

SUNDAY

September 30, 2001

WEATHER

Today:



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TODAY 80°-82° TONIGHT 50°-53°

Old cell phones put to use by violence victims

Victim Services of Big Spring has a good use for those old cell phones.

The organization is collecting used cell phones in good working condition during the months of October and November to give to people in domestic abuse situations.

"The phones will be used only for 911 emergency calls," said Linda Perez, Victim Service assistant manager.

The drive will begin on Monday and run until Nov. 30.

Dropoff locations include the Big Spring Police Department at 400 E. Fourth, Howard County Sheriff's Office at the county courthouse, RSVP in the Polly Mayes Building at 309 Johnson, KBST at 608 Johnson, the Sparenberg Building at 309 Scurry, Wes-Tex Telecom at 711 Scurry.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Big Spring High School production of "She Left Her Heart in Texas," 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$5 for adults.

MONDAY

District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m., at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and older are invited to participate.

Big Spring Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. 1607 East Third.

Big Spring High School production of "She Left Her Heart in Texas," 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$5 for adults.

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Patriotic music to open Big Spring Symphony's season

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Patriotic music will highlight the first performance of the Big Spring Symphony's 2001-2002 season under the direction of guest conductor John Giordano.

"It is exciting for John to come here," said Suzanne Haney of the Big Spring Symphony Association. "He has conducted symphonies all over the world."

Giordano has conducted orchestras in Europe, Mexico, South America, England and throughout the United States, including several stops in Big Spring with the Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra.

An internationally acclaimed conductor, composer, educator and performer, Giordano recently announced his retirement from the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra after 27 seasons as the music director.

SYMPHONY

What: Symphony under conductor John Giordano.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday.

Where: Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

Tickets: \$10 adults, \$8 senior citizens, \$5 for students, available at various locations.

Under the direction of Giordano, the Big Spring Symphony will perform

"The New World Symphony" by Dvorak, who wrote the piece while acting as the director of the National Conservatory in New York in 1893.

The tragic events on Sept. 11 inspired a change in the original program of music, Haney said, and the orchestra will be performing "Memories of America" arranged by Carman Dragon for the Fort Worth Symphony during the Bicentennial Celebrations.

will contain familiar patriotic songs strung together, she said.

The performance begins at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. General admission tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students, kindergarten through college. Season tickets are now on sale for the four productions of the Big Spring Symphony.

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Six trailer-loads of children and parents wait expectantly for the Harvest Hayride at Big Spring State Park Saturday. The riders looked forward to scenic views and lessons on geography, geology and nature from park rangers.

Recall

Disgruntled citizens hope to oust Big Spring mayor in specially-called election

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Ten Big Spring citizens have started the process to recall Mayor Russ McEwen.

According to a press release received Friday evening from the city, 11 people submitted affidavits requesting recall petitions from the city secretary, but one of the affidavits was determined to be invalid. The affidavits state that McEwen should be recalled because of his "insensitive refusal to recognize or consider the citizens' adamant opposition to the \$60,000 per year (salary and benefits) position of airpark manager."

The dispute stems from the council's recent 4-3 vote to approve a FY 2001-2002 budget, which includes a new full-time manager's position at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

McEwen, a staunch supporter of the new position,



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has said he sees the airpark manager as a link to local industry and someone to play a major role in planning for Big Spring's leg of the Ports-to-Plains highway project.

Opponents of the position contend the present management of the airpark is doing a good job and creation of a new position would be a waste of money.

The affidavits were submitted by Thomas L. Guess, Sarah Noah Salisbury, June J. Sikes, Joseph Randolph Sikes, Willie Rangel Jr.,

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Deadline to obtain voter registration cards in time for Nov. 6 election nears

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Howard County residents have just a little more than a week to update their voter registration information before the November constitutional amendments election.

The election is set for Tuesday, Nov. 6, in polling locations across the state. There are no local issues on the ballot.

"Those who need to make changes in their voter registration need to come to the registrar's office by Oct. 7," said Kathy Sayles, county registrar and tax assessor-collector.

Those who are seeking to get their voter registration card for the first time have through Tuesday, Oct. 9, to do so. October 8 is Columbus Day, a holiday for the county.

"If you have moved, never had a voter's registration card before or have just

turned 18," it's time to get that card," Sayles said. "Call our office and we will be glad to mail you an application."

Early voting in the November election will begin on Oct. 22 and end Nov. 2.

The Nov. 6 ballot has not generated a lot of interest thus far, but officials are hoping the public will read the proposed amendments over.

The 19 propositions are:

1. providing for clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim of its interest to the owners of certain land in Bastrop County.
2. authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve border colonies.
3. authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County.
4. providing for a four-year term of office for the firefighters' pension commissioner.
5. authorizing municipalities to donate outdated or

surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to underdeveloped countries.

6. requiring the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances.

7. authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for veterans' housing assistance and to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide for veterans cemeteries.

8. authorizing the issuance of up to \$850 million in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment.

9. authorizing the filling of a vacancy in the legislature without an election if a candidate is running unopposed in an election to fill the vacancy.

10. to promote equal tax treatment for products produced, acquired and distrib-

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Learning together: SWCID, Gallaudet combine efforts

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Herald Correspondent

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf reaches across the nation this semester by delivering a distance learning class to Gallaudet University in Washington D.C.

Gallaudet University Professor Kubby Rashid, wife of Bunmi Aina, director of the Diagnostic Center at SWCID, has continued her employment with Gallaudet University from Big Spring by using the Wings Network on the Howard College campus to teach her students at the

nation's capital.

"When Bunmi began working at SWCID last year, I had been prepared to quit my job since by any reckoning, 1,300 miles is quite a commute! I had worked at Gallaudet 10 years, and my new dean wanted me to stay on, so we figured I could teach using distance learning technology," said Rashid, who is finishing her doctorate in international relations from American University in Washington D.C.

"We figured I could also complete other projects for Gallaudet which did not

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Gallaudet University professor Kubby Rashid discusses her distance learning class with Howard College communication director Marsha Sturdivant. Rashid delivers a course through the Wings network to the university, which is located in Washington D.C. and is also offering financial counseling workshops at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

Courtesy photo

S E P T E M B E R 30 2001

OBITUARIES

Robert L. Creel

Robert L. Creel, 59, of Big Spring passed away on Thursday, Sept. 27, 2001, at the VA Medical Center following a long illness.



Services are 10 a.m., Monday, Oct. 1, 2001, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Dee Threatt, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Elbow, officiating. Graveside services will follow at 3 p.m. at Dawson Cemetery in Dawson County, Texas.

Robert was born on June 26, 1942 in Lamesa. He married Janice McGuire on July 30, 1966 in Lamesa. He moved to Big Spring in 1980 from Lamesa and was a member of Central Baptist Church in Elbow.

Mr. Creel was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Robert had worked for P.G. & G. as a pumper until 1993 when he retired due to ill health.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Creel of Big Spring; one son, Michael Van Creel and wife Joye of Big Spring; one daughter-in-law, Teresa Creel of Longview, Texas; five grandchildren, Michael Robert Creel, Anthony Creel, Cassie Creel, all of Big Spring, J.J. Creel and Amanda Creel, both of Longview; one sister, Peggy Walker and husband John of Casper, Wyo.; mother-in-law, Tommye McGuire of Lamesa; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Vannette and Gary Gill of Lamesa; sister-in-law, Sara McGuire of Lamesa; several nieces and nephews and good friends.

He is preceded in death by one son, Craig Creel; one sister, Charlene Carr; his mother, Ruth Alene Morgan; and a sister-in-law, Wylene Newton.

Honorary pallbearers include Sam Stringer, Marvin Kendrick, Lonnie Self, Bob Horn, Brad Lentz, Guy Burrow, David Cockerham and Wayne Bristow.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

Paid obituary

Nancy Nell Beck

Nancy Nell Beck, 72, of Lamesa died Friday, Sept. 28, 2001 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Northridge Methodist Church in Lamesa with the Rev.

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24th & Johnson 267-8288

Robert L. Creel, 59, died Thursday. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM, Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be 3:00 PM, Monday at Dawson Cemetery in Lamesa.

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Claudis Merle Petherbridge, 80, died Friday. Services will be 11:00 AM Monday at First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Jonathon Lancham officiating. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park.

A native of Paris, Texas, she was a longtime resident of Lamesa and a member of the Calvary United Pentecostal Church since 1976. She married Darrell Beck Jan. 26, 1946, in Lamesa.

Survivors include her husband, Darrell Beck of Lamesa; four daughters, Sherry Barron, Gail Villegas, Ann Beck and Belinda Beck, all of Lamesa; three sons, Bruce Beck of Lamesa, Boyd Beck of Lubbock and Brian Beck of Abilene; four sisters, Bessie Dill of Oologah, Okla., Veta Bruce of Dallas, Ginger Rodenett of Red Oak and Elizabeth Medlock of Waxahachie; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home in Lamesa.

Claudis Merle Petherbridge

Claudis Merle Petherbridge, 80, of Big Spring died on Friday, Sept. 28, 2001, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 1, 2001, at the First United Methodist Church with Dr. David Ring, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on Aug. 31, 1921 in Bell County, Texas, and married Harry Petherbridge in 1958 in Florida. He preceded her in death in August of 1987.

She came to Big Spring in August of 1935 and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1939. She was the first and only choir member from Big Spring to qualify for all-state choir in 1939. She sang alto as part of the all-state trio. She had lived in Panama City, Fla., and was the pianist and choir director for St. Mark United Methodist Church in Panama City. She was also a member of the Garden Club there. She moved back to Big Spring in August of 1987.

Mrs. Petherbridge was a member of First United Methodist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include one sister, Mamie Lee Dodds of Big Spring; two brothers, James Richard "Dick" Piper of Big Spring and Albert Brady Piper of Bowie, Md.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Claude Piper; her mother and daddy, Mr. and Mrs. A.E. "Preach" True; and by a brother, Doyce Claude Piper.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

James Howard Swinney

James Howard Swinney, 71, of Pampa died Sept. 27, 2001 in Amarillo.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ with Glen Walton, pastor of the Bell Avenue Church of Christ in Amarillo and Tim Walker, senior adult minister of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ officiating.

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Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. today at the Highland Memorial Cemetery in Stamford.

A native of Bailey, he married Jo Ellen Berry in 1951 in Big Spring. She preceded him in death in 1985, and he married Shirley Williams in 1991 in Pampa.

A Church of Christ minister for 40 years, he ministered in Big Spring, Knott, O'Donnell, Anson, Nugent, Stamford, Lefors and McLean. He also ministered in Fairbanks and North Pole, Ala. He was a Korean War Air Force Veteran and a member of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife Shirley Williams of Pampa; a daughter, Kim Ham of Pampa; four sons, Dan Swinney, Keith Swinney and Steve Swinney, all of North Pole, Ala., and Phillip Swinney of Amarillo; his father, Jeff Swinney of Stephenville; three stepsons, Steve Snelgroves, Monty Williams and Mark Williams, all of Pampa; four brothers, Joe Swinney of Medina, Don Swinney of Big Spring, Ray Swinney of Ruidoso, N.M., and Eddie Swinney of Texas; a sister, Elaine Mount of Lorenzo; five grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, the High Plains Children's Home or the World Bible School.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors in Pampa.

SYMPHONY

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"I would encourage everyone to buy tickets in advance or season tickets to support a real vital organization in Big Spring," Haney said.

Season tickets prices are \$35 for adults, \$30 for Senior Citizens and \$15 for students.

"It's a bargain," Haney said. "The tickets are not date specific so if someone misses a concert they can use the ticket at the next one."

Season and event tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring Symphony Office on 808 Scurry Street, Blum's Jewelers, Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, Dunlap's, First Bank of West Texas, Heritage Museum and Faye's Flowers.

Other symphony events include a Symphonic Christmas with guest conductor Gary Lewis, from the Texas Tech University School of Music, on Dec. 8.

On March 2, Lewis will be back to conduct the symphony with guest pianist Cynthia Bauchof Williams, a freelance musician in Los Angeles area, who will perform George Gershwin's "Rhapsody In Blue."

The season will end on April 27 with an evening of choral music featuring guest conductor Kenneth Sheppard of the Southwestern University Choral. Also featured will be the Big Spring Symphony Chorus, Big Spring High School Choir and the Midland-Odessa Symphony Chorale.

"There are all kinds of good things going on in Big Spring," Haney said.

Haney wants all the public to come to event whether dressed in tuxedos and evening gowns or good old blue jeans.

"We are trying to get the message out that music is for everybody regardless of station in life. Music is an

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international language," she said.

To raise funds for the symphony, professional local artist Kay Smith has donated a painting and for \$5 a ticket the public can buy a chance to win the painting.

Those wanting to purchase a ticket can call Karen Brewer at 268-9944.

SWCID

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require my physical presence. Dr. Ron Brasel helped facilitate this, and with Shane Forrest's help, we got this off the ground," Rashid said.

SWCID Provost Dr. Ron Brasel said this course delivery is another link in a long-standing relationship between the two educational institutions. Since its creation, SWCID has worked with Gallaudet in providing transfer course work as well as student referral resources.

"We work together to refer students to each institute, and this course has provided another step in our ongoing fellowship," Brasel said.

The course offered this semester is Public Economic Policy. Rashid has bachelor of science degrees in accounting and computer information systems from Gallaudet and also holds a master's of business administration from University of Maryland. She is also deaf.

"There are six students in this class, which is a normal class size for Gallaudet. In the future SWCID students might take my classes, because they would benefit from the direct communication and the visual aspect, which is very important in deaf education. Gallaudet and HC benefit because we are pushing the limits of distance learning and seeing what works and what doesn't. This is the first time for everyone, so we are learning as we go along," she said.

Also, Rashid is offering SWCID staff and students an opportunity to receive financial information through a series of personal financial workshops on that campus as well.

"Sadly, deaf folk often do not get the information they need to make good financial decisions, and I hope this little workshop will help out a little bit in that area," Rashid said.

She and 'Bunmi hail from Nigeria, where they knew each other as children. Rashid said she became reacquainted with her husband about 10 years ago, and they have been married for eight years. The couple has a 2-year-old daughter.

"I can see this sort of classroom delivery being helpful internationally. It will be possible to deliver a class on one continent and have students on another continent receive the instruction as well. The possibilities are limitless," she said.

Gallaudet is the only university in the world serving the deaf population, as SWCID is the only self-contained community college for the deaf.

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SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

•TOPS Club (take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Bereavement Support Group meets from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Community Care Hospice.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Encourager's Support Group (All widows and widowers are invited) will meet Monday at 6 p.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe, FM 700 and Birdwell Lane. For more information call 398-5522.

TUESDAY

•The Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimers Association meets the first Tuesday of each month in the community room of the Howard County Library at 2 p.m. Our support groups are for all caregivers of anyone no matter what the disease or disability. All meetings are confidential and are for your support. For more information you can call our office at 264-2397 or go by 501 Rannels (RSVP office).

•Caregivers Night Out, meets every fourth Tuesday every other month from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Community Care Hospice.

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•Home Hospice and Canterbury are sponsoring a new grief support group. It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Call Home Hospice at 264-7599 or come by 600 South Gregg for further details.

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THURSDAY

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•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

POLICE

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

•WAYNE WASHINGTON, 23, of 1001 Birdwell was arrested for Bexar County warrants.

•JOSE ANGLE NEGRETE, 19, of 1401 George was arrested for warrants.

•GEORGE TREVINO, 29, of 808 W. Fifth St. was arrested on charges of running a stop sign and no drivers license.

•LIONSO LEE JIMENEZ, 22, of 3910 Highway 350 was arrested on a charge of theft.

•BRIAN JOLLEY, 33, of 1606 Sixth St. was arrested for local warrants.

•ERNESTO DIAZ, 48, of 2111 21st St. was arrested on a charge of urinating in public.

•BRENT MARIN, 29, of 620 Caylor was arrested on a charge of urinating in public.

•DANIEL CLAYBURN, 37, of 1208 Dixie was arrested on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

•JOSHUA HAMPTON, 19, of 2414 Anderson was arrested for local warrants.

•AUGUSTIN FIERRO, 34, of 106 E. 24th St. was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated — second offense.

•LORETTA STANISLAUS, 22, of 1401 Park was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•STACY DAWSON, 28, of 2101 Johnson was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

•MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 2100 block of Wasson Road, the 400 block of East Fourth Street and the 700 block of West Interstate 20.

•A MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1300 block of West Fourth Street.

•DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVING was reported in the 500 block of Donley.

•LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the area of West 16th Street and Avion and in the 1600 block of Harding.

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ELECTION

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uted in the State of Texas by authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property held at certain locations only temporarily for assembling, manufacturing, processing or other commercial purposes.

11. to allow current and retired school teachers and retired public school administrators to receive compensation for serving on the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns or other local governmental districts, including water districts.

12. to eliminate obsolete, archaic, redundant and unnecessary provisions and to clarify, update and harmonize certain provisions of the Texas Constitution.

13. authorizing the legislature to authorize the board of trustees of an independent school district to donate certain surplus district property of historical significance in order to preserve the property.

14. to authorize the legislature to authorize taxing units other than school districts to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers that are not held or used for the production of income.

15. creating the Texas Mobility Fund and authorizing grants and loans of money and issuance of obligations for financing the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, operation and expansion of state highways, turnpikes, toll roads, toll bridges and other mobility projects.

16. prescribing requirements for imposing a lien for work and material used in the construction, repair or renovation of improvements on residential homestead property and including the conversion and refinancing of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on real property as a debt on homestead property protected from a forced sale.

17. authorizing the legisla-

ture to settle land title disputes between the state and a private party.

18. to promote uniformity in the collection, deposit, reporting and remitting of civil and criminal fees.

19. providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$2 billion.

RECALL

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Florence H. Slate, Edward G. Slate, John Staulcup, Roy R. Taylor, Ronnie Dean

Carter and Tommy F. Tilley.

City staff determined that Carter is not currently a qualified elector, and therefore is ineligible to submit a recall affidavit.

City Secretary Tom Ferguson said Carter registered to vote in Big Spring Friday. The registration doesn't go into effect for 30 days.

"So he's not really a qualified voter in the city of Big Spring," Ferguson said.

Ferguson said the petitioners need to collect 443 signatures from Big Spring voters before Oct. 28 in order to force a recall election.

"Basically it's 35 percent of the people who voted in the last mayoral election," he said. "That was in May of 1998."

"I was just kind of appalled to see the mayor and the council totally ignore the wishes of the city," June Sikes said Saturday. "When it came right down to it, 99 44/100, or the great majority of the people (at council meetings) spoke against (the manager's position). Only one person spoke for it." "Sikes said she doesn't



Crossroads area high schools held special half-time ceremonies Friday. At left, proud father Kim Nichols escorts his daughter, Lauren, who was named Coahoma homecoming queen. At lower left, Alba Hernandez, Stanton homecoming queen, is pictured with her father, Hector. And at lower right, Chelsea Churchwell (right) was named Big Spring band sweetheart. She is pictured with last year's sweetheart, Olga Sifuentes.

Courtesy photos



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anticipate any trouble getting the 443 signatures.

"No, I don't think there will be any trouble at all," she said. "We have yet to encounter a person that's for (the new position)."

Guess, a former Big Spring city council member, said he's upset about the manager's position, as well as "The abusive manner in which the mayor and part of the council treated the people."

"That just doesn't happen here in West Texas," Guess

said. "He didn't listen. He didn't care what the people had to say."

Guess said he spent about two and a half hours collecting names Saturday.

"I got about 14 names," he said. "I got turned down one time." Along with the signatures, Guess said some of the people he talked to gave him suggestions of other people who might sign the petition.

"It's just going to be work is all," he said of collecting the required 443 signatures.

If the petitioners collect the signatures by the deadline, McEwen will have five days to resign, Ferguson said. If he decides not to resign, a recall election will be scheduled.

"It has to be no less than 10 days or no more than 20 days after the five-day run," Ferguson said, adding that there is no way a recall election would be timed correctly to coincide with the Nov. 6 state election.

Ferguson estimated that a recall election would cost

about \$2,000.

McEwen, City Manager Gary Fuqua, and the rest of the petitioners could not be reached for comment Saturday.

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p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn.

Howard County ARC meets at 806 East Third at the Bingo Hall.

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"If I shut up the Heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the Locust to devour the land,
or if I send pestilence among
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by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek
My face and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from Heaven, will
forgive their sin, and will heal their land.
Now My eyes shall be open and My ears attentive
to the prayer, offered in this place".

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

China, we are going to miss you

They say change is good, but we're not so sure. We like things comfortable and predictable. Like pouring ourselves a cup of coffee in the morning and switching on the radio to catch up the latest going on around town with KBST news director China Long.

China has been broadcasting the early morning news for the past 20 years and we've grown comfortable with that. As listeners, we could always count on her to bring us the local news and weather, school menus and whatever else we needed to help get us through the day.

On the air, she was a calm and compassionate. Her voice and casual, unrehearsed approach made you feel like you were instant friends. Off the air, China could be diligent and demanding when it came to getting the latest news for her audience. Though small in stature, she was never afraid to take on any story or dismiss any interview. Her morning news and special interviews commanded respect.

By now you've no doubt heard that China has retired. Friday was her last day on the air with KBST.

China often joked about her "eight listeners." We're proud to say we were among those eight. China, we wish you well in retirement and we thank you for the past 20 years. You will be missed.

OTHER VIEWS

Steps taken so far — elimination of curbside check-ins, closer scrutiny of baggage and passengers, stepped-up security at passenger gates — are only a start, and a weak one. The airlines and the government must make it impossible for such attacks to happen again.

Thankfully, there is a simple solution. The cockpit must be sealed off from the passenger compartment by an impenetrable wall or bulkhead that prevents anyone from getting into the cockpit in flight. Such a barrier will make it impossible for terrorists to seize control of a jet in flight and use it as a flying bomb, as the terrorists did to four jetliners on Sept. 11.

Airlines should begin making these modifications as soon as standards can be set. The cost can be recouped through marginal increases in ticket prices. But cost is not the issue here. Americans demand safe commercial jets.

Until these modifications can be made, the airlines and the government should arm commercial pilots and place an armed security officer in every commercial cockpit.

This threat is still out there. It can and must be eliminated, as soon as possible.

NORTH COUNTY TIMES,
ESCONDIDO, CALIF.

Americans, many of foreign descent themselves, should shoulder these days at Arab-looking men and

wondering if the men are radical Muslim fundamentalists on a jihad to destroy "evil" America.

Then Americans, defenders of liberty and opponents of discrimination, are feeling guilty about thinking such thoughts. In a country that's a blend of many different races, religions and cultures, the dance between prejudices and honest judgments is delicate. It is a balancing act all Americans will have to learn to help prevent more terrorist attacks.

Law enforcement has asked for citizens to report any clues in the Sept. 11 attacks. These leads could help identify more members of the terrorist network. This is not a call for racial or ethnic profiling.

Looking more closely at suspects with an Arab background makes sense. The difference between such investigative profiling and racial profiling is that racial profiling generally involves random scrutiny of people simply based on their race without reference to a specific crime or probable cause.

Profiling the Sept. 11 terrorists who hail from different countries can be hard. Some involved in the attacks were "sleeper agents," dispatched to the U.S. years ago. Keeping the focus on behaviors rather than mere nationality should help avoid McCarthyism with a Middle Eastern twist.

