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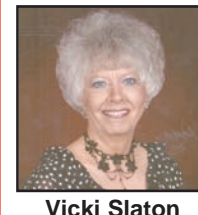
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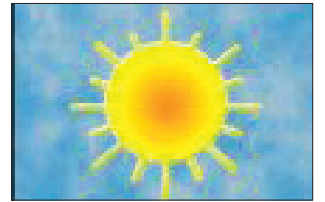


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Ceremony to mark temporary domiciliary at VA Medical Center

Herald Staff Report

The public is invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Big Spring VA Medical Center's temporary domiciliary.

Dr. Chris Bacorn, interim Medical Center director for the West Texas VA Health Care System, said the ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

"Once the CARES announcement included expansion of mental health services at the West Texas VA Health Care System, the staff of our Big Spring facility began to study ways to implement programs immediately," Bacorn said. "We have remodeled an existing building on our campus to house our 12-bed tempo-

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Europe lobbies Bush

Wants global market reform

DEB RIECHMANN

Associated Press Writer

CAMP DAVID, Md. — European leaders are lobbying President Bush at the Camp David presidential retreat on Saturday to support a summit by year's end that would craft ways to reform the world financial system.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso are trying to convince Bush that now is a good opportunity to tighten and better coordinate control of the financial markets, in response to the economic crisis that has shaken markets around the globe.

The president has backed the steps European nations have taken to stem the economic crisis, and is in favor of a meeting in the near future of the Group of Eight industrialized powers and other emerging economies like China and India. But the U.S. hasn't signed on to the more ambitious, broad-stroke revisions that some European leaders like Sarkozy have in mind for the world financial system.

Sarkozy and Barroso are stopping at Camp David to meet with Bush on their way home from a summit in Canada.

On Friday, Sarkozy repeated his call to overhaul the global financial system so that it can be better supervised in the wake of the crisis.

"Together we need to rebuild a capitalism that is more respectful to man, more respectful to the planet, more respectful to

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Best of Show

Friendly bet has hubby washing dishes this time

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Cynthia Miles has an award-winning woodcarving, which means her husband has a stack of dishes waiting to be cleaned.

Miles was the big winner at the 17th Annual Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club Show and Sale, taking home best of show honors at the event, which concluded Saturday afternoon at Dora Roberts Community Center.

Miles, from Gardendale, won top honors for her carving of a chickadee.

She and her husband, Robert — a fellow club member and past Best of Show winner — have had a running bet for years, and she was finally able to cash in.

"I have a little contest with my husband — who-



ever wins Best in Show, the other one has to wash the dishes," she said. "So he's got some work ahead of him this week.

"(Carving) is something my husband and I do together; we just sit around and carve," she said. "He got me started in this. Before that, we crocheted together. I think he was

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Claudie and Leonard Adkins, at right, talk with visitors at the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers' 17th Annual Show and Sale Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. At left, Cynthia Miles is shown with her carving of a chickadee, which was named Best In Show.

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Silver Wings Ball

The Silver Wings Ball, an annual fund-raiser for Hangar 25 Air Museum, will be held Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Big Spring Country Club. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. Millennium Jazz will perform.

A silent auction will be held and appetizers served. Someone will win a weekend retreat to Fredricksburg.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Attire is Texas formal and military dress is encouraged. Call 264-1999.

Make a Difference Day

Keep Big Spring Beautiful is sponsoring "Make A Difference Day," Saturday, Oct. 25.

Members are asking local residents to make a difference by picking up trash, planting plants, helping a neighbor, visiting a nursing home or other activities.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to pick up trash in local parks or other areas is asked to call Pat Simmons at 263-4607. She has trash bags for those individuals, civic groups or church groups who may need some.

Musical roads

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — The folks who silenced the nation's first "musical road" are singing a different tune.

Workers on Wednesday began carving grooves on Avenue G that will produce notes of the "William Tell Overture" when cars drive over them.

The high desert city north of Los Angeles placed the grooves on another road, Avenue K, last month for a Honda commercial. The quarter-mile strip was engineered to play the notes — better known as the theme for "The Lone Ranger" — when motorists in Honda Civics hit them at 55 mph.

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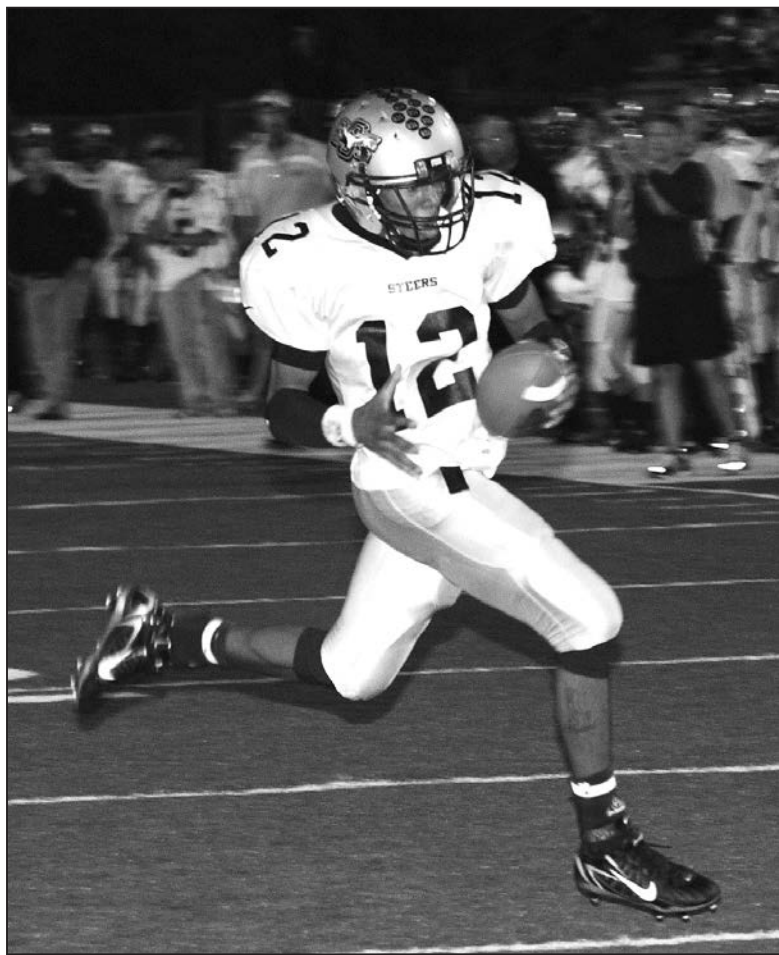
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FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL WRAPUP



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Big Spring Steers running back LaRay Woodard runs into the end zone Friday night in Plainview. The Steers defeated the Bulldogs, 25-21.

Steers capture 1st district win

Big Spring steals one from Plainview, fumble return delivers 25-21 victory

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

PLAINVIEW — A win is a win, even when it's ugly.

The Big Spring Steers (4-3, 1-1) picked up their first win of District 4-4A play Friday night in Plainview, rallying from an 8-point halftime deficit for a 25-21 victory over the Bulldogs (2-5, 0-2).

Big Spring trailed for a majority of the game, leading for less than three minutes in the first half.

Down 21-19 in the fourth quarter, the Steers saw Plainview's offense utilize a power running game to march down the field and keep the

clock running. The Bulldogs held the ball for a little less than six minutes on the drive, pushing the ball down to the Big Spring 19.

However, on a fourth and 13, Plainview's quarterback Enrique Martinez rolled out to his left, looking for a receiver. Three Steers converged upon Martinez with Rance Terry hitting his arm just as he pulled back to throw, forcing the ball to fly awkwardly into the air. The ball landed in Terry's arms and he returned it 69 yards for a touchdown with 5:13 left to play, giving Big Spring the 25-21 lead it needed

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Area roundup

Bearkats pummels Holy Cross, 60-6

Herald Staff Report

GARDEN CITY — It took four weeks, but Garden City's Bearkats finally got the opportunity to deliver the homecoming win the school's alumni were waiting for.

After El Paso Immanuel Christian forfeited Sept. 26, giving the Bearkats a victory without a homecoming celebration; a replacement game was scheduled for Friday against the Amarillo Holy Cross Mustangs.

Turns out the Mustangs were a good choice as a victim as the Bearkats routed Holy Cross, 60-6, in a game ended at halftime due to the 45-point mercy rule that governs six-man football.

For a second consecutive week, Jake Schwartz scored five touchdowns as the Bearkats totaled 30 points in the first and second quarters. Even when the Mustangs managed to score, Schwartz made them pay for it, returning a kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown after Holy Cross put its only points on the board in the first quarter.

The Bearkats' defense held Holy Cross to 113 yards of offense, scoring two touchdowns as well. Brett Chudej ran back an interception 79 yards in the first quarter and Shaylor Anderson returned a fumble 21 yards for Garden City's final points late in the second quarter.

The Bearkats face fifth-ranked Fort Davis Friday in Garden City.

Holy Cross 6 6 x x-6
Garden City 30 30 x x-6

First quarter
GC — Jake Schwartz 3 pass from Levi Schaefer (Schaefer kick), 7:29
GC — Brett Chudej 79 interception return (kick failed), 5:12
GC — Schwartz 33 pass from Schaefer (Schaefer kick), 3:00
AHC — Gabriel Seiblitz 32 run (kick failed), 1:24
GC — Schwartz 75 kickoff return (Schaefer kick), 1:12
Second quarter

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Ballinger hands Bulldogs third consecutive loss

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Ballinger Bearcats (4-3, 2-0) came into their game against the Coahoma Bulldogs (4-3, 0-2) on the heels of a dominating performance in their district opener with the Wall Hawks, looking to justify all of the preseason predictions of them taking the District 7-2A crown.

Consider the Bulldogs convinced, as Bearcats' quarterback Travis Tucker shredded the Coahoma secondary, using six receivers to accumulate more than 300 yards passing and leading Ballinger to a 32-7 victory.

Ballinger got things started on their first drive, using the legs of Jaison Strambler and Aaron Quiroga to move the ball from the Bearcats 39-yard line to the Coahoma four before Tucker called his own number taking it in for the early score.

However, the extra-point attempt by Quiroga was blocked by Coahoma's Lupe Adrian Amarro, leaving the score at 6-0 with 8:40 to go in the first quarter.

Ballinger pushed the score to 12-0 later in the opening stanza this time needing just

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Coahoma Bulldogs wide receiver Josh Paniagua comes down with a 6-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Nathan Deporto in the Bulldogs' 32-7 loss to Ballinger Friday in Coahoma.

Sundown drops Buffaloes, 55-20

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes' season status has officially been raised to Defcon 5, as they dropped their second District 7-A contest in as many weeks and are now in a do-or-die situation for the remaining three games.

The Sundown Roughnecks improved their record to 5-2 overall and 2-0 in the district as they rolled out of Buffalo Stadium, and right over the Buffs, winning in blowout fashion, 55-20.

Forsan (1-6, 0-2) still has an outside shot at the postseason, but would need to win its remaining three games — at Plains and Seagraves and a home contest against Tahoka to wrap up the season — to have any hope of

claiming one of the three playoff spots in the district.

If not for a runaway second quarter, the Buffs may have been in a position to take down the heavily favored Roughnecks.

