Arkansas, California and Wyoming were up one apiece.

Oklahoma declined by five, Colorado and North Dakota dropped two and West Virginia one.

The rig count peaked at 4,530 in 1981. A low of 488 was recorded in 1999.

Mexican president: State was left to drug cartel

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican President Felipe Calderon said Friday that the violence-plagued Gulf coast state of Veracruz had been left in the hands of the brutal Zetas drug cartel.

Calderon has complained in the past that previous governments allowed Mexico's cartel problems to grow and didn't do enough to stop them. But he hasn't previously suggested a state was largely turned over to traffickers.

In comments to a meeting of crime victims' groups in Mexico City, Calderon did not say specifically who he thought was responsible.

"I believe Veracruz was left in the hands of the Zetas, I don't know if it was involuntary, probably, I hope so," said Calderon, who added that "if we hadn't taken on organized crime, they would have taken over the country, I assure you."

There have been persistent accusations against former Veracruz Gov. Fidel Herrera Beltran, who left office in December 2010. While his term was relatively calm in terms of violence, adversaries accuse him of allowing the Zetas to operate freely in the state, which is lucrative route for migrant and drug traffickers.

Herrera Beltran has denied those accusations, claiming they are politically motivated.

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News in brief

Supporters rally to Herman Cain's business skill, charisma

JACKSON, Tenn. (AP) — Herman Cain is firing up the crowd at a tea party rally in this West Tennessee town when the generator powering his sound system shudders to a halt.

Cain stands awkwardly for a few moments then suddenly begins to sing. Slowly at first but gaining in speed, he belts out "Impossible Dream" in the rich baritone he's honed in church choir.

"You know, when it's your rally, you can do what you want to do!" Cain says as he finishes with a raucous laugh. The 500 or so supporters who have jammed the strip mall parking lot to hear the Republican Party's newest star speak roar their approval.

Momentum restored, Cain launches into a pitch for his signature 9-9-9 tax plan, and the crowd is right there with him, chanting 9-9-9 along with the Georgia businessman.

The 65-year-old's improbable campaign for the presidency is all about momentum right now. How does he maintain the wave he's riding in recent polls that have catapulted him from an also-ran in the GOP race to the elite top tier?

Protesters energized after park decision to cancel cleanup

NEW YORK (AP) — Anti-Wall Street protesters

went into Saturday campaigns emboldened by a change of plans among park property owners and police to usher them out of their lower Manhattan encampment for cleanup and impose restrictions that would have essentially shut down their Occupy Wall Street headquarters.

"We are going to piggy-back off the success of today, and it's going to be bigger than we ever imagined," said protester Daniel Zetah after Friday's announcement that protesters could remain in the park.

Over the past month, the protest against corporate greed and economic inequality has spread from New York City to cities elsewhere across the United States and around the world. Several demonstrations were planned this weekend in the U.S., Canada and Europe, as well as in Asia and Africa.

Supporters in Sydney, Australia, on Saturday waved signs such as "you can't eat money." About 200 people in Tokyo joined the global protests, and Philippine supporters in Manila marched on the U.S. Embassy to express support for Occupy Wall Street and to denounce "U.S. imperialism" and U.S.-led wars and aggression.

The Friday showdown in New York came as tensions rose, with several arrests in many U.S. cities and scattered clashes between demonstrators and police. Zuccotti Park owners planned to temporarily evict the protesters at 7 a.m. so the grounds could be power-washed.

U.S. advisers to aid fight against infamous Lord's Resistance Army

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is venturing into one of Africa's bloodiest conflicts, sending about 100 U.S. troops to central Africa to support a years-long fight against a guerrilla group accused of horrific atrocities.

The Obama administration said the troops will advise, not engage in combat, unless forced to defend themselves.

In a letter to Congress, President Barack Obama said Friday that the troops will assist local forces in a long-running battle against the Lord's Resistance Army, considered one of Africa's most ruthless rebel groups, and help to hunt down its notorious leader, Joseph Kony.

The first of the troops arrived in Uganda on Wednesday, the White House said, and others will be sent to South Sudan, the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Barriers ringing Bangkok's outskirts will determine Thai capital's fate

RANGSIT, Thailand (AP) — Somjai Tapientong lives on one side of a wall of white sandbags, her apartment perched precariously on the front line of an epic battle to stop the deadliest floods in decades from engulfing Bangkok.

On the other side, a foaming brown river gushes through a canal diverting water around the Thai capital, just to the south. Whether floodwaters breach fortified barriers like these this weekend will determine whether Bangkok will be swamped or spared.

On Saturday, the giant metropolis of glass-walled condominiums and gilded Buddhist temples was anxiously bracing for an answer to that question. Despite the panic that has engulfed the city of 9 million people for days, though, many believe its defenses just might hold.

"I'm not afraid," said Somjai, a 60-year-old hair dresser in Rangsit, whose canal is crucial to protecting the capital. "A lot of people are paranoid, but I don't feel that panic."

Yemeni officials say security forces fire on protesters in capital, killing 8

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Medical officials in Yemen say security forces have fired on protesters in the capital Sanaa, killing eight and wounding at least 38.

The officials said the security forces opened fire with live ammunition on Saturday when tens of thousands of protesters approached an area of central Sanaa under the control of the Republican Guards, an elite force led by the son of embattled President Ali Abdullah Saleh. They also used tear gas and water hoses to disperse the protesters.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Long-term care program dropped from health care package

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration's signature health overhaul law, under relentless assault by Republicans, has suffered its first major casualty — a long-term care insurance plan.

The program, expected to launch in 2012, had been dogged from the beginning by doubts over its financial solvency.

Proponents, including many groups that fought to pass the health care law, have vowed a vigorous effort to rescue the program, insisting that Congress gave the administration broad authority to make changes. Long-term care includes not only nursing homes, but such services as home health aides for disabled people.

"This is a victory for the American taxpayer and future generations," said Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., spearheading opposition in the Senate.

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Steer Stampede: News from Big Spring High School

By RICKY SHUBERT

Big Spring High School has a lot to be proud of, including the BSHS All-Region Choir members.

Saturday, Oct. 1, 10 choir members competed at the Region 6 All-Region Choir Contest at Permian High School.

Big Spring had the third-most number of students make the all region choir.

The following students made the 2011 All-Region Choir:

- Alyssia Douglas: 18th chair.
- David Juarez: 14th chair.
- Eric Fierro: 14th chair.

• Diamond Mayes: 13th chair.

- Toby Shubert: 12th Chair
- Johnathon Martinez: 11th chair.
- Alexis Armstrong: eighth chair.
- Jason Golleher: fifth Chair
- Andrea Cervantez: third

chair.

• M'Kaylee Morgan: first chair.

Also this week, BSHS seniors had the opportunity to attend College Day at Howard College. During College Day, seniors were able to visit different departments.

Senior Monica Garcia said

it was fun to explore the college and see what it had to offer. Garcia finished by saying that College Day "motivated me."

Ricky Shubert is co-editor in chief of the BSHS newspaper. For more BSHS news, check out the online newspaper at

Buffalo Beat: News from Forsan ISD

By ERIN STONE

Football

Our football teams have had strong starts to the season. The varsity team is currently 5-2 overall, with a 2-1 start in district play.

With a record of 6-1, the Forsan junior varsity squad has had an impressive two shut-outs.

The eighth-grade team battled Coahoma to a 6-6 tie this week. It was a great game in which both teams battled extremely hard. These young men have had an excellent start to the season and are currently 2-1-1.

The seventh-grade Buffs picked up their first win of the season over Coahoma this week, 20-0.

Cross Country

The boys' team of Kyle Stevenson, PJ Horton, Tyler Evans, Matthew Mims, Elgen Suazo, Dillon Bagnall, Taybor Flores and Justin Goff brought home another meet championship this past Saturday when they won the Romp Through the Park in Lamesa in almost perfect fashion. Stevenson was first, Horton was second, Evans was fourth, Mims was fifth, Suazo was sixth, Bagnall was 12th, Flores was 27th and Goff brought home the gold in the JV boys division. Great job, guys.

Forsan Junior High Cross Country is also off to a great start this year. At the Romp Through the Park, eighth-

grader Jeremy Cervantes placed 1st in the junior high boys division with a school record of 11 minutes, 16 seconds.

Marching Band

The Forsan Band is 121 members strong this year under the direction of Jim Rhodes and Misty Hoelscher. Their marching show is titled "Selections from Scheherazade" by Rimsky Korsakov. The band marched in the Tall City Marching Festival in Midland on Oct. 8 and received the following awards:

- Outstanding Brass Section A-AA
- Outstanding Woodwinds Section A-AA
- Outstanding Drum Majors A-AA
- Outstanding Band in Class A-AA

Other competition dates include the regional marching contest Oct. 22 in Odessa, area marching contest Oct. 29 in Lubbock and state marching contest Nov. 7 in San Antonio.

UIL Academic Competition

Junior High One-Act Play is off to a great start. The group will perform "The Small World of Millie McIvor" for this year's competition. Contest date is Nov. 15 at the Forsan High School Auditorium.

Erin Stone is the student council sponsor at Forsan High School. She can be contacted at estone@forsan.esc18.net.

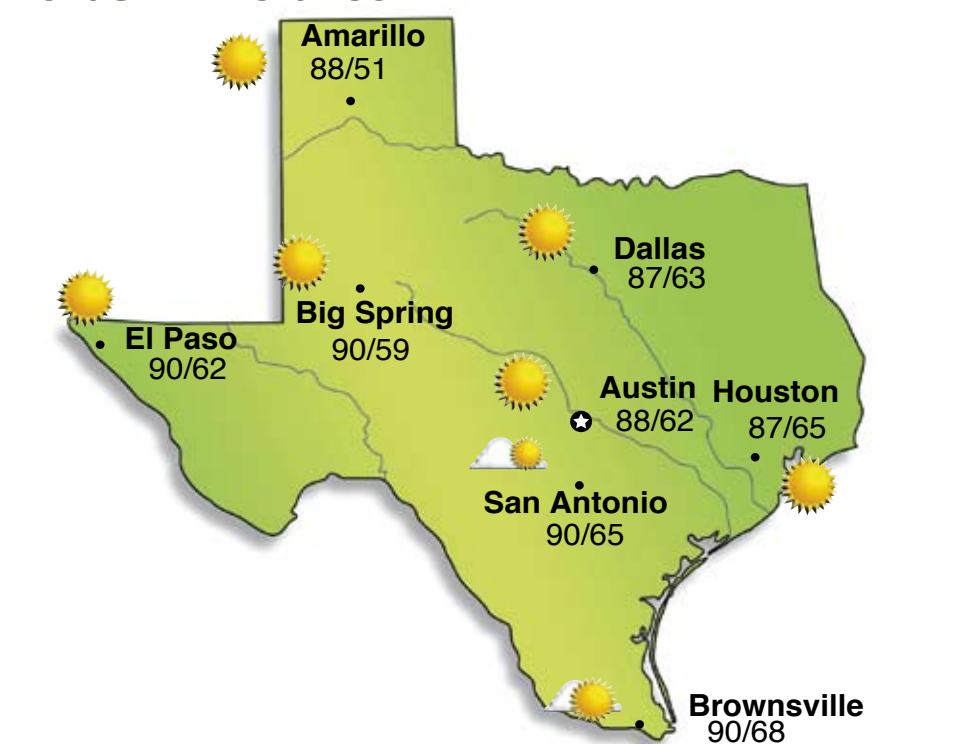
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Cole Sneed, Coahoma High School senior, was recently named to the Region 6 All-Region Choir at an audition in Odessa. He placed sixth chair in the Bass I section and will sing on the Region Choir concert on Saturday, Nov. 5, at Lee High School in Midland. Cole is the son of Karen and Dale Sneed of Big Spring.