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Most importantly, we are Americans

It is a simple truth, obscured in recent years, but seen clearly again through the ashes of 6,000 lost lives.

What unites us as Americans is more important than any of the petty divisions of race or ethnic group, of class or profession, of religious or political affiliation. We are not black or white, Asian or Latino, Christian or Jew. We are Americans. Our enemies understand this. Unfortunately, it has taken their savage attack to remind us of what some have forgotten.

We've been indoctrinated with the cult of multiculturalism for the past three decades in our public schools, in our colleges and universities, in the popular culture and news media, even from our public officials and political leaders. We've been told to abandon the myth of the melting pot and embrace the metaphor of the salad bowl, where each of us in our separate groups co-exist side by side, maintaining our

ancestral identities and affinities intact. We've elevated "diversity" to a kind of civic virtue, ignoring that diversity can be good or bad. It is what we do with our diversity that matters.

For the moment, at least, we seem willing to put this nonsense aside. We are not a multicultural nation. We are one nation, indivisible. We are one people, regardless of our color or creed, how long our families have been here or where they came from. And in that, we are unique in the annals of human history.

We saw it on the faces of those gathered in Yankee Stadium last weekend to pray for the dead. They were black and brown and white. They wore uniforms and t-shirts. Some covered their heads with yarmulkes, or turbans, or scarves. But they waved small, American flags and sang the national anthem.

In time of war, it is easier to remember what it is that binds us together. We are fighting to protect our freedom, to preserve our democracy, to continue our way of life, to sustain our unity.

But when this war is over — and it will end, not soon, perhaps, but victoriously nonetheless — will we

remember what it is we were fighting for?

Or will we go back to the corrosive ideology that pits one group against another, that divides us into factions, that emphasizes difference over commonality? What makes this task all the more daunting is the huge shift in demography that has taken place in the last several decades, especially the impact of immigration on our population.

There has never been a time in our history when it was more important to recommit ourselves to assimilating the millions of newcomers who have come to the United States in recent years — nearly 30 million living here now. It is simply not tenable to continue to accept so many million foreign-born to live here permanently unless both they and we are willing to help make Americans of them. At every period of large-scale immigration to this country, we have understood this as our duty — that is until recently.

In the waning days of the Clinton administration, proposals floated to alter dramatically the process of becoming a U.S. citizen, to drop or diminish the English requirement for naturalization, to reduce

the amount of knowledge of U.S. history and civics required, to abandon portions of the oath of allegiance.

Not only should we reject such misguided public policy proposals, we must reinvigorate the concept of Americanizing newcomers and do so proudly. Our schools should be committed to teaching immigrant children English, so that they can fully participate in our society. They should teach all students — not just immigrants — American history in depth so that they understand the foundations of our democracy. Our volunteer and community organizations should promote civic education for immigrants, setting up classes in cities and towns to help prepare immigrants to become U.S. citizens.

We can turn our diversity into a strength by creating a common identity from our various strands.

Like steel, an alloy of iron and carbon, we can become stronger from the union of our elements, but only by forging them into one.

But if we fail to do so, our great American experiment will fail. And it will not be terrorists who destroy us but ourselves.



LINDA CHAVEZ

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JACK ANDERSON



Move with deliberate speed

There are two types of panic: frightened high speed and stunned low speed. But now is the time for deliberate speed. America has suffered

terribly from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, but we could suffer an even worse attack. This is not the Gulf War, where we had months to get the nation's military might in place to strike an overwhelming blow to Iraq. Time was on our side then; it is against us now.

High-placed government sources tell us: "Coalition building is not the first priority. Our first priority is to protect the nation with or without partners. If we do the right thing, other nations will join us soon enough." While coalitions are important, they should not slow our military efforts.

State sponsors of terrorism, our source explains, are far more important targets than the terrorists themselves. Afghanistan's Taliban leaders and Iraq's Saddam Hussein must be toppled without delay, the source says, after which

the other regimes in other nations harboring terrorists would get the message.

This is especially true, our source says, of the principal state sponsor of terrorism: Iran.

Iran's initial posturing was not at all positive. Its leaders want to throw the problem to the United Nations, where third-world countries exert asymmetrical, often anti-Western power. Iran has further called the Bush administration "arrogant" and said it will not help the United States in its efforts against Afghanistan's Taliban regime — a regime it has not previously recognized.

Meanwhile, Americans are putting up a bold front, but the fear of another, possibly more devastating, series of attacks is pervasive. It is a fear that will only diminish as state sponsorship of terrorism diminishes, and terrorists become far more limited in their activities without diplomatic pouches, passports, supplies, money, and military protection for themselves and their training areas.

If America or its allies are attacked before the military has been committed with deliberate speed, our forces will be committed precipitously, because the oceans that protected us in prior wars cannot protect us from the enemy among us. Their lifeline from state

sponsors leaps across the water at the speed of the Internet.

Every day, more and more comes to light. Suspicious interest in crop-dusting planes led to their temporary grounding because they could provide an ideal means of spewing out chemical or biological agents. The FBI is seeking information about people who have sought licenses to purchase chemicals that could be used in the manufacture of poison gas or bomb making. A number of people have been detained for questioning about a variety of suspicious activities. In short, the threat is real, and it is ongoing.

The FBI is doing superb work, but the help it most needs is for the terrorists' lifelines to be cut, which means the state sponsors must be stopped. But what will happen if there is another terrorist strike? The pressure for U.S. military forces to react will be overwhelming, and may cause them to be committed in a form and fashion not of their choosing. It means they will be compelled to suffer substantially higher casualties than would have been the case had they carried out their original plans.

It is a delicate balance between acting too soon and too late, so if we are to err, sooner is better than later.



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Attacks force closer observation of trucks hauling chemicals

HOUSTON (AP) — Truck drivers hauling toxic and explosive cargoes are being asked not to leave rigs idling and to closely watch them amid fears they could be used by terrorists.

Trucking companies and law enforcement officials issued the warning as a result of concern that terrorists may use 18-wheel trucks loaded with hazardous or flammable materials as moving weapons.

"By federal law, those haz-

mat drivers should not leave their truck ever without being within eyeball sight of it," said Houston Police Department Sgt. C.J. Klausner of the Truck Enforcement Unit.

Klausner said he was contacted by the FBI last week about the potential danger.

"We were not told to do more inspections, but were given a heads-up about phony haz-mat credentials," Klausner said in Saturday's editions of the Houston

Chronicle.

Many companies also are reviewing the qualifications and backgrounds of their drivers, even before any contact from law enforcement agencies, said Les Findeisen, spokesman for the Texas Motor Transportation Association.

Texas authorities also have increased routine inspections of tanker trucks carrying hazardous materials.

"It was already something we've been doing," Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Tera Mange said Friday.

She said Texas officials have not received specific orders to inspect every single truck carrying hazardous material.

Mange said state authorities have been inspecting as many trucks as possible, including those carrying hazardous materials, since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

in New York and Washington, D.C.

Texas law enforcement has had a strict truck inspection policy in place for several years because of its shared border with Mexico. Those efforts were increased when the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement caused heavier truck traffic through Texas.

"It's not just about possible terrorist attacks, we do this to ensure the safety of Texans while they're out on

the roads. We're going to make a point of pulling over as many commercial vehicles as we can," Mange said.

Two North Texans were among those arrested in a nationwide roundup of Middle Eastern men in connection with fraudulently obtaining licenses to transport hazardous materials.

The men were identified as those of Iraqi refugees Kamel A. Albreed of Irving and Haider Alshomary of Haltom City.

Lt. Gov. Ratliff called back to stand in redistricting trial

AUSTIN (AP) — Testimony ended on Friday in the state's congressional redistricting trial after state District Judge Paul Travis summoned Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, author of one of the redistricting plans, back to the stand.

Davis asked Ratliff to explain his rationale regarding changes in the Austin, Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth areas.

Ratliff, a Republican, was the only witness the Democratic judge asked to testify twice. The lieutenant governor was the only elected official who drew his own map without assistance from redistricting experts.

Until Friday, according to one lawyer in the case, Ratliff's plan had received little attention among the dozen submitted to Davis. It's unknown, however, if Davis was trying to estab-

lish evidence for using Ratliff's map or for rejecting it.

After two weeks of testimony and argument, Davis now must decide whether to pick one of the dozen maps, combine more than one or create one of his own.

Davis, speaking from the bench, indicated the problem in adjusting the maps before him: "Every time I pick a line, I affect nearly every other line in the state."

His decision will become the first court-sanctioned map for 32 congressional districts. It will be reviewed by both the Texas Supreme Court, a panel of three federal judges in Tyler and ultimately the United States Supreme Court.

Litigation was filed in Davis's court after the Texas Legislature failed to agree on a map dividing the

state's 20.8 million residents equally between 32 congressional districts, including two new ones.

A trial on the federal issues in congressional redistricting is scheduled for Oct. 15 in Tyler, after Davis makes a decision.

Ratliff's map concerning Austin combines the eastern half of Travis County with Hays County and portions of Caldwell and Guadalupe counties in District 10, now represented by U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett.

Ratliff testified that he was trying to give minority communities in those counties greater say by combining them in one district.

That left western Travis and Williamson counties, plus southern Bell County, in a Republican-leaning district with no incumbent. Under Ratliff's plan, a second congressional district

with no incumbent stretched from Aransas County on the Gulf Coast to Milam, Bastrop and the eastern portions of Bastrop and Caldwell counties.

Under cross-examination by Rick Gray, representing House Speaker Pete Laney, Ratliff testified that his Central Texas map increased minorities by only a couple of percentage points and they remained the minority in District 10 at about 40 percent.

In Houston, Ratliff put two Democrats, U.S. Reps. Ken Bentsen and Sheila Jackson Lee, in the same district.

The lieutenant governor said he had a choice of putting Bentsen "in a black district with a black (member of Congress) or in a Republican district with a Republican."

Davis quizzed Ratliff about the possibility of

putting two Houston-area Republicans in one district.

In the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Davis wanted to know why Ratliff didn't join Hispanics in Dallas with Hispanics in Fort Worth, connecting the district with a strip along Interstate 30.

The Democrats used the approach to maintain a Democratic district for U.S. Rep. Martin Frost, D-Dallas.

"When I looked at that arrangement, I saw racial gerrymandering," Ratliff testified. "It didn't meet my test."

Doctors: Artificial heart patient doing incredibly well

HOUSTON (AP) — A patient whose diseased heart was removed and replaced by an experimental, man-made pump was breathing on his own and "doing incredibly well" just two days after the surgery, doctors said Friday.

The man, whose age and identity are being withheld, received the AbioCor device Wednesday in a six-hour operation performed by Dr. O.H. Frazier, chief of cardiopulmonary transplantation at the Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital.

The patient was the world's third recipient of a self-contained, mechanical heart.

The heart is intended for patients with end-stage heart failure who have more than a 70 percent chance of dying within a month. The

patient's cardiologist, Dr. Reynolds Delgado, said that before the surgery the man "couldn't even complete a sentence without gasping for air," and that his death was imminent.

The implant of the device also appears to have relieved the patient's pulmonary hypertension, or high blood pressure in the lungs, caused by chronic heart failure.

"This technology seems to work very well, but we have to go patient by patient," said Frazier, who spent more than a decade helping develop the AbioCor replacement heart at the Texas Heart Institute.

The man would not have survived a transplant because high pressure in his lungs would have overwhelmed a donated human heart, Frazier said.

Delgado described the patient as a proud man with a large family who was physically active before his heart started to fail. The man had so little energy he couldn't think straight, and ethicists carefully explained the study to him and his family before he agreed to undergo the surgery.

"The patient was very excited about the prospects, especially given his imminent death," Delgado said Saturday. "He knew he was dying and there was no other hope. This really gave

him hope."

Buoyed by the AbioCor's initial success, doctors at the Texas Heart Institute, the research arm of St. Luke's, said the devices will someday be mass-produced in various sizes and could replace heart transplants within seven to 10 years.

Currently, only 2,500 of the 40,000 to 100,000 people who need a heart transplant get one because of the shortage of donor hearts.

"That's where this thing is going to be wonderful," Delgado said.

Officials discussing new area codes for West Texas

EL PASO (AP) — Citing a shortage of numbers due to a surge in the use of fax machines, cell phones, modems and pagers, the Texas Public Utility Commission is considering new area codes for West Texas by the end of 2003.

The current 915 area code has 1.6 million customers, covering a swath of West Texas from El Paso east to Brownwood.

One plan under consideration would bring two additional area codes to the region: one for the El Paso

area, one for Midland, Odessa and Pecos, and a third for Abilene and San Angelo.

It would be the first major change to the 915 area code since the 1940s. Statewide, there are 18 area codes, up from just five in the 1950s.

The proposal has garnered the support of local politicians, including state Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, and Mayor Ray Caballero.

The utility commission is accepting written public comments on the issue through Nov. 1.

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Officials say special forces operating inside Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is in "hot pursuit" of terrorists behind the Sept. 11 attacks, President Bush declared Friday as officials said Pentagon special forces had been operating inside Afghanistan. Democratic calls for expanded jobless benefits gained ground amid fresh signs of a sputtering economy.

White House officials said Bush had decided to support an economic stimulus package with possible tax cuts for people and businesses. These officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the president also had decided to back an extension of unemployment benefits for laid-off workers, though far less than the 52 additional weeks that congressional Democrats want.

The military and economic developments unfolded as New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said

it could take as long as a year to clean up the site of the World Trade Center.

Late Friday, the U.N. Security Council unanimously approved a U.S.-sponsored resolution demanding that all countries immediately take sweeping measures to crack down on terrorism.

The council declared that every nation cut off funding and support for terrorist activities and improve the exchange of information about terrorist networks. It created a special committee to monitor these efforts.

Seventeen days after the deadliest terrorist attacks ever on American soil, Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta said Reagan National Airport would "definitely reopen." The airport, just across the Potomac River in Arlington, Va., sits in the shadow of the Pentagon; the White House

and Capitol are seconds away by air, and authorities have kept it shut because of security concerns.

Bush, in remarks to reporters, said, "Make no mistake about it, we're in hot pursuit of terrorists." He did little to flesh out his remark, but added that he understood it was "very hard to fight a guerrilla war with conventional forces." At another point, he added, "There may or may not be a conventional component" to the war on terrorism.

The Pentagon has begun a redeployment of ships, planes and personnel around the globe to prepare for a military strike, but officials have said little to suggest any type of attack is imminent.

One official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the work of U.S. and British forces inside Afghanistan was a prelude to potential military action. The

troops have been sent in the past few days, the official said, as the United States charts a course to find prime suspect Osama bin Laden and the network of terrorist camps he is believed to run.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush wants to work with Democrats on the issue of help for laid-off workers. "He's going to discuss a variety of ideas that many people, including many leading Democrats, have offered about how to help workers who have lost their jobs," the spokesman said.

Senior White House officials said Bush was open to extending unemployment benefits by 13 weeks. He also wants to boost job training programs but is cool to Democratic demands for extra health insurance benefits targeted at airline workers, aides said. Bush might be open to helping all

laid-off workers pay health insurance premiums, but aides said it was too soon to tell if there was a need.

There were fresh signs of the nation's attempt to cope with the attacks, and new warnings that vigilance is required.

The State Department issued a "worldwide caution" to traveling Americans, stemming, according to one official, from new threats from foreign groups.

In this country, former President Bill Clinton and the man he defeated in 1996, former Sen. Bob Dole, were teaming up to help raise \$100 million in scholarships for the children and spouses of victims of the attacks. They will be co-chairmen of the Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund, created by the Indianapolis-based Lumina Foundation for Education.

Authorities narrowing search for masterminds of Sept. 11 attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Following a trail of money, travel tickets and communications, U.S. authorities are narrowing their search for the masterminds behind the Sept. 11 attacks to a small group of men in the Middle East and Europe, officials say.

After nearly three weeks of an intense global investigation, the FBI believes the plotting, financing and assistance was conducted by Osama bin Laden sympathizers in England, Germany and the United Arab Emirates, the officials told The Associated Press.

Authorities believe they may have some of the collaborators in custody, including an Algerian pilot whom British prosecutors identified Friday as the primary instructor for some of the airplane hijackers.

The FBI found his name on a document in a car left by the hijackers at Dulles International Airport outside Washington, said officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Other suspected plotters remain at large and are the subject of an FBI-led manhunt, the officials said. Among the groups being

investigated are various cells of the Algerian-based Armed Islamic Group that has aligned itself with bin Laden's Al-Qaida network, the officials said.

"One should not focus on one individual, but focus one's attention on a series of networks across the world," FBI Director Robert Mueller said Friday.

The FBI, CIA and other U.S. agencies have painstakingly recreated the travels of the 19 hijackers over years through Germany, Afghanistan, Spain and London. They've recreated hotel visits and car rentals

and identified tens of thousands of dollars funneled to the attackers to aid their travel, pilot training and activities, officials said.

One of those still being sought is a man in the United Arab Emirates who was mailed a package by Mohamed Atta, a suspected leader of the hijacking teams, one official said. The package contained leftover money and documents and was mailed by Atta a few days before he hijacked a plane in Boston and flew it into the World Trade Center in New York.

The new details about the

origins of the hijacking plot emerged as the Justice Department announced Friday that more than 480 people have been arrested or detained in the probe.

Evidence is growing that the plot was hatched, funded and assisted by several bin Laden sympathizers who gave instruction and support from Europe and the Middle East, officials told AP.

British authorities said Friday they had detained one such man. Lotfi Raissi, 27, an Algerian pilot, was "a lead instructor" of some of the hijackers who crashed

an airliner into the Pentagon, prosecutors in London said.

Raissi made several trips to the United States this summer, and flew with one of the suspected hijackers on June 23 from Las Vegas to Arizona.

Records show Raissi lived in Arizona in the late 1990s. Former employees at the Sawyer Aviation flight school in Phoenix remember him using a flight simulator as recently as 1999 to instruct others, including at least one other person identified as a terrorist by the FBI.

New Supreme Court session dominated by church-state, death penalty issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite widespread predictions of at least one Supreme Court retirement, the same familiar nine justices will take the bench Monday for the start of a new term dominated by a dramatic test of the separation of church and state.

The court also plans to rule on cases involving affirmative action, the death penalty and child pornography, among many other issues. So far, it looks like a year that will draw a moderate amount of interest from the general public, several lawyers and law professors said.

"A medium year, but the main thing to remember is that you can't tell very much at this point," said Georgetown University law professor Susan Low Bloch. "At this point last year, we had no idea there would be a Bush v. Gore."

That decision defined the court last year and led to

deep public division over the court's role in ending ballot recounts in Florida. The bitter 5-4 vote left the justices testy, but they seem to have shaken it off, said University of Virginia law professor A.E. Dick Howard.

"I think the justices will return in a much more amiable state of mind," he said.

The conservative-dominated court has gradually redrawn the line governing government involvement in religious education. It could go much further with a Cleveland case that asks whether the Constitution permits taxpayer money to subsidize tuition at church-run schools.

The court will hear the school voucher case sometime early next year, with a decision expected by summer.

The affirmative action case features a small, white-owned construction firm in Colorado and its fight

against government programs that help steer business to rival minority firms. Like the voucher case, it presents a constitutional question that also carries great political freight for the Bush administration and conservative voters.

The court seems determined to rule this term on whether it is constitutional to execute the mentally retarded. The court will reconsider its 1989 ruling upholding such executions.

Last week, the court dismissed a case that had become moot, but immediately substituted another appeal from a Death Row inmate with an IQ of 59.

Other highlights of the court schedule so far include two cases dealing with children, pornography and the Internet.

One case asks whether in the freewheeling online world, objectionable material can really be placed off-limits for children without

unconstitutionally curbing adults' viewing rights. The other case visits the shadowy world of virtual kiddie porn — computer images that only appear to show children having sex.

As always, the court will also hear quite a few more mundane, but still significant, cases involving such

things as coal taxes and safety rules for barges.

So far, there are no cases with much relevance to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. That could change if eventual challenges to changes in immigration rules or other civil liberties questions make speedy trips through lower courts.

"I don't see any immediate effect, but I think the judiciary in general is going to be more receptive to national security, police discretion-type arguments for awhile, and the Supreme Court may be affected by that," said Thomas Merrill, professor at Northwestern University's law school.

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Big Spring team wins

The Big Spring team returned to the 4-4A action defeating Plainview at the Figur Center at Com Park. Big Spring one boys' soccer team won three girls' soccer games en route to straight district titles. Shroff, Alex Michael, Rob Wingert and Williamson are Big Spring Steers sweet t

In girls' soccer, Veronica Villalobos led the Lady Steers with a win at April Ward for a win at No. 6. All three bled teams won mixed doubles

Steers complete Lubbock meet

At Lubbock, Big Spring's Ashley Martin led the Steers to a team win at a meet with over 1000 athletes. She finished with a 13:28 time in the 500m, a junior varsity record for the Class 5A-4A meet. Eva finished down, but finished out of 300 runs in the varsity division. Nicole Williams finished her for 224th. Tony Argue led the boys, finishing

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FOOTBALL
BIG SPRING — Plainview, 7-30 p.m.

COAHOMA — FORSAN — vs. GARDEN CITY

Davis, 7:30 p.m.

GRADY — vs. Plainview Christi

p.m.

SANDS — at 7:30 p.m.

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CROSS COUNTRY
BIG SPRING — 10 a.m.

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BIG SPRING — Andrews, 2 p.m.

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Radio
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7 p.m. — Dallas at Philadelphia,

Television
NFL FOOTBALL
12 p.m. — Tar

Minnesota, CBS
Kansas City at 1 FOX, Ch. 3

3 p.m. — Belt Denver, FOX, Ch

7:30 p.m. — Cowboys at Phil ESPN, Ch. 30.

IN BRIEF

Big Spring tennis team wins again

The Big Spring tennis team returned to District 4-4A action Saturday, defeating Plainview 15-4 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center at Comanche Trail Park. Big Spring lost only one boys' singles and three girls' singles matches en route to its fourth straight district win. Jay Shroff, Alex Edgemon, Michael Roffers, Brian Wingert and Michael Williamson all won for Big Spring while the Steers swept the doubles.

In girls' action, Veronica Villarreal started the Lady Steers off with a win at No. 1 and April Ward followed with a win at No. 3 before Mindy Partee gave Big Spring its third win at No. 6. All three girls' doubles teams won, as did its mixed doubles team.

Steers compete at Lubbock meet

At Lubbock Saturday, Big Spring freshman Ashley Martinez led the Big Spring cross country team at a region-wide meet with over 400 runners. She finished 11th with a 13:28 time in the junior varsity division of the Class 5A-4A combined meet. Eva Tobar fell down, but finished 235th out of 300 runners in her varsity division while Nicole Williams ran by her for 224th.

Tony Arguello paced the boys, finishing 60th.

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RESULTS

TENNIS

BIG SPRING — defeated Levelland, 19-0, at the Figure-7 Tennis Center, 4 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

BIG SPRING — No results were available.

TUESDAY

TENNIS

BIG SPRING — Idle.

VOLLEYBALL

BIG SPRING — at Lubbock Estacado, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL

BIG SPRING — at Lake View, 7:30 p.m.

COAHOMA — Idle.