Sundown exploded with 8:41 left to play in the half, scoring five times, including three touchdowns in a 2:49 time span, leaving Forsan with a huge hole to dig out of.

"That second quarter really got us in a bind," said Buffs Head Coach Tommy Thompson. "We got caught in a real flurry by a very good team. Although it isn't on the same level, it sort of felt like we were caught in shock and awe. We knew going in we

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District 7-A Football Standings & Schedule

Team	Dist.	Overall
Sundown	2-0	5-2
Stanton	2-0	3-4
Seagraves	1-1	3-4
Tahoka	1-1	2-5
Plains	0-2	4-3
Forsan	0-2	1-6

Week 7 results: Stanton 19, Seagraves 13; Sundown 55, Forsan 20; Tahoka 18, Plains 15.

Week 8 schedule: Forsan at Plains, Tahoka at Stanton, Seagraves at Sundown.



Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan's Jace Sandridge lunges for a Sundown ball carrier in the Buffaloes' 55-20 loss to Sundown at Buffalo Stadium Friday night.

CROSSROADS FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

WEEK 7

Big Spring
25
Plainview
21

Sundown
55
Forsan
20

Ballinger
32
Coahoma
7

Garden City
60
Amarillo HC
6

Stanton
19
Seagraves
13

Sands
52
Westbrook
0

O'Donnell
32
Grady
27

Healthy and Simple Meals

FAMILY FEATURES

When it comes to recipes, the words healthy and simple don't always seem to go together. But preparing a nutritious meal doesn't have to be hard. The first step is to pick a lean protein.

Dieticians and nutritionists recommend getting lean protein from natural, lean sources such as skinless poultry, fish, beef or pork loins and beans. Protein is essential to keep the body fueled.

Lean chicken breasts are an excellent source of protein, and their versatility lets them match up with just about any side dish.

Tuna, and seafood in general, are also good protein sources, and they have the added benefits of omega-3 fatty acids. Research shows that omega-3s can improve heart health and reduce the risk of some kinds of cancers. In fact, the American Heart Association recommends eating fish at least two times a week as part of a healthy diet.

To make healthy cooking easier, don't be shy about using products that do part of the work for you. Using fully cooked and seasoned chicken breasts or ready to serve tuna medleys, such as those made by Bumble Bee, means that the family gets a healthy and delicious meal in no time. They can be paired with your favorite simple sides, or turned into tasty wraps, salads and skillet for something the whole family will enjoy.

For more recipes, visit bumblebee.com.

Preparing a nutritious meal doesn't have to be hard. The first step is to pick a lean protein.



Garden Vegetable Medley Skillet

Garden Vegetable Medley Skillet

Preparation Time: 25 to 30 minutes
Serves 4

- 2 5-ounce cans of Bumble Bee Sensations Sundried Tomato & Basil Tuna Medley, do not drain
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 cups diced red potatoes
- 1 cup onion, sliced julienne strips (approximately 1 medium onion)
- 2 cups fresh green beans, trimmed
- 1 cup red bell pepper, julienne strips (approximately 1/2 pepper)
- 1 1/2 cups sliced yellow squash (approximately 2 squash)
- 4 cups sliced zucchini (approximately 2 zucchini)
- 1 teaspoon granulated garlic
- Dash of salt (to taste)
- 1 teaspoon rosemary, fresh, chopped
- Sprig of fresh rosemary as garnish

In skillet, heat oil over medium high heat. Add potatoes, onion and green beans. Sauté for 5 minutes, turning frequently.

Add remaining vegetables, garlic, salt and rosemary.

Add tuna, including the flavored juices. Cook mixture, stirring gently until vegetables are tender, approximately 8 to 10 minutes.

Serve from skillet and garnish plates with sprig of rosemary. Serve with French rolls or garlic bread if desired.

Note: Frozen vegetables may be substituted for ease of preparation and seasonal availability.

Nutrition Information: For one serving (433 g) Calories 340 (160 from Fat), Fat 18 g (Saturated 2.5 g), Cholesterol 20 mg, Sodium 350 mg, Total Carbohydrates 31 g, Fiber 7 g, Sugars 9 g, Protein 18 g



Pit-Za Bella Salada

Pit-Za Bella Salada

Preparation Time: 15 to 20 minutes
Serves 4

- 2 cups dry three-cheese tortellini
- 4 4-ounce pouches Bumble Bee Prime Fillet Garlic & Herb Chicken Breasts, do not drain
- 3/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon cracked black pepper
- Dash of salt
- 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
- 4 6-inch pita flatbreads
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 4 teaspoons dry grated Parmesan cheese
- 8 cups spring salad mix, (5 to 7-ounce bag)
- 4 tablespoons fresh shredded Parmesan cheese

Prepare tortellini according to package directions. Set aside.

Place chicken breasts, with juices, in sauce pan to heat over medium high burner. Add balsamic vinegar, olive oil, pepper, salt and red bell pepper. Heat chicken breasts approximately 3 to 4 minutes.

Lightly coat surface of pita bread with olive oil and sprinkle both sides with dry grated Parmesan. In skillet over medium high heat, grill pita until edges are toasted and crisp, approximately 2 minutes.

Remove from pan, place on plate, and set aside to use for crust.

Top each crust with spring salad mix. Divide cooked tortellini to place in center and top with heated chicken breast. Pour warm vinaigrette mixture over top of chicken breast, pasta and salad. Sprinkle with fresh shredded Parmesan.

Nutrition Information: For one serving (426 g) Calories 800 (360 from Fat), Fat 40 g (Saturated 8 g), Cholesterol 110 mg, Sodium 1340 mg, Total Carbohydrates 70 g, Fiber 7 g, Sugars 11 g, Protein 41 g

Thai Wrap & Roll

Preparation Time: 15 to 20 minutes
Serves 4

- 2 5-ounce cans Bumble Bee Sensations Spicy Thai Tuna Medley, do not drain
- 4 10-inch spinach herb flour tortilla wraps

Dressing for Coleslaw

- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 2 teaspoons chunky peanut butter

Asian-Style Coleslaw

- 6 cups cabbage, shredded, approximately 1/2 head*
- 2 cups purple cabbage, shredded, approximately 1/4 head*
- 1 cup or 4 green onions, sliced crosswise
- 1 cup fresh cilantro, coarsely chopped, approximately 1 small bunch
- 2 teaspoons sesame seeds
- 1 cup chow mein noodles

In small cup, combine rice vinegar, soy sauce, honey, sesame oil and peanut butter. Mix well and set aside.

In large bowl, place cabbage, green onion, cilantro, sesame seeds, chow mein noodles and dressing. Toss to combine.

Heat tortilla 10 seconds in microwave to make it pliable.

Divide coleslaw mixture and tuna portions to fill four tortilla wraps.

Place coleslaw mixture in center of tortilla and top with tuna, making a row down center of tortilla. Fold burrito style one at a time.

Cut in half diagonally. Serve with fresh fruit.

***Note:** Pre-packaged shredded cabbage may be substituted for ease of preparation.

Nutrition Information: For one serving (355 g) Calories 530 (180 from Fat), Fat 20 g (Saturated 3.5 g), Cholesterol 30 mg, Sodium 1180 mg, Total Carbohydrates 67 g, Fiber 8 g, Sugars 19 g, Protein 23 g



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Obituaries

Ginny Elizabeth Newman Crawford



Ginny Elizabeth Newman Crawford, 62, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 16, 2008, in an Odessa hospice facility. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 20, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born May 25, 1946, in Stanton. She grew up in the Lomax Community

and attended schools in Stanton. She married Jackie Don Crawford Aug. 30, 1963, in Big Spring. He preceded in her death Nov. 5, 1980.

Ginny attended Howard College and received her licensed vocational nursing degree. She worked for several doctors and then worked at Cowpers Clinic, Hall-Bennett Hospital and later worked at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for many years until retiring due to her health in 1999. She was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Lana Kay Crawford Kirkham of Big Spring and Dawn Michelle Tucker of Brownwood; sister-in-law, Judy Rogers of Big Spring; sister and brother-in-law, Bobbie Lee and Melvin Fryar of Brownwood; brother, Ralph Newman Jr. of Lake Charles, La.; her step-mother, Jean Tidwell of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Kimbre Kristene Kirkham, Kayla Marie Kirkham, Randall Kirk Kirkham, Jackie Joe Kyle Kirkham and Sarah Marie Hanson; and four great-grandchildren, Jaylon Toby Kirkham, Jaylee Maria Phillips, Heavenly Meadow Perryman and Drake Anthony Perryman.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph Robert and Norma Newman; one son, Randall Crawford; and two sisters, Anita Myers and Patricia Newman.

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

Paid obituary

William 'Bill' Bohannon



William "Bill" Bohannon, 83, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Big Spring with the Rev. Byron Brown, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m., Tuesday, at the Childress Cemetery in Childress.

He was born Nov. 19, 1924, in Childress.

He attended Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, Colo., for three years. He retired from the public schools in Page, Ariz., having worked in the maintenance department. He worked with the Nazarene Church denomination and helped build many churches on Navajo Reservations. He came to Big Spring in 1996 after having lived in Arizona for 12 years.

Mr. Bohannon served in the United States Army during World War II. He was a member of First Church of the Nazarene and was a member of the Big Spring Prospectors Club.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Sue Bohannon of Big Spring; two daughters, Linda Hill of Ohio and Judy Wright of Utah; two sisters, Aldean Peck of Farmington, N.M., and Cora Jane Kristoferson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; four brothers, Earl Bohannon of Big Spring, Joe Bohannon of Las Vegas, Nev., Grady Bohannon of Enid, Okla. and Charles Bohannon of Pasadena, Calif.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Hazel Paris and Florence Daniel; and one brother, Luther Bohannon.

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Lottery

The winning numbers in Friday's Mega Millions drawing were: 7, 15, 27, 28 and 31. The Mega Ball was 35.

The winning numbers in Friday's Cash Five drawing were: 5, 6, 11, 15 and 23.

The winning numbers in Friday night's Daily 4 drawing were: 8, 7, 0 and 4; Sum It Up: 20.

The winning numbers in Friday night's Pick 3 drawing were: 5, 1 and 6; Sum It Up: 12.

Support Groups

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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Billy Bob White



Billy Bob White, 49, of Big Spring died Friday, Oct. 17, 2008, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 at the

funeral home.

He was born June 27, 1959, in Big Spring. He grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1977. He then graduated from Texas A&M in 1980. He worked as a banker with Texas Commerce Bank in Houston. He returned to Big Spring in 1999 and worked in the family business for the last eight years at B&R Septic. He married Sherry Dianne Willmon Feb. 27, 2004, in Big Spring. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry Dianne White of Big Spring; three sons, Kip David White of College Station, Jacob Daniel White of San Marcos and Mike Cooke and wife Denise of Stanton; one daughter, Amy Lane and husband Ben of Stanton; his father, Billy Ray White and his mother, Norma Joyce White, both of Big Spring; one brother, Leslie Ray White of Big Spring; six grandchildren; and his step-grandmother, Helen Louise White of Stephenville.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Kip Brandon White and one daughter, Anna Day White.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland 79702 or to Allison Cancer Center, 301 North N, Midland 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities Friday (an arrest report was not available Saturday morning):

- ARSON was reported in the 200 block of Channing.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 100 block of Lockhart.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 80.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 700 block of Scurry, 2500 block of Dow and the 400 block of Third.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 200 block of Airbase.
- FORGING OR ALTERING A PRESCRIPTION was reported in the 700 block of Scurry.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Edwards, the 1100 block of N.W. Seventh, the 1300 block of Fourth and the 300 block of Union.