Take note

- Singing Women of Texas Permian Basin Chapter is coming to First Baptist Church. The group will be performing at 6 p.m. Oct. 22. Admission is free.
- American Legion Post 506 is selling barbecue plates for \$10 Saturday. Delivery orders will be taken from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and serving will last from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Carry out is also available. American Legion is located at 3202 W. Hwy 80. For more information, call 263-2084.
- First Baptist Church Big Spring will celebrate its 125th anniversary Sunday, Nov. 13. In recognition of this occasion, a special worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the main sanctuary followed by a luncheon in the Family Life Center. For more information, call the church office at 432-267-8223, or go to: <http://www.fbcbigspring.org/>

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• Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union is raising money to benefit Maurine Pittman, who is undergoing cancer treatment in a Dallas-area hospital. For more information, call the credit union at 263-8393.

• A benefit fund has been established at Western Bank for Eric Kelly, a 24-year-old Big Spring resident with cystic fibrosis who is recovering from a double lung transplant in Dallas. All donations are appreciated. For more information, call 432-213-0795.

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• A benefit fund for Chris Johnson (account 5945033396) has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray expenses from a house fire. All donations are appreciated.

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

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By Steve Becker

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Mustangs halt Steers' stampede

Big Spring drops to 0-8

By Robert Griffin

Sports Editor

SWEETWATER — The Big Spring Steers changed their offensive attack early in Friday night's district game in Sweetwater, but were unable to come up with a different result, as they fall to the Mustangs 28-6.

Garrett Stuteville hit Toby Rodgers on a 23-yard touchdown pass at the quarter point of the fourth quarter for Big Spring's only points, as the Black and Gold fall to 0-8 on the season.

Sweetwater was treated to a different looking offense than they might have expected early in the game, as Steers' sophomore Devin Roberson started at the quarterback position for Big Spring.

Effective drives seemed to be the story line in the first half for both teams, but the penalties and miscues turned out to be the underlying plot, as the only points scored in the half was a 63-yard interception return by Sweetwater's Nick Nemir.

Knowing they would get the ball back to start the second half, Head Coach Phillip Ritchey sent Stuteville into the game at the quarterback position, in an attempt to get some momentum going into the locker rooms. Stuteville came out throwing and moved the Steers quickly, going over 60 yards in four plays, but the drive ran out of steam inside the red zone. Coach Ritchey sent the kicking team out, intending to settle for three points, but the kick was blocked and the half ended with a 7-0 Sweetwater lead.

Sweetwater would score twice in the third quarter, both on running plays, sending the Steers into the final frame down 21-0.

After the Rodgers touchdown in the fourth quarter, Sweetwater answered with six points of their own, taking any hopes of a comeback out of play.

Big Spring ended the game with 222 total yards on offense, with Max Pappajohn and Michael Vanderbilt each accumulating over 30 yards of rushing. After coming in just before the half ended, Stuteville would go on to lead the Steers with 123 passing yards — 112 of which going to Rodgers — and one the touchdown.

Big Spring will host Abilene Wylie Friday night in their home finale. The game will start at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Stadium.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

I'LL TAKE THAT — Toby Rodgers hauls in a Garrett Stuteville pass for Big Spring's lone score Friday night in Sweetwater.

Coahoma, Forsan play game to final seconds

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

FORSAN — Area 2A football fans could not have asked for a better game than the one played in Forsan Friday night. Both teams were undefeated in district play, setting the stage for a battle for all the marbles. When it was over, the Coahoma Bulldogs took a 23-22 victory home, advancing to a 4-0 district record, while the Buffaloes fall to 2-1.

After Justin Coker scored for the Bulldogs and then caught a pass from Tanner Ruiz for the two-point conversion, Forsan responded with 13 first quarter points of their own.

Quarterback Foster Burchett scored 39 yards out. Then, with 20 seconds left in the quarter, Burchett hit Ty Johnson on a 27-yard pass to take the lead. The lead would hold until halftime, as the two teams traded defensive stands in the second quarter.

Just three minutes into the third quarter, the Bulldogs struck again and regained the lead on a 22-yard Ruiz pass to Aaron Acevedo. Ruiz added the two extra points on the ground to make it a 16-13 game.

The lead would change hands again on the first play of the fourth quarter when Johnson broke free for a 76-yard run for Forsan. The extra point would put the Buffaloes back on top 20-16,

with almost 12 minutes left on the clock.

Coahoma would only need four minutes — as it turned out.

Ruiz connected with Acevedo again, this time from 20 yards out and the Bulldogs climbed back on top to stay at 23-20.

But the excitement was far from over as the game turned into a chess match.

After driving the field again late in the fourth, Forsan made a decision to go for it on fourth and goal, hoping for the win, but were stopped when the Bulldogs bit down and got tough.

However, after Coahoma took over inside their own 10, Forsan's defense returned the favor and allowed no offensive yards.

The Buffaloes used their timeouts strategically and looked to get the ball back in great field position with Coahoma punting against the wind from their own goal line.

But fate would not allow it as the snap sailed out of the back of the end zone for a safety. This brought the Buffaloes within one point, but it allowed the Bulldogs a free kick from their 20 yard line instead of the goal line.

With the wind in their face, Coahoma opted to use a tee and keep the ball low. It worked out perfectly as Forsan would take over at the 50 yard line, with just under a minute to play. They would run out of time and downs before they could score again.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Forsan quarterback Foster Burchett is tackled by Coahoma's Peyton Rodriguez in Friday night's district game.

Coahoma Bulldogs - 23 Forsan Buffaloes - 22

Coahoma — Forsan

First downs 10 — 21

Rushes-yards 33-107 — 49-314

Passing yards 136 — 81

Passes (C-A-I) 4-7-0 — 7-17-0

Punts 3-42.3 — 3-21.0

Fumbles-Lost 3-1 — 2-2

Penalties-Yards 1-5 — 5-46

RUSHING — Coahoma, Justin Coker 17-78; Aaron Acevedo 5-15; Tanner Ruiz 10-15; Cage Miller 1-(-1). Forsan, Brendan Roman 14-78; Trevor Burchett 2-17;

Ty Johnson 14-110; Foster Burchett 19-110.

PASSING — Coahoma, Ruiz 4-7-0-136; Forsan, F. Burchett 7-17-0-81

RECEIVING — Coahoma, Acevedo 3-116; Miller 1-22; Forsan, Dalton Doss 3-24, Johnson 2-36, Roman 1-11, Marcus Cervantes 1-10.

Sands wins seventh of the season

Stanton falls to Hawley, slips to 0-3 in district

Stanton - 14
Hawley - 33
HAWLEY — The first half would be all Hawley as they scored four times in the second quarter alone and took a 33 point lead into the half.

Stanton would score the only points in the second half as Andres Chavez and Tim Anderson each scored on 30-yard runs, but they were not able to get anything else on the board and fall to Hawley 33-14. Stanton is now 0-3 in district play.

Sands - 82
O'Donnell - 46
O'DONNELL — Hayden Ware put on a rushing clinic Friday night, scoring six touchdowns on 285 yards of rushing for the Sands Mustangs. Junior Rogers would add another 131 yards on the ground, as the Mustangs handled O'Donnell easily 82-46.

Rogers opened the scoring on a 25-yard run with game just two minutes old and Ware would reach the end zone on runs of four, one and 36 yards. The first quarter ended with a relatively close 32-20 Sands lead, but Ybarra hit Hernandez and Staggs in the second quarter for 12 unanswered points and Ware took off again in the third quarter for touchdown runs of 46 and 36 yards.

The game's final frame started with the Mustangs up 58-26, but Sands was not finished just yet. Preston Zant scored from two yards out and then hit Thomason on a four yard pass. Ware found pay dirt once again in the fourth quarter, scoring on a 34 yard run.

The Mustangs are now 7-1 on the season and undefeated in district play.

Briefs

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

Big Spring Quarterback Club meetings to be held Mondays at the ATC. The meetings will start at 6 p.m. All parents of football players in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

Lady Steers Booster Club monthly meeting

The Lady Steers' Booster Club will be holding a monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. in the high school library. Parents of girls in volleyball, basketball, cross country, cheerleading, or track and also coaches of those sports are invited and encouraged to attend. Junior high parents are also welcome.

Forsan Booster Spook-tacular 4-man scramble

The Forsan Buffaloes Booster Club presents a Spook-tacular buffs and goblins 4-man scramble golf tournament at Big Spring Country Club Oct. 15.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. and will feature prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, the winning team and the best costume.

To reserve your spot in the tournament, call the country club at 267-5354.

For further information, call Wendy Roman at 213-1071 or Angie Williams at 270-0606.

6-6-6 tournament Oct. 22-23

Big Spring Country Club is hosting a six-hole scramble golf tournament, featuring six low ball holes and six modified, alternate shot holes Oct. 22-23.

Entry fee is \$60, plus cart fee, with private carts being allowed.

The tournament will kick off to a 1 p.m. shotgun start on both days, with barbecue being served on the course Saturday. The field will be flighted according to first round scores, with the number of flights being determined by the number of entrants.

For more information, call the pro shop at 432-267-5354.

Sportsman Club free site-in day

Western Sportsman Club will be hosting their free site-in day this Saturday, Oct. 15. Call Elaine Dehlinger at 267-1816 for more information.

CGA Meeting Oct. 17

Chicano Golf Association will be meeting Monday, Oct. 17 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Comanche Trail Club House.

Courtesy photo/Kim Ware
Preston Zant scores atouchdown for the Sands Mustangs in Friday night's 82-46 blowout at O'Donnell. The Sands Mustangs are now 7-1 on the season and undefeated in district play.



2011 Boy Scouts of America Fall Sign Up Night



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Aggies begin b-ball practice without coach

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — In what has become an annual event at Texas A&M, Maroon Madness signaled the start of practice in conjunction with Midnight Yell Practice at football's Kyle Field.

Both the men's and women's programs ran through drills on a temporary court Friday night, following the yell

practice to roars from the crowd.

The only damper on the crystal clear night was the absence of first-year men's coach Billy Kennedy.