FORSAN — vs. Idle, Garden City — vs. Fort Davis, 7:30 p.m.

GRADY — vs. HC vs. Plainview Christian, 7:30 p.m.

SANDS — at Balmorhea, 7:30 p.m.

STANTON — Idle.

SATURDAY

CROSS COUNTRY

BIG SPRING — at Abilene, 10 a.m.

COAHOMA — ACU Invitational, Sherrod Park, 10:25 a.m.

FORSAN — Idle.

GARDEN CITY — at Ozona, Country Club, 10 a.m.

TENNIS

BIG SPRING — vs. Lubbock Estacado, TBA.

VOLLEYBALL

BIG SPRING — at Andrews, 2 p.m.

ON THE AIR

Radio

12:55p.m. — Houston Astros, KBST, 1490, AM.
7 p.m. — Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia, KBST, 1490

Television

NFL FOOTBALL
12 p.m. — Tampa at Minnesota, CBS, Ch. 7.
Kansas City at Washington, FOX, Ch. 3

3 p.m. — Baltimore at Denver, FOX, Ch. 3.
7:30 p.m. — Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia ESPN, Ch. 30.

Forsan, Stanton, Grady all lose lopsided games

HERALD Staff Report

FORSAN — Wes Longorio scored on a 19-yard run for Forsan, knotting the game at 6-6 late in the first quarter before Josh Helmstetler added the extra-point kick, giving the Buffaloes a 7-6 lead with 91 seconds to play in the opening period.

But despite rushing for 90 yards on 20 carries, Longorio was unable to lead his Buffaloes to a second straight home win as the Rankin Red Raiders scored 27 unanswered points for a 33-7 win, improving to 4-1 while the Buffaloes fell to 2-3.

"It should have been 7-6 at halftime, but we turned the ball over too many time,

gave them the short field and we didn't tackle well," Forsan coach Steve Park said Saturday. "We did some things well. We moved the ball offensively, but we fumbled at our own 4-yard line and they score two plays later, so that really hurt us."

Aside from losing two of its six fumbles and throwing three interceptions, early injuries to key players like Billy Kinsey hurt Forsan's chances for a win.

"Billy Kinsey (MLB) sprained an ankle on the first series and that hurt us defensively," Park continued. "We had some other kids step up. Cody Bryant came in and did a good job for us and Zach Johnson

returned to the secondary from his injury. He had nine tackles from his safety spot, so our kids played hard, we just made too many mistakes."

Park said he hope to use the open week to prepare for arch-rival Coahoma when his Buffaloes start District 3-2A play Oct. 12.

"We can use the open date to heal up and get healthy because we've got a lot of guys banged up. But we'll bounce back and be ready for Coahoma," Park said.

Midland Christian 48 Stanton 0

STANTON — Despite being shutout, Stanton See FOOTBALL, Page 10A



HERALD photo/Jim Ferro
Nick Griffin runs into Midland Christian's Josh Wilson Friday night when the Mustangs shutout the Buffaloes, 48-0. Griffin led Stanton in rushing with 76 yards on 13 carries.

Gardner rushes Andrews to win over Steers

By JEFF MORRIS Sports Editor

With only two minutes left in the fourth quarter, Big Spring got a good bounce on an Andrews punt Friday night at Memorial Stadium.

Then, the Steers got a bad break when the referee overruled the sideline official and took away what looked like the big break Big Spring needed to mount another comeback bid.

After the Big Spring High defensive unit managed a rare stop, forcing an Andrews punt late in the high school football game, the ball took an odd bounce, hitting an Andrews player, Jason Glasson, before Ronnie Johnson jumped on it, giving the Steers one last chance as the near capacity crowd cheered with new hope for the Steers near the end of the opening District 4-4A game.

Big Spring seemed poised for its fourth consecutive fourth-quarter comeback drive when officials signaled that Johnson had recovered for Big Spring near the Andrews 40-yard line. But the cheers quickly

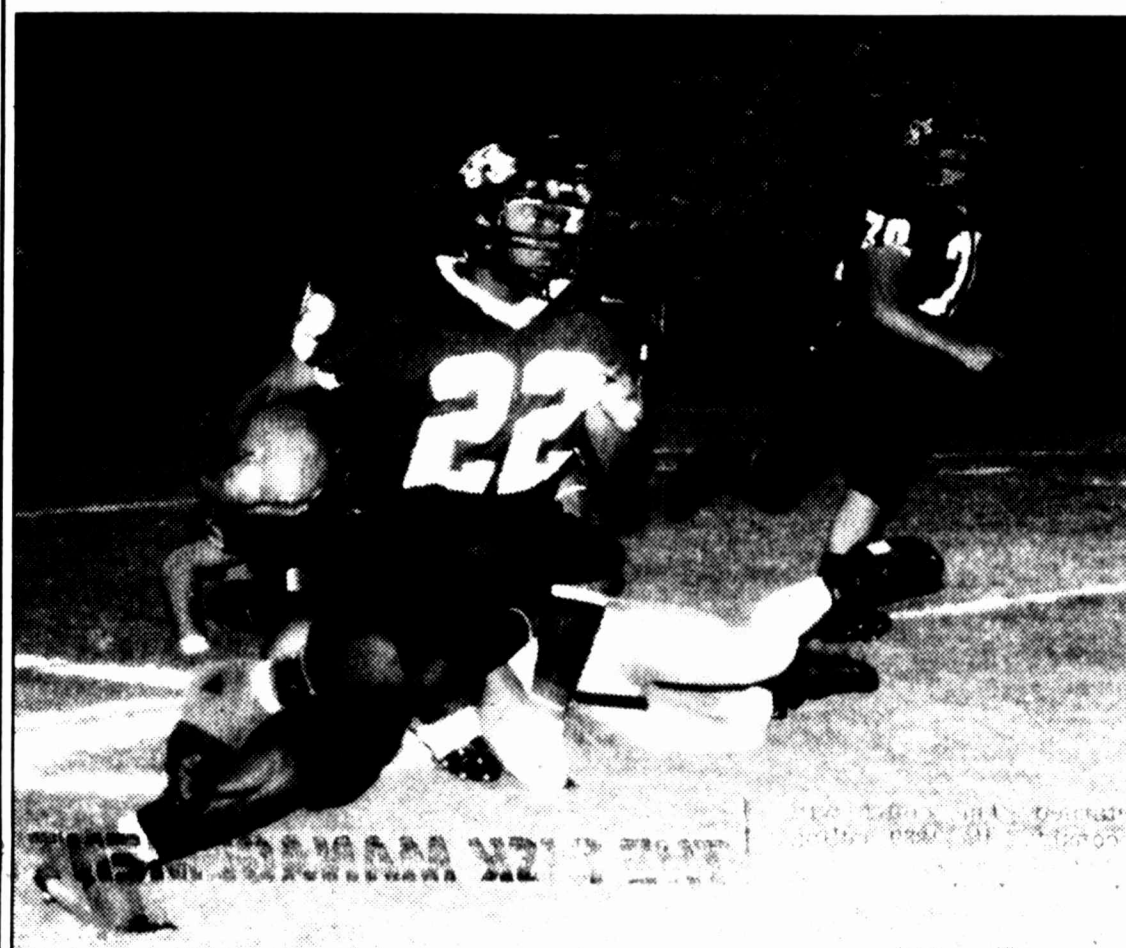
turned to jeers by the home crowd as the referee refused the initial call, deciding that it was a dead ball. He explained that the ball had hit a Big Spring player, bouncing off a Steers' helmet before hitting Glasson on the left leg, so Johnson's alert recovery was erased and Andrews took over at the Big Spring 49-yard line with a 7-point lead, 28-21, and two minutes to go.

A minute and 44 seconds later, Andrews sophomore Matt Gardner scored his fifth touchdown of the night as Andrews went on to win the district opener, 35-21.

"It is hard to tell, but we were told (by the official) it hit one of our guys in the helmet," Big Spring coach Dwight Butler said Saturday after reviewing the video tape of his team's fourth loss in as many games. "It could have hit somebody in the leg, but it did not hit a helmet, not anyone's helmet."

"I won't say it was a bad call, we just have not had many breaks so far this year," Butler said as he left the field Friday night after

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooner
Big Spring running back Ramone Ford (22) finds room to ramble against Andrews Friday night at Memorial Stadium. Despite rushing for one touchdown and 173 yards on 14 carries, Ford was not able to help the Steers find their first win when Big Spring and Andrews started District 4-4A play. Andrews went on to a 35-21 win after a controversial call gave the Mustangs the ball at the Big Spring 49-yard line with two minutes to go.

Sands succumbs to Eagles at Ropesville, 38-36

By HOLLIE GIBBS Herald Correspondent

ROPESVILLE — The clock ran out on Sands High Friday night when the Mustangs traveled to Ropesville for a non-district six-man football game with Ropes.

The Eagles and the Mustangs battled it out in a seesaw struggle. Ropes ran the clock out and held on for a 38-36 win.

"Sands is a good football team. We managed to slow them down enough to score more points than they did. Floyd caught three touchdown passes in the first half. We executed our game plan — to slow down the ball and keep it away from them," Ropes head coach Lane Jackson said.

The Mustangs got on the board first when quarterback Jeremy Renteria connected with Dusty Floyd for a 60-yard touchdown pass.

Floyd's extra point kick was good, putting the Mustangs up 8-0. Floyd scored two more touchdowns and added two more extra point conversions, totaling 24 points.

The Eagles battled back on the ensuing possession with a pass from Matthew Harris to Chris Cruz with 2:35 left in the first quarter. The Eagles' extra point failed, leaving the Mustangs ahead 8-6.

Defensive end Joe Luis Gonzales recovered an Eagle fumble at the 32-yard line, allowing Renteria to pass 48-yards to Floyd for another Mustang touchdown as the first quarter ended, making it 14-6.

Late in the second quarter, Ropes' Jerry Kimberlin ran 3-yards for the touchdown with 2:51 remaining. The 2-point conversion attempt was good, tying the score at 14-14.

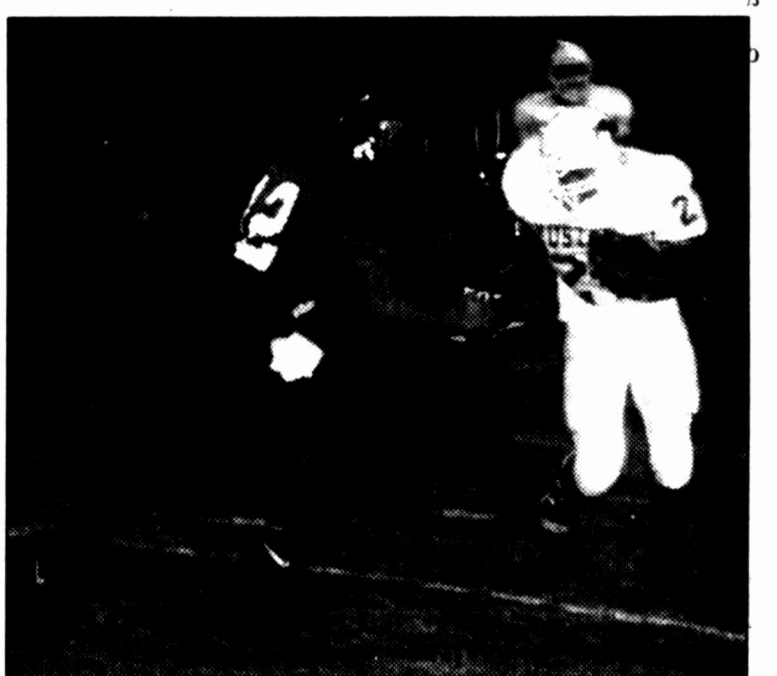
The Eagles recovered a Mustang fumble on their

own 32-yard line, and a 24-yard pass from Harris to Brandon Drury put the Eagles in the lead with 18 seconds left in the half. The 2-point kick was good, putting the Eagles ahead 22-14.

Mustang Josh Segundo covered the Eagles' on-side kick at the Mustang 25-yard line. Renteria connected with Floyd for the third time with a 55-yard touchdown pass. The Mustangs headed to the locker room at intermission with Ropes ahead 22-20.

The Eagles returned to the field determined to keep the score in their favor. A 9-yard pass from Harris to Drury and a 2-point conversion made the score 30-20 with 6:57 left in the third quarter.

The Mustangs answered with a scoring drive. Nate Looney ran the ball 11-yards for the touchdown, making it 26-30 with 5:36 remaining in the third quarter.



HERALD photo/Carlene Gibbs
Gilbert Ibarra runs to his right, looking for room to escape Matt Harris (12) and another Ropes defensive player at Ropesville Friday night when Sands was upset, 38-36.

The Mustangs' defense held the Eagles and took possession on their own 9-yard line. Looney broke

through on the first play and ran 71 yards for his sec-

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Bulldogs hang on for homecoming win

HERALD Staff Report

COAHOMA — With 54 seconds left in the game, Michael Barrera missed a 42-yard field goal that would have tied the game, forcing Coahoma and Hamlin to overtime at Bulldogs Stadium Friday night.

It was a good game, a hard-fought battle," Coahoma coach Robert Wood said Saturday as he reviewed the film of Friday night's homecoming contest when Hamlin's Pied Pipers put Wood's Bulldogs to a test before the Bulldogs held on for a 27-24 win.

"They are a good team. They took advantage of our

mistakes. We turned the ball over in the fourth quarter when somebody hit Chase (Ward) while he was fighting for a first down, so we gave them the ball back around midfield. David Davis sacked them on the next play, but they hit a long pass to Jared May to set up the field goal and it went a little wide right, so we held on for a win."

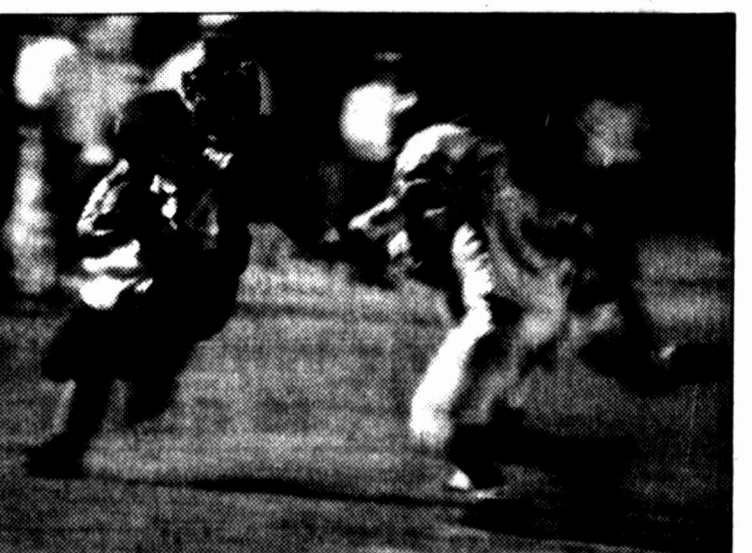
With Coahoma running back Cory Hill still suffering from a deep cut to his right arm, several other Bulldogs picked up the rushing slack for Coahoma, combining for 222 yards of rushing offense. Meanwhile, the 'Dogs'

defense held Hamlin to 109 rushing yards, but allowed 202 through the air.

Rickey Richters started the scoring, giving Coahoma an early lead on his 1-yard run with 5:15 left in the first frame. He added a 9-yard TD run in the second quarter, giving the Bulldogs a 13-7 advantage with 8:15 to go. Anthony Herrera's kick made it 14-7.

Clint Powell's pass to Michael Green gave the Pied Pipers their first points and a 7-7 tie before John Barrera added a 30-yard run that left Hamlin a

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HERALD photo/Manuel Beaza
Rickey Richters runs for a first down and looks for more Friday night as Coahoma got back on a winning track with a 3-point homecoming win, 27-24, over the Pied Pipers of Hamlin. Richters finished with 64 yards on 16 carries. Coahoma takes a week off before hosting Forsan.

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HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

Class 8A
A&M Consolidated 20, Jersey Village 13
Abilene 28, San Angelo Central 13
Abilene Cooper 28, Amarillo Tascosa 0
Aldine Eisenhower 27, Aldine Nimitz 26
Alief Hastings 36, Pasadena Dobie 15
Allen 44, Richardson 6
Arling 28, Clear Lake 14
Arlington 27, Arlington Martin 0
Arlington Lamar 20, Arlington Bowie 13
Austin Bowie 35, Phlogerville 25
Austin High 52, Killeen Shoemaker 34
Baytown Lee 41, Alief Elsie 18
Buda Hays 35, Bastrop 0
CC Carroll 27, CC Moody 22
CC King 28, CC Ray 21
Cameron Turner 52, Flower Mound 21
Clear Creek 42, Brazoswood 10
Converse Judson 35, SA Reagan 28
Coppell 37, Richland 23
Copperas Cove 48, Dallas Kimball 6
Cypress Springs 27, CyFair 14
Dallas Adams 35, Dallas Bishop Lynch 25
Dallas Carter 35, FW Wyatt 6
DeSoto 24, Arlington Sam Houston 18
Duncanville 30, Grand Prairie 29
EP Address 42, EP Perdido 12
EP Austin 39, Carutullo 23
EP Eastwood 27, EP Bel Air 14
EP Franklin 21, Midland Lee 7
EP Inon 37, Gadsden N.M. 20
Edinburg 34, Brownsville Porter 14
Edinburg North 22, Westaco 14
FW South Hills 37, Birdville 30
Flower Mound Marquis 35, McKinney 24
Fort Bend Hightower 41, Fort Bend Elkins 10
Fort Bend Kempner 42, Fort Bend Dulles 22
Galena Park North Shore 35, Humble 20
Galveston Ball 35, La Porte 28
Garland Neuman Forest 34, Garland 17
Grand Prairie 30, Duncanville 29
Haltom 55, FW Paschal 28
Hearlingen South 27, San Benito 21
Houston Stratford 39, Houston Spring Woods 0
Houston Washington 69, Houston Sam Houston 30
Houston Worthing 42, Houston Bellaire 7
Houston Yates 31, Houston Westbury 17
Humble Kingwood 30, Deer Park 7
Hurst Bell 42, Irving MacArthur 6
Katy 41, South Houston 8
Killeen 30, Round Rock 23
Laredo Alexander 28, Del Valle 14
Laredo Martin 15, CC Tuloso-Midway 14
Laredo Nix 16, SA Southwest 0
Lewisville 49, The Colony 0
Lubbock Coronado 24, Midland 20
Lufkin 42, Killeen Elision 14
Mansfield 52, Cedar Hill 7
Marshall 40, Haltville 34
McAllen 28, Rio Grande City 26
McAllen Memorial 27, Jova 12
Mesquite 16, South Garland 7
North Mesquite 18, Rowlett 10
Odessa 21, EP Coronado 17
Ole 51, Permian 48, Lubbock Monterey 31
PSJA 16, Roma 0
Pasadena 20, Katy Cinco Ranch 14
Pearland 45, Clear Brook 12
Piano 17, Lake Highlands 6
Rockwall 24, Richardson Berkner 16
SA Brackevridge 35, Seguin 21
SA Clark 21, SA O'Connor 20
SA Madison 38, SA East Central 10
SA San Houston 28, SA Edison 10
SA Taff 31, SA Jay 14
Schertz Clements 28, SA Churchill 9
Spring 16, Klein Oak 15
Spring Westfield 24, Klein 17
The Woodlands 27, Tomball 15
Tyler Lee 24, Greco 40, Recheater 24
Waco 22, Tyler John Tyler 21

HOW THEY LARED

Here's how teams ranked in The Associated Press' high school football poll for this weekend (grades 9-12).
Class 8A
1. Austin Westlake (30) at Round Rock Westwood, noon Saturday.
2. Tyler John Tyler (44) lost to Waco, 22-21.
3. The Woodlands (40) beat Tomball, 27-15.
4. Galena Park North Shore (40) beat Humble, 35-20.
5. Copperas Cove (40) beat Dallas Kimball, 48-6.
6. Lufkin (51) beat Killeen Elision, 42-14.
7. Midland Lee (22) lost to El Paso Franklin, 21-7.
8. Aldine Eisenhower (34) beat Aldine Nimitz, 27-26.
9. Mesquite (40) beat South Garland, 16-7.
10. Flower Mound Marquis (31) beat McKinney, 35-24.
Class 8B
1. Ennis (40) beat Hico, 56-3.
2. Denton Ryan (40) beat Fort Worth Eastern Hills, 14-0.
3. Coppas Christi Calahan (40) at Georgetown, 2 p.m. Saturday.
4. Stephenville (34) beat Cleburne, 28-10.
5. Brownwood (40) beat Joshua, 28-7.
6. Bay City (41) beat Walker, 28-18.
7. La Marque (2) beat in Friendswood, 21-14.
8. Ingham Park (40) beat Dallas Jesuit, 37-0.
9. Smithson Valley (50) beat Waco University, 42-7.
10. San Marcos (34) lost to Cedar Park, 44-6.
Class 9A
1. Forney (40) beat Mesia, 56-0.
2. Commerce (33) lost to Avarado, 14-13.
3. Abilene Wylie (50) beat Llano, 24-14.
4. Euwaha (40) beat Waco Robinson, 74-0.
5. Sinton (40) beat Mathis, 45-0.
6. Sweetwater (40) is idle.
7. Cameron Yoe (40) beat Manor, 42-0.
8. China Spring (40) beat McGregor, 31-21.
9. La Grange (32) beat Houston St. Thomas, 46-23.
10. Newton (21) at Oremount Ozen, Saturday.
Class 9B
1. Slatina (50) beat Lake Dallas, 50-0.
2. Arp (40) beat Cayuga, 62-0.
3. Farmersville (40) beat Cooper, 21-15.
4. Mart (22) lost to Rosebud-Lott, 36-18.
5. Rogers (40) beat Huffo, 38-0.
6. Garrison (41) lost to Corrigan-Camden, 27-22.
7. Refugio (31) beat Tidehaven, 51-6.
8. Sonora (41) beat Winters, 43-21.
9. Pilot Point (41) beat Princeton, 21-2.
10. Spearman (34) beat Survey, 27-6.
Class 10A
1. Stratford (40) beat Gruver, 43-0.
2. Roscoe (40) beat Haskell, 35-0.
3. Windthorst (40) beat Perrin-Whitt, 61-6.
4. Beckville (40) beat Shelbyville, 29-7.
5. Celeste (40) beat Scumy-Rosser, 35-0.
6. Iraan (40) beat Rockspings, 48-7.
7. Shiner (22) lost to Marion, 32-8.
8. Rankin (41) beat Foran, 33-7.
9. Mount Enterprise (40) beat Simms Bowie, 33-21.
10. Bremond (31) lost to Mildred, 25-19.
Kaufman 39, Van 7
Kerrdale 21, Orange Grove 14
Kerrdale 21, Little Elm 16
Kerrdale 21, Humble 7
La Feria 28, Lyford 6
La Grange 46, St. Thomas 23
La Verne 23, Haltville 12
Lake Wales 40, Houston 38-0
Lamesa 54, Littlefield 14
Liberty Hill 9, Comanche 6
Lorena 33, Troy 10
Lubbock Cooper 27, Ramiro 0
Lubbock Roper 27, Rattler 0
Marion 32, Shiner 8
Minola 35, Quinlan Ford 28
Mount Vernon 37, Omaha Paul Hewitt 9
Muleshoe 33, Tula 12
Palacios 31, Industrial 30
Pearsall 16, Devine 14
Port Isabel 14, Progreso 0
Rains 6, Sabine 2
Reynoldsville 39, Santa Rosa 7
Rio Hondo 38, Hixie 14
Rockdale 18, Caldwell 13
Rusk 3, Brownsboro 0
San Diego 26, Premont 0
Sanford-Fitch 15, Brownfield 7
Sanger 28, Bowie 20
Sinton 45, Mathis 0
Somerset 16, SA Kennedy 6
Splendor 55, Groveton 12
Sweeney 35, Wharton 33
Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 17, Queen City 15
Texarkana Pleasant Grove 23, Hooks 22
Vernon 34, Burk Burnett 14
Wills Point 24, Midway 20
Wilmer-Hutchins 32, Marlin 6
Wimberly 34, Port Lavaca 6
Yoakum 10, Cuero 3
Zapata 17, Laredo United 16