• The jury summons from 118th District Court for Monday has been cancelled. Area residents receiving a summons for Monday do not have to report for jury selection.

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

• A fund has been established at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union for Sheena Hill, who lost most of her possessions in a recent house fire. Mail donations to Big Spring Education Employees FCU, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720 or call 263-8393.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is now available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late

Your Local Weather

Sun 10/19	Mon 10/20	Tue 10/21	Wed 10/22	Thu 10/23
83/54	81/56	77/56	64/42	66/45
Mainly sunny. Warm. High 83F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.

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Bulletin Board

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MONDAY

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

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

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.

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

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

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

Take Note

Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

• A medical expense account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Kody Jackson, who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma in his right knee. He has no medical insurance and must start chemotherapy and radiation treatment as soon as possible. Kody is the son of Susan and Johnny Jackson. For more information, contact Cosden FCU at 264-2600.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

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

• The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

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Beaumont West Brook 20, Baytown Lee 13
Carrollton Creekview 45, Dallas Molina 6
Cedar Hill 42, Duncanville 17
Cedar Park 38, Cedar Park Vista Ridge 21
Colleyville Heritage 45, Hurst Bell 28
Conroe 27, Lufkin 11
Converse Judson 49, CC King 7
Converse Wagner 34, CC Carroll 14
Copperas Cove 52, Belton 26
Dallas Skyline 19, Richardson Berkner 5
Deer Park 35, Pasadena 19
Del Rio 28, Eagle Pass 21
DeSoto 27, Tyler Lee 22
Dickinson 13, Brazoswood 10
Edinburg 14, Edinburg Economedes 0
EP Montwood 28, EP Coronado 14
EP Socorro 61, EP Eastwood 24
Eules Trinity 49, Keller Central 7
Flower Mound 39, Lewisville 7
Fort Bend Dulles 11, Fort Bend Marshall 9
Galena Park North Shore 38, Channelview 0
Garland 17, Garland Rowlett 10
Garland Naaman Forest 41, North Garland 9
Georgetown 31, Round Rock Westwood 24
Harlingen 20, PSJA 7
Harlingen South 23, PSJA Memorial 21
Houston Langham Creek 35, Houston Jersey Village 21
Houston Strake Jesuit 20, Alief Taylor 14
Humble 28, Kingwood 21
Irving MacArthur 50, Irving Nimitz 42
Katy 54, Katy Seven Lakes 14
Keller Fossil Ridge 45, Grapevine 13
Killeen Ellison 28, Bryan 9
Killeen Shoemaker 32, A&M Consolidated 24
Klein Collins 14, Klein Oak 7
Klein Forest 28, Spring 14
La Porte 19, Pasadena Dobie 14
Lake Highlands 38, Richardson 7
Lewisville Hebron 30, Coppell 17
Los Fresnos 34, San Benito 0
Lubbock Coronado 52, Amarillo Tascosa 24
McAllen Memorial 29, McAllen Rowe 14
Mesquite Horn 39, North Mesquite 28
Midland 53, Amarillo 49, ZOT
Midland Lee 35, San Angelo Central 14
Mission Sharyland 30, Donna 15
N. Richland Hills 53, FW Paschal 3
North Crowley 50, Burleson 21
Odessa 34, Lubbock Monterey 28
Odessa Permian 35, Lubbock 14
Pearland 63, Pasadena Memorial 28
Pflugerville 33, Austin High 16
Plano West 49, Dallas Jesuit 21
Rio Grande City 45, La Joya Palmview 23
Round Rock 14, Leander 7
Round Rock Stony Point 24, Round Rock McNeil 14
SA East Central 49, SA South San 13
SA MacArthur 42, SA Lee 27
SA O'Connor 37, SA Taft 7

SA Southwest 46, Laredo United 27
SA Warren 45, SA Clark 34
South Grand Prairie 21, Irving 7
Southlake Carroll 42, Flower Mound Marcus 35
Spring Westfield 37, Tomball 26
The Woodlands 41, Conroe Oak Ridge 7
Tyler 17, Mesquite 14, OT
Weslaco 49, Brownsville Porter 21
Wylie 30, Plano East 25

CLASS 4A
Abilene Cooper 54, San Angelo Lake View 14
Aledo 22, Saginaw 7
Alice 35, CC Flour Bluff 21
Amarillo Randall 17, Amarillo Palo Duro 10
Angleton 54, Brazosport 37
Arlington Seguin 21, Crowley 18
Austin LBJ 28, Austin McCallum 21
Beaumont Central 20, Nederland 10
Beeville Jones 38, CC Miller 3
Big Spring 25, Plainview 21
Buda 48, WF City View 0
Brenham 17, Willis 0
Buda Hays 21, Lockhart 20
Canutillo 19, EP Del Valle 10
Canyon 33, Pampa 24
Carrollton Smith 34, Greenville 14
Castroville Medina Valley 28, Pleasanton 13
CC Ray 47, Rockport-Fulton 13
CC Tulos-Midway 28, Laredo Cigarroa 19
Clint Horizon 42, San Elizario 33
Crosby 24, Houston North Forest 21
Dallas Carter 44, Dallas South Oak Cliff 21
Dallas Hillcrest 25, Dallas Adams 10
Dallas Kimball 34, Seagoville 28
Dallas Maceo Smith 50, North Dallas 0
Dallas Wilson 55, Dallas Jefferson 0
Dayton 46, Barbers Hill 13
Denison 61, Frisco 0
Dripping Springs 35, Lampasas 14
Dumas 35, Amarillo Caprock 17
Edcouch-Elsa 48, Mission 30
Elgin 52, Kyle Lehman 22
Ennis 36, Corsicana 28
EP Austin 62, EP Jefferson 14
EP Chapin 38, EP Burges 0
EP Irvin 43, El Paso High 24
EP Parkland 47, Cling Mountain View 3
EP Riverside 16, EP Ysleta 14
Everman 56, Stephenville 3
Floresville 34, SA Harlandale 14
Forney 28, West Mesquite 20
Friendswood 61, Pearland Dawson 28
Frisco Centennial 18, Frisco Liberty 7
FW Boswell 48, Azle 15
FW Dunbar 51, FW Southwest 7
FW South Hills 36, FW North Side 29
Galena Park 32, Baytown Goose Creek Memorial 14
Gregory-Portland 28, Port Lavaca Calhoun 14
Hallsville 17, Longview Pine Tree 10
Hewett Midway 55, Midlothian 14
Houston Furr 35, Houston Kashmere 26
Houston Sharpstown 50, Houston Austin 30
Houston Sterling 20, Houston Washington 14
Houston Stratford 28, Houston Northbrook 13
Huntsville 38, Montgomery 6
Hutto 21, Marble Falls 14
Jacksonville 21, Nacogdoches 7

Joshua 31, Mansfield Timberview 28
Kerrville Tivy 40, New Braunfels Canyon 28
Kilgore 30, Henderson 0
Kingslake King 21, Laredo Nixon 18
Lake Dallas 41, Denton Guyer 15
Livingston 50, Little Cypress-Mauriceville 24
Longview 50, Marshall 21
Lumberton 27, Beaumont Ozen 17
Mabank 32, Mesquite Poteet 7
Magnolia 34, Conroe Caney Creek 14
Manor 40, Del Valle 13
Mansfield Legacy 31, Granbury 9
Manvel 19, Santa Fe 14
McKinney 55, McKinney North 14
Mercedes 26, Roma 14
Mission Memorial 49, La Joya Juarez-Lincoln 14
N. Richland Hills Birdview 58, Mineral Wells 16
Red Oak 55, Terrell 0
Richardson Pearce 51, Rockwall 35
Richmond Foster 10, Bay City 7
Rockwall Heath 42, Royse City 28
SA Alamo Heights 42, San Marcos 6
SA Brackenridge 36, SA Kennedy 14
SA Edison 35, SA Lanier 28, OT
SA Fox Tech 48, SA Memorial 7
Schertz Clemens 28, Seguin 14
Schertz Steele 49, Boerne 28
Sherman 66, Frisco Wakeland 21
Springtown 27, FW Brewer 26
Texarkana Texas 50, Mount Pleasant 21
Texas City 35, La Marque 14
Uvalde 46, SA Southside 41
Vidor 23, Port Neches-Groves 14
Waco 41, Cleburne 14
Waller 30, Magnolia West 13
Waxahachie 41, Waco University 13
Weslaco East 49, Pharr Valley View 13
WF Rider 42, Denton 0
Whitehouse 36, Lindale 25
Wichita Falls 39, The Colony 36
Wolfforth Frenship 45, Hereford 21

CLASS 3A
Abilene Wylie 18, Snyder 14
Argyle 31, Whitesboro 0
Bandera 38, Devine 32
Bellville 20, Giddings 14
Bonham 21, Commerce 14
Bridgeport 56, Iowa Park 7
Brookshire Royal 41, Stafford 6
Brownfield 34, Lamesa 0
Brownwood 56, Breckenridge 26
Bullard 49, Tatum 42
Burkburnett 23, Vernon 6
Burnet 21, Fredericksburg 7
Cameron Yoe 34, Madisonville 7
Carthage 50, Rusk 7
CC West Oso 21, Mathis 14
China Spring 44, West 7
Cleveland 69, Shepherd 3
Clint 34, Anthony 21
Crockett 20, Palestine 14, ZOT
Crystal City 29, Lytle 22
Cuero 56, Palacios 7
Dalhart 49, Borger 13
Diboll 42, Center 20
Eustace 35, Canton 26
Fairfield 31, Brownsboro 26
Falfurrias 21, Aransas Pass 14
Farmersville 48, Emory Rains 26
Ferris 54, Venus 18
Fort Stockton 83, Tornillo 0
Gatesville 30, Hillsboro 10
Gilmer 35, Tyler Chapel Hill 6
Gladewater 31, Longview Spring Hill 14

Glen Rose 45, Whitney 14
Goliad 21, Gonzales 8
Huffman Hargrave 35, Liberty 0
Ingleside 34, Orange Grove 26
Jasper 37, Huntington 7
Kaufman 60, Crandall 0
Kennedale 38, Alvarado 35
La Feria 28, Port Isabel 21
La Vernia 56, Somerset 7
Lake Travis 57, Pflugerville Hendrickson 0
Lamesa Klondike 74, Wilson 48
Liberty Hill 56, Fischer Canyon Lake 0
Llano 72, Ingram Moore 0
Lorena 41, Groesbeck 32
Lubbock Cooper 14, Perryton 10
Lyford 42, Progreso 24
Marion 38, SA Houston 36
Mexia 48, Robinson 19
Monahans 26, Andrews 3
Navasota 21, Rockdale 14
Nevada Community 20, Princeton 9
Palestine Westwood 37, Athens 19
Paris 12, Paris North Lamar 7
Pearsall 26, Hondo 20
Pecos 54, Fabens 12
Pittsburg 25, New Boston 19
Poteet 34, Luling 0
Prosper 33, Celina 7
Raymondville 21, Zapata 20
Rio Hondo 48, Hidalgo 13
Sanger 16, Gainesville 14
Sealy 38, Columbus 7
Seminole 42, Midland Greenwood 25
Silsbee 21, Bridge City High School 0
Sinton 34, Robstown 14
Smithville 38, La Grange 0
Splendora 32, Cleveland Tarkington 7
Sweetwater 31, Graham 24
Taylor 49, Bryan Rudder 0
Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 28, Mount Vernon 6
Texarkana Pleasant Grove 42, Atlanta 17
Van 21, Mineola 7
Van Alstyne 43, Anna 0
Waco LaVega 42, Waco Connally 10
West Orange-Stark 60, Hamshire-Fannett 0
Yoakum 21, Edna 6