He has taken leave from the program while dealing with an undisclosed medical condition, the school announced Friday.

Top assistant Glynn Cyprien conducted A&M's first practice earlier Friday in Reed Arena.

"Don't worry, I'll be back soon," Kennedy said in a release from A&M.

The release said Kennedy "will have a series of tests run and be evaluated by his physician before returning to lead the Aggie basketball program."

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ANSWERS

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

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Statewide high school football scores

Class 5A
A&M Consolidated 37, Killeen Shoemaker 0
Abilene 49, Midland Lee 34
Abilene Cooper 55, Odessa Permian 35
Aldine Eisenhower 13, Aldine 10
Aldine MacArthur 48, Alief Hastings 13
Allen 40, Plano West 28
Amarillo Tascosa 40, Lubbock 7
Arlington Lamar 21, Arlington Bowie 20
Arlington Martin 36, North Crowley 19
Austin Anderson 26, Del Valle 20, 2OT
Austin Bowie 53, Austin Akins 0
Austin Westlake 52, Austin High 0
Brownsville Porter 45, Brownsville Lopez 34
CC King 58, SA South San Antonio 7
Fort Bend Austin 3, Fort Bend Bush 0
Fort Bend Hightower 35, Fort Bend Marshall 13
Galena Park North Shore 17, Beaumont West Brook 3
Garland 31, Garland Rowlett 21
Haltom City 40, Irving MacArthur 28
Harlingen 35, Edinburg North 14
Houston Lamar 30, Houston Westbury 21
Houston Madison 55, Houston Milby 7
Houston Memorial 34, Katy Taylor 13
Hurst Bell 25, N. Richland Hills 17
Justin Northwest 28, Keller 23
Katy Cinco Ranch 42, Houston Strake Jesuit 24
Keller Fossil Ridge 24, Keller Central 16
Killeen Harker Heights 37, Killeen Ellison 7
Klein Collins 29, Klein 19
La Joya 29, Mission 21
La Marque 47, Texas City 22
La Porte 14, Baytown Sterling 13
Laredo Alexander 49, Eagle Pass Winn 7
Laredo Johnson 28, Laredo Martin 14
Laredo United 49, Laredo Cigarroa 7
League City Clear Springs 41, Houston Clear Lake 7
Leander 35, Round Rock Stony Point 10
Lewisville Flower Mound 59, Lewisville 36
Lewisville Marcus 28, Plano 24
Longview 38, Mesquite Horn 30
Los Fresnos 42, Brownsville Hanna 26
Mansfield 45, Mansfield Legacy 14
Mansfield Timberview 45, Grand Prairie 13
McAllen 38, Donna 10
McAllen Memorial 28, Mission Sharyland 14
McAllen Rowe 24, La Joya Palmview 0
Mesquite 34, North Mesquite 7
Northside Clark 31, Northside Stevens 21
Northside Warren 32, Northside Holmes 27
Odessa 31, Midland 24
Pasadena South Houston 38, Pasadena Rayburn 3
Pflugerville 20, Georgetown 14
Plano East 20, Lewisville Hebron 17
PSJA 16, PSJA Memorial 14
Richardson Berkner 16, Richardson Lake Highlands 13
Round Rock Westwood 38,

Round Rock McNeil 7
SA East Central 26, SA South-west 15
SA Johnson 28, SA Roosevelt 0
SA Madison 30, SA Churchill 20
San Angelo Central 28, Amarillo 27
South Garland 35, Garland Lakeview Centennial 7
Southlake Carroll 27, Coppell 10
Spring Westfield 45, Klein Oak 42
Class 4A
Aledo 73, FW Boswell 30
Angleton 28, Bay City 7
Austin Travis 20, Austin Lanier 14
Barbers Hill 38, Houston King 10
Baytown Goose Creek 34, Dayton 14
Boerne Champion 57, SA Harlandale 22
Brenham 14, Montgomery 7
Brownsville Memorial 30, Harlingen Marine Military 0
Buda Hays 41, Lockhart 7
Burlison 29, Everman 23
Canyon 36, Hereford 7
Canyon Randall 45, Amarillo Palo Duro 20
Carrollton Creekview 16, Frisco Liberty 13
CC Calallen 47, CC Flour Bluff 12
CC Ray 42, CC Moody 14
Cedar Park 52, Marble Falls 0
Cleburne 48, Crowley 34
Clint Horizon 50, San Elizario 7
Corsicana 42, Terrell 7
Crosby 42, Galena Park 14
Dallas Highland Park 41, Richardson Pearce 27
Dallas Lincoln 34, Dallas Conrad 28, OT
Dallas Molina 29, North Dallas 2
Dallas Spruce 48, Dallas Adams 6
Denton Ryan 48, Lewisville The Colony 20
Dripping Springs 31, Leander Rouse 10
EP Andress 54, EP Bowie 6
EP Chapin 41, EP Burges 14
EP Del Valle 10, Canutillo 9
EP Riverside 36, EP Ysleta 7
Floresville 22, Victoria West 21
Frisco 17, Frisco Heritage 16
FW Southwest 66, FW Arlington Heights 21
Granbury 34, Arlington Seguin 27
Hewitt Midway 49, San Angelo Lake View 16
Houston Stratford 54, Houston Spring Woods 13
Houston Washington 31, Houston Jones 14
Houston Yates 26, Houston Waltrip 6
Humble Summer Creek 35, New Caney 3
Huntsville 13, Humble 7
Hutto 35, Pflugerville Connally 29
Jacksonville 28, Longview Pine Tree 21
Kerrville Tivy 53, Castroville Medina Valley 13
Kilgore 31, Hallsville 21
Kingsville King 19, CC Tuloso-Midway 14
Lake Dallas 28, Denton 17
Lake Travis 51, Cedar Park Vista Ridge 20
Lancaster 20, Mesquite Poteet 19
Livingston 49, Lumberton 7
Magnolia West 45, Magnolia 7
Manor 61, Bryan Rudder 31
Mansfield Summit 60, Joshua 7
Marshall 39, Nacogdoches 21
McKinney North 34, McKinney 24
Mercedes 17, La Joya Juarez-Lincoln 8
Mount Pleasant 37, Sulphur

Springs 20
N. Richland Hills Birdville 56, Springtown 17
Nederland 42, Beaumont Central 0
New Braunfels Canyon 24, Clemons 14
Northside Brennan 62, Uvalde 21
SA Kennedy 20, SA Edison 12
SA Southside 56, SA Memorial 12
Seagoville 36, Dallas Pinkston 14, OT
Sherman 58, Royse City 36
Smithson Valley 41, SA Alamo Heights 15
Stephenville 38, Waco University 36
Texarkana Texas 52, Greenville 14
Tyler 42, Whitehouse 14
Victoria East 35, Beeville Jones 28
Vidor 36, Little Cypress-Mauriceville 14
Wichita Falls 49, Little Elm 21
Willis 49, Conroe Caney Creek 6
Wolfforth Frenship 44, Plainview 0
Wylie East 63, Wylie 7
Class 3A
Alvarado 50, Hillsboro 0
Andrews 23, Fort Stockton 16
Argyle 59, Whitesboro 14
Athens 42, Bullard 21
Borger 32, Vista Ridge High School, Colo. 20
Bowie 21, Vernon 0
Bridge City 6, Silsbee 0
Bridgeport 52, Mineral Wells 49
Brookshire Royal 13, Stafford 7
Burkburnett 54, WF Hirschi 32
Carrollton Ranchview 27, FW Polytechnic 20
Celina 35, Anna 0
Clint 48, Anthony 0
Coldspring-Oakhurst 61, Cleveland 0
Crandall 55, Kemp 7
Dallas Roosevelt 27, Wilmer-Hutchins 20
Decatur 45, Lake Worth 21
Diboll 28, Center 27, OT
Fairfield 39, Palestine Westwood 14
Ferris 41, Mabank 34
Fredericksburg 35, Bandera 20
Geronimo Navarro 40, Boerne 22
Giddings 42, Caldwell 6
Gilmer 39, Carthage 36
Gladewater 26, Longview Spring Hill 7
Glen Rose 28, Kennedale 13
Hamshire-Fannett 60, Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson 6
Henderson 38, Pittsburg 13
Hondo 55, Carrizo Springs 20
Huffman Hargrave 41, Splendora 7
Jasper 63, Huntington 6
La Vernia 36, Poteet 7
Lampasas 41, Llano 14
Liberty 42, Shepherd 15
Liberty Hill 41, Taylor 14
Lindale 54, Emory Rains 0
Lorena 24, Gatesville 14
Lubbock Cooper 21, Levelland 0
Lubbock Estacado 77, Brownfield 0
Lucas Lovejoy 21, Farmersville 14
Lyford 47, Raymondville 17
Lytle 21, Crystal City 14
Madisonville 34, Groesbeck 21
Mathis 54, Goliad 32
Navasota 27, La Grange 26, OT
North Forney 16, Kaufman 0
Orange Grove 19, CC West Oso 16
Palestine 41, Mexia 21
Pecos 42, Fabens 12
Pilot Point 24, Gainesville 21, OT
Princeton 70, Nevada Community 6

Prosper 56, Frisco Lone Star 0
Rio Hondo 22, La Feria 17
Robinson 26, China Spring 19
Rockport-Fulton 41, Aransas Pass 0
Salado 20, Burnet 10
Sanger 24, Aubrey 21
Sealy 52, Columbus 27
Seminole 41, Monahans 7
Shallowater 48, Lamesa 14
Sinton 22, Ingleside 21
Smithville 21, Rockdale 14
Snyder 28, Brownwood 14
Somerset 42, Pearsall 8
Sweeny 28, Palacios 7
Sweetwater 28, Big Spring 6
Tyler Chapel Hill 49, Brownsboro 21
Van 69, Canton 28
Van Alstyne 28, Bonham 14
Venus 33, West 28
Waco La Vega 40, Waco Conally 0
West Columbia 36, Wharton 13
West Orange-Stark 17, Orangefield 14
Wills Point 35, Quinlan Ford 14
Wimberley 49, Fischer Canyon Lake 14
Yoakum 25, Cuero 21
Zapata 77, Progreso 0
Class 2A
Abernathy 21, Spearman 14
Altair Rice 23, Hitchcock 22
Amarillo Highland Park 14, Tullia 12
Arp 43, Joaquin 12
Bangs 34, Early 13
Banquete 47, Skidmore-Tynan 7
Big Sandy Harmony 41, New Diana 24
Blooming Grove 21, Axtell 17
Boling 35, Wallis Brazos 23
Boyd 55, Howe 6
Breckenridge 43, Comanche 0
Bruceville-Eddy 31, Jarrell 28
Buna 40, Kountze 6
Callisburg 24, Paradise 0
Cameron Yoe 34, Little River Academy 17
Cisco 46, Rio Vista 0
Clyde 13, Tuscola Jim Ned 9
Coahoma 23, Forsan 22
Coleman 26, Harper 24
Colorado City 31, Crane 21
Comfort 49, Luling 32
Como-Pickton 28, Bogata Rivercrest 25
Corsicana Mildred 70, Scurry-Rosser 0
Crawford 34, Hico 14
Crockett 48, Troup 13
Daingerfield 63, Queen City 0
Dallas Life Oak Cliff 41, Maypearl 21
De Kalb 54, Paris Chisum 0
Denver City 45, San Angelo Grape Creek 7
Deweyville 34, Groveton 20
Dilley 27, Three Rivers 26