New Diana 30, Harleton 18
Nocona 44, Garrettsville State School 20
Ozona 21, Well 18
PA Austin 33, West Hardin 14
Palmer 20, Blooming Grove 0
Pilot Point 21, Princeton 2
Plot 19, Shallowford 14
Poth 58, Yorktown 0
Quannah 29, Archer City 7
Randolph 28, SA St. Anthony 7
Refugio 51, Tidehaven 6
Riverton 12, Mead 8
Rogers 38, Hutto 0
Rosebud-Lott 36, Mart 18
S&S Consolidated 41, Tom Bean 8
SA Cole 33, SA Memorial 7
Sagguess 29, Tahoka 24
Skidmore-Tynan 22, Hebronville 21
Somerville 22, New Waverly 13
Sonora 43, Winters 21
Stanford 25, Cisco 0
Thorndale 33, Sealed 12
Three Rivers 19, Stockdale 15
Timpson 28, Grepeland 0
Tomillo 24, Presidio 14
Universal City Randolph 28, SA St. Anthony 7
Valley View 35, Lindsay 33
Van Vleet 60, Victoria Memorial JV 13
Waskom 12, Ore City 6
Wearnes 35, Burton 14
Whiteight 35, Van Alstyne 20
Winnona 35, Big Sandy 34
Class 11A
Agua Dulce 20, Rungo 0
Anton 36, Houston County 22
Bartlett 42, Valley Mills 8
Beckville 28, Shelbyville 7
Borwickville 22, La Villa 15
Bosqueville 65, Rice 8
Bryson 51, Jayton 6
Charlotte 42, Nueces Canyon 0
Chico 28, Millsapp 20
Christoval 26, Miles 2
Coricane Mildred 25, Bremond 19
Crasps Plains 26, Sterling City 6
Falls City 34, Woodsboro 12
Happy 74, Lubbock 58
Harper 31, Santa Anna 6
Hart 47, Farwell 12
Iraan 48, Rockspings 0
Iron County 34, Bronite 14
Little River Academy 40, Jarrell 19
Lovelock 36, High Island 6
Marfa 42, EP Faith Christian 7
Menard 62, Water Valley 0
Meridian 21, Grandeur 7
Mount Enterprise 33, Simms Bowie 21
O'Donnell 40, Lorenzo 6
Oakwood 14, Carlisle 6
Petersburg 21, Plains 14
Rankin 33, Forsan 7
Rice Consolidated 57, Hitchcock 8
Robert Lee 55, Mey 0
Roby 33, Knox City 20
Roscoe 35, Haskell 0
Saint Jo 38, Riang Star 7
Slatina 37, Bowie 6
Throckmorton 63, Gorman 6
Tolar 29, Frost 22
Valley 48, Cotton Center 14
Vega 51, Shamrock 0
Wheeler 48, Dalhart 21
Whiteface 34, Lubbock Christian 0
Windthorst 61, Perrin-Whitt 6
Wink 27, Van Horn 14
Class 12A
Borden County 52, Weiland 6
Bynum 50, Kopper 20
Calvert 61, Trinidad 28
Cherokee 52, Park Rock 6
Cranfills Gap 68, Oak Trail 19
Gordon 51, Brooksmith 0
Groom 64, Fort Elliott 0
Guthrie 53, Benjamin 14
Hedley 43, McLain 14
Highland 38, Luders-Avoca 18
Ira 70, Blackwell 20
Jonesboro 24, Blanket 12
Klonkie 71, Dawson 35
Meadow 12, Spur 0
Morgan 76, Buckhorts 38
Newcastle 50, Vernon Northside 0
Novice 59, Star 12
Ogby 50, Cooksboro 0
Richard Springs 58, Zephyr 13
Rochelle 58, Mullin 8
Ropesville 38, Acerys Sands 36
Sanderson 50, Grady 0
Siddon 37, Lohn 32
Silverton 34, Lefors 14
Vedpost 59, Lorena 24
Woolston 49, Harrod 0

Aggies slap winless Irish for 4-0 start

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M added a chapter to the storied history of Notre Dame football the Irish will not cherish. The Aggies scored on their first three possessions Saturday, including quarterback Mark Farris' touchdown catch, to down Notre Dame 24-3. For the first time since they began playing football in 1887, the Irish are 0-3. "You cringe when you hear that," said coach Bob Davie, who returned for the first time to College Station since leaving as assistant head coach in 1994. "It stings to hear that, but all that matters is how it ends." Added quarterback Carlyle Holiday, who was making his first start in hopes of generating some offense: "We never thought it could happen." Davie hasn't won since signing a five-year contract extension last Dec. 5. Counting a bowl loss to end last season, that's four straight defeats for Notre Dame. "What I see right now is a very anemic football team," he said. "I really appreciate how we prepare and I appreciate the effort we get, all those things, the character. But right now we're just anemic. We can't seem to get a play." That wasn't a problem Saturday for Texas A&M (4-0). "It was very important for us to get off to a good start," Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said. "We wanted to come out swinging." They did, grabbing a 17-0 lead, and backed by a record crowd of 87,206 — the largest crowd ever to watch a football game in Texas, they throttled Notre Dame's offense. Holiday lasted less than a half, knocked out late in the second quarter with a sprained neck and the Irish trailing by 17.

CORRECTION NOTICE
In our September 30 insert, we advertised two CD titles, "Choices" by Three 6 Mafia and "Instructions" by Jermaine Dupri, as being available on Tuesday, October 2. Due to circumstances beyond our control, these two titles will not be available until a later date. Currently, we anticipate that they will be available on October 30. We will issue rainchecks for these titles through October 6.
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coach Mark Cotton said he saw plenty of improvement, especially on defense Friday night when his Buffaloes got beat, 48-0, by midland Christian.

I think our kids played hard last night," Cotton said Saturday. "Defensively, we were much more aggressive and running to the football. I was much more pleased with our effort.

"I know it sounds funny to say when you get beat 48-0, but quite honestly, I am pleased with our improvement because the team we played is the best we've seen this year, by far."

Tony Joseph led the Mustangs over the Buffaloes, rushing for three touchdowns and 238 yards on nine carries, almost a 25-yard per-run average.

Stanton made it to the red zone three times but failed to score, turning the ball over on downs. Nick Griffin ran well for the Buffaloes,

gaining 76 yards on 13 carries while Jesse DeLeon added 27 yards on seven runs.

"We were inside the 20 three times, once in the first half and twice in the second, but we couldn't get it done," Cotton said. "Nick Griffin ran well for us. I think he had 85 or 90 yards rushing, but we didn't get a lot done on offense.

"Defensively, I thought Paul Chandler and Lance Kargl played well. They were both in on a lot of tackles. Javier Juarez wasn't able to do much on returns for us either because they squib kicked and kicked short a lot and they didn't punt much either. In fact, I don't know if they punted at all. They were the best team we've seen. I can not see anybody at their level beating them. I'd be surprised if they didn't go undefeated."

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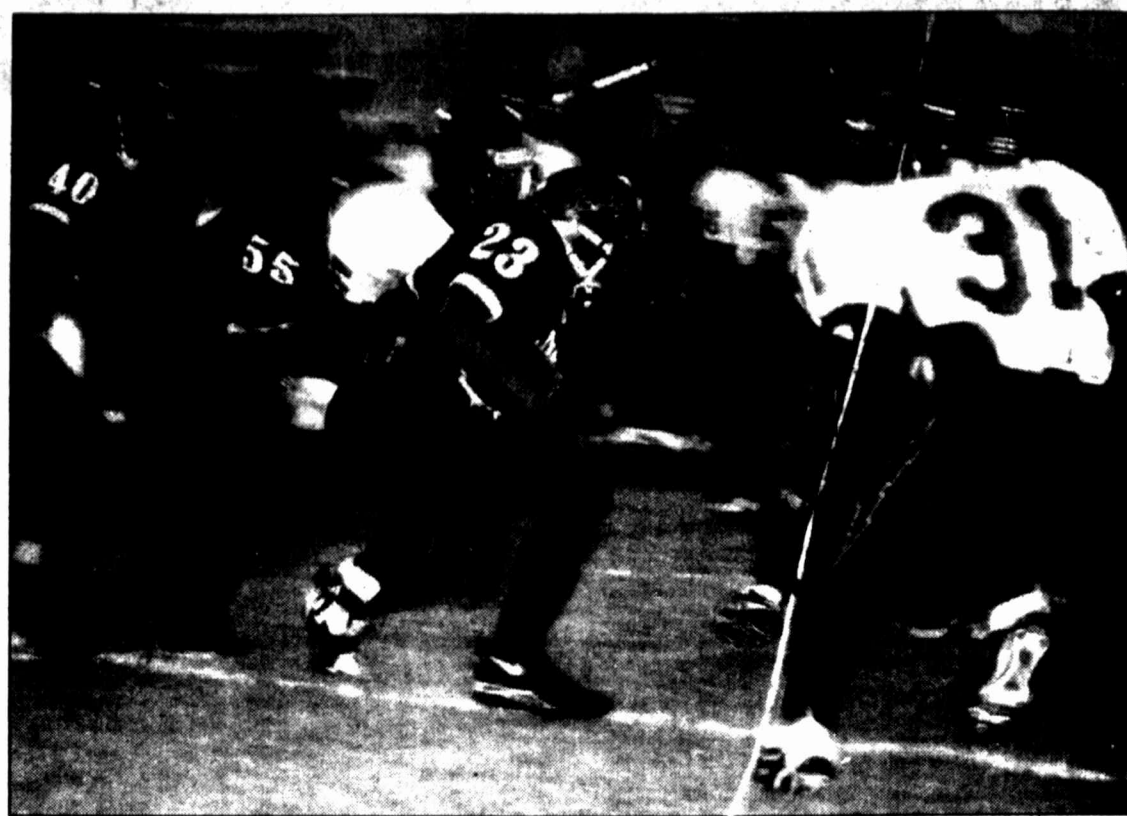
GRADY — Senior running

back John Benevides scored five first-half touchdowns to lead the No. 4 six-man Sanderson football team to a shutout win over Grady, 50-0, Friday night.

He ended the game when he scored his sixth TD with 9:11 left in the third quarter, giving Grady's Wildcats their first loss shortly due to the 45-point rule. Sanderson stayed perfect at 4-0 for the season as Daniel Mendoza scored on a 34-yard run for the Eagles with 57 seconds remaining in the first half. Benevides had three TD runs of two yards and added scoring runs of 14, 22 and 54 yards.

Grady had few highlights, failing to make a first down or score.

Grady coach Roger Smith was unavailable for comment Saturday. The Wildcats will be working to improve for homecoming when Plainview Christian comes calling.



HERALD photo/Patty Schuelke
Andrew Villa runs through a Sanderson hole for his Grady Wildcats Friday night. The freshman returned this kick well for his Wildcats, but Grady fell to the No. 4 team in six-man football, 50-0, early in the third quarter as the Mustangs used the 45-point rule to end the game early. Grady gets ready to entertain Plainview Christian for homecoming this week.

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his team fell to 0-4 while Andrews evened its record at 2-2.

"I don't know what they called that," Andrews coach Mike Leiby said seconds after his Mustangs took an early lead in the District 4-4A standings at 1-0. "They said it hit a helmet, but we didn't see it way over here. We just got the ball back and took care of business at the end, so I am proud of our guys because Big Spring is good. I'm glad we got it back because offensively, they are really, really good."

Johnson said he saw the ball come down and Glasson.

"I saw it roll and hit him. He was still blocking me and it hit his leg and then his foot and I lunged for it," Johnson explained. "I thought we had it. The offense came running out, but then the ref sent them back, so we had to go back on defense again, but I think we could have come back if we got that turnover."

With the nullified recov-

ery, neither team turned the ball over and Andrews controlled the line of scrimmage with its hefty offensive and defensive lines and the hard running of Gardner, a transfer from Abernathy.

Gardner scored all five of Andrews' touchdowns on runs of 10, 42, 4, 6, and 2 yards. He started on the Mustangs' opening possession as Andrews marched 58 yards on a 9-play drive after forcing a Big Spring punt to start the game.

"He's a move-in who played some defense and full back for us, but I believe we found a running back tonight. He's not bad for a sophomore," Leiby said as he left the field.

On Andrews second possession, Gardner gave the Mustangs a 13-0 lead on a 42-yard run and quarterback Joe Barnes kicked his second extra point for a 14-0 lead with four minutes left in the first quarter before Big Spring responded, tying the game on a pair of touchdown tosses by Big Spring quarterback Tye Butler.

"He (Gardner) was good. We hadn't ever seen him,

but the key to him (rushing well) was what was up front. Their (Andrews) power is up front. They're big, powerful and well coached. We just didn't have an answer," coach Butler admitted before he left the field Friday.

Tye Butler, the coach's son, first found senior Larry Thompson standing all alone in the middle of the end zone on a 13-yard TD toss, converting on a third-and-eight situation. Jordan Cobb connected on the extra-point kick. Cobb, who has had a hard time with extra-point and field-goal kicks, hit all three of his

PATs Friday night, but he never got a fourth try.

Big Spring notes:

For the second week in a row, Big Spring junior Ramon Ford gave the Steers rushing attack a spark. He scored the Steers' final touchdown on a 2-yard run, capping a 12-play third-period drive that covered 45 yards, keeping the Steers in the game at 28-21 with 1:51 to go. He gained 173 yards on 14 carries, earning plenty of praise from his coach.

"We found us a running back tonight," Butler said of Ford. "If they pressure Tye,

we'll run the ball. We like to run the ball anyway. He struggled a little bit early, but he didn't quit. He kept coming at them and coming on because he's got shifty feet."

Curtis Woodruff added 14 yards to the Big Spring rushing total of 159, which includes losses by both Butler and punter Mike Ornales who bobbled a punt snap and ended up at the 2-yard line, giving Andrews its best field possession of the night in the first quarter. "He mistake led to the Mustangs second score on 1-play drive and a Gardner run."

Gardner led all rushers with 247 yards on 42 attempts.

Butler finished with two touchdown passes and 140 yards, completing 10 of his 17 passes. Brandon Mendoza caught two Butler balls for 40 yards, Ford had 36 on two catches and Clarence Wilkins, who scored on Butler's second TD toss from four yards out, finished with 33 yards on two catches. Thompson also caught two Butler passes. He has 16 yards, including his 13-yard TD reception. Ornales had on catch for 13 yards while Woodruff had on for two yards.

Bonds hits No. 69

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds hit his 69th home run Saturday, moving within one of the record Mark McGwire set three seasons ago.

It was the second homer in as many games for Bonds, who has five home runs in his last six games. The homer was the 563rd of Bonds' career, tying Reggie Jackson for seventh on the career list.

Bonds' homer splashed into McCovey Cove, a part of San Francisco Bay just behind the right-field wall, after bouncing on a board-

walk. Boaters, kayakers and guys on surfboards battled for the ball in the water.

Bonds homered on a 2-1 pitch off left-hander Chuck McElroy, who was facing his first batter of the game. He relieved Brett Jodie at the start of the sixth inning.

The homer gave the San Francisco Giants a 2-1 lead over the San Diego Padres.

Bonds stopped after he touched home plate to point skyward — as has become his custom in recent weeks.

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It's important to enjoy what you do, says mother of four

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
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Her photo/Andrea Medina
Melissa Halfmann began Halfmann's Creations by making gift baskets at home. Now the business is expanding from its downtown location to the Big Spring Mall.

It's a good thing Melissa Halfmann loves what she does.

The Big Spring mother of four and entrepreneur, owner of Halfmann's Creations, must like her work: It's taken plenty of her time over the last 10 months.

"If you start a business, I'd say make sure it's something you enjoy," she advises other would-be women entrepreneurs. "Because you're going to be doing a lot of it."

Right now, for example, Halfmann not only staffs the store herself most of the time, Monday through Saturday, but she and her family are working each evening after closing at their new location in Big Spring Mall. Halfmann's Creations will relocate there next month, with a grand opening planned Oct. 20.

"It's just so busy right now, at this store and trying to get the new one ready," she said. But, truth be told, the South Dakota native wouldn't have it any other way. "I love it!" she admitted.

Working at the store, which stocks party supplies, unique gift items and gourmet treats, gives her a chance to get out and meet people, and she enjoys helping each customer find something that is "just right."

A former paralegal and stay-at-home mother, Halfmann said she began the business by making gift baskets from her house, which she still offers with free delivery. But that was

not enough, so with the support of her husband, Tommy, and her father, a San Angelo businessman, she opened the store in December of last year.

"We really knew nothing (about what was required to start a retail business)," Halfmann said. Her father, who invested in the store, was a great source of advice and wisdom, she added. As for what to stock, that was

no problem: Halfmann said she has always loved to shop. They simply traveled to Fredericksburg, Ruidoso and other towns known for their fabulous gift shops; she took notes and returned to place orders via the Internet.

That first month, she couldn't believe the pre-Christmas rush. Then January slowed down quite a bit.

"That worried me. But we just worked through it and it picked up again," she said. "We said from the beginning we were going to give this a year. It hasn't even been a year yet, and we're already expanding!"

And Halfmann has no plans to stop there. Her new mall store — besides having expanded business hours — will have even

Think about your next job before you have to

NEW YORK (AP) — Think about your next job before you have to, urges a management specialist.

A down economy is a signal to make sure your skills and situation are healthy, says Dr. Jordan Kaplan, professor of managerial science at Long Island University.

Keep tabs on the job market by regularly reading the classifieds, he advises.

And do a hard-headed self-analysis of your strengths, defining what you do best and what you'd do if you had the opportunity. Also consider your weaknesses. In this, you also might find it useful to get opinions from a few trusted outsiders who can give you disinterested advice.

Also look at the opportunities at hand in your company. Find out which departments are looking for employees. Kaplan says one of the biggest mistakes many employees make is not looking for possibilities within their current companies but outside of their current area of responsibility.

And of course, check out the competition. Are they hiring or laying off? Keep tabs on them — and on trends in the field — by checking what's being written or said about them in the business media. Also

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take a look at their annual reports. Companies that consistently have good sales and revenue numbers that outperform expectations are good bets for tracking for future employment. You also should make it your business to be abreast of the shape of other companies in relation to your own, so you can judge if it's smart to "jump ship" ahead of time.

Kaplan also advises developing other ways to make money. Take a part-time job even if you don't need it, or start a home-based business.

Go back to school. If you don't have a degree, get one. If you have one, get another.

While you're still on the job, find out about your current benefits package, including medical coverage and pension money, and how long you can keep these if you're laid off. Also consider how much unemployment insurance you'd be entitled to, and what kind of severance package to look for.

And finally, make sure you're saving money consistently. With money in the bank, you're far less likely to jump at the first job that comes along.

more party supplies, wedding supplies and items for quinceneara. Eventually, she wants to offer complete party and wedding kits, one day adding formal wear and bridal gowns.

While this year's economic news has seemed less than promising, Halfmann said she has seen no signs of slowdown at her store, and has great hopes for the holiday retail season. After the recent terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., though, she did sell out of most of her patriotic items very quickly.

"With all the bad things that have been going on," she said, "I think people will want to make this holiday season very special and be with their families. I know I will."

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Dot-com departed moving on to some less-hecktic lifestyles

AUSTIN — For Jennie Lazor, the dot-com dream ended abruptly. She recalls returning from vacation last August to a dark, empty office.

Her security key card no longer worked. Without so much as posting a sign on the glass doors, Austin's Living.com Inc. — more than a workplace, a community built on late-night work sessions, free beer and pasta on alternate Fridays, and shared visions of an Internet business revolution — was no more.

"My first thought was I'll just get a job at another startup — because I liked it. I liked the pace," says Lazor, who was in charge of recruiting at the online furniture seller. Then she talked to old friends she had ignored for months, or in some cases, since she started working at the dot-com 14 months before. She began exercising again, taking jogs around Town Lake and her Central Austin neighborhood that she had rarely known in daylight hours while at Living.com. "It took me a couple days to open my eyes. And then I thought: Not another startup. There's no way."

"I'm 27 years old. Do I really need my career to go at an electrifying pace while sacrificing my personal (life)? No," she says. "I had one extreme. Now, I want the other extreme."

Five months after Living.com folded, she is newly married, pregnant with her first child, writing a novel titled "A Daughter's Karma" and practicing Buddhism. She can't imagine going back to high-tech corporate life, even as she admits that were Living.com still in business, she would happily be logging 60 to 80 hour weeks.

The reeling Internet economy has put hundreds of twenty- and thirtysomething Austinites out of

"Why shouldn't I take this opportunity and have this adventure instead of getting roped into another job in a rat maze."

— Amy Morgan, former copy writer for Living.com

work. Many find new jobs with other technology companies. But a growing number have ditched their promising high-tech careers and are finding happiness in writing, travel, teaching and meditation. Call it the Internet generation's midlife crisis. The dot-com whiz kids have soared to professional heights unimaginable at larger corporations, and, on Internet time, have reached their breaking points before age 30.

"Oh, yeah, it's a midlife crisis, for real," says Amy Morgan, who is 29 and a former copy writer for Living.com. "But I actually don't feel like it's a crisis. I feel like it's the best idea in a long time." She's now working part time at an aromatherapy store on North Lamar Boulevard and plans to sell most of her possessions later this month and drive through the West with her dog, Deluxe. "I just had this epiphany one day at work: I don't want to work in offices. The traffic makes me cranky. ... Why shouldn't I take this opportunity and have this adventure instead of getting roped into another job in a rat maze?"

Morgan says she started in the high-tech industry four years ago because jobs were plentiful and the pay was good. The demise of Living.com — a casual workplace that Morgan calls an ideal corporate environment, yet which still left her yearning for more — gave her an excuse to search for new directions. Other disen-

chanted techies share similar stories. Many started in the industry when it was the hot, hip career and held for some the promise of lucrative stock payoffs and early retirement.

More than money
"The downturn in the technology market kind of makes people think what they're actually in it for," says Todd Adams, 30, who quit his well-paying job as a treasury consultant in the finance department at Dell Computer Corp. at the end of December. His stock options, granted when he started in June 1998, were worth nothing. "It just made it almost easier to make the decision not to stay. It kind of takes the money element out of it," he says. "I'm not really turned on by high-tech, but I don't think I ever was." He's now traveling in Australia and New Zealand and has applied to a three-and-a-half-year architecture graduate program at the University of Texas, where he received a master's in business administration in 1998.