CLASS 2A
Alpine 34, Sonora 0
Altair Rice 35, Weimar 8
Amarillo River Road 28, Amarillo Highland Park 0
Anahuac 47, East Chambers 17
Arp 31, Troup 20
Ballinger 32, Coahoma 7
Bangs 9, Coleman 7
Banquete 38, Skidmore-Tynan 18
Bells 118, Honey Grove 48
Big Sandy 49, Gladewater Sabine 14
Blanco 44, Harper 15
Brady 56, Comanche 21
Buffalo 42, Groveton 13
Bushland 23, Spearman 15
Centerville 26, Trinity 0
Childress 24, Floydada 14
Clyde 20, Cisco 6
Crane 55, Reagan County 0
Crawford 54, Bruceville-Eddy 7
Daingerfield 43, Linden-Kildare 16
DeKalb 20, Bogata Rivercrest 17
Denver City 34, Slaton 27
Dilley 54, Freer 16
Early 35, San Saba 7
East Bernard 48, Hempstead 28
Eastland 31, Anson 0
Franklin 42, Jewett Leon 6

Frona 56, Dimmitt 19
Gainesville Callisburg 45, Valley View 0
Garrison 24, Elkhart 14
George West 35, Jourdan 12
Gladewater Union Grove 7, Harleton 0
Grandview 33, Godley 14
Hallettsville 28, Schulenburg 7
Hamilton 22, McGregor 19
Hebbronville 54, Bishop 32
Henrietta 6, Olney 0
Hico 19, Clifton 16
Kirbyville 54, Hemphill 6
Lubbock Roosevelt 29, Abernathy 27
Marlin 20, Hearne 18
Maypearl 30, Rio Vista 6
Melissa 56, Tom Bean 14
Merkel 39, Hawley 13
Mulshoe 58, Tulia 0
Navarro 23, Poth 19
New Waverly 21, Corrigan-Camden 14
Newton 46, San Augustine 7
Omaha Paul Pewitt 63, Hooks 20
Palmer 28, DallasLife Oak Cliff 25
Panhandle 27, Sanford-Fritch 24
Paris Chisum 20, Clarksville 12
Pattonville Prairiland 34, Redwater 14
Pilot Point 57, S&S Consolidated 0
Pottsboro 31, Aubrey 7
Quitman 27, Grand Saline 6
Refugio 42, Odem 6
Rogers 45, Lexington 10
SA Cole 35, Johnson City 14
Salado 22, Lago Vista 0
San Angelo Grape Creek 32, Wall 30
San Diego 19, Riviera Kauffer 0
Santa Rosa 20, Premont 18
Scurry-Rosser 18, Malakoff 14
Shallowater 28, Post 14
Shelbyville 29, Woodville 22
Stockdale 62, Nixon-Smiley 34
Taft 27, Bloomington 14
Teague 50, Rosebud-Lott 20
Three Rivers 33, Cotulla 13
Tuscola Jim Ned 31, Colorado City 16
Universal City Randolph 56, SA Brooks 0
Van Vleck 35, Vanderbilt Industrial 21
West Rusk 27, Frankston 10
White Oak 51, Winona 0

CLASS 1A
Albany 70, Baird 0
Alto 60, Malakoff Cross Roads 0
Archer City 33, Seymour 15
Bartlett 35, Holland 6
Benavides 21, Santa Maria 13
Boys Ranch 14, Bovina 13
Brackettville Brackett 12, Medina 0
Bremond 16, Normangee 15
Bronze 21, Winters 13
Burkeville 47, Chester 3
Burton 42, Louise 21
Cayuga 56, Cushing 0
Charlotte 63, Runge 8
Clarendon 62, Quanah 7
Crosbyton 22, Ralls 14
DeLeon 59, Santo 0
Evant 66, Valley Mills 38
Falls City 33, Yorktown 12
Farwell 37, Sudan 8
Flatonia 48, Somerville 30
Goldthwaite 54, Chilton 14
Gorman 42, Ranger 3

Granger 34, Thrall 0
Grapeland 7, Overton 0
Gunter 52, Leonard 0
Hamlin 29, Roby 26
Hawkins 39, Simms Bowie 20
Holland Hall, Okla. 28, Bellaire Episcopal 3
Iola 50, Riesel 22
Iraan 49, McCamey 6
Italy 28, Hubbard 8
Itasca 34, Dawson 19
Hitchcock 41, Danbury 6
La Pryor 42, Nueces Canyon 7
La Villa 56, Agua Dulce 0
Lindsay 38, Era 22
Mart 28, Lovelady 12
Mason 61, Mertzton Irion County 13
Maud 60, Gilmer Union Hill 0
Kirbyville 54, Hemphill 6
Lubbock Roosevelt 29, Abernathy 27
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SIX-MAN
Abbott 53, Milford 8
Ackerly Sands 52, Westbrook 0
Avalon 66, Coolidge 0
Blanket 70, Gustine 22
Blum 52, Aquilla 45
Borden County 60, Grandfalls-Royalty 8
Bullard Brook Hill 69, Tyler All Saints 0
Bynum 55, Covington 8
Cherokee 90, Paint Rock 44
Eden 80, Santa Anna 35
Follett 50, Fort Elliott 0
Fort Davis 58, Sterling City 8
Garden City 60, Amarillo Holy Cross 6
Gordon 54, May 24
Groom 86, Samnorwood 50
Hermleigh 82, Novice 32
Jayton 70, Chillicothe 22
Lometa 52, Grand Prairie Advantage 6
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- 2007 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT 4X2** - Black w/Gray Cloth, Ford Certified Unit, 6 Year 100,000 Mile Warranty, Has Only 27,000 Miles. **Was \$24,995 Sale Price \$23,995**
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- 2006 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT** -Maroon w/Cloth, V-8, All Power, One Owner w/18,000 Miles. **Was \$23,995 Sale Price \$20,995**
- 2005 Ford F250 Crew Cab 4X4 Powerstroke King Ranch** - Maroon And Tan w/Leather, All Power, One Owner. **Was \$30,995 Sale Price \$28,995**
- 2005 Chevrolet 1500 H.D. Crew Cab L.S. 4X4** - White w/Cloth, 6.0, V-8 Local One Owner w/36,000 Miles. **Was \$23,995 Sale Price \$21,995**
- 2005 Ford F150 Supercab XL 4X4** - White, Tilt/Cruise, 5.4 V-8, Local One Owner. **Was \$18,995 Sale Price \$16,995**
- 2005 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT** - Gray w/Cloth, V-8, All Power, One Owner. **Was \$14,995 Sale Price \$13,995**
- 2004 Chevrolet C1500 L.S.** - Short Wheel Base, Pewter w/Cloth, 6 Cyl., Automatic, Air, One Owner w/58,000 Miles. **Was \$14,995 Sale Price \$13,995**
- 2004 Ford F250 Crew Cab XLT Powerstroke** - Blue/Silver, Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner. **Was \$22,995 Sale Price \$20,995**
- 2004 Ford Ranger Supercab XLT** - Tan w/Tan Cloth, Great Little Truck, All Power, CD, Low Miles. **Was \$12,995 Sale Price \$11,975**

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- 2005 Toyota Sequoia SR5** - Silver w/Cloth, All Power, Moonroof, Local One Owner, 44,000 Miles. **Was \$27,995 Sale Price \$22,995**
- 2004 Nissan Murano SE** - Black w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/69,000 Miles. **Was \$20,995 Sale Price \$18,995**
- 2004 Nissan Murano SE** - White w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/69,000 Miles. **Was \$20,995 Sale Price \$18,995**
- 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe LT** - Gray w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/57,000 Miles. **Was \$21,995 Sale Price \$18,995**
- 2004 Honda CRV LX 4X4** - White w/Cloth, V-6, All POWER, DVD, Local One Owner. **Was \$13,995 Sale Price \$10,995**
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- 2008 Ford Focus SE** - White w/Tan Cloth, All Power, Great MPG, Bought At Ford Program Sale, Only 12,000 Miles. **Was \$18,995 Sale Price \$16,995**
- 2007 Nissan Versa SL** - Blue w/Gray Cloth, Beat Gas Prices, Like New, Well Taking Care Of, Only 12,000 Miles. **Was \$15,995 Sale Price \$14,995**
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- 2006 Lincoln Town Car Signature** - Dark Stone, Leather, All Power, One Owner w/35,000 Miles. **Was \$23,995 Sale Price \$21,995**
- 2004 Mercury Grand Marquis L.S.** - Tan w/Leather, All Power, One Owner w/50,000 Miles. **Was \$15,995 Sale Price \$12,995**
- 2004 Lincoln Town Car Ultimate** - Cashmere White w/Leather, All Power, One Owner w/32,000 Miles. **Was \$20,995 Sale Price \$18,995**
- 2004 Mercedes C240** - Tan w/Leather, All Power, Locally Owned w/42,000 Miles. **Was \$21,995 Sale Price \$17,995**
- 2004 Nissan Maxima SL** - Black w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner, Skylight. **Was \$23,995 Sale Price \$17,995**
- 2004 Nissan Maxima SL** - Silver w/Leather, Moonroof, All Power, One Owner w/50,000 Miles. **Was \$23,995 Sale Price \$17,995**
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► Anniversary

Romines



Lou & Herschel Romine
Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary
Aug. 16, 2008

Herschel and Lou Romine of Gravette, Ark., celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary, Aug. 16, 2008, at a private, catered lunch with family.

Herschel and Lou Kemper married Aug. 15, 1948, in Big Spring. Formerly from West Texas, the couple have resided on their ranch near Gravette, Ark., for 17 years. They also ranched in the Gravette area during the 1960s and 1970s.

Herschel has competed in pro rodeo all of his adult life and has earned team roping titles in the Old-Timers Pro Rodeo Association. Lou, in addition to managing the business of the ranching operation, is an active member of the Church of Christ and an accomplished quilter.