East Bernard 35, Weimar 22
East Chambers 38, Anahuac 0
Eastland 55, Clifton 7
Edna 48, Vanderbilt Industrial 35
El Maton Tidehaven 20, Bloomington 7
Elysian Fields 24, Harleton 13
Eustace 26, Palmer 7
Frankston 56, New London West Rusk 14
Freer 48, Premont 0
Gladewater Union Grove 15, Winona 12
Grandview 61, Sunnyvale 29
Gunter 54, Sadler S&S Consolidated 7
Hawley 33, Stanton 14
Hempstead 38, Van Vleck 7
Holliday 29, Henrietta 0
Hughes Springs 49, Ore City 12
Idalou 46, Post 0
Merkel 59, Brady 21
Mineola 52, Grand Saline 6
Muleshoe 62, Friona 21
New Boston 49, Pattonville Prairiland 7
New Waverly 56, Hemphill 54
Newton 61, Warren 0
Nixon-Smilely 40, Karnes City 22
Odem 34, Santa Rosa 10
Omaha Peewitt 42, Cooper 20
Pottsboro 36, Ponder 6
Red Oak Life 41, Alba-Golden 21
Refugio 69, Hebronville 13
Riviera Kaufer 65, Santa Gertrudis Academy 6
SA Cole 62, Natalia 28
San Augustine 30, Corrigan-Camden 22
San Diego 41, Bishop 12
Sanford-Fritch 49, Dimmitt 0
Schulenburg 48, Danbury 0
Slaton 27, Childress 14
Sonora 51, San Saba 23
Stockdale 59, SA Brooks 0
Taft 22, Falfurrias 21
Tatum 42, Gladewater Sabine 7
Teague 54, Elkhart 14
Thorndale 49, Rosebud-Lott 26
Universal City Randolph 41, Cotulla 0
Wall 27, Kermit 7
Whitewright 47, Tom Bean 27
Winnboro 21, Caddo Mills 14
Woodville 41, Hardin 14
Class 1A
Albany 62, Olney 7
Baird 26, Ranger 24
Barksdale Nueces Canyon 64, Leakey 14
Beckville 48, Gilmer Union Hill 16
Ben Bolt 30, La Villa 13
Big Sandy 58, Overton 16
Blum 59, Round Rock Christian 29
Bosqueville 37, Itasca 9
Bronte 49, San Angelo Texas Leadership 13

Bruni 36, Agua Dulce 6
Burkeville 26, High Island 16
Burton 22, Bartlett 0
Canadian 48, Stinnett West Texas 14
Chilton 63, Wortham 0
Christoval 18, Mertzon Irion County 8
Clarksville 60, Blue Ridge 12
Collinsville 20, Lindsay 7
Crosbyton 60, Rotan 15
D'Hanis 47, Sabinal 34
Detroit 36, Savoy 6
Evadale 33, Galveston O'Connell 6
Falls City 54, Benavides 6
Farwell 18, Sudan 0
Frost 42, Dawson 14
Ganado 56, Louise 14
Garrison 34, Alto 14
Gorman 28, Cross Plains 20
Grand Prairie Advantage 62, Faustina Academy 56
Granger 36, Snook 15
Grapeland 39, Timpson 38
Medina 27, Rocksprings 19
Menard 27, Miles 20
Milano 20, Holland 7
Morton 48, Seagraves 21
Muenster 41, Chico 6
Normangee 32, Moody 9
Olton 47, Hale Center 6
Pineland West Sabine 27, Saratoga West Hardin 14
Price Carlisle 42, Simms Bowie 13
Quinlan Boles 15, Celeste 12
Rice 21, Cayuga 14
Riesel 49, Malakoff Cross Roads 34
Roby 14, Roscoe 0
Sundown 28, Tahoka 27
6-man
Ackery Sands 82, O'Donnell 46
Borden County 52, Lamesa Klondike 6
Covington 47, Waxahachie Advantage 46
Grandfalls-Royalty 84, Sanderson 58
Guthrie 56, Rule 6
Hart 58, Hedley 8
Hermleigh 81, Blackwell 60
Imperial Buena Vista 2, Dell City 0
Ira 54, Abilene Christian 46
Kress 60, McLean 14
Ladonia Fannindel 52, Saint Jo 24
Laird Hill Leverett's Chapel 84, Apple Springs 38
Lometa 49, Blanket 46
Meadow 74, Wellman-Union 27
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Cardinals one game away from pennant

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Tony La Russa called up some more bullpen magic for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Yet another round of spotless relief has a team that squeaked into the postseason on the final day one victory away from the World Series. Not bad for a team that's on its fifth closer, and Jason Motte remains unofficial in that capacity.

"We're just trying to win," Matt Holliday said after the Cardinals beat Milwaukee 7-1 on Friday night to take a 3-2 lead in the NL championship series. "He's (La Russa's) just trying to do whatever he can to win. If the spot calls for it, our bullpen's been incredible. They're really fit into roles and it's been fun to watch."

The Brewers helped out with four errors, one more than their high in the regular season, leading to three unearned runs against Zack Greinke (1-1).

"Obviously, we didn't make the plays behind him," said third baseman Jerry Hairston Jr., whose fielding error permitted two runs to score in the second. "We're going back home and hopefully we play great at home like we have the whole year."

The Cardinals survived another short start by Jaime Garcia, who worked four scoreless innings but then got only two more outs. Garcia gave up two homers in the Brewers' six-run fifth in Game 1, and that was on the manager's mind.

"Well, there's a lot of conversation about Game 1 and how quickly they put some runs on the board," La Russa said. "We just notice. I'm not sure exactly what it is, maybe it's just a long season for a young guy."

Yadier Molina and Matt Holliday had three hits each for St. Louis, which ended an 0-for-15 slump with runners

in scoring position on Molina's RBI double in the second and added two more when Garcia's grounder scooted through Hairston's legs.

Milwaukee's infield nearly had a cycle of errors, with second baseman Rickie Weeks and shortstop Yuniesky Betancourt also committing miscues along with reliever Marco Estrada. Weeks has four errors in the postseason.

"It's definitely not focus," manager Ron Roenicke said. "These games, we do have them once in a while. We had one a couple days ago. I'm confident we'll play a good game on Sunday."

The Cardinals won for the 14th straight time on getaway day, a run that began Aug. 7 in Florida. Players got another chance to chant "Happy Flight! Happy Flight!"

St. Louis can wrap up the series and its 18th NL pennant Sunday in Milwaukee. Edwin Jackson will start for the Car-

dinals against Shaun Marcum in a rematch of Game 2, won by St. Louis 12-3.

"I haven't really analyzed it, I try and stay in the moment, bro," Brewers slugger Prince Fielder said. "I'm not really looking back or forward, just trying to stay game to game. We have to win both of them but we've got to win first."

The NL winner hosts the World Series opener against Detroit or Texas on Wednesday night.

"We're having a good series right now and, hopefully, we can do it for one more game," Molina said.

Milwaukee had not made more than three errors in a game during the regular season, but the Brewers' sloppiness reached a near-record level. Milwaukee was one shy of the LCS record for errors in a game, shared by the 1974 Los Angeles Dodgers and 1976 New York Yankees, according to STATS LLC.

La Russa had a quick hook once again. Garcia opened with four scoreless innings, then allowed three hits and a sacrifice in a span of four at-bats in the fifth, with Corey Hart singling in a run. With two and on and two outs, Octavio Dotel struck out Ryan Braun.

Garcia said he hadn't been worried about facing Braun.

"I'm not afraid of anybody in the game," Garcia said. "If I think like that I wouldn't be pitching here."

But he couldn't argue with La Russa's results.

"He's been doing this for so long and he's been so successful and he's got his reasons," Garcia said. "Today, it worked out really good for us."

Dotel (1-0) struck out two in 1 1-3 hitless innings and four relievers allowed only two hits over 4 1-3 innings. Motte got four outs for his second save of the series.

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Midnight Madness begins season

LOUISVILLE (AP) — Things were pretty normal for the opening night of practice for Division I men's basketball.

Most of Friday night's events were called some form of madness, from Big Blue to Mountaineer to First Night. Most of them ended well before the midnight part of many of their names.

There were also some coaches who let the fans know things were going to be serious this season.

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun didn't promise a repeat of last season's national championship — the Huskies' third in a span of 13 years — but he didn't discourage any thoughts of it.

Calhoun said he believes his team may be more talented than the one that beat Butler in April.

Kentucky made it to the Final Four as well last season, but the Wildcats lost to Connecticut in the semifinals.

Coach John Calipari made it clear what this season's goal is by saying it's time to turn the page from anticipation to preparation.

"Tonight we begin to write the next chapter," Calipari said. "Tonight we feel the Kentucky effect in full force as we once again redefine college basketball. ... We

see no plateaus. We see no stopping points. Let's persist beyond what it is, and let's try to create what was never before imagined. We do more than move the needle. We are the needle. We are UK."

Vanderbilt isn't usually mentioned as a national contender. But the Commodores have all five starters back this year.

"More than ever before we are going to be the hunted rather than the hunter," coach Kevin Stallings said. "We expect to get everyone's best shot. We look forward to getting everyone's best shot. We are excited about perhaps being a program that can have that said about them. Quite honestly, we have never been that program before. That has always been Kentucky or Florida or somebody else in the (Southeastern Conference). Maybe, we have a chance to be that program now."

Stallings sent the crowd of 3,500 at Memorial Gymnasium into pandemonium when he made a half-court shot from behind his back — on the first try.

Some of the highlights of the start of practice:

—This was the seventh time Big Blue Madness was held at Rupp Arena, and Kentucky opened the doors at 6 p.m. with fans filling 20,000-plus seats quickly.

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State of Community series continues

By **AMANDA MORENO**,
Staff Writer

One thing is certain, Big Spring has a rich history and the final installment of the State of the Community series is focusing on the historical preservation for our county.

Part 4 is scheduled to take place at Dora Roberts Community Center on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at noon. Presentations will be conducted by Genevieve Stockburger, new Hangar 25 Air Museum administrator, and Tammy Schrecengost, Heritage Museum curator and Nancy Raney, museum director.

"Genevieve and Tammy will be speaking on their part in preserving our history and the lo-

cal museums," Debbye ValVerde, executive director of Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, said.

Dr. Holle Humphries —scholar and researcher in the arts — will also be making a presentation during the luncheon.