R.W. Rushing, 31, another dot-com refugee, recalls the lure of money: "The opportunity to create something and IPO and cash out in a couple years was absolutely the No. 1 motivation." He worked for 14 months as director of marketing at Internet service provider Jump.Net Inc. before leaving last June. "In March and April, when the stock market started its gyrations, I could really see the writing on the wall that the bub-

ble was over."

He recently founded a renewable energy company, National Green Power Co., with plans to sell solar and wind power next year when Texas deregulates its electricity market. He views his new job as doing his part to "save the world in a small way every day." His new business partner is a former executive at a high-tech human resources services firm. "Not to bash high-tech," Rushing says, "but the reality is you wake up in the morning and you market whatever the latest widget is for the purpose of selling more widgets or enriching the shareholders. It just wasn't enough to nourish my soul."

Not surprising, says Victor Appel, a longtime career counselor who's seen it before.

In the 1980s, stock trading was the career in vogue. When the market crashed in '87, a raft of investors left the field as quickly as they arrived.

"We tend to be lured by what's hot . . . and what kind of well-paying jobs are out there," says Appel, a retired UT educational psychologist. "A lot of people say, 'I can do that.' But will they find it satisfying?" When companies fold and stock prices tumble, some are inclined to switch careers, he says. "The higher the expectations and the greater the degree to which the hopes and dreams were not validated, the greater the disillusionment, the anger . . . the sense of, 'boy what an idiot I was, a fool that I thought I could do this.'"

As the economy slows, the high-tech midlife crisis is emerging in technology centers across the nation. But in Austin, with its high concentration of Internet and software companies, the crisis is more apparent. Since the beginning of the year,

Worthwhile to check up on your interview skills

NORWALK, Conn. (AP) — Interviews have been part of the job search routine for as long as anyone can remember, but with the market tightening for open slots, it's worthwhile to do a check-up on your interview skills, says Amy Boyer, director of Placement at Gibbs College.

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A telephone call is an interview, she says. The potential employer's first impression may be that phone call, so make sure you answer it in a cheerful, enthusiastic voice. Everyone in the house should know the importance of being professional on the telephone during the search period. Take stock of your answering machine message, caller ID boxes or if you have children answering the phone.

Be prepared for anything. Don't be shocked by any form of interviewing you may encounter. That might be psychological screening, a lunch interview, or a panel interview. Employers may use a variety of techniques to size you up.

Ask questions. The interview is a two-way street, Boyer says, and you, too, want to find out if it's the right company to work for. Make a list of questions about the position, its duties and the company in general, and work these into your conversation during the interview.

Use your network. Many great positions aren't advertised, so get your friends, family and associates to be on the lookout for opportunities for you.

Research. Find out as

much as you can about the company before you go for the interview. The Internet is one source, as are the company's Web site and annual report. These will give you a grounding on its products, services and key players.

Be realistic about salary. Research again, to find out what the current market will bear for your skills. Keep in mind that while you may have made great money at the dot.com, other companies may value your skills at a different level. And remember to consider the whole compensation package, not just the take-home pay.

Thank you! Make sure the interviewer knows you appreciate the time he or she took with you at the meeting by sending an immediate thank-you message. This also is your opportunity to stress again why you want the job and to answer any objections you think the company might have about hiring you. Do this by e-mail or fax, with a hard copy by regular mail, since many companies make their choices quickly.

Show interest. You could lose your chance at the job, regardless of your skills, because you didn't express your real interest.

Follow up. If the employer says you should hear something by a particular date and you don't hear from them, follow up. Many times a decision will be postponed by circumstances, but you won't know if you don't ask.

nearly 1,200 full-time tech workers have been laid off in Austin. And others whose jobs are secure, but whose companies are splintering, are ready to leave. "To me, the decision I made is, I'm not going to be driven by money, and I

think, ultimately, if you are, money will not sustain you," says a current employee in Dell's sales department, who says he plans to quit this spring and teach English overseas. The

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She a Strong role model influence

By DEBBIE L. JEFFREY
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From the time she was born up in her native there was never a doubt about her future. "I always said to be a pediatrician," Dr. Bernal, who in Big Spring is a pediatrician at a Medical Center, something that was understood.

While she had cousins who were also pediatricians, Bernal also was influenced by strong women — including her aunts and her father — who always told her she could do anything she wanted to do.

"I'm very proud that the road to becoming a physician in the United States was not a challenge after medical school. I was accepted to research study at University in Traveling to the first time, alone. I speak enough English to get a cab driver to take me where I wanted to go, so I didn't need an address."

But the study and Bernal decided to go to the United States for her. Soon she was taking exams for foreign medical schools, and, after completing her medical school in Louisiana, she moved to Tennessee for more research.

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She always wanted to be a pediatrician

Strong women role models influenced her

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Herald Correspondent

From the time Ruth Bernal was small, growing up in her native Colombia, there was never any question about her future career.

"I always said I was going to be a pediatrician," said Dr. Bernal, who just arrived in Big Spring to practice pediatrics at Family Medical Center. "That was something that was just understood."

While she had a few male cousins who were doctors, Bernal also was surrounded by strong women role models — including her mother and her aunts. And her father always told her she could do anything she wanted to do.

"I'm very stubborn," Bernal admitted, adding that the road to becoming a physician in the United States was not an easy one. The challenge began just after medical school in her home country, when she was accepted to work on a research study at Tulane University in Louisiana. Traveling to the U.S. for the first time, alone, she didn't speak enough English to tell a cab driver where she wanted to go, so she handed him the piece of paper where she had written the address.

But the study went well, and Bernal decided the United States was the place for her. Soon she passed the exams for foreign doctors and, after continuing to work in Louisiana a few more years, moved to Tennessee for more work and study.

Then the U.S. government notified her that her visa had expired, and at about the same time, Colombia came calling to enforce her contract to pay her debt for medical school. She could not "pay" the debt with



Dr. Ruth Bernal practices pediatrics at Family Medical Center. She said she was shocked to learn that more Texas women are not working as physicians.

money; she was forced to return there to teach in the university for 10 years.

When Bernal was finally able to return to the United States, it was with two young daughters and after a divorce. By that time, her U.S. license had expired and she would have to take all the exams again, but she feared she was sorely unprepared for all that had changed in a decade.

Now a single parent, Bernal had to take two menial jobs — including one in quality-control at what she calls a "sweat shop" clothing factory — to make ends meet. Then she was accepted into a residency program in Oklahoma City where she would start as a first-year resident all over again.

After nearly three years there, her license now renewed, Bernal would open a practice and stay several more years in Muskogee,

Okla., before moving to North Carolina to start a pediatric program at a large hospital. After six years, she decided the time had come to move, and Big Spring's Scenic Mountain Medical Center was the first hospital to respond to her queries.

She said she was surprised there were not more women practicing medicine in the local community.

"I knew something about Texas ladies — that they are strong," Bernal said. "I was shocked not to see more of them (working as physicians)."

While she gets settled into a new house, a new office and the community, Bernal has bought a pickup to help her move books and furniture around — the bright red four-door will certainly not look out of place on Big Spring streets.

And she's busy setting up a practice that will be in full swing by the time winter's

many office visits begin. "We are getting ready for a busy winter, with all the viral illnesses that will be around," she said. Bernal said she likes for parents to realize that care of their child is a two-way street.

"I'm with your child only a few minutes, but you're with them the rest of the time. I have to be able to trust that you will follow instructions and that our communication is good, because if not, it's going to be the child that will suffer in the long run."

Bernal said a child's health is more than just physical.

"We have to work on the mental health of children in the United States," she said. "We need to teach them values and respect from the time they are babies."

For both mental and physical health, she added, the key is prevention.

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Look at the talent you already have inhouse

CAREERS

PORTLAND, Ore.— If you've lucked into a lucrative new account and now have a big budget to play with, throttle the urge to go out on the front lines of the so-called talent wars to hire a new "star" manager.

Take a look at the team of managers you already have, says David Dotlich, executive coach and founding partner of CDR International, a human resource consulting firm. Recruit them anew in recognition of their quiet and loyal performance every day.

By going outside, you're implying that only an outsider is talented enough for a top spot on the management team, he points out. "When you bring on your 'big gun' and give him the plum assignments and the big corner office, Alice might feel unappreciated enough to quit. And Bill, Thomas and Katherine may not leave, but they will probably feel some resentment," said Dotlich, referring to a hypothetical management team.

"Certainly they won't be motivated to really give their all, because you've put all your trust in an outsider and none in them."

So re-recruiting current employees is more productive in time, energy and money, he says. You'll motivate them with long-term incentives like job satisfaction. And don't be surprised if your B- or C-level players turn into A-level players.

Among the things you can do is, simply, ask them for input on important projects, Dotlich says. Who, he asks, would be better situ-

ated to really understand the intricacies of your company — employees who've been with you for years or someone an executive recruiter found?

And coach them, says Dotlich, who with colleague Peter Cairo has written a book on the subject, "Action Coaching" (Jossey-Bass Publishers, \$28 hardcover). This can help you deal with performance inhibitors like personality conflicts, incompatible values and other issues.

Find out what makes them want to succeed. Achievement? Affiliation? "Contrary to what many people might believe, it's difficult if not impossible to change a person's motivation," the authors write. "If someone is intrinsically motivated by power, you can't appeal to his sense of loyalty to the company or sense of solidarity with the team. What you can do is discover that he's motivated by power and link that to a larger goal."

Individual team members also can be motivated when you look at their point of view, instead of just getting them to do what you want. And you must look at each as unique, without stereotypes.

"People don't quit their companies; they quit their supervisors," Dotlich said. "You can't control everything about your employees' jobs, but you can have a significant impact on the important factors."

"Children are always authentic; they are real," she said. "You see their faces and all the troubles of the world just go away."

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Beverly graduated from Ozona High School after starting the first grade at Big Lake. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, majoring in elementary education with a minor in Physical Education. She received her Masters Degree from Texas Tech University with an All-Level Reading Specialization.

As Administrator at St. Mary's, Beverly is responsible for the day to day operation of the school as well as curriculum development, marketing and retention, and fund-raising and development. She also works closely with the Board of Trustees to set goals and policies for the school's future. For more information about the school, call Beverly at 263-0203 or come by the school at 118 Cedar Road.



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Career opportunities are many

Despite key shifts in the economy

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Despite big shifts in the economy during the past year, there continue to be career opportunities for those willing to plan and work for them.

Product Design

If someone builds a copy machine that's easier to use, businesses will buy it. If someone designs a toy that's interesting, educational, and safe, parents will buy it. If an automaker introduces a model that speaks to the inner driver, it will whiz out of the showroom.

"Consumers today are extremely design conscious, whether they're buying a refrigerator or a toddler's pull-toy," says Kevin Henry, product design program coordinator at Columbia College Chicago. "Look at General Motors' recent hiring of Bob Lutz as vice chair. He was responsible for two huge design successes, the Dodge Viper and the PT Cruiser. By putting someone with his expertise at the helm, GM is acknowledging that design is of prime importance to the marketplace."

The future product designer needs to develop skills beyond the drawing board, though these are important, he says. As the design student masters traditional sketching, rendering, model making and computer-aided design and manufacturing (CAD/CAM), he also needs to learn about marketing, materials and manufacturing options, safety issues, package design and presentation skills.

Successful designers aim to solve problems that bother most consumers, he adds, and "they're nagged by products that should do more."

His students, he says, learn from working with real clients — local Chicago

businesses and organizations who commission them for specific assignments.

Michael Prince, whose Chicago-based Beyond Design product development firm hires interns, looks for students willing to go the extra mile. Students should start early and try for internships in consultancies and the corporate world, he says. "Don't wait until you graduate."

One student, Damon Troutman, interned at juvenile products manufacturer Kolcraft Enterprises and discovered "how the workplace actually operates, the checks and balances that come into play. If something doesn't work, you get immediate feedback on the process. It's a lot more interactive than being in a class."

Product design is somewhat recession-proof, says Peter Myers, design director for Kolcraft. "In a downturn, companies will invest in their products to make them more attractive."

Biology Plus

The Human Genome project has made biology exciting again, and the intersection of biological science and technology promises new opportunities in biotechnology industry and research.

That's why more students — many of them female — are signing up for biological science majors, say educators. "Because of the ability to impact a person's quality of life, students are more interested in biology and biomedical engineering," according to Lee Waite, associate professor and head of applied biology and biomedical engineering at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind.

Fields include research in cell biology, immunology, molecular biology, virology, biochemistry, and bioengineering.

Another of the specialties will be bioinformatics, which combines biology and computer science to answer biological questions, accord-

ing to Douglas Merrill, head of biological sciences at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y. Professionals with training in the field will be able to identify genes and defects in genes; identify protein structures to design pharmaceuticals; and visualize structures such as cells, tissues and organs, using computers to manipulate them.

"It's how scientists are going to be making the big discoveries that will have a profound effect on human health in the years to come," says Merrill.

Genetic Counseling

The hopes and unknowns of new cures for cancer, heart disease, drug addiction, neurological disorders and mental illness may lie in the field of stem cell research and in completion of the Human Genome Project. With those come ethical decisions patients and their families face.

A newly emerging field is genetic counseling, to help them sort out the issues and consequences in making these decisions.

According to Caroline Lieber, director of a master's program in genetics counseling at Sarah Lawrence College in Yonkers, N.Y., these professionals have a combination of scientific knowledge and interpersonal skills to give information and support to families who have members with birth defects or genetic disorders, or those who may be at risk for one of many inherited conditions.

"We identify families at risk, interpret information about the disorder, analyze inheritance patterns and risks of recurrence, discuss the risk, benefits and limitations of genetic testing, review available options with families, and provide supportive counseling," she says.

People in the field also may work as patient advocates, educators, administrators, researchers and resources for other health

care professionals.

Sarah Lawrence had the first program in the nation, established in 1969. Now at least 1,000 professionals are estimated to be at work in the field. "At the present time there is a finite number of genetic counselors in the field," says Lauren Scheuer, a Sarah Lawrence graduate who now serves as a genetic counselor at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. "As more and more complex medical information becomes available to patients and their families, there will be an increasing need for trained professionals to help sort out all the issues and ramifications."

Web and Technology Management

With all that amazing technology out there, some corporate managers find themselves looking for a way to define what works best for their companies.

"To be successful, the trick is to realize that all Web-based communication is not created equally," says Joseph Walther, professor of communication at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., and editor of The Journal of Online Behavior.

RPI has inaugurated a new program called Web Design and Analysis, aimed at training Net-intensive managers to appreciate the subtleties of various communications forms.

As an example, Walther says his research has found that keeping communication text-based, rather than exchanging photos, can be more effective for long-term projects. "It's not necessary, or effective, in all cases to recreate face-to-face communication on the Web," he says.

Also, long-term virtual teams perform better and with more human feeling than groups with a short lifespan. Walther says people can achieve high levels of personal intimacy using e-mail.

The new specialty will enable these managers to

Cellphone etiquette important on the job

CAREERS

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — If you use a cell phone, you may have heard that not all the world shares your passion for this wonderful device.

Learn to use it discreetly in a business setting, urges etiquette expert Jacqueline Whitmore, currently serving as phone etiquette spokesperson for Sprint PCS in Boca Raton, Fla. She offers these tips on the road to smart and thoughtful cell phone use:

- Let your voicemail take over the task of taking your calls while you're in meetings, courtrooms, restaurants, or other busy areas. If you think it's essential to take the call, excuse yourself and find a secluded area to do so.

- Speak in a regular conversational tone, and don't display your anger during any call in a public area. Raising your voice and showing your emotions will annoy and distract people around you.

- Use the vibrate function or turn off the phone at public gatherings in movie theaters, religious services, or restaurants. Some phones have settings that

automatically adjust so you don't disrupt the proceedings.

- If you are expecting a call that can't be postponed, let your companions know ahead of time, and excuse yourself when the call comes in. Remember that the people you are with take precedence over incoming or outgoing calls.

- Avoid interrupting meetings, social gatherings or personal conversations by answering your wireless phone or checking your voicemail. Excuse yourself if you must take a call.

- Use discretion in discussing private or business matters in front of others. You don't always know who might be within hearing range.

- Be aware of your surroundings as you walk and talk on your phone. Respect the rights of others not to be annoyed.

- Be responsible with your use of the phone while in your car.

adapt to ongoing changes in the Internet world, he says. Job functions and titles such as manager of global virtual teams, director of e-marketing, or Web effectiveness analyst will likely emerge, he predicts.

Microsystems

Micro is about to go max, say experts at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y.

Careers will be booming in microsystems, especially in health care and information analysis, storage and transmission, predicts Harvey Palmer, dean of RIT's Kate Gleason College of Engineering.

Think about lightweight plastics to house tiny medical devices, minute arrays of antennae to transmit light, and conversion of light information to digital

data.

"The field of microsystems is on the edge of exploding into a huge demand area," Palmer says. "We're hearing predictions of experts needed for thousands of positions in the years ahead."

Complex diagnostics and therapeutic functions will be carried out by these micro-devices, he says. "We'll be able to send these devices into new frontiers: the bloodstream, outer space, or into a raging fire to sense and detect conditions — you name it, places humans can't go themselves."

With strong corporate sponsorship, RIT recently was designated a New York State STAR (strategically advanced research and

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Personal touch important to King

Public service, not politics, matters most, banker says

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Herald Correspondent

Gladys King has done a "little bit of it all" in the banking business since her start with State National Bank in 1975. Now teller supervisor of the drive-through bank at what is today Wells Fargo, she supervises up to eight people and keeps things running smoothly for a flock of busy customers.

"I like having personal contact with the customers," said King, who started at the bank 26 years ago in bookkeeping. "At the drive-through, while I don't see the customer face-to-face, I do get a chance to have that interaction."

But King also enjoys her supervisory role, which she has held for over 10 years.

"I realize you have to treat people the way you want to be treated," she said. "You have to answer to someone, so these people have to answer to you."

King added that her management philosophy comes with a big helping of concern and love for her employees.

"When you have the love for people and they can feel that, they are going to give you respect and give you their best," she said. "If you demonstrate leadership, you will get results."

Very active in Baker's Chapel AME Church, where her husband, Michael, is the pastor, King is also a member of Big Spring Rotary Club, a Court-Appointed Special Advocate for children, and on the board of directors of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard



HERALD photo/Andrea Medlin
Longtime banker Gladys King believes it is important to have personal contact with her customers. She hopes one day to become a missionary, spreading the Christian faith in other countries.

County. She said public service is very important to her.

"I'm not into politics," she said, "but I am a believer in public service." King said she's also concerned about social issues, including the struggles of working women — whose pay scales are still shown to lag behind those of men in some industries.

"It's still hard for women to be recognized for what they really are in the workforce," she said. "We have come a long way, but we still have a long way to go."

Perhaps some of that concern comes from King's own experiences. She admits she has worked through some very difficult times, including years spent as a single parent. And as a young working parent, she had to balance a job, a home and raising children.

"When you have the love for people and they can feel that, they are going to give you respect and give you their best."

Her ultimate goal, though, is something completely different: She hopes to one day become a missionary, spreading the Christian faith to people in other countries.

"God has been so good to me," she said, listing her three children among her many blessings. "I just feel like I owe Him something."

With an eye on that goal,

King has been taking classes at Howard College, including public speaking, which she hopes will prepare her for the work ahead.

She's seen the banking industry go through many changes — improved technology and security, use of the Internet and addition of more services. She's also worked for three different companies at the same bank. While it began as locally-owned State National Bank, then changed to Norwest, Wells Fargo took over ownership of the bank in 1999.

But some things haven't changed.

"I love my job," King said. "Banking is a very competitive world. But we are still small enough that we can know all our customers. That's what I like."

Employment outlook continues to be slow

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Don't look for improvement in the employment picture soon, says Manpower Inc. Hiring may be at historically low levels in the final quarter of this year, according to its quarterly Employment Outlook Survey.

About 24 percent of the 16,000 firms surveyed say they will add employees in the fourth quarter, while 11 percent expect to reduce their workforce. No change is expected by 60 percent, while 5 percent aren't certain what changes will be made in staffing.

The latest figures follow a declining pattern that started after the first quarter of 2001, Manpower says.

"While the new figures show a modest decline from last quarter on a deseasonalized basis, we see no clear evidence of a trend reversal in hiring in the months ahead," said Jeffrey A. Joerres, Manpower chairman and CEO. He added that hiring in key segments of durable and non-durable goods manufacturing are approaching levels of recession years of 1981 and 1991. And the services industry, which previously seemed to resist declines, now indicates hiring at recession levels.

Ph.D., and No Place to Go

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — You'd think with a doctorate, you'd be primed for any post you'd want. You could be wrong.

"The training doctoral students receive is not what they want, nor does it prepare them for the jobs they take," says University of Wisconsin-Madison research scientist Chris Goode, whose survey of doctoral education and resulting employment shows a disconnect between expectation and reality. His research was funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts.

About 40,000 students

each year earn doctorate degrees at American universities, Goode estimates. "Although no more than half of the students will become faculty, and most of those will not find jobs at research universities, doctoral programs continue to train students to be research faculty," he said.

His survey also showed that half to three-quarters of doctoral students say they are not prepared for teaching and service activities that are a key part of faculty duty. Also, students are not exposed to or encouraged to look at possibilities outside the academic world.

"These finding demonstrate that it is critical to offer and encourage doctoral students to take opportunities to broaden their skills and consider careers outside of academia," Goode said.


CAREERS

CLEVELAND (AP) — There are still more jobs than candidates for many functions and in some industries. But employers filling them are being more careful in hiring, according to the Management Recruiters International, the search and recruitment firm.


"It's simply too expensive for them in the long run to make hiring mistakes," said Allen Salikof, president and CEO of MRI. The scrutiny begins with the resume and continues in the interview and background checks, Salikof notes.

Obvious red flags are leaving a previous job without notice and not having verifiable work references. Other signs might be a candidate's denigrating a former employer, tardiness for an interview

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SCORE reactivates older workers

Seniors enjoy chance to give something back

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Yolanda Chavez would like to forget the year 1986. Her mother, her only parent since her father's death when she was 16, died unexpectedly, the victim of a brain tumor.

Chavez was also struggling with the realization that her son and daughter would soon be talking about college — a prospect she knew would sorely test the family's income.

Partly to occupy her time, and partly to make a few extra dollars, Chavez started sewing handbags. It would prove to be a fortuitous decision.

John M. Romisher, on the other hand, loved 1986. He was living on a gorgeous island in the West Pacific, teaching adult education and business classes at Northern Marianas College.

He was teaching eager students the things he had learned during a career that took him from managing the parts department at a car dealership in Pennsylvania to working for a Fortune 500 company in Saipan in the Northern Marianas.

Romisher has been a school teacher, college professor, energy efficiency consultant, small-businessman and director of training and development for the multimillion-dollar international Duty Free Shoppers corporation. He also helped establish a small-business development center for the

U.S. Small Business Administration in Saipan.

During all that, he managed to help his wife, Lydia, through law school at the University of New Mexico while they raised three daughters.

Now that he has retired, he spends several hours a week helping people like Chavez.

The link Romisher and Chavez now share, one neither could have envisioned in 1986, is called SCORE, an apt acronym for the Service Corps of Retired Executives.

Sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration, SCORE is a nonprofit group that matches volunteer business and management counselors with existing and potential small-business owners in need of expert advice and guidance.

Because it's tax-supported, most of SCORE's services are free. It has 389 chapters nationwide and more than 12,000 volunteers. Besides one-on-one counseling, the organization offers low-cost workshops on business.

SCORE volunteers go to great lengths to determine the client's exact needs in order to match him or her with a volunteer who has expertise in those particular areas, said Cynthia W. Mottle, chairman of the Albuquerque SCORE board.

Chavez, for one, is proof the combination works. She started selling her hand-sewn purses to merchants in Old Town about 15 years ago, practically on a whim.

"I went down there and started peddling them on a Sunday, and a shop took them," Chavez said in a

recent chat at her cozy shop two blocks south of her alma mater, Albuquerque High School. "By Wednesday, they had sold out of them and needed some more. I didn't have any more, so I worked night and day to get another batch done."

She made the deadline and a life-changing decision.

By 1988, Chavez decided that going into the handbag business full time might be a good way to pay for her children's college education. She went to the Small Business Administration for help, and they steered her to SCORE, which, over the years, provided several volunteers, including Romisher.

"They first helped us work out an accounting system that works for this particular business," Chavez said, adding that she still uses that system, though the steady growth of her business persuaded her to hire an accountant.

She also attended a number of SCORE's training classes over the years.

"They even directed me to some other resources, like the Taxation and Revenue Department's classes and the IRS classes," she said.

"I really rely on people who have been in business for advice. There's no substitute for that kind of experience," she said.

SCORE's biggest asset is its volunteers.

"They are very, very patient," she said. "They take their time with you. That one-on-one interaction is invaluable."

Just recently, Chavez had a question about adding a

new line of handbags to her inventory. She called SCORE. Romisher got the call, he said, and the two had a fruitful conversation. They had spoken many times on the phone, but, until recently, the two had never met face to face.

"How can you not take advantage of that kind of knowledge?" Chavez said of the SCORE volunteers. "They taught me well. They gave me lots of good advice."

One counselor taught her to concentrate on the fundamentals, to be frugal, and to be disciplined in her business habits, from daily books and inventory control to religiously stashing away part of the profits for the future.

"If you're not keeping up with the books, you're not really in business," Chavez said.

Today, her company produces about 70,000 handbags a year for clients worldwide. She has a retail shop in Old Town and recently moved her manufacturing to a larger building.

She still does the daily books, designs handbags and even sews some.

Both of her children have graduated from the University of New Mexico. Her son now is an electrical engineer in Austin, Texas, and her daughter just opened a cafe.

And if she ever tires of running her handbag business — a prospect that seems unlikely for the red-haired dynamo — Chavez said she would like to be a SCORE volunteer.

"Yes, that's something I'd like to do," she said. "I like giving something back."

Flying into civilian life can be unique challenge

CAREERS

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Rusty Cottrel has gone from patrolling the world's skies as a Navy pilot to walking the halls as a teacher at an inner-city high school.

In 1993, the then-commander Cottrel was 22 years into his naval career, when a call from Washington ended his career. Budget cutbacks were forcing him out. Because he had served 20 years, Cottrel was eligible for military retirement.

At 44, he began receiving a \$36,000 annual pension and medical benefits which will last for the rest of his life. "It was a big shock. You go from being a Navy commander where your word is law to a 15-year-old telling you to your face to (expletive) yourself," said Cottrel.

Changing careers is never easy, whether you're a civilian or in the military, especially when it was unexpected.

For the military and Department of Defense, the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) offers aid with writing resumes, classes on how to approach a job interview, networking opportunities and job fairs at little or no cost to military members who are leaving the service either through retirement or at the end of their service time.

The program, which is available at all service branches, is also open to military spouses and civilian Department of Defense employees, according to

Dave Thomas, TAP manager at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, near Dayton.

The TAP program is traditionally a three-and-a-half day program and has served 6,500 people since 1993.

"There's a big misconception out there with (civilian) employers. They think that all the military does is drive trucks and carry guns, and that's not true at all," said Thomas. "We're trying to dispel that."

For example, a senior airman who currently works with computers and computer networks can easily "go right out and get a job at \$58,000 a year," Thomas said. Officers with engineering or medical experience can find civilian employment "prettilly easily," he said.

Medical recruiters often call Thomas looking for employees.

Others have jobs waiting on them before their term in the service is up. While a number are employed by defense contractors, just as many go out into the private sector and find other jobs not related to the military.

Because he had promised his three daughters — Katy, 23, Liz, 19 and Erin, 13 — they'd be settled in one place by high school, Cottrel, who holds a degree in history education from Ohio State University, slid

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appointment, vagueness about work achievements, apparent poor understanding about the previous employer's business, seeming overqualification, and taking too

long to consider an offer. "Few of these red flags are in and of themselves reason for an interviewer to turn a candidate down, but all of them are cause for the interviewer to probe more deeply and cautiously," Salikof said.

Life Advice Flyers

NEW YORK (AP) — "Preparing for A Career," "Losing A Job," and "Reentering The Work Force" are some of the free flyers offered by the MetLife Consumer Education Center.

"Recent layoffs and downsizing has a lot of workers re-evaluating their current status as well as trying to figure out their next move," said Pat Curran, who wrote the brochures for the MetLife Life Advice Program. The "Preparing for A Career" is

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Kay is married to Max Moore, they have two children Mark Moore of Austin, Lea Kay Newsom and her husband Kent of Flower Mound, three grandchildren Fallon and Morgan Young and Kenton Newsom of Singapore. Kay's hobbies include water sports and travel.

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By ROGER CLIN Staff Writer

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Barnett glad to be back at work

Retired three times, woman would rather be employed

Editor's note: The following article originally ran in the Sept. 27 issue of the Herald.

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Rita Barnett isn't your average secretary.

Barnett, who works at the Texas Department of Human Services Long Term Care office in Big Spring, does everything a regular secretary does — typing, filing, copying, faxing and answering the telephone.

But she has more experience at the job than just about anyone around.

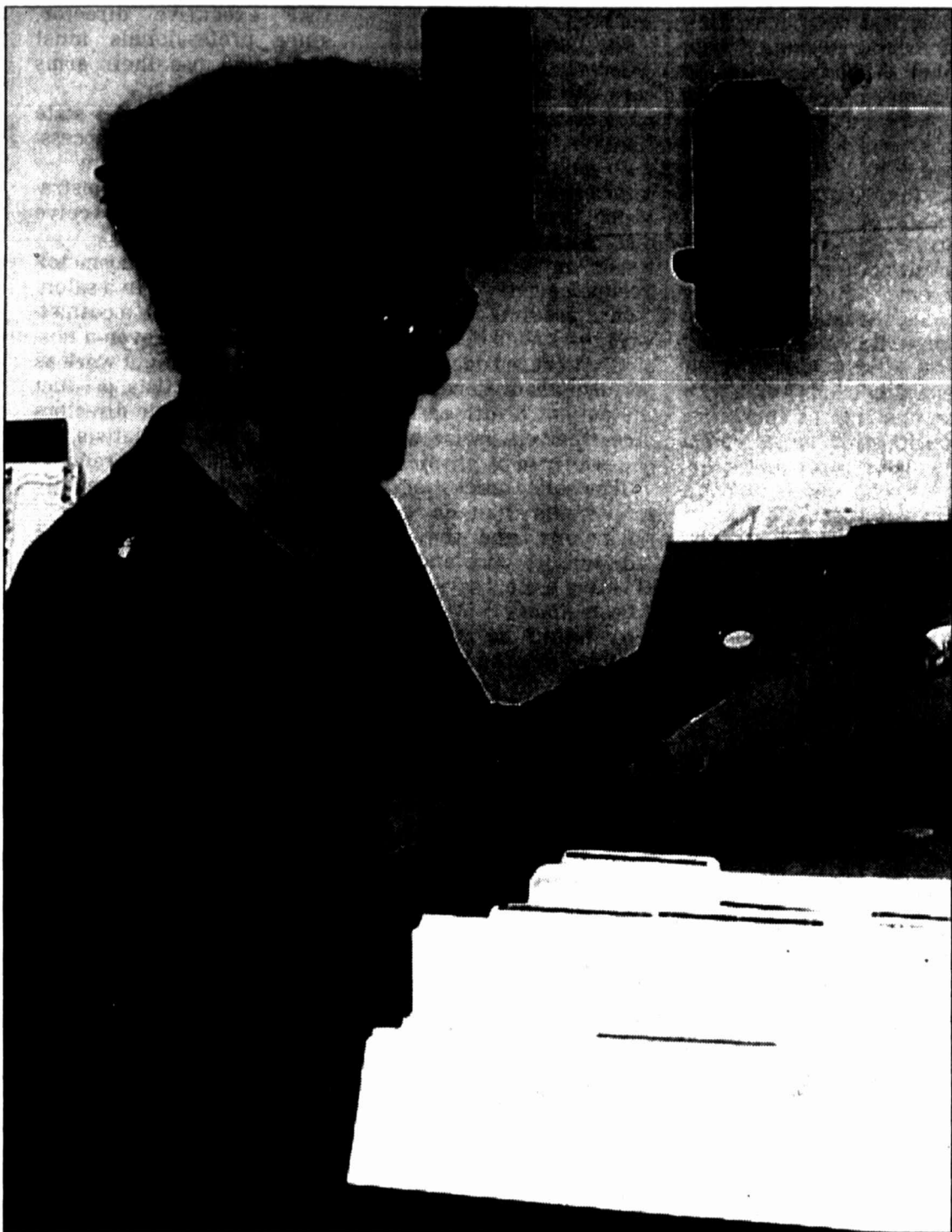
Barnett, 80, has more than 40 years of secretarial experience, she said. The senior citizen has returned to work under the auspices of Green Thumb Inc., a federally-funded program which helps older Americans find part-time employment.

"I've retired from three jobs. I was 80 years old in June, but I just enjoy everything," Barnett said. "I enjoy working. I enjoy people, and these people are remarkable. They're very nice to work with."

Laura Sickles, Barnett's supervisor, said the office runs more smoothly because of her experience.

"It really does help when we get somebody who is already trained as a secretary," she said. "When we get temporaries in, they just don't know what to do. Then we get Rita. She's very, very good. We enjoy having her. We lean on her sometimes and we all wish we had the energy she has."

Green Thumb is promoting this week as "Hire The Older Worker Week" in



Rita Barnett, 80, does some filing at the Texas Department of Human Services Long Term Care office. Barnett is working for the office part time through Green Thumb Inc., a federally-funded organization which puts older workers back on the job.

Texas.

Dee Keen of the group's Waco headquarters, said older Americans have a lot to offer.

"They're dependable, they have a wealth of information usually, and a lot of experience to draw on," she said. "They're reliable and hard-working. Also, the

turnover rate with the older workers is a lot less."

Keen said Green Thumb pays the seniors minimum wage for 20 hours of work each week.

"We basically use non-profit organizations and then our goal, once we've given them some training, is to get them hired some-

where outside the program."

Barnett is one of five Howard County seniors in the program, Keen said, noting that others work at the Texas Workforce Commission, the Boys Club, the Howard County Library and the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center.

Clothing can set you apart, experts believe

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Despite complaints that there isn't enough interesting, age-appropriate clothing out there for women, persistent shoppers will be able to zero in on a few good choices:

- Office-worthy trousers can be found at T.J. Maxx, including a muted wool plaid (\$39.99), leather-trimmed brown tweed (\$39.99), and beige twill (\$29.99). The long covered look also can be achieved with a smoothly cut black tweed skirt lengthened by a fishtail hem (\$39.99). With these, wear one of the store's most eye-catching items, a full-length sweater-duster with rib-and-cable detail (\$49.99).

- Harve Benard offers feminine but unfussy takes on menswear. One such outfit is crisp combination of a red wool melton pea jacket (\$220) worn with a wool front-slit skirt in black and white houndstooth check, edged at the waistband with black leather (\$70). The nice little dress still exists, too: a glen plaid in wool with jewel neckline, raglan sleeves and a reversible cashmere blend/glen plaid sash tie belt (\$120).

- Another versatile item is the guncheck wrap jacket from the Worth Collection (\$595). This piece features a three-color check pattern in stretch wool on one side, reversing to black or crimson on the other. The jacket is self-belted and there is leather banding on collar, lapels and hem.

- Where were you in the late 1970s? If you remember, you probably also recall pre-grunge fitted jeans by Jordache. The brand has just been relaunched as Jordache Originals, and yes, you can get the fitted no-yoke cut that characterized the first

versions. The line includes tops, jackets, skirts, jeans and jumpsuits, ranging from \$50 to \$100.

- Some women think of pantyhose as a tourniquet in disguise, especially with that squeeze from the rubberized waistband. But Wolford has come up with Logic (\$35), tights that don't have a waistband. They're comfortably firmed with Lycra, with pressure distributed evenly around the hip area. Choose from 18 shades.

- Another source of complaint about the undie world are panties that broadcast their presence with lines that bulge through snug or clinging clothing. The No Panty Line Promise collection by Jockey International smooths away the offenders, even heat-sealing logos and care instructions. The panties come in bikini, thong and hip brief styles (about \$8.50), all in a Tactel nylon and Lycra spandex blend.

- One much-neglected segment of the market is that of nursing mothers, who find regular clothes impossible to deal with. Seventeen years ago, a new mother named Elizabeth Lee Parry got tired of disappearing into the ladies' to feed her baby son. She soon started a line of ingenious patterns for clothes that accommodate public breastfeeding, in all due modesty.

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employee did not want to be named because he hasn't resigned yet.

If there is one theme among Austin's new generation of slackers — those who have traded their tech jobs for mornings at the neighborhood coffee house and long walks with their dogs — it is a search for purpose. They are taking trips to Australia — "the laid-off place to go," says one former dot-commer — and reading "The Artist's Way," by Julia Cameron, a self-help book originally published in 1992 that links creativity to spirituality and offers a 12-week course toward artistic expression. Austin's Book People sold 250 copies of the book last year, including 32 in December, the highest total of the year.

"What's going to make me happy when I wake up in the morning?" asks Sarah Driscoll, 26, another former Living.com employee who recently started a new job as fund-raiser at The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Austin. "I have struggled a lot for the past four months, thinking, 'Oh, my God, what am I going to do?' ... I want to feel like I accomplished something at the end of the day."

Many recently laid-off dot-com workers are contemplating the traditional — teaching or working for retailers with an actual storefront, not just a Web site — along with the non-traditional — leaving business altogether, even after investing two years and tens of thousands of dollars in graduate business school.

"A lot of people I've talked to, they either want to work for not-for-profits — something important — or they want to make shoes — something concrete," says a thirtysomething laid-off employee from the now-defunct online retailer

Garden.com Inc. "Sociologically, it's all very interesting." The former dot-com employee, who has been jobless since October and is considering changing careers, requested anonymity in order not to be labeled as anti-high tech in applying for jobs.

Something different — Many are leaving the startup world because the age of endless possibilities has given way to a subdued climate of tighter budgets and conservative business strategies. Those who started in the industry even six months ago are finding a vastly redrawn landscape that some complain stifles bold, innovative ideas.

"I think this whole Internet boom lent to a lot of creative people getting into business. There was an audience, and there was money available to both creative ideas and crazy ideas," the former Garden.com employee says. "But now, the pendulum has swung the other way. Now I think there is a lot of creative energy looking for outlets in other ways."

Like many dot-com workers, Matt Wallace left his chosen field (advertising) for the excitement of the Internet. Now, freshly laid-off from Drkoop.com Inc., he is adrift. He is 30 and feels as if he is about to make the most important employment decision of his life. He worries about finding a job that is both fulfilling and pays enough to support the wife and family he hopes to have one day. He doesn't want to work in high-tech, and he doesn't want to go back to the advertising career he left for Drkoop.com.

"A lot of people were saying, 'I've made such a mistake, I'm in a company that's slowing down in an economy that's slowing down. What do I do now?'" he said of the prevailing mood at the online health information company, just

before the Austin office closed last month and 45 people lost their jobs. He's considering teaching high school history, going to graduate school or opening an independent bookstore. "Worst case is I can't find a job at all, I can't pay my rent, I move in with my parents and start over."

Still, for all the soul searching among Austin's current and one-time techies, the majority continue on in the industry. Many of those who are laid off eventually find work with new startups or more frequently with larger, blue-chip tech companies.

"Yes, it's unfortunate to lose your job, but you bounce back. It's not the end of the world. As long as you have a rainy day fund, you weather the storm," says Jake Wheatley, 29, who was laid off from Scient Corp., an e-business consulting company that closed its Austin office in early December. He is interviewing mostly at high-tech companies. "It's risky, I suppose, but it's still an exciting field. New technologies are being discovered daily. You have opportunities to forge the future of business. Not just e-business, but business in general."

Yet, with all of his newfound time, Wheatley, a 2000 graduate of UT's graduate McCombs School of Business, ponders his dream of working for a California winery. He's sent his resume to a couple of wine makers. "If I keep hitting brick wall after brick wall (in tech jobs), I'll consider it more," he says. "Maybe that's where I'm supposed to be and I just don't know it yet."

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targeted academic research) Center, to focus on microsystems, photonic sys-

tems, remote systems and high-bandwidth telecom networks.

Physician Assistants
Greater access to health care will depend in part on physician assistants, whose field is rapidly growing with good opportunities and salaries, according to Heidi Miller, director of the physician assistant program at Rochester Institute of Technology.

She predicts that PAs, working under the supervision of licensed doctors, will perform about 80 percent of the patient health care services that otherwise would be performed by physicians.

"They offer quicker access to patients than do many physicians, and they provide quality care and cost-effective price," says Miller.

Cosmetology
Its beauty is more than skin deep: cosmetology — the field of hair stylists, manicurists and makeup specialists — demands more of its professionals than a flair for style.

Think about the chemicals involved in products to color hair, for example. Then think about the customers, who may have a variety of conditions these could affect, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, thyroid, pregnancy, or cancer.

It's no accident that cosmetologists must be licensed, and that their training typically involves physiology, bacteriology, trichology and chemistry. Licenses must be renewed periodically.

According to the Cosmetology Advancement Foundation, an aspiring cosmetologist should look to a state-approved cosmetology school which offers training in styling, coloring and perming hair; applying make-up; manicuring; and electrolysis.

Expect to complete assigned course hours and assignments, and pass all exams, including a physical

(good health is essential, according to Norma A. Lee, CAF executive director, since professionals must stand and use their arms constantly).

After students meet state requirements and successfully complete exams — written and skill demonstration — they will receive their licenses.

Once licensed, a cosmetologist might work in a salon, spa or resort, with a cosmetics company, or even a hospital. Or they might work as stage or film artists, product educators, artistic directors, skin care specialists, or instructors. Hours are long, but scheduling is usually flexible.

For information on the field and scholarships: 1 (888) 411-GRANT.

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easily into his teaching job, thanks to contacts with the Navy Education Command in Pensacola, Fla.

Although he wears his Navy uniform to work each day, he is certified as a teacher by the Dayton City Schools. The district pays for half his salary while the Navy picks up the other half.

He teaches troubled youth and those interested in pursuing a military career, imparting a little discipline along with way. He says he's been assaulted "three or four times" by students.

But taking that first step away from the familiar was tough.

"The TAP classes were worse for me psychologically," he said. "You're used to being in this cocoon (in the military). Suddenly, you're thrown out there and you feel like you're being thrown to the wolves."

"Definitely there are some problems," agreed Thomas. "In the military, we're used to having our promotions

come to us. Now you have to scramble, and some find they're not totally prepared."

Thomas suggests civilians as well as military take good look at themselves and their skills, if possible, up to a year in advance of leaving their current jobs and see what it will take to translate their current skills into another job.

TAP prepares an individualized assessment for each client to determine the transferability of his or her military skills, their work preferences, how much income they'll need to survive in the civilian world, and the negotiating skills of how to get it.

Still, leaving the military is like leaving another way of living.

Even nearly eight years later, Cottrel still has problems with some aspects of civilian life. He misses the camaraderie that comes with the military and doesn't have a close relationship with other teachers, some of who resent his background.

"There's a level of jealousy at the things I've done and the fact that I have a military pension," he said. "I remember stepping into a restaurant in Singapore and thinking to myself, 'Hey, I was just here last year. I've been around the world now!' There's a lot of people who resent that."

He finds he has more in common with his administrative assistant, retired Marine Master Sgt. Thomas Oliver. "He's a black man, I'm a white man, but because of our shared military past, we're brothers," Cottrel said.

Some moral aspects of the civilian world disturb Cottrel as well.

"Out here, we're more tolerant of incompetence," he continued. "And in the military, your word is your bond. It's not like that in the civilian world."

But still, there are rewards.

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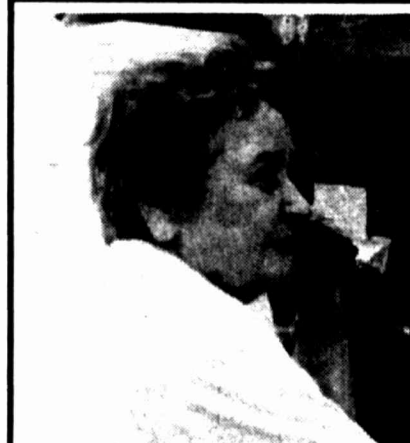
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When Bob Noyes retired from the Air Force thirty two years ago, Jan retired from her position at the VA Hospital to join him with the family business.

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Jan feels that education is the key to success, no matter what field you choose to go into. Her advice for all women is to get all the education you can and to continue to learn, you have to know your field to advance in any job.

Jan feels there are no major challenges in her business and that women need to get educated and then venture out to do what they want to do.

In her limited spare time, Jan enjoys her work in the downtown Lions Club. She presently serves as treasurer.

The Lions work with needy children who need glasses. They are currently doing Photoscreening of preschool children, to identify visual problems. The Lions raise the money to fund the project. So far over 1100 children have been screened. Jan enjoys working with the children and feels that the smiles make all the work fulfilling and rewarding.

Jan enjoys traveling, theater, jazz, and loves reading murder mysteries. Jan has been married to her husband, Bob for 33 years.

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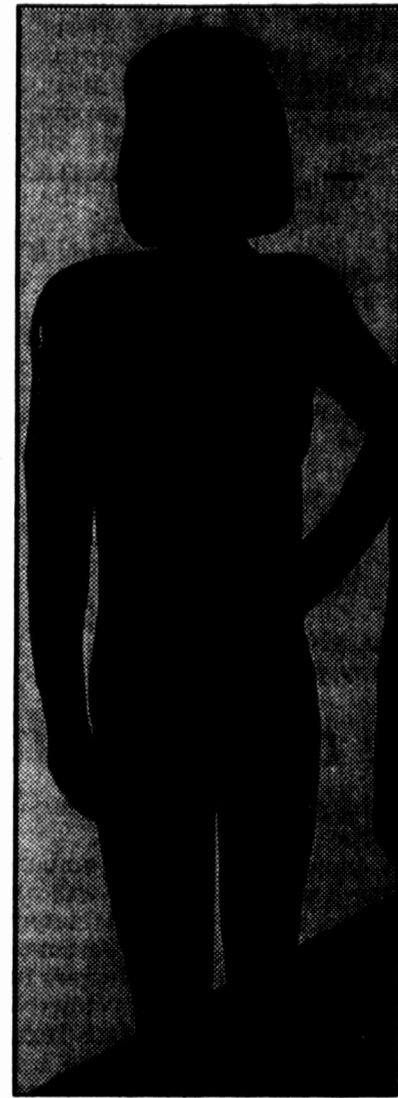
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Victim Services silhouettes provide silent remembrance of victims of domestic violence



Diana Morales, administrative assistant at Victim Services, and Big Spring police officer Terry Chamness adjust one of the silhouettes representing a local woman who died because of domestic abuse. Chamness created and painted the two silhouettes that will be displayed at the Victim Services Candlelight Vigil and Silent Witness Memorial presentation. The service will begin at 8 p.m. Monday and is held at the Heart of the City Park



October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and two local witnesses of domestic abuse will tell their poignant story by being silent.