They are the parents of Bill Romine of Southwest City, Mo.; Sue Eaton of Gravette, Ark.; and Jan Rominie of Palmdale, Calif. The couple also have four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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Green-Marques



Stephanie Green & Alexandre Marques
Green Oaks Chapel, Arlington
7:30 p.m. • Nov. 15, 2008

The Rev. Floyd and Minister Sandra Green of Big Spring announce the engagement of their daughter Stephanie Michelle Green of Grand Prairie, formerly of Big Spring, to Alexandre Santos Marques of Grand Prairie, formerly of Sao Vicente, Sao Paulo, Brazil, the son of Sr. Claudionor Manoel Marques and Sra. Maria Luiza Silva Santos Marques of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The couple will marry at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15, 2008, at Green Oaks Chapel, Arlington.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the Rev. Floyd Green Sr. and the late Corine Green and the late Rev. Robert and Emma Bracy.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Iracema Silva Santos, Jose Luiz Dos Santos, Lazara Bueno Marques and Juvenal Manoel Marques.

Stephanie earned her associates degree from Howard College, her bachelors degree in early childhood from Angelo State University and her master's of education degree from the University of North Texas in Denton. She is pursuing a master's degree in counseling from the University of North Texas in Dallas. She is employed as a pre-kindergarten teacher at Arlington Independent School District.

Alex earned his bachelors degree in information technology at FATEC-SP, his masters in business and information technology at FGV-EPGE Campinas and is certified as a project management professional (PMP). He is employed as a senior consultant with Amdocs Consulting Division.

► Stork Club



Kenley Bristol Staggs
Setp. 26, 2008

Nadia and Jason Staggs of Lubbock announce their birth of their daughter, Kenley Bristol Staggs, born Sept. 26, 2008, weighing 5 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Her grandparents are Sondra Staggs of Lubbock, Tindall Staggs of Dawson, Ga., and Colleen and Jeff Welton of La Coste.

Her great-grandparents are Eunice and Quintin Ahr of La Coste, Bonnie Palmer and the late Kenneth Palmer of Sweetwater, Lillian Staggs and the late Martin Staggs of Big Spring.

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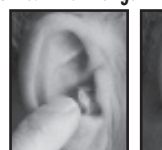
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News in brief

Financial crisis takes toll on battered housing market; Wall St. ends week with relative calm

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation is on track to build fewer homes this year than at any time since the end of World War II, adding to the woes of an economy that analysts said Friday has almost certainly entered a recession.

While the economic outlook darkened even further with bad reports on layoffs and consumer confidence, it was one of the quietest days since the financial meltdown began a month ago. Wall Street's tumultuous week turned out to be its best in five years.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 127 points Friday but turned in the strong week because of two huge days of gains — a record 936-point jump on Monday and an increase of 401 points Thursday.

Friday was still marked by the huge swings that have become typical lately. At various points the Dow was up nearly 300 points and down nearly 250, and it finished with a triple-digit move for the 22nd time in 25 trading sessions.

A monthly survey by the National Association of Home Builders showed sentiment among home builders hit a record low in early October.

Lily Tomlin says Dallas Zoo elephant lonely; joins fight to move Jenny to refuge

DALLAS (AP) — Comedian and animal rights advocate Lily Tomlin says Jenny the elephant has worked 22 years for the Dallas Zoo and it's time for the aging pachyderm to retire.

Tomlin, who has seen video footage of Jenny appear-

ing in distress, visited the Dallas Zoo for the first time Friday to view the elephant in her habitat.

"It's heartbreaking," Tomlin said. "If you know anything about elephants ... you would just ache for her. We'd like her to go the sanctuary now."

The actress has been in Dallas most of the week, working with Concerned Citizens for Jenny. The group wants the zoo's lone 32-year-old elephant sent to the Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tenn., which has a large area where Jenny can roam on hundreds of acres and socialize with other elephants.

At issue is the lack of space and the animal's loneliness, concerns zoo officials say they are in the process of addressing.

Pakistan army claims 60 militants killed in northwest; no troop casualties reported

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Troops backed by helicopter gunships and artillery pounded militant positions in northwest Pakistan, killing 60 fighters and wounding many others, the military said Saturday.

The assault happened Friday evening in the Swat valley shortly before a senior U.S. official arrived in Pakistan for talks with leaders of a country vital to Western security concerns.

Assistant Secretary of State Richard Boucher held talks in Islamabad on Saturday morning with Pakistan's Interior Ministry chief Rehman Malik and was expected to meet other leaders later in the day. He made no public comment.

U.S. officials, concerned about rising militancy in both nuclear-armed Pakistan and neighboring Afghanistan, have praised Pakistani efforts to clear

Taliban and al-Qaida strongholds near its northwestern frontier.

But militants are mounting stiff resistance including a string of suicide attacks that could fan widespread Pakistani concern that they are paying too high a price for their front-line role in the U.S.-led war on terror.

Farrakhan says Chicago mosque rededication is 'new beginning' for Nation of Islam

CHICAGO (AP) — The Nation of Islam, a secretive movement generally closed to outsiders, has planned a rare open-to-the public event at its Chicago-based headquarters in what the Minister Louis Farrakhan deemed a "new beginning" for the group.

Hundreds of religious leaders of different faiths have been invited to the event planned for Sunday, a rededication of the group's historic Mosque Maryam on the city's South Side. Farrakhan is scheduled to speak.

"We have restored Mosque Maryam completely, and we will dedicate it to the universal message of Islam, and the universal aspect of the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad," Farrakhan said in an invitation letter. "It represents for the Nation of Islam, a new beginning."

The event comes just weeks after the death of Imam W.D. Mohammed, the son of Nation founder Elijah Muhammad, who broke with the group and moved thousands of African-Americans toward mainstream Islam.

The Nation purchased the mosque, a former Greek Orthodox church, in 1972 and has since been making renovations. The stately 1948 structure, embellished with a golden dome and topped with an Islamic crescent moon, is adorned with Quranic verses in Arabic.

Future planes, cars may be made of 'buckypaper'

By BILL KACZOR

Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — It's called "buckypaper" and looks a lot like ordinary carbon paper, but don't be fooled by the cute name or flimsy appearance. It could revolutionize the way everything from airplanes to TVs are made.

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lighter but potentially 500 times stronger than steel when sheets of it are stacked and pressed together to form a composite. Unlike conventional composite materials, though, it conducts electricity like copper or silicon and disperses heat like steel or brass.

"All those things are what a lot of people in

nanotechnology have been working toward as sort of Holy Grails," said Wade Adams, a scientist at Rice University.

That idea — that there is great future promise for buckypaper and other derivatives of the ultra-thin cylinders known as carbon nanotubes — has been floated for years now. However, researchers at

Florida State University say they have made important progress that may soon turn hype into reality.

Buckypaper is made from tube-shaped carbon molecules 50,000 times thinner than a human hair. Due to its unique properties, it is envisioned as a wondrous new material for light, energy-efficient

aircraft and automobiles, more powerful computers, improved TV screens and many other products.

So far, buckypaper can be made at only a fraction of its potential strength, in small quantities and at a high price. The Florida State researchers are developing manufacturing techniques that soon may make it competitive

with the best composite materials now available.

"If this thing goes into production, this very well could be a very, very game-changing or revolutionary technology to the aerospace business," said Les Kramer, chief technologist for Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, which is helping fund the Florida State

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looking for something better to do."

Miles estimates that it took about a month to create her award-winner,

which was carved out of basswood and manzanita.

"I was surprised I won. I just tried to do the best I could," she said. "I really enjoy carving birds and flowers."

The other big show award — the People's Choice — was to be award-

ed Saturday afternoon.

Club member James Fryar said the show was one of the best ever.

"We probably got a larger percentage of quality woodcarvers than any other club in Texas," he said.

Fryar praised the Convention and Visitors Bu-

reau and its director, Debbie Wegman, for helping to publicize the event. And public support, he added, was outstanding.

"During our first four days ... we had more people than we've ever had," Fryar said. "People from seven different states

stopped by to see what was going on. We've had an excellent run. We're just tickled to death.

"Big Spring has been really good to us the past few years and we really appreciate it," he added.

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VA

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ratory domiciliary.

"We are very excited to begin operation of a smaller program until the 40-bed facility can be constructed," added Bacorn.

Care offered in the domiciliary follows the bio-psychosocial recovery rehabil-

itation model of treatment. It is short-term focused and is clinically appropriate for the veteran whose treatment needs are not severe enough to require more intensive levels of inpatient treatment, officials said.

In a therapeutic homelike environment, the domiciliary provides active residential rehabilitation support and services directed toward the

development of the skills necessary for return to optimal community-based living.

"The domiciliary clinical interventions build on the strengths of the veteran, enhance quality of life experiences and maximize potential for adaptive functioning," Bacorn said.

"Our goal is to provide a structured 90-day rehabilitation program to veterans

experiencing difficulties coping with stressors of life. We also want to assist our veterans in returning to gainful employment," said Tony Barrera, domiciliary program manager.

The temporary domiciliary is located in Building 7, just northwest of the main building on the VA campus. Guests for the ribbon cutting are encouraged to park in the parking lot ad-

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BUSH

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future generations and be finished with a capitalism obsessed by the frantic search for short-term profit," Sarkozy said

Sarkozy and other European leaders want Bush and representatives of presidential candidates, John McCain and Barack Obama, to meet before the end of the year in New York and to forge a new vision for the global economy. Sarkozy has floated the idea of reforming rating agencies and even exploring the future of currency systems.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who engineered a British bank bailout that inspired U.S. and European rescues, is proposing radical changes to the global capitalist system, including a cross-border mechanism to monitor

the world's 30 biggest financial institutions.

White House press secretary Dana Perino said the Camp David meeting was not expected to produce any new policy decisions or the date or place for a planned meeting of leaders of major economic powers, the so-called G8. Instead, she said it would focus on efforts, extending as far back as April, on coordination for financial stability through measures such as bank disclosures, accounting rules at credit rating agencies, capital standards and asset valuation.

In his weekly radio address, Bush on Saturday sought to reassure Americans about the cost and scope of the nation's financial bailout plan and said that in the long run "our economy will bounce back." He acknowledged that people are concerned about their finances and, while he of-

fered assurances about an eventual recovery, he did not say when that would happen.

Since Oct. 9, 2007, when the Dow topped 14,000, investors have lost \$8.3 trillion from pension funds, college savings plans, 401(k)s and other investments. Congress gave Bush a \$700 billion plan to buy bad assets from banks and other institutions to

shore up the financial industry.

"The federal government has responded to this crisis with systematic and aggressive measures to protect the financial security of the American people," Bush said in the radio broadcast. "These actions will take more time to have their full impact. But they are big enough and bold enough to work."

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STEERS

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to secure the victory. "It was an ugly win," admitted Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey, "but it was beautiful as well. Plainview really took this game to us. Their defensive line whipped our offense. We were fortunate to come away with this win."

The Steers struck first in this game as junior quarterback Tyler Tannehill threw his first touchdown pass of the season after missing for the first five games and leaving last week's contest vs. Frenship early with a knee injury. Tannehill connected with Sidney Parker for a 35-yard score, giving the Steers an early 6-0 advantage.

However, the second quarter belonged to Plainview as Marquis Jackson outran the Steers on two long touchdown runs — one from 20 yards out, the second from 72 — handing the Bulldogs a 14-6 advantage at intermission.

Big Spring found immediate success on offense on its first drive of the second half, marching 55 yards in six plays as Matt Ritchey took the ball around the right side and walked into the end zone untouched for a 25-yard touchdown. A missed 2-point conversion left Big Spring down 14-12, though.

Plainview mustered an answer as running back Melvin Shivers carried the ball on seven of the next nine plays with his final haul turning into an 8-yard touchdown.