"She had spoken at the Hangar 25 membership meeting in January and Gloria McDonald presented the idea of bringing Humphries back for part four of the series," ValVerde said.

McDonald said, "Her speech was extremely positive and should be inspiring for the citizens of Big Spring."

Humphries speech was described by McDonald as positive.

Humphries is a member of the Quannah Parker Steering Committee and board member of the Texas Plains Trail Region which is a part of the Texas Historical Commissions Heritage Trail Program. She attended Carnegie Mellon University earning a bachelors of fine arts in art and a masters in art education from Texas Tech University and a doctorate in fine arts.

Tickets for the luncheon, which will be catered by Papa Chon's, can be purchased at the Chamber office for \$12 a ticket. The serving line will open at 11:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 11:50 a.m. Deadline to purchase tickets is Oct. 28.

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Webb Reunion gives memories flight

Last weekend former Webb AFB members gathered together for the 2011 Webb AFB Reunion

By Amanda Moreno
Staff Writer

Webb Air Force Base and the bombardier school may have closed down more than 30 years ago, but for those who once served there, the memories will never be closed.

During the 2011 Webb Reunion, there were an estimated 125 attendees. Throughout the weekend, reunion participants were able to enjoy fall and western themed dinners at the Senior Center — former Officers Club — and the Big Spring Country Club.

Saturday the groups divided with some attending the CAF Air Show in Midland the others touring historical places around Big Spring, including the Settles Hotel and Heritage Museum.

"I saw men visiting who had been friends long ago talking about things they had done," board president of Hangar 25 Sherry Hodnett said. "These friendships went back a long way."

On top of those memories being shared at individual tables, special guest speaker USAF Brig. General (retired) Steve Ritchie addressed the group.

Ritchie is the only Air Force pilot ace of the Vietnam conflict, was inducted into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame in 1997. He has flown over 800 combat hours in the F-4 Phantom and completed 339 missions in Southeast Asia.

His decorations from his time in service include the Air Force Cross, four Silver Stars, 10 Distinguished Flying Crosses and 25 Air Medals. His awards include the 1972 "Mackay Trophy," 1973 VFW "Armed Forces Award," 1972 "Col. James Jabra Award for Airmanship," 1973 "Eugene M. Zuckert Award" and "Outstanding Young Men of America."

"During that weekend, we saw all these people who have given so much and seen so much," Hodnett said. "They had such a strict life and

ended up making such a great sacrifice for us. They as well as the base are such a big part of history not only for Big Spring, but for the Air Force."

She continued, "Of course, we can't forget the flight crew and the maintenance that was there. They were the ones who kept the planes in the air."

Just as Webb Reunion revived many memories in Big Spring for those who once called the community home, Hangar 25 will continue to do its part throughout the year in keeping those memories available.

"Everytime I go to Hangar 25 I learn something new," Hodnett said. "The history of it grows on you. If you just walk around and look at the history you will be amazed."

To find out more about the history of Webb and those who were once here, visit Hangar 25 at 1911 Apron Drive or call 264-1999.



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Reunion attendees enjoyed a weekend of memories, a presentation from USAF Brig. General Steve Ritchie (pictured above) as well as historical tours around Big



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Sterling Nicole Gee of Big Spring and Dustin Reed Faught of Brownfield, exchanged wedding vows July 30, 2011, at a 4 p.m. ceremony at Trinity Baptist Church. The Rev. Randy Cotton officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Andrea Gee of Big Spring. Her paternal grandparents are Mario and Jerrie Moncada of Eastland and the late Bobby Gee. Maternal grandparents are Larry and Sharon Sneed of Big Spring, Kirby Brown of Big Spring and Randle Fowler of Sadler.



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The groom is the son of Dickie and Terri Faught of Seminole. His paternal grandparents are Mrs. Billie Faught of Brownfield and the late Clarence Faught. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reed of Brownfield and the late Carolyn Reed.

The bride, given away by her father Gary Gee, wore a Galina style ivory taffeta gown featuring a strapless sweetheart neckline, an elegant form fitting dropped waist bodice with all over ruching. Cascading floral appliques with delicately sequined and beaded rosettes covered the cathedral length skirt which cascaded into a chapel train.

Maid of honor was Kylie Gee, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids included Crystal Wash, Andrea Amaro, Tasha Harman, Kelci Sears, Lauren Bates, Jessyca Jackson and Kyla Tulley. Flower girls were Karleigh Burt and Jaedyn Lee.

Derek Faught, brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen included Judd Cathey, B.C. Lee, Kevin Faught, Nate Bridges, Colby Bates, Ross Whifield and J.R. Romero. Ring bearer is Seth Perez. Ushers include Shane Albers and Lance Unger with Kelsey Odell serving as greeter.

The bride graduated from Coahoma High School in 2006 and Howard College in 2009. The groom is a 2001 graduate of Ozona High School in 2001 and McMurry University in 2006 with a bachelors of science degree in education.

A reception was held at Dora Roberts Community Center in Big Spring. Following the ceremony the couple honeymooned in Playa del Carmen and stayed at the Grand Ocean Maya Royale resort.

The couple is currently residing in Brownfield.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Tomorrow's opposition of Mercury in Scorpio and Jupiter in Taurus already has people talking about who bought what and for how much. Some will be feeling uppity and judgmental on the matter, and it will be tempting to take things in a petty direction. The Gemini moon stirs the conversational pot -- add your own spice to taste.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll easily match your energy to those around you. It's not only good manners; it's also economical for you to do so. You'll put in the effort that's needed to be effective -- no more, no less.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your tasks are set before you. The only trouble is that you're not particularly looking forward to any of them. A wild card in the mix will improve your mood and re-spark your interest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have the best kind of power. It comes from a deep place in the core of who you are. So you don't have to worry about protecting it to make sure no one steals it. They couldn't if they tried.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a kind of bottleneck in your life. People are restricting your energy flow because they are trying to direct it in the way that best suits them, not you. Stand up for yourself, and break the bottleneck.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've been circulating in interesting ways -- ways that will be helpful to others, not just you. You will speak plainly and directly on subjects that capture

your curiosity, and others will be all ears.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In the beginning, it is said, was the word. Today you will feel the power of words, especially the ones you choose to say. You will also feel the power of the words you hold back.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As you promote your interests, you are promoting yourself, as well. People assume that anyone who can present things with such enthusiasm must really have a lot of good going on in their life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). No one wants to be around a person who brings up his or her insecurities. And yet, there are those who habitually knock others down to get a feeling of superiority. Stick with those who treat their fellows with respect and dignity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be considered for a project. You would do a tremendous job in the role, but you need some guidance about how to best present yourself. Don't try to do this alone. Give yourself the edge. Preparation will be the factor that determines your success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your future is calling you. The thing is, you're still on the line with the past. Luckily, you have "call waiting." Hang up the phone with the past. Click over now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be torn between tactics. Should you try to fit in with the culture around you, or should you exert your inde-

pendent spirit? Do both. First blend, and then, at a strategic moment, make your independent move.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a funny reason why you have to keep going in the direction you are going, but you don't understand it yet. There's something good in this: You relate to those in similar circumstances.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 16). You'll enjoy a series of victories this year. With each win, you'll build confidence. Your thoughts will shift to empower you. November brings an influx of cash. In January, a sunny new friend will help to elevate your spirit and enrich your daily life. You start the new year with highly productive bursts of creativity. Sagittarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 14, 33, 29 and 19.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

This is the last week of the solar transit through lovely Libra, the sign of balance and harmony. It will be a busy time in many areas of life at once. It may feel that progress is painfully slow as projects inch ahead, but rest assured, things are developing. The early part of the week brings much talk on financial matters. Maybe it's not polite to judge the way others spend their money, but that won't stop many people from doing it while Mercury and Jupiter are in opposition. Jupiter is in luxurious Taurus, so the very rich and famous especially will be scrutinized for what they buy. What constitutes necessity is debatable. The differences of

opinion will be glaring. Each person has his or her own financial values, and it's important that we respect one another in this regard. It may feel as though a fight is necessary, and yet that's not really the case. By midweek, the arguments will seem petty and insignificant. The latter part of the week is marked by a favorable arrangement of the sun and Neptune. A sense of spiritual alignment happens. Congruent beliefs and behaviors will turn dreams into tangible results.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Though he's a world-renowned bassist, Red Hot Chili Pepper's Flea first played the drums and then the trumpet, and didn't start the bass until the age of 17, when his friend asked him to join a band. Flea's sun and Mercury in harmonious Libra suggests an easy-going and friendly nature. Mars in theatrical Leo gives a showman's edge whether he's playing a concert arena or acting in a movie.

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Club news

Big Spring Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. downstairs in the community room of the Howard County Library.

Carolyn Walker, of Colorado City, will demonstrate watercolor painting on Yupo Paper. She has been a guest artist before and her presentations are interesting and enjoyable to see.

The theme of this month is Tipping of the Brush, which is open and members are encouraged to bring a painting or photo of any subject you wish.

Everyone is asked to bring a small dish of finger foods to share with everyone.

The meeting is open to the public.

Anyone interested in the arts is welcome at the

meetings.

Big Spring Retired Teacher's Association

The Big Spring Retired Teacher's Association will meet Oct. 17 at the Cactus Room on Howard College's campus.

There will be a Dutch treat lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by a program presented by district president Ann Parrish.

All retired school personnel are urged to attend.

Any other community members interested in attending are also welcome.

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State Farm agent Larry Hollar celebrated 30 years of being a chamber of commerce member as well as 30 years in business Tuesday afternoon with a ribbon cutting. State Farm employees and chamber board members were on hand for the event.

BSEDC aids in Crane add-on

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

Even though the name may have changed a few times, the inception of John Crane Production Solutions Inc. and the product it produces is rooted in Big Spring.

"We started in Big Spring about 10 years ago as Fiberod and switched over to John Crane in May 2008," Mike Rowland, director of operations, said.

John Crane — a producer of fiberglass sucker rods for the oilfield industry — is one of three recent companies receiving support from Big Spring Economic Development for a company expansion.

With the help of BSEDC, John Crane was able to construct a new pultrusion area in addition to their existing facility and install energy efficiency lighting. The new construction expanded the building by 18,000 square feet.



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno
John Crane Production Solutions Inc. recently entered into an agreement with Big Spring Economic Development Corporation in order to help fund an expansion of the current facility. John Crane is a local producer of fiberglass sucker rods used in the oilfield industry.

"John Crane focuses on environmental, health and safety issues and part of our efforts is going to be spreading the energy efficiency lighting throughout the building," Rowland said.

The BSEDC approved a \$662,130.24 agreement — which provided about one-third of the cost — with John Crane. The overall capital investment for the project is \$1.9 million, with the company contributing a little more than \$1.3 million.

"It is typical for (BSEDC) to contribute about one-third of the funds for a project,"

Terry Wegman, BSEDC executive director, said.

Through the expansion production at the Big Spring facility will be doubled and an additional 24 personnel positions will be created within the next 18 months.