These two women lost their battle to escape a violent situation which resulted in death, but family, friends and the community can remember them on Monday at the Victim Services Candlelight Vigil and Silent Witness Memorial presentation.

At the service life-size figures of the two women will be displayed with their story posted on a placard at the center of the silhouette.

With permission of their families, these women's stories will be told and the silhouettes will be displayed at the Victim Service Center.

The silhouettes are part of the national Silent Witness Initiative to remember those lost to domestic violence.

The service will begin at 8 p.m. at the Heart of the City Park.

"We are mainly holding the service to create an awareness about domestic violence with in the community because it is so prevalent here," said Linda Perez, Victim Service assistant director.

"We will have testimonials of ladies who have been or are still in an abusive situation," she said.

According to statistics by the victim services, every 15 seconds the crime of battery occurs and more than 5,000 women each day are assaulted by their partner.

Approximately 42 percent of female murder victims are those who are attacked by their intimate partners and 50 percent of homeless women and children in the U.S. are fleeing domestic violence.

Also, dating violence is prevalent and can begin at any age.

"We are seeing more dating violence even in teens," Perez said. According to national statistics, 40 percent of teenage girls age 14 to 17 report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend.

And Perez said victims of domestic violence are not always women.

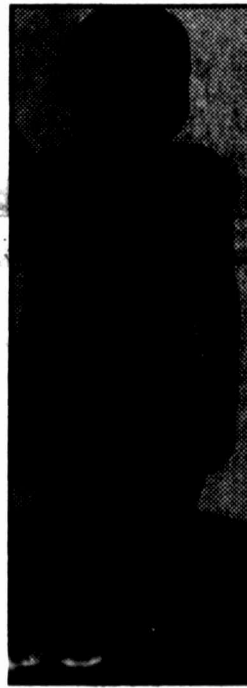
Victim services offers help to those who suffer from a violent situation.

The area victim service center covers five counties including Howard, Martin, Glasscock, Borden and Mitchell.

"We have 13 volunteers," Perez said. "The volunteers are the only reason we are able to provide a 24-hour service, 365 days a year."

The Victim Service receives funds from United Way to help with its costs and services are confidential.

For more information contact Victim Services at 263-3312.



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Big Spring State Hospital Volunteers begin preparations for holiday activities

This past week, each patient unit enjoyed a birthday party thanks to the efforts of Salem Baptist Church Women, First Christian Church Women, Gale's Sweet Shoppe and Valerie Avery, Dorothy Shephard, Church Women United, and Lou Vincent.



BILLIE RUSSWORM

Recently, the Howard College Girls Basketball team and St. Mary's Episcopal School offered their services for our ongoing and new projects. Howard College organizations also are thinking of sponsoring a Fall Festival Carnival for our patients.

Christmas donations are filter-

ing in at a steady clip, thanks to the generous community support. If you haven't mailed in your donation yet, there's still plenty of time. Donations can be mailed to Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Big Spring, TX 79720.

Christmas Chairperson Shirley Bodin is busy delivering shopping lists to volunteers who have adopted a patient unit. This would be a wonderful idea for church groups, schools or organizations to undertake.

Volunteers create items for the annual Christmas Bazaar held in conjunction with the Volunteer Services Council Luncheon Nov. 6. We could use some extra hands for our Oct. 23 workday. No experience is required. Proceeds from the bazaar purchase Christmas gifts for hospital patients. A corner for baked goods will be added this year. If

you enjoy baking, we would appreciate your donation of a home-baked goody for the Nov. 6 sale. A hand-crafted quilt made by the Ackerly First Baptist Church women will be given away at the luncheon. Chances will be made available for a \$1 donation.

This month, the Volunteer Services Council re-elected its current board to begin its second two-year terms. Doris Huijbregst will serve as chairman; Carol Scott, vice-chairman; and Lou Vincent will continue as co-chairman of the Chalet Resale Shop. Special thanks goes out to special events chairman Cliffs Slate for her service on the council.

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council joined forces with the Volunteer Services State Council's "Big Dreams" initiative. We are urging board members to attend this

valuable training session on Oct. 3 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Patient units are preparing floats and costumes for the Fall Festival parade, which will be Oct. 31 at 10 a.m. For more information or if interested in being a part of this exciting activity, call 268-7535.

Staff members will be in Galveston Oct 14-17 for the Governor's Volunteer Conference and Inservice training. Later in the month, we will attend a regional volunteer meeting in San Angelo. If you are a hospital volunteer and would like to attend, call the office.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the great work being done by our Relay for Life team - "Mind, Body and Soul." They have been serving lunches at CEO Ed Moughon's monthly brown bag luncheons. This past month, they provided food for a "Build Your Own Nachos" meal.

The team raised \$360, which raises the total amount this year to \$1,160.

Big Spring State Hospital employee Katrina Robinson is working tirelessly to deliver information to all hospital employees concerning the annual State Employees' Charitable Campaign. The campaign kicked off Sept. 1 and will run through Oct 31. State employees, who choose to participate, can designate money to a particular charity. Many of these organizations will be helping with the recent disasters in New York City, Pennsylvania and Washington DC. For more information contact Robinson at 268-7256.

(Billie Russworm is Director of Community Relations at Big Spring State Hospital)

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Dan and Mardelle Wise. Matron of honor was Tami Hurst, sister of the bride. Bridesmaid was Katy Anderson.

Flowergirls were D'an Hurst and Zoe Brock. Best man was Juli Szilagyi, sister of the groom.

A reception followed the intimate family wedding. The bride's cake was a three tiered cheesecake, representing a waterfall with white chocolate shells.

The groom's cake was a one layer chocolate cheese cake covered with almonds made by the cousin of the bride, Dr. Toni Saucy.

The bride is a graduate of Texas A & M University and a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Maryland 1988 graduate of Patch American High School. He is employed by the Department of Defense Dependant Schools.

Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev. the couple made their home in Okinawa, Japan.

Robin Wise, formerly of Big Spring, and Vince Szilagyi, of Okinawa, Japan, exchanged wedding vows July 11, 2001, in Midland with the Rev. Terry Good, of World Christianity Ministry International, officiating. She is the daughter of Dan and Mardelle Wise of Midland and the granddaughter of Bill and Louise McNealey of Midland. He is the son of Gwen Szilagyi of Okinawa, Japan, and Ron Szilagyi of Westville, Ill. The bride was given in marriage by her parents

WHO'S WHO



Ten Western Texas College nursing students graduated on August 23 in ceremonies at Trinity Methodist Church in Snyder, completing a 12-month cycle of instruction at the local college.

The students are now eligible to take their state board examinations to become licensed vocational nurses.

Pictured are: front row, left to right - Jennifer Smith of Colorado City and Lisa Alonzo of Snyder; middle row - Carrmon Whitesides of Colorado City, Erica Arellano of Snyder, Tracy Sanders of Snyder, Erica Garvin of Snyder, Lavinda Smith of Colorado City,

April Roby of Rotan, and Rose Thomas of Coahoma. Top row - Paul Camp of Snyder.

The presentation of certificates and pins was conducted by nursing instructors, Diane Beard and Carol Watkins, assisted by vocational secretary, Donna Robinson. The benediction was offered by John Gibson and was followed by a recessional.

Kari Howard, daughter of Darl and Aliene Blauser, graduated with honors from West Texas A&M University last month.

She received her bachelor's of science degree with a major in biology.

She is continuing her education at Texas Tech University Health Science Center School of Pharmacy where she is currently in her second year and plans to receive her doctrine of pharmacy degree in May of 2004.

She is a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured is Meowser - DMH, gray and white tabby, spayed female, 2 yrs.

Jet - DSH, solid black, neutered male, 1 yr.

Snoopy - DSH, black and white, neutered male, 4 yr.

Miss Annie - DMH, gray and white tabby, spayed female, 4 yr.

Tuff Stuff - DSH, black and white, neutered male, 1 yr.

Tom tom - DSH, black and white, neutered male, 1 yr.

tiger - DSH, gray tabby, neutered male, 1 yr.

Blaze - DSH, black and white, neutered male, less than 1 yr.

Tackie - DSH, tortoise shell, spayed female, less than 1 yr.

Puff Daddy - DSH, gray and white, neutered male, less than one year.

Many, many more - come see!!

Special note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the Howard County Humane Society have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

All pets come with a two week trial period. Call the shelter at 267-7832 for more information.

NEWCOMERS

Franklin and Molly Weber; daughter Hannah and son, Brady of Creede, Colo. He is employed by the State National Bank as an operations officer.

David and Danna Mahaffey; twins Lauren and Lindsey, of Abilene. He is a computer tech for BSISD. She is a fifth grade teacher at Bauer.

Britt and Wendy Smith of Lubbock. He is the baseball coach for Howard College. She is an exercise

specialist for Paradigm Physical Therapy.

Julissa Lusk of For Stockton. She is employed by the Fort Stockton Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Alicia Trevino and son, Kristian of Garden City. She is employed by Star-Tek.

Raul and Maria Pimentel of Del Rio. He is a security guard for Cornell Corrections. She is employed by Star-Tek.

Allstate to stop selling some policies across Texas

AUSTIN (AP) - Allstate Texas Lloyds, the third-largest property insurer in Texas, said Friday it will no longer offer new homeowners insurance policies in Texas that include water coverage.

Allstate will continue, however, to offer limited policies without the coverage for water damage from leaky or broken pipes.

"We have not made this decision without serious consideration," said Gary Briggs, Allstate field vice president. "The economic reality is the cost of paying for losses and expenses in Texas is exceeding the amount we collect in premium."

The change takes effect Oct. 8 and won't affect current Allstate homeowners or auto insurance customers in Texas or Allstate

policyholders in other states.

The company also said that it will implement an average statewide increase of 20 percent for existing homeowners insurance customers effective Oct. 29.

Allstate Texas Lloyds, the Texas property insurance affiliate of Allstate Insurance Company, has seen sharp increases this year in homeowners insurance claims for water losses and the mold damage stemming from those losses, said Allstate spokesman Justin Schmitt.

Other factors besides mold also are driving up losses in Texas, Schmitt said, including rising construction and property repair costs. Also, the potential for property damage due to weather-related catastrophes, such as hurricanes and hail-

storms, is greater in Texas than in almost any other state, Schmitt said.

He said the company was working with the Texas Department of Insurance to find a long-term solution to the mold problem.

State Insurance Commissioner Jose

Montemayor said he was disappointed with Allstate's decision and said he had hoped insurance companies would work with him on the mold issue.

Montemayor is considering a proposal that would set a cap of \$5,000 for mold coverage in all policies.

MENUS

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Chicken, potatoes, squash, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

TUESDAY-Meatloaf, noodles, carrots, salad, milk/rolls, cookies.

WEDNESDAY-Steak & onions, macaroni & tomatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, milk/rolls, fruited gelatin.

THURSDAY-Fish, french fries, spinach, coleslaw, milk/cornbread, cake.

FRIDAY-Roast, potatoes, peas & carrots, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

SANDS CISK

MONDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, wacky cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak w/gravy, whole new potatoes, blackeye peas, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese tacos, pinto beans, salad, cornbread, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY-Corn dogs w/mustard, pork & beans, macaroni & cheese, salad, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, ranch style beans, cookies or fruit, milk.

COAHOMA ISD

MONDAY-BBQ sausage or burritos, buttered potatoes, bread, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Tacos or corn-dogs, salad, pinto beans, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed

potatoes, green beans, rolls, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY-Baked ham or sloppy joe, macaroni, corn, peaches, milk.

FRIDAY-Chicken patty or cheeseburger pocket, gravy, potatoes, fruit, bread, milk.

FORSAN ISD

MONDAY-Frito pie, ranch style beans, salad, cookies, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Enchiladas, pinto beans, spanish rice, salad, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cheeseburgers, french fries, salad, pickles/onion, stawberry shotcreme, milk.

THURSDAY-Bar-b-que sandwich, pinto beans, potato salad, pickle/onions,

pudding, milk.

FRIDAY-Steak, whipped potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

BIG SPRING ISD

MONDAY-Chicken rings, macaroni & cheese, green beans, pears, roll, milk.

TUESDAY-Pig in blanket, potato wedges, broccoli w/cheese sauce, peach cup, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken fajitas, spanish rice, corn, apple, tortilla, milk.

THURSDAY-Charbroiled meatballs w/gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Cheeseburger, french fries, salad, ranch style beans, orange cream bar, milk.

STORK CLUB

Mallory Mae Ezell, born Sept. 2, 2001, at 4:04 p.m. Weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces and 20 3/4 inches long. Parents are Libby and John Ed Ezell of Coahoma. Grandparents are Vera and Benny Martin of Elbow and Jo Anne and Johnnie Ezell of Coahoma.

Sophia Lea Dominguez, born Sept. 24, 2001, at 1:16 a.m. Weighing seven pounds 6 1/2 ounces, 19 1/2 inches long. Parents are Michael and Jennifer Dominguez of Big Spring. Grandparents are Austin and Peggy Sherrill of Big Spring; Richard and Melanie Craven of Lubbock and Henry and Leonor Dominguez of Big Spring. Sophia is the little sister of Nolan Dominguez.

GETTING ENGAGED

Dr. Michelle L. Wiggins and Roy B. Worthy, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows Oct. 13, 2001, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with rector Jim Liggett officiating.

She is the daughter of Stanley and Emma Bogard of Big Spring.

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North Dakota man preparing winemaking business in response to new state law

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Greg Kempel has made wine from apples, plums, chokecherries, oranges and sugarbeets. Kempel has even used onions to make a sweet wine that he says also serves as a spectacular beef marinade.

The Casselton, N.D., man and a neighbor, Stewart Myhre, want to turn this winemaking hobby into a business later this year, when they hope the Maple River Winery will be the first to use a new state law that encourages the development of small farm wineries.

It allows wine makers to sell as much as 1,000 gallons annually, which equals almost 5,000 750-milliliter bottles. A state farm-winery license also allows the marketing of wine literature, glassware, cheese and snack foods.

Until the law took effect Aug. 1, Kempel and other farm vintners could make wine for their friends and neighbors, but they couldn't sell it.

The state Tax Department, which regulates North Dakota alcohol sales, is reviewing Kempel's farm winery application. The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms also has to

approve Maple River's label before it can go into business.

At first, the winery will be selling only to people who come to the winery itself. Kempel does not intend to ship wine to buyers, or try to market it in stores. He expects prices to range from \$14 to \$17 a bottle and hopes to be selling in time for Christmas business.

Kempel said he, Myhre and their spouses started making wine about three years ago, using recipes from their grandparents and apples from two huge trees in Myhre's yard.

"The apples kept going to waste, and we decided rather than have them go to waste, we'd make wine out of them," Kempel said.

It has become a serious hobby. Neighbors and friends keep them supplied with fruit and bottles that are cleaned and re-used.

They have experimented with a variety of different flavors, including rhubarb, sugarbeets, spiced orange, apple with jalapeno peppers, and lemon lime, the taste of which Kempel likens to a margarita.

There are some plants Kempel won't use. Dandelion wine, for example, is out.

"There are some places

you draw the line on," he said. "Everybody asks us about dandelion wine, and we say, 'We don't make wine out of weeds.'"

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The governor has rejected an increase in a corn check-off that was expected to generate \$1.3 million to promote one of Nebraska's chief crops.

Gov. Mike Johanns cited a lack of consensus among agriculture interests, the economic slowdown, and uncertainty about a federal farm bill following the terrorist attacks as reasons for rejecting the plan. The governor must sign or veto any checkoff increase.

The Nebraska Corn Board first approved the rate increase from 25 cents to 40 cents per hundred bushels last month.

Checkoffs are essentially a tax that allows commodity boards to market crops. Checkoff fees can range from \$1 per head of cattle sold to a fraction of a cent for a bushel of corn sold.

Some producers aren't sure checkoff programs are offering much return for the money that they are forced to put in. Others are incensed by recent checkoff increases.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Oct. 1:

Others depend more and more on your gentleness and caring, but you might have had it up to here with it. Family members and roommates might be the only ones to recognize your frustration. You also might think you have a tendency to be overly sensitive. Pressure often causes you to bend or change. The key to your happiness lies in establishing stronger boundaries. If you are single, romance will wave hello. Check out your many potential partners. Pick and choose "the one" wisely. If you are attached, share your feelings and fears with your loved one more often. Greater closeness will develop as a result. ARIES challenges you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** What you believe to be an unacceptable situation pushes you into action. Let others try to stop you as you zoom in. Associates happily work with your ideas and your instructions. In fact, co-workers express relief at your new sense of direction. Tonight: Put a smile on your face.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**** Use your sixth sense to decide when to act and when to duck out. Explore ideas this afternoon in a low-key, resourceful manner. You will like the results. Problems could ensue with your finances if you don't walk with care. Tonight: Double-check your facts and figures.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**** Take charge in the morning, even if you feel a bit off or out of sorts. You might not be sure about what works. Your planetary ruler retrogrades today, which wears down your high energy and insight. Keep your focus -- no matter what. Tonight: Join your friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)**** Make inquiries this

HOROSCOPE

morning. Clear out as much research as possible. Express what you want in an upbeat, positive way. Others respond to your magnetic lunar appeal. Think in terms of leadership and accepting more responsibility. Tonight: Work late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**** Deal quietly and purposefully with an associate this morning. Finally, you will receive the answers you seek. Your finances play into a decision, though an error could occur. A misunderstanding could be in the making. Double-check all figures. Tonight: Hop on the Net.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**** Others respond to your inquiries. Venus in your sign adds to your allure and desirability. Realize what a child or associate might be saying; read between the lines. Understand that your ruler retrogrades today and, as a result, you could feel off kilter. Tonight: Slow down. Put your feet up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**** Process a decision carefully. Feedback from a family member points you in the right direction. Give up being overly sensitive by expressing more of your feelings. Travel plans could change in the next few weeks. Tonight: Go along with another's suggestion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**** Put more imagination into your work and life. Others agree with you and are inclined to go along with your ideas. Question what is ultimately important for you. In the next few weeks, deal with a partner as well as friends. Clear the air. Tonight: Off to the gym.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** Muster up all your self-discipline. Temptation knocks on your door. Use your endless imagination to focus on accomplishment and money management. Confusion surrounds work and a key association in the next few weeks. Tonight: Allow yourself a creative outlet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**** Your unusual energy helps you dash through work. Do needed research and seek out experts as well. Your ability to convince others to pitch in and join your team marks you as a winner. Stay level emotionally with family. Confirm messages. Tonight: Huddle in at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** Your winning ways impress many. Sleuth out a hunch and confirm your opinions. Someone responds to your overtures. Relate on a one-on-one level and make headway. In the next few weeks, problems could involve key relationships. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**** Use the morning, when you're on a high-energy cycle. Display your diplomatic skills with someone who does care a lot. Aim for what you want. Focus on financial gain. A friend and an associate suggest several excellent money-making ventures. Tonight: Pay bills first, and then think about investing.

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South Texan finds mother alive but in a coma after World Trade Center attacks

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — About a week after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, a South Texas woman found her mother who had worked there. She was in a coma at a New York hospital.

The woman's two brothers, who also worked at the towers destroyed when hijacked jetliners were piloted into them, remain missing.

"I went up there anticipating the worst," Alberta Perez told The Victoria Advocate in Thursday's editions.

Perez of Schroeder has given up hope that her two brothers will be found alive in the rubble.

She said because her 62-year-old mother Catherine Crotty is still in a coma from a heart attack, the family isn't sure exactly what happened.

She said it appears Crotty had just arrived at work by cab when the trade center was struck by one of the airplanes on Sept. 11.

She said the shock may have prompted the heart

attack and kept her from entering the building.

"They found her a block away," Perez said. "Someone had drug her away from the scene."

Perez said the outlook is good for her mother.

"She should be OK in time," Perez said.

"It's just going to take a lot of time."

She said officials were apparently unable to identify Crotty initially because her purse was not with her when she was found.

Perez flew to New York on Sept. 17 and gave three DNA samples so officials could try to locate Crotty and her brothers. Two days after her arrival the test helped her find her mother, she said.

She said some relatives who live in New York will watch her mother and keep her informed about her mother's progress.

Perez said she needed to return home to her family and job.

"There was nothing more I could do," she said.



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Consumers expected to pay less for natural gas this winter

HOUSTON (AP) — Consumers are expected to pay less for natural gas because demand this winter will be lower, according to a new report by a supply association.

Before the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, the Natural Gas Supply Association was projecting overall natural gas demand to increase 1.5 percent. But the attacks and perceptions of a stalled economy have quashed any potential growth in demand, the Houston Chronicle reported Wednesday.

Unlike last year at this time, storage is almost full. Estimates

are the United States will start the heating season on Nov. 1 with 500 billion cubic feet more natural gas than last year.

"The good news is consumers will reap the benefits this year of increased production and strong storage injections. Although wild cards do exist, for the short-term, at least, we do not expect sustained price volatility," Skip Horvath, association president, said in a written statement.

U.S. demand for the 2001-2002 heating season is estimated to fall 250 billion cubic feet, or 2.1 per-

cent, from last year, the gas supply association said.

The benchmark natural gas contract closed Tuesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange at \$1.92 per thousand cubic feet, up 1.5 cents. It was the lowest price for natural gas since April 1999.

At this time last year, the benchmark futures contract was trading for around \$5.34 per thousand cubic feet. It peaked at \$9.97 on Dec. 27.

There's no question that low energy prices will cause the oil and gas exploration and produc-

tion sector to go flat, said Barton Smith, director of Institute for Regional Forecasting at the University of Houston.

Smith, who is also a professor of economics, said he doesn't expect any growth in upstream energy in the next 12 months. But he doesn't expect a contraction because natural gas is a clean and environmentally sound energy source. For that reason, demand for gas to fuel power plants is still growing.

Natural gas prices could fall as low as \$1.50 per thousand cubic feet, said Scott Burk, energy ana-

lyst with Frost Securities in Dallas. They have only fallen below \$1 a few times, and that prompted producers to reduce production, he said.

It appears that the days of \$5 and higher natural gas are gone. Burk is looking for natural gas prices to average about \$2.40 in the fourth quarter and to average \$2.60 next year and \$3 in 2003.

A cold snap would help deplete relatively high storage inventories, but it will take sustained winter weather to support a significant price move upward.

KBYG makes changes in personnel and format

HERALD Staff Report

KBYG 1400 AM has announced recent changes and growth at the station.

KBYG will now offer news, sports and weather reports beginning Monday.

Andrews is now part of the KBYG family, taking on the title of news director.