Down 21-12, the Steers finally saw a special teams play go in their favor. The Bulldogs' punter mishandled the snap, allowing Ritchey enough time to get in position to block it. Terry recovered the ball at the Plainview 16.

"We finally got a big play on special teams," Ritchey said. "We've been due for one of those all season."

Three plays later, LaRay Woodard, starting at running back for the injured Monte Anderson and Zamir Linton, took the ball on a sweep to the left and

high-stepped into the end zone. Tannehill nailed the point after attempt, leaving the Steers down 21-19 and setting the stage for Terry's heroics.

"Rance might have had two touchdowns if he had been able to scoop that punt," noted Phillip Ritchey. "Hereally stepped up tonight. Plainview ran at him the entire game and he really buckled down late and started making some key stops. We don't win without his efforts."

Senior defensive end LeLonnie Jackson was also a consistent force for the Steers' defense, sacking Plainview's Martinez twice.

The Steers did feel the wrath of Plainview's running game, though. The Bulldogs racked up 288 yards on the ground with Shivers carrying the ball 32 times for 146 yards. Marquis Jackson finished with 94 yards on four carries. Plainview used the ground game to control the game clock for more than 30 minutes.

Big Spring wasn't nearly as successful moving the

ball, totaling just 228 yards of offense.

The Steers host Abilene Cooper (4-3, 2-0) at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium. Cooper is coming off a 54-14 win over San Angelo Lake View and sits atop the district standings tied with Frenship. Big Spring is tied with Lake View for third, while Hereford and Plainview are both winless in the league.

Big Spring 6 0 6 13—25
Plainview 0 14 7 0—21

First quarter
BS — Sidney Parker 35 pass from Tyler Tannehill (Tannehill kick blocked), 2:43

Second quarter
PV — Marquis Jackson 20 run (John Solorzano kick), 11:54
PV — Jackson 72 run (Solorzano kick), 8:33

Third quarter
BS — Matt Ritchey 25 run (pass failed), 9:55
PV — Melvin Shivers 8 run (Solorzano kick), 5:24

Fourth quarter
BS — LaRay Woodard 2 run (Tannehill kick), 11:02
BS — Rance Terry 69 fumble return (run failed), 5:13

Team Stats	BS	PV
First downs	11	15

District 4-4A Football Standings & Schedule

Team	Dist.	Overall
Frenship	2-0	7-0
Cooper	2-0	4-3
Lake View	1-1	4-3
Big Spring	1-1	4-3
Hereford	0-2	2-5
Plainview	0-2	2-5

Week 7 results: Big Spring 25, Plainview 21, Cooper 54, Lake View 14, Frenship 45, Hereford 21.
Week 8 schedule: Cooper at Big Spring, Lake View at Hereford, Frenship at Plainview.

Rushes-Yards	25-120	51-288	Plainview — Melvin Shivers 32-146,
Passing Yards	108	19	Marquis Jackson 4-94, Enrique
Comp.-Att.-Int.	8-15-1	2-9-0	Martinez 12-35, David Hernandez
Punts-Avg.	2-37	3-36.7	2-14, Jonathan Garza 1-(-1).
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1	Passing: Big Spring — Tyler
Penalties-Yards	3-25	5-40	Tannehill 5-7-1 77, Ritchey 3-7-0 31;
Time of Poss.	17:51	30:09	Plainview — Martinez 2-9-0 19.

Individual Stats
Rushing: Big Spring — Matt Ritchey 14-60, LaRay Woodard 10-57, Pavel Plakhotny 1-3;
Receiving: Big Spring — Plakhotny 3-49, Sidney Parker 1-35, Thaddeus Straughter 2-17, Woodard 2-7; Plainview — Roy Smith 1-13, Thomas Curry 1-6.

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GC — Schwartz 15 pass from Cole Schwartz (Schaefer kick), 8:43

GC — Reggie Halfmann 4 run, (kick failed), 5:29

GC — J. Schwartz 52 pass from Schaefer (Schaefer kick), 3:54

GC — Shaylor Anderson 21 fumble return (Schaefer kick), 3:45

Sands 52, Westbrook 0

ACKERLY — The Sands Mustangs turned in their most dominant district win in recent memory, blasting the Westbrook Wildcats, 52-0, in a game called at halftime.

The Mustangs outgained Westbrook by 196 yards, 321-125. Most of Sands yards came via the ground game with quarterback Johnny Rogers gaining 161 yards

and scoring three touchdowns on five carries. Daniel Armendariz was good for another two scores and 58 yards rushing on four carries.

Sands plays No. 2 Borden County Friday in a game that should decide the district champion.

Seagraves 19, Stanton 13

SEAGRAVES — Stanton took advantage of three Eagles' turnovers and 110 yards of penalties, pulling out a 19-13 victory in District 7-A.

The win leaves Stanton at the top of the district standings at 2-0 along with Sundown.

Seagraves managed to tie the game with 3:18 remaining to play. The Eagles had the ball with less than a minute to play in hopes of breaking the tie.

Instead, Spencer Cortez picked off a pass, returning it for the winning

touchdown with 14 seconds left in regulation.

The Buffs attempt to stay atop the district standings Friday when they host Tahoka.

O'Donnell 32, Grady 27

O'DONNELL — O'Donnell's Eagles pulled off the biggest upset win in their short history as a six-man squad Friday, upending district rival Grady by five points.

The Wildcats were picked to finish second in the district, but the loss sets them back.

Meanwhile, O'Donnell moves into solid position to contend for a post-season berth in its first season as a six-man school.

The Wildcats try to get back on track as the host Ira's Bulldogs, who are favored to win the district, Friday.



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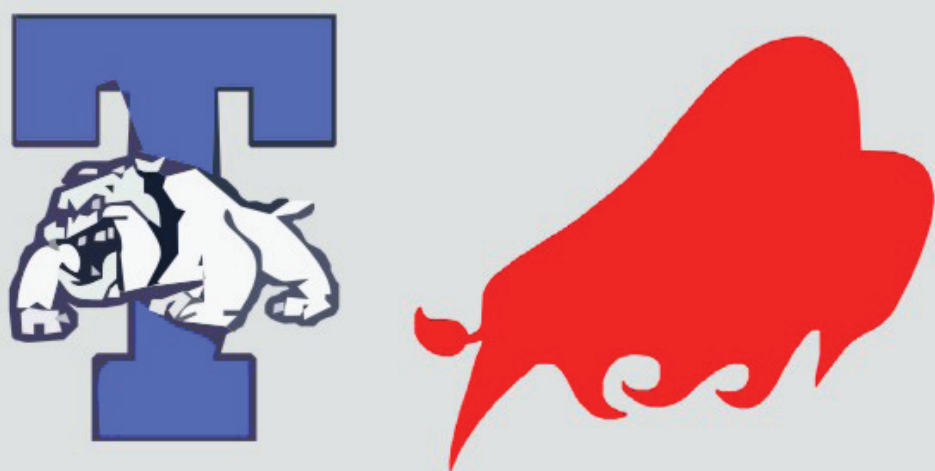


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Tahoka VS STANTON





(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

Leslie Sturges, director of Bat World NOVA, holds a brown bat that she is rehabilitating, in Annandale, Va. Sturges rehabilitates and releases injured and orphaned wild bats at Bat World NOVA rescue center and presents educational programs with a dozen long-term resident bats who can't be returned to the wild.

Bats need't give a fright Halloween

By **LINDA LOMBARDI**

Associated Press Writer

Enjoyed a margarita lately? Thank a bat.

Bats pollinate the agave plant that tequila is made from, as well as the avocados in that accompanying guacamole. Closer to home, you can also thank bats for fewer mosquito bites: A single bat eats hundreds of flying insects per hour.

Most people only think of bats when they're hanging decorations at Halloween, and consider them dangerous vermin — an opinion based entirely on myths and misconceptions. Bats are not flying mice, they don't want to fly into your hair, and only three out of the over a thousand species worldwide drink blood.

Statistically, you're less likely to die from rabies from a bat bite than to be killed by a dog attack — which is itself less likely than being killed by lightning.

Still, some think just being near a bat is dangerous.

"I know plenty of people who've injured themselves in panicked fleeing from a bat when the bat itself wouldn't have hurt them," says Merlin Tuttle, bat expert, author, and founder of Bat Conservation International.

For Leslie Sturges, every day is a bat day. She rehabilitates and releases injured and orphaned wild bats at Bat World NOVA rescue center in Annandale, Va., and presents educational programs with a dozen long-term resident bats who can't be returned to the wild.

What fascinates Sturges about bats is how they pack so much into such a tiny package.

"They have the kind of intellect, adaptations, social behaviors that you'd expect in a large mammal," she says. "And, on top of that, they fly!"

What's more, bats use echolocation — navigating by emitting high-frequency sounds and listening to the echoes that bounce back. They can locate an object as fine as a human hair in pitch darkness.

"What they're doing in that miniscule little brain case is so unique and incredible," says Sturges.

Bats can be great neighbors, as you can see in Austin, Texas, where Bat Conservation International is headquartered. A colony of 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats that roosts in the Congress Avenue Bridge has become a major attraction, bringing about 100,000 people each summer to watch the bats emerge, standing within 10 feet or so of them with no trouble, according to Tuttle.

In fact, we're more of a threat to them than they are to us. Like many animals, bats suffer from habitat loss due to human activity — and they're also threatened by our very fear of them.

"One of the biggest risks to bats is that people still panic at the sight of one and their first thought is to kill it," says Tuttle.

Bats are particularly vulnerable because of their unique biology. Unlike most mammals their size, they reproduce slowly — most species have only one

young per year. And because they live in such large groups, it's easy to wipe out millions in a single act.

Bats are also suffering from a mysterious new disease called White-nose Syndrome that's spread through the Northeast in the past two years, nearly wiping out affected colonies. Some have compared it to the more well-known colony collapse of honeybees, and BCI is sponsoring emergency research into its cause.

"Any time you start having mass dieoffs of animals as distantly related as bees and bats, it's time to sit up and take notice," says Tuttle.

On the bright side, bats' habit of living in enormous groups means that one act of conservation can also make a huge difference, as in BCI's purchase of Bracken Cave in central Texas, home to 20 million free-tailed bats. As well as preserving the site for the colony, BCI plans to build a center that will help to educate people about how valuable bats are, now more than ever, when everyone's thinking about going green and buying organic.

"Bats reduce pesticide use substantially," says Tuttle. Remember, he says: "Fewer bats, more pesticides."

On the Net:
Bat World Nova: http://www.batworld.org/batworld_centers/nova.html
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Talk about tasteless.....

Dear Margo: I was just made aware that Showtime has decided to pick up a new comedy by Steven Spielberg entitled "The United States of Tara."

This comedy will be about a woman with DID, dissociative identity disorder. This disturbs me greatly because DID is caused primarily by extreme abuse or even torture of very young children.

This is not a disorder that is caused by the biochemical structure of the brain. Making a comedy about it is much like saying the end result of abusing a toddler can be funny.

My younger sister has DID and has spent her entire life trying to understand what was "wrong" with her, attempting to get competent help and trying to live with this complicated disorder. She is now 42.