Rowland said construction for the additions began in July and should be completed by next week. However, the new pultrusion area will not be fully functional and online until final approval is received from TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality).

John Crane products are mainly used and

distributed in the Permian Basin and southeast New Mexico, but products are delivered to Montana, Canada, Sydney, Louisiana, Michigan, Oklahoma and California, as well as internationally. Company wide there are 500 employees with the Big Spring location accounting for 105 of those positions.

John Crane production is located in the industrial park at 3604 Bethel Drive.

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Energy Watch



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Investor sentiment quickly turned negative again last week because of growing concerns about European debt problems, and the limited move by the Federal Reserve to boost economic activity. Earlier this month, it looked like sentiment was stabilizing after the shock to confidence in August. However, the latest decline in sentiment suggests that confidence remains depressed. Consequently, the risk of recession is increasing.

Early last week, the Federal Reserve decided to provide extra stimulus to the economy through a measure that analysts call "Operation Twist". Investor sentiment appeared to be increasing ahead of the Fed's policymaking meeting on Tuesday. Unfortunately, investors seemed to be disappointed by the Fed's action. Given all the problems here and in Europe, investors evidently wanted to see a more aggressive move to boost the economy.

By the end of last week, the stock market was down near its summer lows again. This suggests that the probability of recession is increasing. As indicated in the report a couple of weeks ago, if the S&P 500 closes this month around the 1100 level, the market would be signaling the probability of recession would be approximately 58 percent.

The Fed may have decided to provide only limited extra stimulus because some policymakers may not be as negative as a lot of investors. For example, three members of the Fed's policymaking Open Market Committee dissented from the Committee's action. They evidently do not believe that the economy needs extra stimulus. These were the same three policymakers who voted not to support the Fed's August action to keep short term interest rates near zero until the middle of 2013. The Fed may have also decided on only limited extra stimulus because the Fed expects the pace of economic activity to increase in coming quarters. However, the Fed acknowledged that the downside risks to the economy have increased.

Under "Operation Twist" the Fed will extend the maturity of its portfolio of securities by selling approximately \$400 billion of short-term securities and buying a similar amount of longer-maturity securities between now and the middle of next year.

This action is designed to push long-term interest rates down in order to lower mortgage interest rates and potentially support the prices of other longer-maturity financial assets.

"Operation Twist" is different from the Fed's previous stimulus measures because the Fed is not adding a lot of extra liquidity to the economy; it is only reallocating its current holdings. In other words, the Fed is not purchasing more bonds outright as it did during its previous two quantitative easing programs. Under those programs, the Fed bought more securities and expanded the size of its balance sheet. Now the Fed is only extending the maturity of its portfolio by selling shorter maturity securities and buying longer-maturity securities. The size of the balance sheet will not increase, only the average maturity of the portfolio.

Fortunately, not every indicator is signaling recession. Last week, the Conference Board reported that the index of leading economic indicators increased 0.3 percent in August, following an upward revised 0.6 percent increase in July. No indicator is perfect, but during the past 50 years the economy has never gone into recession when this measure was increasing at a healthy pace as it has during the past year. In fact, a probability of recession model based on the leading indicator index alone would put the probability of recession at only about 5 percent.

Our probability of recession model based on a broader sample of economic indicators has been signaling that this risk of recession was about 25 percent. However, given recent weak economic data the probability of recession is increasing to about 35 percent. Nevertheless, we still believe that a recession watch condition exists, not a recession warning. In other words, some of the conditions that could lead to recession currently exist, but a recession may still not occur.

In summary, the drop on the U.S. stock market last week after the Federal Reserve announced "Operation Twist" suggests that investors think that policy makers are behind the curve and are not doing enough to avoid another financial crisis or recession. The decrease in investor sentiment suggests that the risk of recession may be increasing.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. This article was written by Gary Thayer, Chief Macro Strategist, Wells Fargo Advisors on Sept. 26, 2011 and provided courtesy of Bhupen Agrawal Branch Manager in Midland at (432) 684-7335.

Howard College earns TAB plaudit

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — Howard College is one of four Texas community colleges honored by the Texas Association of Business for making a difference for their students.

These colleges not only raised the level of student achievement, they took steps to ensure that more students stuck with their education and earned a degree or certificate, a TAB news release stated.

"We hear a lot about the colleges that aren't pushing students to succeed, pushing them to get a degree," said TAB President and CEO Bill Hammond. "These are four community colleges that are getting it right. Each has shown significant improvement in the number of students completing degree plans and improvements in student achievement."

In the small community college category, the Howard County



Community College District has made great strides in the area of transfers and helping students complete more credit hours, which have led to more certificate and degree completions, the release stated.

In the medium community college category, TAB honors Paris Junior College. From 2007 to 2010, it made significant progress in helping more students not only complete developmental coursework in math, but also helped stu-

dents successfully complete the first college level math course.

The honoree in the large community college category is Blinn College. Blinn has steadily increased the number of transfer students as well as student credit accumulation toward a degree or certificate. In the very large community college category the TAB honors South Texas College. It has experienced a significant increase in the number of degrees and certificates awarded to students.

TAB asked The Higher Education Coordinating Board to use its outcome-based model, called Momentum Points, to measure the relative improvement of all community colleges on metrics such as developmental education completion, transfers, credit accumulation and certificate and degree completion between FY 2007 and FY 2010. These are areas TAB believes are critical for producing better results.

U.S. runs \$1.3 trillion deficit in 2011

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government ran a \$1.3 trillion deficit for the budget year that ended last month, the third straight year it has operated more than \$1 trillion in the red.

The 2011 budget deficit was the second highest on record. It's slightly ahead of the previous budget year's \$1.29 trillion deficit but below the \$1.41 trillion imbalance record in 2009.

A decade ago, the government was running surpluses and trillion-dollar deficits seemed unimaginable. But those deficits now loom over tense negotiations in Washington.

Lawmakers are under pressure to agree by Thanksgiving on where they can cut \$1.2 trillion over the next decade. If they cannot, automatic cuts to Medicare, defense spend-

ing and other critical areas of the budget would go into effect in Jan. 2013.

For 2011, the government had to borrow 36 cents of every dollar it spent. The string of massive debts has made interest on that debt the fastest growing budget category. For 2011, net interest payments rose 15.7 percent to \$227 billion.

A slightly improved job market helped boost income tax revenue this year. From October 2010 through last month, the economy added 1.3 million net jobs. That compares with only 339,000 net job gains in the previous 12-month period.

Still, that hasn't been enough to bring the millions of Americans who lost jobs during the recession back into the work force.

The government also lost

revenue because of the 2 percentage point cut in Social Security taxes, and also it had to pay for an extension of emergency unemployment benefits. Congress approved both in December to boost the sluggish economy.

Total revenues increased 6.5 percent to \$2.3 trillion for the budget year that ended Sept. 30; spending rose 4.2 percent to \$3.6 trillion.

The nation's debt is now \$14.8 trillion. The enormity of that figure has stoked intense partisan debate in Congress over spending and taxes. Polls show growing voter anger with the inability of both parties to reach solutions to the country's budget problems.

Congress reached a last-minute deal in August to raise the government's borrowing limit in stages. But as

part of the deal, lawmakers tasked a 12-member deficit-cutting panel with finding at least \$1.2 trillion in savings over the next decade.

The committee, which is evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, has until Thanksgiving to come up with a plan. It would then go before the House and Senate in December for up-or-down votes.

Administration officials said Friday that Congress needs to reach an agreement through the supercommittee process but also should approve President Barack Obama's \$447 billion jobs plan. But the measure fell short of gaining the 60 votes required to be called up for debate in the Senate. All 46 Republicans in the chamber opposed the measure, which seeks to pay for the plan by

boosting taxes on the wealthy and corporations

As members of the supercommittee deliberate in secret, party leaders have jostled in public over their conflicting priorities. For Republicans, that means no tax increases. For Democrats, it means no curbs on popular entitlement programs, such as Medicare, without tax increases.

The August budget deal is projected to trim future deficits by \$2.1 trillion. That includes the cuts made by the supercommittee and another \$900 billion in savings from caps on discretionary spending.

The cuts are expected to begin in the 2012 budget year. CBO estimates \$21 billion in cuts to this year's deficit, which is estimated to be \$973 billion.

News in brief

Obama pulls plug on part of health law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration says it is unable to go forward with a major program in the president's signature health care overhaul law — a new long-term care insurance plan.

Officials said Friday the long-term care program has critical design flaws that can't be fixed to make it financially self-sustaining.

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius told Congress in a letter that she does not see a viable path forward at this time. By law, implementation of the program was contingent on Sebelius certifying it financially sound.

The program was supposed to be a voluntary insurance plan for working adults regardless of age or health. Workers would pay an affordable monthly premium during their careers, and could collect a modest

daily cash benefit if they became disabled later in life.

The problem all along has been how to ensure enough healthy people would sign up.

A longstanding priority of the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports program, or CLASS, was spliced into the health care law despite nagging budget worries.

Oil prices rise as recession fears ease

(AP) — A series of encouraging economic reports on Friday sparked oil prices, pushing benchmark crude to the highest level in nearly a month.

Here's how energy contracts traded:

On the New York Mercantile Exchange:

- Crude rose \$2.57, or 3.1 percent, to end at \$86.80 a barrel.

- Gasoline rose 6.7 cents, or 2.4 percent, to finish at \$2.825 per gal-

lon.

- Heating oil increased 8.4 cents, or 2.8 percent, to finish at \$3.056 per gallon.

- Natural gas climbed 17.2 cents, or 4.9 percent, to end at \$3.703 per 1,000 cubic feet.

On the ICE Futures exchange in London:

- Brent crude rose \$3.57, or 3.2 percent, to finish the day at \$114.68 a barrel.

State lawyers, mayor oppose Harrisburg bankruptcy

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Lawyers for the state of Pennsylvania and Harrisburg's mayor are opposing the bankruptcy petition for the city filed after four members of the City Council voted for it.

Philadelphia attorney Neal Colton filed the state's objections to the bankruptcy on Friday, saying a state law expressly forbids it.

Harrisburg lawyer Kenneth Lee says the city and Mayor Linda Thompson believe the petition isn't valid and want the presiding judge to dismiss it.

Mary France, the chief bankruptcy judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, plans a status conference on the matter Monday morning in Harrisburg federal court.

The petition was filed

after the City Council voted 4-to-3 late Tuesday to authorize it. It says the city is saddled with \$458 million in creditors and claims, and six pending lawsuits.

House votes to give states control over coal ash

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans on Friday pushed through legislation that gives the states the power to regulate coal ash from power plants as if it were municipal garbage, pre-empting pending federal regulations that could be a lot tougher.

The vote on coal ash disposal was the latest of several passed by the GOP-controlled House that would shift authority away from the Environmental Protection Agency and reduce federal regulations that Republicans say are burdensome, hamper economic growth and cost jobs.