Andrews will be teaming up with morning personality B. Michael Brown to cover and report local news and weather.

Brown, perhaps best known as the host of "Ask Your Neighbor," will deliver the local news in the morning while Andrews will cover all afternoon reports as well as breaking news.

Assistant Howard College Hawks coach Jermaine Kimbrough will cover local sports with live reports from the Steers' football games. Kimbrough will host "The Coaches Corner" with in-depth interviews regarding the Steers' ability and the opposing teams' insight.

KBYG also announced Beth Bryant as a member of the sales team.

"KBYG is dedicated to community events and news as well as the diversity in music with the oldies during the day and the only Tejano station locally in the evening," said David Pappajohn. "My invitation to the community is for them to check out KBYG with its added professional staff, programming and music format."



Wesley Beauchamp, director of the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, snips the red ribbon to open the new indoor swimming pool at the center, 306 W. Third St. Shown, from left, Donna Palmer, Laurie Churchwell, Sandie Fryar, Jason Sims, Leslie Kirkland, Beauchamp, Toby Keel, Kaki Morton, Marlene Warner and Vera Hyer.

Debt disput in bankruptcy court deferred

PHOENIX (AP) — A Texas attempt to force an Arizona oil and gas company into involuntary bankruptcy has come to a temporary halt in a dispute over what legal issues are key to the trial.

In January, Baker Hughes EHO, Ltd, a subsidiary of Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc., filed a petition for involuntary bankruptcy against Prescott-based Matco Inc. over a debt of \$8.7 million for seismic

work in Bermuda.

Both companies deal primarily with finding and producing oil and natural gas.

On Friday, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Sarah Curley gave both companies two months within which to present arguments defending their positions.

For a second day, Curley had ruled out issues about which Matco attorney Steve Dichter was attempting

question his witness, leaving Dichter in a quandary.

"Since those issues have only popped up in the past two weeks, I suggest we stop," Dichter told Curley. A crucial point is how many creditors Matco had.

Matco has contended that under law, Baker Hughes was out of line since a single creditor cannot petition for a debtor's involuntary bankruptcy if the debtor has more than 12 creditors.

American Airlines begins widespread layoffs

DALLAS (AP) — The parent company of American Airlines began widespread layoffs Friday, a week after announcing it would cut about 20,000 employees to counter a sharp drop in air travel after this month's terrorist attacks.

About 15,000 American workers will be laid off, along with 3,000 workers at Trans World Airlines and 1,700 at the American Eagle commuter line, officials said.

The parent company, AMR Corp., said layoffs would be staggered over

the next four weeks and would hit all operating groups and management ranks.

American said laid-off workers would receive medical benefits, travel privileges and job-hunting advice.

American originally proposed no severance benefits for laid-off workers, citing financial difficulty after the Sept. 11 attacks. The carrier relented this week after Congress approved a \$15 billion federal assistance program for the airline industry.

American expects to receive about

\$900 million in assistance and got half of that this week, spokesman Al Becker said. He said the airline has been losing \$20 million to \$25 million a day since Sept. 11.

Donald J. Carty, American's chairman and chief executive, said the federal aid made it possible for the carrier to make "special payments" to laid-off workers. He did not specify the amount or duration of the payments.

American's unions were unhappy with the way the carrier announced layoffs

Nomination forms for FSA committee are available for Administrative Area 1

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Nomination forms for the Howard County Farm Service Agency County Committee are now available at the FSA office.

"The elected committee members work as a liaison between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the producers themselves," said Rick Lyles, FSA executive director.

According to Lyles, the

FSA County Committee members are charged with providing local guidance and making decisions on agricultural issues including commodity price support loans and payments, establishment of allotments, yields and marketing quotas, farm loans, conservation programs, disaster payment for some commodities and other disaster assistance.

The committee has three elected representatives in Howard County that serve a three-year term.

Local Administrative Area 1, currently being served by Joe D. Barnes, is up for election. The boundary lines for LAA 1 are Interstate Highway 20 (south boundary), to Highway 87 and FM 1548 (east boundary) and the Howard County line for north and west boundaries.

A qualified person to be elected to represent LAA 1 has to have his or her primary farming interest in the area and live in Howard

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Local Howard County Farm Service Agency County Committee members stand for a group shot with some Texas FSA committee members at a recent meeting. Local Howard County members pictured front left are Maxwell Barr, Joe Barnes and Sammie Buchanan. The Local Administrative Area served by Barnes is up for election this year.

Reservists

Military personnel need to get financially squared away before they leave home

DALLAS — Before thousands of military personnel are deployed to carry out President Bush's promised war on terrorism, they need to make sure that things are financially squared away at home.

"You can be professionally prepared, you can be administratively prepared, but if your personal house isn't in order, you are going to be distracted from the personal mission that you are going on," says Jim Moon, program manager of the Deployment Assistance Team at USAA in San Antonio. The financial services company serves current and former members of the military and their families.

"You want to know that when you deploy, back home, your personal side is taken care of," he said. That includes several tasks:

Make a will. Name an executor to settle your estate in the event of your death. If you have young children, name a guardian for them.

Draw up a power of attorney. This authorizes someone to conduct your business affairs on your behalf. Make sure the person to whom you give this power is someone you really trust.

Make sure your financial accounts designate who will take them over if something should happen to you. If an account is in your name only, consider adding your spouse, a trusted friend or other family member so he or she can have access to the money to take care of financial issues that may arise during your absence.

"They should make sure that their military pay is on direct deposit, so that the family has access to the dollars," says Joe Morrin, director of financial planning at First Command Financial Planning in Fort Worth, which does financial planning for military families.

Update beneficiaries on insurance policies and retirement plans.

Review your life insurance policy and make sure your coverage matches your family's needs.

The Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program provides policies of up to \$250,000 to those on active duty, reservists and others. For more informa-

tion, call the Department of Veterans Affairs' Insurance Center at 1-800-669-8477 or check out www.insurance.va.gov.

If no one will be driving your car while you're gone, tell your auto insurance company. You may be able to drop some coverage and save money. "You're trying to find those changes that could occur as a result of deploying and becoming mobilized, and trying to find ways to reduce the stress financially," Mr. Moon says.

Keep as much savings as you can. Mr. Moon recommends saving at least six months' worth of salary.

"Six months is about the time you may be deployed if you're a reservist," he says. When you have to leave your civilian job to report for armed services duty, you may experience a dramatic drop in pay.

"There's a financial change that people need to be aware of if they're in the reserves," Mr. Moon says. "And they need to prepare for that."

The law doesn't require your employer to keep paying you while you're on active duty. But it does require employers to offer you the same or equivalent employment when you return, Mr. Morrin says.

Many companies will pay a salary differential to someone called to active duty, says Jeanne Glorioso, a certified financial planner at Frost National Bank.

"This would be the difference between their regular salary and military pay, if military pay is less than their normal salary," she says.

Pay off as much debt as you can before leaving. However, if you have lingering debt, you may qualify for protection under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.

The act was passed by Congress to provide protection for individuals entering or called to active duty in the military. It's intended to postpone or suspend certain civil obligations to enable service members to devote their full attention to duty.

The protection begins on the date you enter active duty and generally ends within 30 to 90 days after the date of discharge.

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- No. 409, Conroe
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- Spring
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- 24, Lamesa
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Jeanette Marie Valle vs Jose Angel Valle, divorce
Ninfa Garcia vs Felipe Garcia, divorce
Eva Cuevas Mejia Rodriguez, independently and as representative of the estate of Jesus Rodriguez, et al vs E.D. Walton Construction Co. Inc. et al, injuries and damages
Vickie Sue-Pack Kingsley vs Jeffrey Dean Kingsley, family
Ruby Parsons vs Corgill Enterprises Inc. et al, injuries and damages
Roxanne Ybarra vs Fernando Nabejar Jr., family paternity and legitimation
Kendra Lynn Harrison vs Patrick Heckler, family paternity and legitimation
Tonya Lee vs Robert Brown, family paternity and legitimation
Jackie Banks vs Steven Ray James, family non-support

Marriage Licenses:

Bobby Allen Klug, 29, and Kimberly Leann Smith, 24, both of Big Spring
Julian Chavez Jr., 26, and Marie Elizabeth Garza, 26, both of Big Spring
Kaleb Allen Hill, 27, and Amber Dawn Barbee, 22, both of Big Spring

Warranty Deed:

Grantor: Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp
Grantee: Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Property: Lot 9, Blk. 1, replat of Wasson Place addition
Date filed: Sept. 14, 2001
Grantor: Chris Cole and Maria Cole
Grantee: Shanan and Lana Saverance
Property: Lot 7, Blk. 3, Caroline Court subdivision
Date filed: Sept. 14, 2001
Grantor: James A. Suggs and Marjorie Suggs
Grantee: Thearl J. Kinnard and

Melva J. Savage
Property: Lot 6, Blk. 16, Cedar Crest addition
Date filed: Sept. 14, 2001
Grantor: Ascencion Hilario Jr.
Grantee: Alonzo Hilario and Ester Gonzalez
Property: A tract in SW/4 of Tract 22, amended plat of Wm. B. Currie subdivision of the SE/4 of Sec. 42, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Sept. 14, 2001
Grantor: Curtis Morrison, guardian of the estate of Lavelle Bednar Oxley
Grantee: Jess T. Broseh
Property: W/10 feet of Lot 4 and the E/48 feet of Lot 3, Blk. 2, Monticello addition
Date filed: Sept. 17, 2001
Grantor: Florence N. Landon
Grantee: Donald Ray Winterbauer
Property: All land and improvements including mineral rights owned by Landon in Howard County.
Date filed: Sept. 17, 2001
Grantor: Ruby Helen Neill
Grantee: Carolyn Susan King
Property: Lot 16, Blk. 2, Strippling addition
Date filed: Sept. 17, 2001
Grantor: Bowie H. Denson
Grantee: Christopher M. and Melinda Reyes
Property: Lot 7, Blk. 1, amended East Park addition
Date filed: Sept. 18, 2001
Grantor: Maria A. Hamilton
Grantee: Esequiel Chavarria
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Blk. 4, College Heights addition (110 E. 18th St.)
Date filed: Sept. 18, 2001
Grantor: Jimmy Paul
Grantee: Robert H. Mitchell
Property: 1.23 acres in Sec. 45, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Sept. 18, 2001
Grantor: Melissa Ann Hernandez Garcia, Andrew Aguirre, independent executor of the estates of Juanita Alcantar Aguirre and Vivian Aguirre
Grantee: Lasara Ontiveros
Property: 0.5 acres in the NE/4 of Sec. 45, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Sept. 19, 2001
Grantor: Israel Ray Hernandez, Andrew Aguirre, independent executor of the estates of Juanita Alcantar Aguirre and Vivian Aguirre
Grantee: Lasara Ontiveros
Property: 0.5 acres in the NE/4 of Sec. 45, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Sept. 19, 2001
Grantor: Midfirst Bank
Grantee: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Property: 0.35 acres in NW/4 of Sec. 1, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Sept. 19, 2001
Grantor: Steve Bingham and Debi Bingham
Grantee: James Weldon Gartman and Deborah Gartman
Property: 1.0 acre in NW/4 of Sec. 44, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Sept. 20, 2001
Grantor: Connie Flores
Grantee: Ascension Flores
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Blk. 7, Brown addition
Date filed: Sept. 20, 2001
Grantor: Pat Yarbrough
Grantee: Jack Martin
Property: Tract 1 A tract in Blk. 37, College Heights addition (2101 and 2103 Main St.) Tract 2: S/50 feet of NW/4 of Blk. 37, College Heights addition (2105 Main St.)
Date filed: Sept. 20, 2001
Grantor: Pat Yarbrough
Grantee: Jack Martin

Property: Lot 10, Blk. 9, McDowell Heights addition (113 E. 15th St.)
Date filed: Sept. 20, 2001
Grantor: Pat Yarbrough
Grantee: Janie Anderson
Property: Tract 1: W/42 feet of Lot 4, Blk. 36, amended Cole and Strayhorn addition (906 E. 14th St.). Tract 2: E/8 feet of Lot 4 and all of Lot 5, Blk. 36, amended Cole and Strayhorn addition (906 E. 14th St.).
Date filed: Sept. 20, 2001
Grantor: Sabrina Irene Hammel, Edwin Earl Dickson Jr., William H. Dickson, Margaret Katharyn Parkan and Vivian Ann Glickman.
Grantee: William M. Dickson and Dana D. Dickson
Property: 5.0 acres in NW/4 of Sec. 36, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Sept. 20, 2001
Grantor: S. Lee McCollum, independent executor of the estate of Maxine D. McCollum
Grantee: William D. McCollum, Samuel L. McCollum and Richard E. McCollum
Property: 1/15 of 5/16 interest in NE/4 of Sec. 29, Blk. 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey.
Date filed: Sept. 21, 2001
Grantor: Connie Washington, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Chester Wright; Marsha Lee Spence, independent executrix of the estate of Erlene Paine; Mrs. R.L. Callihan; Carolyn Touchstone; Glenda Mahoney; and Sonya Swindell.
Grantee: Jim and Lazell McCurtain
Property: Lots 4, 5 and 6, Wrights Airport Annex No. 2
Date filed: Sept. 21, 2001
Warranty Deed With Vendors Lien:
Grantor: Irene Reed
Grantee: Margie Amaro and Ernest Eugene Maestas
Property: Lots 17 and 18, Blk. 18, Washington Place addition
Date filed: Sept. 17, 2001
Grantor: Tonya Kay Dahmer, individually and as community administrator of the estate of Mark Anthony Dahmer
Grantee: Michael H. and Barbara P. Hall
Property: 1.0 acre in NW/4 of Sec. 44, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey.
Date filed: Sept. 17, 2001
Grantor: Gerald and Donna Wooten and Billie J. Wooten
Grantee: Patricia A. Clayton
Property: Lot 7, Blk. 1, Abernathy addition
Date filed: Sept. 17, 2001
Grantor: Jackie and Tammy Wilks
Grantee: Charles D. and Patricia Sipes
Property: Lot 21, except the S/4 feet, Blk. 6, Kentwood (Unit No. 2) addition
Date filed: Sept. 19, 2001
Grantor: Robert Lavell Abbot and Linda Sue Abbot
Grantee: Jackie L. and Tammy L. Wilks
Property: Lot 5, Blk. 13, Coronado Hills addition
Date filed: Sept. 19, 2001
Grantor: Sharon and Larry Sneed
Grantee: Shannon M. Nabors
Property: 1.0 acre in Tract 17, Silver Hills subdivision, Sec. 18, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Sept. 19, 2001
Grantor: Mary Louise Traczyk, individually and as trustee of the Mary Louise Traczyk Revocable Trust
Grantee: Kevin L. Ritz and Juanita P. Ritz
Property: 1741 Purdue, 3235 Cornell, 2403 Carlton, 2406 Cheyenne, 2506 Cheyenne, 1901 Morrison and 1.0 acre on I-20 Service Road.
Date filed: Sept. 21, 2001

FSA

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County.

"We would like the county committee to reflect a diverse cross-section of the local agriculture community by including representation for non-traditional farming operations, small farmers or ranchers, specialty crop producers, minority producers, spouse or business partners," Lyles said. "Anyone who would be willing to add new or different perspectives to the county committee." Nominations forms are available at the FSA office

located on the service road of Interstate 20. Completed forms must be turned into the FSA office by Oct. 29.

FSA will notify nominees and mail election ballots to eligible voters in mid November. Completed ballots must be returned to the FSA office and postmarked by Dec. 3.

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Workforce Center or our website, <http://www.tdci.state.tx.us>.

Salary
\$1716 - First Two months of employment
\$1866 - 3 to 8 months
\$2036 - 9 to 14 months
\$2161 - 15 to 20 months
\$2295 - 21 to 36 months
\$2365 - 37 to 48 months*
\$2436 - 39 to 60 months*
\$2512 - 61 to 96 months*
\$2589 - 97+ months*
*full time officers only

Basic Eligibility Criteria
• U.S. Citizens or alien authorized to
work in U.S.
• AT least 18 years old
• High School Diploma or GED /
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are not accepted
• Not be on active duty in the military
(okay if on terminal leave)
• Never been convicted of a felony
• Never been convicted of a drug related
offense
• Never been convicted of an offense
involving domestic violence
• Not had a Class A or B misdemeanor
conviction within the last 5 years
• Not be on probation for any criminal
offense
• No criminal charges pending or
outstanding warrants
• Ability to perform essential functions
of a correctional officer, with or
without reasonable accommodation
• Pass the TDCJ Pre-Employment Test
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Pre-Employment Testing Dates
Bring drivers license & Social Security Card
with you
Date / Time
Oct. 1, 2, or 3/7:45 A.M.
Oct. 4/8:00 A.M.
Location
Preston E. Smith Unit / 1313 County Road 19 / Lamesa
Texas Workforce Center / 1218 14th Street / Lubbock

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SALE OF FARM REAL ESTATE 159.58 Acres more or less Howard County, TX The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will sell at a Trustees Foreclosure Sale to the highest bidder or bidders, for cash, at the North entrance of the Howard County Courthouse in Big Spring, TX, on Tuesday, October 2, 2001 at 10:00 AM. FSA's minimum bid is \$32,585.00. For specific information contact the Farm Loan Manager, Mike Miller, 107 E. Broadway, Stanton TX 79782. (915) 756-3308.

BUILDINGS FOR SALE

Steel Buildings, new, must sell 30x40x12 was \$10,200 now \$6,990 40x60x12 was \$16,400 now \$10,971 50x100x16 was \$27,590 now \$19,990 60x200x16 was \$58,760 now \$42,990 1-800-406-5126

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For Lease: Building & Warehouse on 5 acres fenced land, good location (Snyder Hwy) Approximately 8500 sq. ft. with nice offices. \$750.00 month plus deposit. Call Westex Auto Parts, Inc 263-5000

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Retail Space Prime Location Big Spring Mall 267-3853

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By Owner - Beautiful 3 bdr 2 bth brick home on 2 lots C/H. \$54,500. 267-7996.

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For Sale By Owner 2 bdr. 2 bth C/H/A, fireplace, fenced yard, nicely decorated. For more info. call 263-1548 or 425-3211. Owner may finance.

For Sale By Owner: 3 bdr. 2 bth. 2 car garage, carpet, fireplace, & more. 505 Highland Drive. Call Joe @ 263-3916

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2 Bdrm, 1 bath, 910 East 6th. No Pets. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

2 Bedroom house, also 1 Bedroom house. Call 263-5818

2 BR, 1 bath. Country Living. Nice yard, water well. 267-7659

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Nice, large 3 BR, 2 bath brick home with fireplace. In quiet neighborhood. 700 Dallas. \$885/mo. \$500/dep. Call 263-5000

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Libido rejuvenated with appropriate therapy

Dear Ann Landers: May I respond to the woman who lost interest in sex after entering menopause? She said she tried drugs, physical exercise, therapy and finally gave up, believing her sex life was over. Your response to see a specialist was right on the money. I hope she listens.



ANN LANDERS

I had a total hysterectomy at the age of 25. Until that time, I enjoyed a normal sex life. After the surgery, my libido went completely dead. I tried seeing counselors and doctors, but neither helped me. They dismissed my concerns as "emotional" and prescribed anti-depressants. They didn't work. At the age of 44, I finally saw a menopause expert who was a gynecologist and an endocrinologist. She put me on a daily routine of estrogen along with testosterone cream and an testosterone skin patch.

Within one month, I felt like a different person. She turned my life around, and I felt alive for the first time in 20 years. Please urge your female readers to see a doctor who knows what he

or she is doing. Sign me -- Frisky Again in Florida

Dear Frisky: Thank you for a letter that could improve the quality of life for a great many women. You were fortunate to hook up with a menopause expert who was a gynecologist and an endocrinologist. With proper medical help, you can remain "frisky" for many more years. Enjoy!

When planning a wedding, who pays for what? Who stands where? "The Ann Landers Guide for Brides" has all the answers. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Brides, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.) To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. © 2001 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS To: Jimmy Tito Alatorre, Sr., aka Jimmy Alatorre, Sr., aka Jimmy Tito Alatorre, aka JIMMY T. ALATORRE.

Respondent GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 118th District Court, Howard County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Big Spring, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 18th day of September, 2001, against Jimmy Tito Alatorre, Sr., aka Jimmy Alatorre, Sr., aka Jimmy Tito Alatorre, aka Jimmy T. Alatorre, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 41447 on the docket of said Court and entitled "In the interest of Christina Marie Davis and Mary Guadalupe Centeno, children", the nature of which suit is a request for protection of a child, for conservatorship, and for termination in suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

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

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The official executing this citation shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said County, Texas, this 19th day of September, 2001. #3321 September 23, 30, 2001

Public Notice RFB 02-476 Advertisement for Bids The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting sealed bids for the following:

Hearing Aids & Service Bid packets may be obtained from: Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Sealed bids will be accepted through 3:00 p.m. on October 16, 2001, in the Administrative Annex, room A2, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future bid meeting.

Technical questions should be directed to Glen Carrigan, Audiologist, 3301 Higgins Memorial, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-3705 and bidding questions should be directed to Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. #3326 September 23 & 30, 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS To: Floriberto Centeno, Respondent GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 118th District Court, Howard County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Big Spring, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 18th day of September, 2001, against Floriberto Centeno, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 41447 on the docket of said Court and entitled "In the interest of Christina Marie Davis and Mary Guadalupe Centeno, children", the nature of which suit is a request for protection of a child, for conservatorship, and for termination in suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

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Public Notice TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD Temple, Texas DUE NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT SUBDIVISION NO. FIVE OF THE HOWARD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 243.

To all persons including the designated representatives of family farm corporations who are eligible voters in the above named Conservator District as described under the provisions of V.T.C.A., Agriculture Code, Chapter 201, who have attained the age of 18 years, and reside within a county, all or any part of which is included in the said Soil and Water Conservation District, and who hold title to farm and ranch lands lying within said Conservator District, notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A., Agriculture Code, Section 291.073, qualified voters of the above named Soil and Water Conservation District will assemble at the HRCO OFFICE, 302 W. Hwy. 820, Big Spring, Texas at 9:00 A.M. on the 9th day of October, 2001 then and there to elect one of the qualified voters owning land within said subdivision to serve as a member of the Board of District Directors of said Soil and Water Conservation District.

BY DIRECTION OF THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD #3330 September 28 & 30, 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE

02-477 Advertisement for Proposals The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting proposals for the following: Wheelchair Accessible Van or Bus

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PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS Notice is hereby given that The City of Big Spring will receive sealed, written bids in the Office of the Assistant City Manager, City Hall, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas until 2:00 P.M. October 8, 2001, for general construction encompassing (but not limited to) sitework, concrete, masonry, structural steel, carpentry, roofing, insulation/drywall, casing doors, interior finishes, painting, mechanical and electrical work for Hangar 25 Project - Phase 2, McMahon-Wrinkle Industrial Airpark.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers, Big Spring City Hall on October 8, 2001 at 2:00 P.M., and bid submitted after 2:00 P.M. October 8, 2001, will be returned unopened. Fixed Bids will not be accepted.

Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, will be on file, Monday, September 17, 2001, and may be examined during normal business hours at the following: CADCO Architect-Engineers, Inc. 2401 S. Willis, Suite