It is very difficult to watch one you love deal with different personalities and never know which one you will be encountering at any given time. This is not comedic material.

The people with this disorder have suffered greatly, both at the hands of others and within their own minds. Making a comedy about this would be the same as making a comedy out of the kidnapping and torture of a child. I am heartsick and don't know if there is anything that can be done. — E.

Dear E: If your information is correct, I agree that such a show is insensitive in the extreme. It beggars the imagination that someone would attempt to make a funny version of "The Three Faces of Eve."

Some intrinsically sad situations can lend themselves to humor, but this does not sound like one of them. I suspect you have ties to organizations that are interested in DID and suggest you e-mail blast everyone you can think of to let Showtime know how you feel.

You could very well succeed because enough people up in arms have caused networks to reconsider programming in the past.

Good luck.— Margo, proactively

Surely Not the Only Gay in Greece

Dear Margo: I am a 23-year-old man from Greece currently living in England for studies. One of the reasons I ended up here was because of the way I feel my family will react to my lifestyle, as I am gay. By family, I mostly mean my mother, as almost all the rest of the family knows by now (my father included).

Though they are not ecstatic about the fact, they can live with it. As I was growing up, the thought of my family rejecting me made me angry and led to fantasies of escape.

I no longer desire to cut my ties with them, but my problem now is that I feel I have to tell my mother in order to have a healthy relationship without lies and deceit.

At some point I would like to present my partner to my family. My mother is quite religious, and according to her beliefs, being an active homosexual is sinful. Should I tell her the truth and run the risk of being disowned by her, or should I let her be in her own little world and just talk about the weather with her?

Many have told me she must have figured it out by now, but she is in denial. So, do I burst her bubble? — *Black Sheep*

Dear Black: Closets, literal and figurative, are dark and stifling places, so I hope you will come on out. In your situation, you might try to enlist your father and some of the others to help your mother understand that this is your reality and that you want to continue to have a relationship with her.

Greek history is certainly rich with homosexual gentlemen, so that might be of some use to you. You should, by all means, be able to bring your partner home with you, and I am hoping your mother will go along with the program. If not, you will at least be true to yourself and relieved of having to talk about the weather. — *Margo, openly*

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Reader's Corner

Song

We all have a song to sing
some songs will be happy while
some songs will be sad
some songs will be heard the world over
while other songs will be sung and forgotten
I hope that your song will be a happy song
and if it's a sad song you sing-sing it anyway
for God gave us all a song to sing and
in sadness you often find beauty that you never saw or heard before
we all have a song to sing.

— *Lana F. Anguiano*



Butterflies

All spring and summer we watched with delight as beautiful butterflies of all colors come to visit the flowers in my garden
and one day as I sit outside much to my surprise a beautiful butterfly with wings of spun gold flew so close to me that just for a moment she rested upon my cheek as if to give me a gentle kiss as I watched her fly away
I couldn't help but smile because someone once told me that butterflies are really just little Angels sent from heaven to watch over us.

— *Lana F. Anguiano*

Menus

Big Spring City Senior Citizen's Center

Monday
turkey sandwiches, tortilla soup, lettuce and tomatoes, milk, pears.

Tuesday
chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, tortilla chips, milk, cake.

Wednesday
stew, salad, crackers, milk, angel food cake with strawberries.

Thursday
chicken fajitas, lettuce, tomatoes, guacamole, chips, apple crisp.

Friday
fried catfish, French fries, beans, coleslaw, cookie & ice cream.

Forsan ISD

Monday
Breakfast
cereal, Pop Tarts, juice, milk.

Lunch
hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots w/ Ranch, chocolate pudding

cups, milk.
Tuesday
Breakfast

pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.

Lunch
chicken and noodles, green beans, fruited gelatin, Texas toast, frozen yogurt, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast

toast, peanut butter w/ jelly, juice, milk.

Lunch
carne guisada, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, flour tortillas, milk.

Thursday
Breakfast

cinnamon rolls, fruit cups, juice, milk.

Lunch
barbecue on a bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn coblette, pineapple tidbits.

Friday
Breakfast

breakfast on a bun, juice, milk.

Lunch

golden fish strips, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, hot rolls, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday
Breakfast

oatmeal, sausage, grape juice, milk

Lunch
cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, pineapples, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast

Pop Tarts, sausage, juice, milk.

Lunch
hot dogs w/chili, tater tots, orange smiles, milk, burritos.

Wednesday
Breakfast

pancakes, sausage on a stick, applesauce cups, syrup, milk.

Lunch
pizza, apples, salad, corn, milk.

Thursday
Breakfast

sweetened rice, ham,

juice, milk.
Lunch

shake/bake chicken, macaroni & cheese, green beans, wheat bread, mix fruit cups, milk, burritos.

Friday
Breakfast

biscuits, gravy, sausage, jelly, apples juice, milk.

Lunch
nacho grande, lettuce & tomatoes, peach cups, graham crackers, milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday
Breakfast

Elementary: cereal, fruit cocktail

High School: French Toast breakfast bars.

Lunch: corn dog, potato rounds, orange smiles, broccoli salad.

Tuesday
Elementary: grilled

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cheese uncrustables, fruit juice.

High School: breakfast pizza, fruit juice, Honey Nut Cheerio breakfast bars.

Lunch: steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, brownies, rolls, strawberries.

Wednesday
Breakfast

Elementary: blueberry loaf, fruit juice

High School: breakfast pizza, fruit juice, Frosted Flakes breakfast bars.

Lunch: fish nuggets, mac & cheese, carrots, orange cream icy, peaches.

Thursday
Breakfast

Elementary: French toast sticks, fruit juice.

High School: breakfast pizza, fruit juice, Lucky Charms breakfast bars.

Lunch: pork & gravy, herbed broccoli/cauliflower, rice, pineapple chunks, rolls.

Friday
Breakfast

Elementary: ham/cheese pockets, peaches.

High School: strawberry Pop Tarts, fresh fruit.

Lunch: barbeque beef, baked beans, fresh fruit, orange/pineapple Jello

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OTHER VIEWS

Bisphenol study:
A clear conflict
brought to light

A federal panel investigating the safety of bisphenol A has been irredeemably compromised, a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel report has made clear, which leaves the U.S. Food and Drug Administration with no choice but to replace the committee and its chairman to ensure credibility.

The problem is a \$5 million donation from retired medical supply manufacturer and longtime regulatory critic Charles Gelman. That money flowed to the University of Michigan Risk Science Center, run by Martin Philbert, around the same time Philbert was named chairman of the FDA panel investigating the chemical. In an interview with the Journal Sentinel, Gelman's biases were clear: Bisphenol A is "perfectly safe," he said, and concerns were fanned by "mothers' groups and others who don't know the science."

But it's Gelman who doesn't know — or chooses to ignore — the science. A Journal Sentinel review last year of 258 research papers showed that the vast majority found bisphenol A to be harmful to laboratory animals. The papers that did not find such were mostly those funded by the chemical industry.

Bisphenol A is used in many products, ranging from baby bottles to dental sealants. Studies have linked it to cancer, heart disease, obesity, reproductive failures and hyperactivity in lab animals.

Gelman made his views clear to Philbert in "several conversations," he said. Philbert denied this. Philbert didn't disclose the donation to the FDA, which didn't learn of it until questioned by Journal Sentinel reporters.

The public deserves an unbiased answer, one based on science alone. Philbert cannot render such a verdict, and neither can the committee he helped select, which is scheduled to rule later this month.

Before that happens, the FDA should replace this group and start over. And this time, this supposed watchdog should pay closer attention to the entanglements of its appointees.

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'Green' gets the croak vote

Devotees of Kermit the Frog are croaking with delight. They've had antennae up for months to see which presidential candidate first plays — or misplays — the "race card."

They claim that it was Barack Obama, never mind that his comment was not a "black/white" issue. What the frogs heard was "green," and that was close enough for them. After all, in presidential debates, as in horseshoes and hand grenades, coming close counts. (The frog fans' position is supported by debate transcripts.)

"John McCain thinks I'm 'green behind the ears,'" Obama said.

Kermit enthusiasts turned deaf ears to the senator's probable intent.

Unbiased linguists are confident that Obama reached into the idiom barrel and pulled out a couple of "halves" that failed to make a "whole."

They opine that he probably meant "wet behind the ears," or maybe "green as a gourd."

The scholars, as often is the case, wanted to give me the whole load.

They blathered that the expression refers to the youth and inexperience of newborns whose birth fluids have not been dried. They added that "dry behind the ears" suggests maturity and experience.

The latter term fits McCain. If time permitted, the political foes could get into some humdinger "wet/dry" issues rivaling the heat in local option votes on the sale of alcohol.

My eyes crossed as I half-listened to the linguists' ongoing stream of trivia.

It included the first known use of "wet behind the ears" on the printed pages of the Portsmouth Daily Times in 1911.

I told them a deadline was near at hand, and in a final "swoosh," they said that it is an "archaic idiom."

"Archaic" is a word I didn't need to hear. During the debate, Senator Obama said, "We still have an archaic 20th century regulatory system for 21st century financial markets."

I take umbrage to any suggestion that my favorite century is "archaic." Hey, in a few more decades, it might apply, but not yet.

Surely we have to mark more than eight years off the calendars of a new century before antiquation of the previous century comes into play.

Tossed about in the presidential "wannabes'" ongoing battles for votes are thinly-veiled references to "age."

Someone suggested consideration of the tickets' combined ages. Each has one long-termer; each has one from youthful ranks.

McCain is 72, and his running mate, Sarah Palin, is 44, so their combined age is 116. Obama, 47, and Joe Biden, 66, have lived a total of 113 years.

Fun it is to "Google" definitions for "old age." Many highly-visible historical figures are quoted.

For example, three late national treasures offered memorable definitions. Henry David Thoreau observed, "None are as old as those who have outlived enthusiasm." Norman Vincent Peale added, "Live your life and forget your age."



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Two good places to rest

To most Spaniards, Christopher Columbus rests where he belongs: in the Gothic Cathedral of Santa Maria, in Seville, Spain, the city from where he set sail for the New World in 1492.

But to most Dominicans, Columbus rests where he wanted to be buried: in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, where they have built him an impressive tomb — the cross-shaped monument known as "El Faro a Colon" (the Columbus Lighthouse).

For more than a century, the people of these two countries have bickered about which one actually holds the bones of the great navigator. And now it turns out that both groups could be right.

Columbus' bones may have been separated, and he could have two legitimate — and well-deserved — burial sites!

Some history: After making four trips to the New World, Columbus died in Valladolid, Spain, May 20, 1506. Yet for many years after his death, his bones kept traveling.

For different reasons, including the fear that his remains would fall into enemy hands, Columbus' body was exhumed and reburied several times in Spain, the Dominican Republic and Cuba. It led to a terrible mix-up with another set of bones and to an age-old dispute across the ocean conquered by the great navigator.

Although Columbus clearly stated that he wanted to be buried in the New World, at the time of his death, it was determined that there was no church of sufficient stature in the Americas to serve as his tomb. He was buried in a Valladolid monastery and remained there for three years, when he was moved to another monastery in Seville.

But almost 30 years later, Columbus' daughter-in-law Maria de Rojas y Toledo, the widow of Columbus' son Diego, was allowed to send the remains of her husband

and his father — Columbus — to the cathedral in Santo Domingo.