Other bills have dealt with toxic emissions from power plants, cement plants and incinerators. Like those bills, the coal ash bill is unlikely to be considered in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

Under the measure, sponsored by West Virginia Rep. David McKinley, garbage must be disposed of in landfills that

have liners to protect groundwater, monitors to test water for contamination and equipment to control dust. The bill would not cover coal ash sitting in surface ponds or impoundments now.

The vote was 267-144, with 37 Democrats voting yes.

The Environmental Protection Agency is currently considering several options on how to regulate coal ash, from giving it a special status as a hazardous waste, so it could still be recycled, to classifying it as a solid waste, which comes with fewer requirements. The industry has said that even a solid waste classification would prompt the closure of some existing coal ash ponds and landfills, costing jobs and raising energy bills.

Gold closes higher for the week

(AP) — Gold is ending the week higher. Some traders worried that gold prices would continue falling steeply after a summer rally.

Gold for December delivery closed at \$1,683 an ounce. That's about 1 percent higher than Monday's price of \$1,670.80.

The price of gold hit a record high of \$1,891.90 an ounce on Aug. 22. Prices have fallen steady-

ly since then. In early October, Credit Suisse analysts warned the summer's rally in gold prices looked "over-uberant" in hindsight. That report stoked worries of a crash in gold.

RBC Global Futures analyst George Gero says this week's gains suggest that gold will not likely fall below \$1,650.

Many traders buy gold has a hedge against inflation.

Treasuries fall as strong retail sales lift stocks

(AP) — Treasury prices are falling after strong retail sales and corporate profits made higher-risk investments more attractive.

Retail sales grew 1.1 percent in September, the most in seven months. Google Inc. and Mattel Inc. both posted higher third-quarter profits.

Brighter hopes for the U.S. economy encouraged investors to buy stocks. Major indexes were headed for their best week in the last five.

Treasury prices have fallen for seven of the past eight days. Ultra-safe investments such as Treasuries became less appealing as stock markets shot up since last week. Progress in Europe toward resolving the debt crisis there has encouraged investors.

The price of the 10-year Treasury note fell 31 cents for every \$100 invested, pushing its yield to 2.22 percent from 2.18 percent late Thursday.

Stocks rise on gain in retail sales

NEW YORK (AP) — Higher retail sales and a strong earnings report from Google Inc. sent stocks higher Friday. The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index was headed for its best week in more than two years.

Retail sales increased 1.1 percent in September, the biggest gain in seven months and twice what economists projected. Retail sales are a key barometer of consumer spending.

Google Inc. surged 5.7 percent after reporting that its third-quarter income jumped 26 percent. Apple Inc. rose 2.7 percent.

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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 14th day of November, 2011, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas at the Court House of said County in Big Spring Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 7th day of July, 2011, in this case, numbered 47957, on the docket of said court, and styled, Johnnie A. Bennett Vs. Donald James Karavatos

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: (Injury/Damage Motor Vehicle) as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

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Notice of Public Sale

A Public Sale to satisfy a landlord's lien will be held on Wednesday November 7th at 8:30 A.M. at Park-N-Lock Storage, 711 West 4th Street, Big Spring, TX. Sale is by sealed bids on entire content of each unit. Seller reserves right to not accept any bid or withdraw property from sale. Property in each unit will be sold by unit. Property being sold includes contents of storage units:
#20 Amber Wooldridge
Miscellaneous house items
#46 Gary Arons
Miscellaneous items
#23 Rosie Rodriguez
Miscellaneous items
#40 Dora Day
Miscellaneous items
#2 Juan Freyie
1992 Ford pickup
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

HVAC (Air Conditioning only) Replacement
319 Runnels,

Big Spring, Texas 79720
CONTRACT NO. WTC319
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that West Texas Centers will accept General Contract bids for the replacement of HVAC unit/units (Air conditioning only) at their administrative headquarters, 319 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Project will consist primarily of removal, disposal, and replacement of the existing HVAC (Air Conditioning only) components and associated parts at the 319 Runnels location. It is expected the replacement unit will be a roof-top installation. Project will require bidder to inspect and replace if warranted any connecting components between the roof top unit and internal air handling system. Project will require the bidder to repair any internal or external structural damage the installation may require. As much of the work is expected to be performed during business hours, bidders must provide assurance work will be conducted with as little interruption to WTC business as possible. Bids should be itemized and include expected installation timeframes.

Sealed bids will be received by West Texas Centers until November 7, 2011, 10:00 A.M. Central Standard Time. Sealed bids will be opened at 10:00 A.M. November 7, 2011 at West Texas Centers, 409 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas.

Specifications and other pertinent information will be available October 12, 2011. Specifications may be obtained at 409 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas and should be requested from Gail Wells or Vicki Robertson. A pre-bid site visit is required by each bidder. Site visits will be scheduled by contacting Gail Wells, 432-264-2650 or Debbie Moses at 432-264-3246. Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope, addressed to West Texas Centers, 409 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas and marked "Procurement of 319 Runnels HVAC System- Contract No. WTC319", on the outside of the envelope.

A bid security deposit in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid amount may be required. Project performance period is 90 days or less. If the contractor fails to complete the project in the working days specified in the final contract, liquidated damages of \$100.00 per day of delay may be assessed. The successful bidder shall also furnish a Maintenance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent of the contract covering defects of material and workmanship for one year following WTC final acceptance and approval of the work. Bidder must provide evidence of Texas Workers Compensation insurance. Bidder must be prepared to provide 2 years of company financial viability documentation if requested. Bidders must provide three business references for similar work performed.

Historically Underutilized Businesses are encouraged to participate in this project. Contractors will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations, all Federal, State, and local regulations for construction safety and health standards. As the awarding authority, West Texas Centers reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposal applications, waive any informality, omissions, excess verbiage or technical defects in the bidding, investigate the ability of applicants to honor a bid, and West Texas Centers need not necessarily award the contract to the lowest Bidder if, in the opinion of West Texas Centers, it would be in the best interest of West Texas Centers to accept another bid.
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SECTION 00020 ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council will be received at Big Spring City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, until November 3, 2011, at 2:30 pm, for City of Big Spring 3rd & 4th Streets Water Line Upgrades.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the Mayor and City Commission for action at a later date.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of City of Big Spring in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds in the forms provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner, as required by Article 5160, V.A.T.C.S., as amended by H.B. 344, passed by the 56th Legislature, Regular Session 1959.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file at Big Spring City Hall and the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423.

Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423 (Phone 806-473-2200) as follows:
1. Download documents (.pdf file extension format) from PSC's Info Exchange web site after registering as a plan holder with issuing PSC office. **There is no cost or deposit required for this option.**

2. One set of paper copies for a refundable deposit of \$50.00.
3. A digital copy (.pdf file extension format) upon a non-refundable deposit of \$20.00 per each CD.
Deposit shall be Company check or cashiers' check made payable to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. No partial sets will be issued. Bid Documents (paper and digital) will be shipped pre-paid to the requester. Digital Bid Documents will not be e-mailed. Addenda will not be faxed to document holders. Addenda will be issued to document holders by one of the two following methods:

1. E-mail notification to document holder with link to download addenda from PSC's Info Exchange web site.
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Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Big Spring for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders' qualifications prior to the contract award.

CITY OF BIG SPRING
Tommy Duncan
Mayor

#7150 October 16 & 23, 2011

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the County of HOWARD, Texas: (a los votantes registrados del Condado de HOWARD, Texas) Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, **NOVEMBER 8, 2011**, for voting in a general election.

(Notifíquese, por la presente, que las casillas electorales citados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 8 de noviembre de 2011 para votar en la Elección General. On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.

(El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar). Location of Election Day Polling Places

Include Name of Building and Address
Precinct Number(s)
(Ubicación de las casillas electorales el Día de Elección)
(Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)
(Numero de precinto)

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE OFFICE
11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 112, 103, 104, 105
BIG SPRING MALL
22, 24, 25, 26, 205, 208
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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For Early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below: (Para Votacion Adelantada, los votantes podran votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas abajo). Locations for Early Voting Polling Places

Include Name of Building and Address
Days and Hours of Operation
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COUNTY COURTHOUSE
THIRD FLOOR ROOM 302
OCT. 24 THRU NOV. 4
8:00 AM- 5:00 PM
NOV. 1 & 3
8:00 AM- 7:00 PM

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(Las solicitudes para boletas de votacion adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)
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(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion Adelantada)
PO BOX 1069
(Address) (Dirección)
BIG SPRING, TX 79721
(City) (Ciudad)
(Zip Code) (Codigo Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: **NOV. 1, 2011** (Las solicitudes para boletas de votacion adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)
Issued this the 6th day of **OCTOBER, 2011**.
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BIG SPRING HERALD

SUNDAY COMICS

Sunday, October 16, 2011

Classic PEANUTS
by Schulz

Panel 1: A sign for "Classic PEANUTS by Schulz" is shown next to a girl in a blue dress and yellow hair sitting on a globe.

Panel 2: The girl is still on the globe.

Panel 3: The girl is now on a bicycle with a globe as a seat.

Panel 4: The girl is on a bicycle with a globe as a seat, flying through the air.

Panel 5: The girl is on a bicycle with a globe as a seat, standing on the ground.

Panel 6: The girl is crying and shouting "WAAH!".

Panel 7: Charlie Brown asks, "WHAT'S THE MATTER GAL? WHAT HAPPENED? WHY ARE YOU CRYING?".

Panel 8: The girl replies, "I DON'T KNOW...".

Panel 9: The girl explains, "I WAS JUMPING ROPE EVERYTHING WAS ALL RIGHT WHEN I DON'T KNOW...".

Panel 10: Charlie Brown says, "SUDDENLY IT ALL SEEMED SO FOIBLE!".

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE
By John DeFries

Panel 1: A boy in a red shirt walks in a field with musical notes floating around him.

Panel 2: The boy looks up at the sky.

Panel 3: The boy asks, "CAN I HAVE AN UMBRELLA, MOM? - IT'S RAINING OUT!".

Panel 4: The boy is holding a yellow umbrella.

Panel 5: The boy is holding a yellow umbrella, looking at it.

Panel 6: The boy is holding a yellow umbrella, looking at it.

Panel 7: The boy is holding a yellow umbrella, looking at it.

Panel 8: The boy is holding a yellow umbrella, looking at it.

Panel 9: The boy is holding a yellow umbrella, looking at it.

Panel 10: The boy is holding a yellow umbrella, looking at it.

BABY BLUES
from HANNAH / SCOTT

Panel 1: A dog is sitting in a red doghouse.

Panel 2: A boy in a red shirt is looking at a dog.

Panel 3: The boy is pointing at a dog.

Panel 4: The boy is pointing at a dog.

Panel 5: A boy in a blue shirt is talking to a boy in a red shirt.

Panel 6: A boy in a blue shirt asks, "HANNIE DO YOU SEE THAT GIRL OVER THERE?".

Panel 7: The boy in the red shirt replies, "WHAT GIRL?".

Panel 8: The boy in the blue shirt says, "THE ONE IN THE PINK BOOTS. OVER THERE. OVER THERE. OVER THERE?".

Panel 9: The boy in the red shirt says, "OVER BY THE 'AEE' DON'T YOU SEE HER?".

Panel 10: The boy in the red shirt says, "NO. HEY! LOOK AT THAT COOL DOG!".

Panel 11: The boy in the blue shirt says, "FACE IT, WANNA GIRLS JUST AREN'T ON HIS RADAR NET. I GUESS NOT".

Panel 12: The boy in the blue shirt says, "SO DID YOU NOTICE THE BLONDE MAKING THAT DOG?".

Panel 13: The boy in the red shirt replies, "WHAT DOG?".

Zits
by JERRY SCOTT and VANCE SMITH

Panel 1: A woman is talking to a man.

Panel 2: The woman is talking to the man.

Panel 3: The woman is talking to the man.

Panel 4: The woman is talking to the man.

Panel 5: The woman is talking to the man.

Panel 6: The woman asks, "JEREMY WHAT'S THE KITCHEN PHONE DOING HERE?".

Panel 7: The man replies, "OH. DAD WANTS TO TALK TO YOU".

Panel 8: The woman says, "HELLO?".

Panel 9: The man says, "WALT?".

Panel 10: The woman says, "HELLO?".

Panel 11: The woman says, "NOBODY'S THERE".

Panel 12: The man says, "HE HUNG UP??".

Panel 13: The woman says, "MAYBE HE HAD AN EMERGENCY".

Panel 14: The man replies, "YEAH, BUT STILL...".

Panel 15: The woman says, "...IT'S PRETTY RUDE TO HANG UP BEFORE SOMEBODY GETS TO THE PHONE".

Panel 16: The man says, "WHEN DID HE CALL?".

Panel 17: The woman replies, "ABOUT AN HOUR AGO".

Mort Walker's
beetle bailey

BEETLE, I'M GOING TO PUT YOU ON GARBAGE DUTY FOR A MONTH. SHOULD'N'T I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THAT?

LOOK UP THERE, BEETLE. THE PLANET EARTH IS JUST ONE BALL CIRCLING THE SUN.

AND THE SUN IS ONE OF BILLIONS OF STARS IN THE MILKY WAY...

OUR GALAXY IS JUST ONE OF BILLIONS IN A VAST UNIVERSE.

AND I AM JUST ONE SPECK IN ONE TINY PART OF A TINY BALL IN THAT VAST UNIVERSE.

AND YOU ARE EVEN TINIERS THAN ME!

HOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND HOW INSIGNIFICANT YOU ARE?

Hi and **L**o*i*s
by BRAN and OREG WALKER

THE LEAVES ARE DONE!

SO IS THE LAUNDRY!

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE HAD A SUNDAY WITH NOTHING TO DO.

WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO TO THE MUSEUM?

BECAUSE YOU'RE GROWING UP TOO FAST.

WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO TO THE MUSEUM?

BECAUSE YOU'RE GROWING UP TOO FAST.

WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO TO THE MUSEUM?

Hank Ketcham's
Dennis the Menace
Golden Oldies

YOU REALLY OUGHT TO GET A SATELLITE DISH. THE ONLY KIND OF DISH I NEED.

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MMM BOY!! NO MICROWAVE I CAN BEAT MY TRUSTY OLD STOVE!

DO YOU STILL WANT TO GET WITH THE TIMES? NO WAY! STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE!

IN THE GOOD OL' DAYS!

The FAMILY CIRCUS
By **Bill Keane**

WE THOUGHT YOU FORGOT IT WAS YOUR TURN TO DRIVE 'CAUSE YOU WERE SO LATE PICKIN' ME UP.

I HOPE WE RUN OUT OF GAS 'CAUSE THAT'S ALWAYS A LOT OF FUN.

CAN YOU TURN THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR TO ME SO I CAN COMB MY HAIR?

MY HOMEWORK JUST JUMPED OUT THE WINDOW!

I LIKE TO RIDE IN THIS CAR-- WE HAVE TO KEEP OURS NEAT.

I FEEL SICK.

WE MUST BE REALLY LATE! THE PRINCIPAL IS DRIVING BEHIND US AND HE'S NEVER ON TIME!

SHALL WE ALL SING OUR GOOD MORNING SONG NOW?

DOLLY, WHY DOES YOUR MOM STILL HAVE HER PAJAMAS ON UNDER HER COAT?

DOES IT BOTHER YOU 'TO HEAR TALKIN' WHILE YOU ARE DRIVING?

SALLY FORTH
by Francesco Marciuliano

REMEMBER WHEN RALPH WOULD WANDER AROUND THE OFFICE SCREAMING BECAUSE IT WAS 2 P.M. AND HE COULDN'T HOLD BACK THE ANGER ANYMORE?

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT'S BEEN SIX MONTHS SINCE WE'VE LAST SEEN RALPH?

AND WHAT ABOUT MARGIE, RALPH'S ASSISTANT? ONE DAY WE'RE ALL TALKING ABOUT HER ENGAGEMENT AND THEN SNAP! NO ONE'S SEEN OR MENTIONED HER FOR FIVE YEARS.

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF. HE'S PRACTICALLY MY BROTHER-IN-LAW.

REMEMBER WHEN HE WAS OUR BOSS, THEN YOUR CO-MANAGER, THEN PHASED OUT ALTOGETHER FROM THE OFFICE?

AND EVERY TIME WE GO TO A MEETING OR LOOK BEHIND US, THERE'S A WHOLE NEW BUNCH OF NAMELESS CO-WORKERS WHO WE WILL NEVER EVER SEE AGAIN!

AND REMEMBER OUR EVIL VP TOBY WHO CAME AND WENT IN A FLASH? AND THAT CO-WORKER SEAN I WAS DATING UNT WE COMPLETELY FORGOT HIM?

AT LEAST WE'RE STILL HERE.

WELL, PEOPLE WOULD NOTICE IF YOU SUDDENLY VANISHED. THAT'S WHY I STAY CLOSE BY. SO I CAN'T RANDOMLY BE REPLACED BY A YOUNGER FRENCHY, WORK SPOUSE OR ROBOT.

Trees in bloom



HERALD photos/Amanda Moreno

With the recent drought, trees in bloom and green grass isn't the norm, but for Jessie Payen at 1109 Mt. Vernon, the recent rain brought a welcome sight to her front yard trees.



Back in Motion — Fighting like a Steer



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Back in Motion Chiropractic and Serenity Spa will be wearing their "Fight Like a Steer, Hope for a Cure" shirts every Tuesday in the month of October, as well as the Big Spring Volleyball Team, whose proceeds generously benefited the Susan G. Komen Fight for a Cure Campaign.

Life Policies

The Big Spring Herald has instituted a 600 word limit for all wedding submissions. All wedding articles will be edited to fit the above listed policy.

All submissions for Sunday's life section must be turned in by noon Wednesday to be published in Sunday's edition. Submitting articles by the deadline does not guarantee publication in the Sunday Life Section.

The Herald attempts to publish articles in a timely manner but because of space limitations submissions may held until the following week.

For more information, call 263-7331

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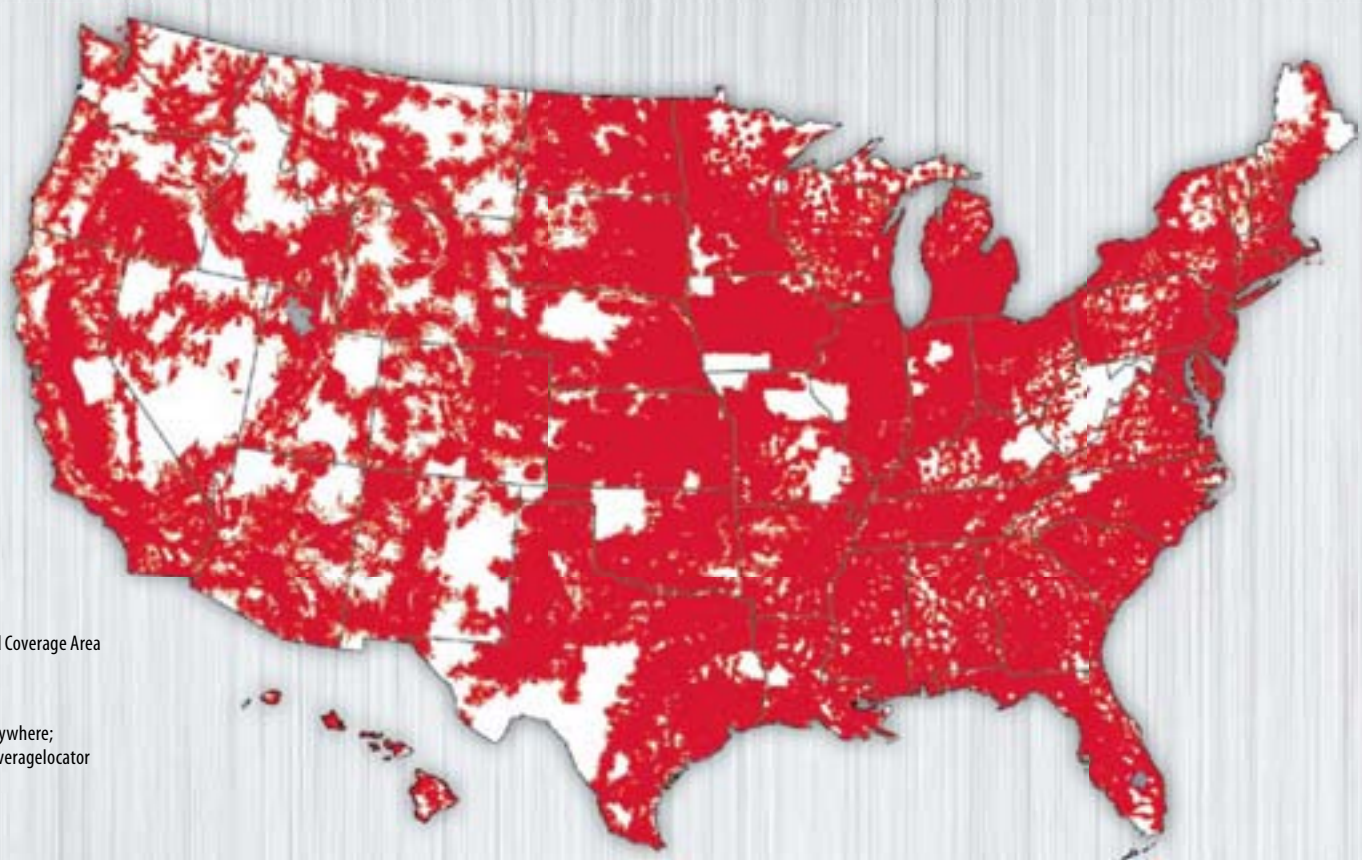
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