Historians on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean agree that the remains stayed there for more than two centuries — from 1537 to 1795. But from that point on, there are different theories.

The Spanish say that as they retreated out of the Caribbean islands, they kept taking Columbus' body with them to avoid leaving him in enemy hands, first away from the French and later the Americans.

Before they ceded the island of Hispaniola to France, the Spanish say they dug up Columbus' remains from behind the altar in the Santo Domingo Cathedral and sent him to Cuba, which was another Spanish colony. They say he remained buried in the Havana Cathedral for more than a century, until 1898, when the Spanish-American War forced them to exhume him again and send him back to Seville.

However, the Dominicans say that Columbus' remains never left Santo Domingo. They say the wrong body — perhaps that of Columbus' son Diego — was sent to Cuba and on to Seville.

That's because in 1877, when Columbus' remains were believed to be in Cuba, another set of Columbus' bones were found in the Dominican Republic. Workers digging inside the Santo Domingo Cathedral discovered a box containing 13 large bone fragments and 28 smaller ones. The box was inscribed, "Illustrious and distinguished male, don Cristobal Colon."

Because of that discovery, Spain and the Dominican Republic both have been claiming that they have Columbus for more than 100 years.

But that all was supposed to be over by now, thanks to a group of Spanish researchers who, in 2003, set out to unravel the age-old puzzle of where Columbus is buried — through DNA testing. They persuaded Spanish church authorities to open a crypt and exhume the bronze chest reputed to contain Columbus' bones, and they sent them — with a police

George Burns, who lived to be 100, offered, "Age to me means nothing. I can't get old, I'm working. I was old when I was 21 and out of work. As long as you're working, you stay young. When I'm in front of an audience, all that love and vitality sweeps over me and I forget my age."

I've always smiled at the one with "anonymous" attribution, "Old age doesn't always bring wisdom, sometimes it comes alone."

I dunno. But it seems to me that the "brightest of the bright" have special glows in golden years.

I joined hundreds of thousands of other Americans a few days ago in emailing warm wishes to Dr. Billy Graham on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

I was privileged to be among several hundred friends who gathered to honor Dr. Zig Ziglar on the "41st anniversary of his 39th birthday. And I love to hear Paul Harvey, who, at age 90, is on the downside of a 10-year contract with ABC. (Subs have been at the microphone during much of the time since the death of his wife, Angel, this spring.) His voice, though, remains the sunshine of our day. He says on time what I often forget to mention: "GOOD DAY!"

Meanwhile, as the final debate is dissected, pundits feel that the 20 references to Joe the Plumber may elevate him to celebrity status. And Bob the Builder is demanding equal time.

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escort — across southern Spain for DNA testing at the University of Granada. They also exhumed two other men: a man thought to be Columbus' brother and one of Columbus' sons, Hernando, whose identity has been confirmed. They compared the three men's DNA.

Yet two years ago, although great expectations had been built among Columbus historians, the researchers came up with inconclusive findings.

While they were able to confirm that at least some of Columbus' remains were buried in Seville, they left open the possibility that Columbus' bones were divided and that the bones now occupy two graves because the Seville crypt contained only 15 percent of a man's remains.

"There must be other bones in other places," one of the researchers told reporters.

While giving great evidence to those who argue that Columbus is in Seville, he took the wind out of their sails by explaining that some of Columbus' bones could be in Santo Domingo.

Unfortunately, the Dominican government has been reluctant to allow DNA testing of the bones in the Columbus Lighthouse. Some Dominican scholars still argue that the bones in Seville could have belonged to another Columbus relative and thus still could match the DNA of Columbus' son and brother.

Yet many other Dominicans say they don't mind finding out that the real remains of Columbus are in Spain because then they would demand that Columbus be sent back to Santo Domingo, the place where he said he wanted to be buried.

Stay tuned. More than 516 years after he first crossed the Atlantic, Columbus could be coming back again.

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FORSAN

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needed to play near perfect and that certainly wasn't what we did."

For the second straight week, Forsan struggled against the run, giving up 344 yards on the ground to the Roughnecks, who handed the ball to six different running backs during the game.

Sundown senior John Heffley led the way, barely missing the century mark by going for 99 yards on 13 carries. Heffley also added two scores on the night.

However, the Buffs were not without some highlights, coming from their freshman sensation Ty Johnson. Johnson

thrilled the crowd with a 60-yard touchdown run and a dazzling 92-yard kickoff return on his way to 212 all-purpose yards on the night.

"Ty being thrown in as a starter this year was not by design," Thompson said. "We have been forced to call his number a lot due to injuries and other circumstances. To his credit, he has taken on the role with great effort and responsibility. The whole team has really rallied around him and helped make his success possible."

After giving up six scores in the first half, the Buffs held Sundown to only two touchdowns in the second, shutting them out in the third quarter. Thompson said he was proud of the way his squad kept playing

and how their pride would not allow them to just roll over and quit.

Thompson's mantra remains the same as it has for much of this season, when he said the Buffs must play for four full quarters if they hope to get back in the win column.

"Overall, I thought we were able to do a few things we wanted to do," said Thompson, "but these guys have still not seen what they can do when they play to their full potential. We must start playing with some urgency, without mistakes or layoffs. Making the playoffs is still possible, but we have to finish strong, playing with purpose and heart."

In other District 7-A play, Stanton moved to 2-0, defeating

Seagraves (1-1) by six points, 19-13 while Tahoka (1-1) beat Plains (0-2) in a close one, 18-15.

Forsan will travel to Plains (4-3, 0-2) Friday in a showdown where one team will leave with its first district win.

Sundown	7	35	0	13	-55
Forsan	0	12	0	8	-20

First Quarter
Sundown - John Heffley 4 run (kick good); 9:05

Second Quarter
Forsan - Kody Willis from Alex Huckabee 38 pass (kick fail); 11:17
Sundown - Jason Durham 5 fumble return (kick good); 8:41
Sundown - Heffley 30 run (kick good); 5:48

Sundown - Durham 49 run (kick good); 4:33

Sundown - Ryan Waygood 30 run (2-pt good); 3:59
Sundown - Eric Patz from Durham 20

pass (kick fail); :14
Forsan - Ty Johnson 92 kickoff return (kick fail); :00

Fourth quarter
Sundown - Chris Cantu 7 run (kick fail); 11:20
Forsan - Johnson 60 run (2-pt good); 9:28
Sundown - Waygood from Durham 28 pass (kick good); 7:53

Individual Statistics
Rushing: Sundown - Heffley 13-99, Durham 11-94, Waygood 6-68, Ryan Sanford 9-36, Chris Cantu 4-25, Wade King 4-19, Hunter Berry 1-3 Forsan - Johnson 14-114, Jace Sandridge 7-8, Tim Davila 2-7, Jeremy Robbins 1-2, Aaron Valle 1-1, Zane Herrin 1-0, Huckabee 2- (-2)
Passing: Sundown - Durham 12-21-138-2-1 Forsan - Huckabee 5-17-42-1-2
Receiving: Sundown - Waygood 3-63, Brentz Britton 2-27, Sanford 2-20, King 2-5, Heffley 2-3, Patz 1-20 Forsan - Willis 2-42, Robbins 1-5, Sandridge 1-1, Garrett Pool 1- (-6)

COAHOMA

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three plays.

Tucker connected with Collin Brown as the junior found a soft spot in the Bulldogs' zone, turning it up and outrunning the defense for the 79-yard touchdown play.

Coahoma trailed 19-0 before it could even muster a response.

Quarterback Nathan Deporto connected on 4-of-5 passes during a six-play drive with the last being a 6-yard completion to Josh Paniagua for a touchdown.

Unfortunately, the Bulldogs wouldn't find paydirt again.

"It's hard to stop anyone when you don't line up right," Head Coach Stacy Martin said. "We had misalignments and blown assignments all over the place. You can't give a good team that kind of help and expect to win."

Deporto was unable to finish the game as the injury bug once again bit a Coahoma quarterback.

"We believe he has a concussion," Martin said. "He will go and see the doctor in the morning and we will know more then. Josh is healthy so we can put him there and Pete (Acosta) is finally going to be healthy again and he has

played there too."

Coahoma falls to 0-2 in district play, tying them for last place with Wall.

"Our backs are really against the wall now," Martin said. "We have to win the final three to have a chance for the playoffs. If we don't do that, then it doesn't matter."

Coahoma travels to Colorado City next week to face a vastly improved Wolves team, that suffered its first district loss of the season Friday to Jim Ned, 31-16. Coahoma fell to Jim Ned in the first week of district play, 29-22.

Ballinger	12	7	6	7	32
Coahoma	0	7	0	0	7

First Quarter
B- Travis run 8 (Kick fail) 8:40, B-

Brown 79 pass from Travis (2-point fail) 1:39

Second Quarter
B- Travis runs 1 (Quiroga kick well) 1:41

C- Paniagua pass 6 from Deporto (Abreggo kick well) 0:04

Third Quarter
B- Kalina pass 16 from Travis (Kick fail) 6:31

Fourth Quarter
B-Travis run 26 (Quiroga kick good) 5:18

Individual Stats

Rushing: B - Strambler 11-65, Travis 10-40, Quiroga 7-22, Dominick Nieto 2-13, Brown 1- (-3); C- Daylong 19-57, Roberts 6-15, Isaac Garcia 1-0, Paniagua 2-(-5)
Receiving: B-Kalina 10-152, Rodriguez 4-41, Brown 2-97, Conner Newsom 1-10, Taylor Hare 1-19; C - Paniagua 3-45, Gutierrez 1-37, Abreggo 1-26, Lane Douglas 1-7, Roberts 1-3

Passing: B - Travis 19-28-1-2-326; C- Deporto 7-17-1-0-130, Daylong 1-1-26, Paniagua 0-4-0

District 7-2A Football Standings & Schedule

Team	Dist.	Overall
Ballinger	2-0	4-3
Jim Ned	2-0	4-3
Colorado	1-1	4-3
Grape Creek	1-1	4-3
Coahoma	0-2	4-3
Wall	0-2	2-5

Week 7 results: Ballinger 32, Coahoma 7; Jim Ned 31, Colorado City 16; Grape Creek 32, Wall 30.

Week 8 schedule: Coahoma at Colorado City, Jim Ned at Wall, Grape Creek at Ballinger.

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Dr. Keith Graumann, director/conductor of the Big Spring Symphony, receives a check for \$1,720 from Big Spring Community Foundation trustees, from left, Bobby McDonald, Charles Beil, Jerry Worthy and Jim Little Thursday afternoon. The donation was given in recognition of the symphony's many activities during the year, foundation officials said.

EQIP 2009 local work group meeting set

Special to the Herald

The Howard Soil and Water Conservation District is inviting the public to participate in identifying the resource concerns and conservation priorities for Fiscal Year 2009 in Howard County.

The meeting is to be held at the Big Spring USDA Service Center at 4:30 p.m. Monday.

The meeting will focus on the En-

vironmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), but also on new resource concerns identified in the recently passed Food, Energy, and Conservation Act, also known as the 2008 Farm Bill.

The purpose of this meeting is to gather comments from local entities, especially farmers and ranchers who have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs.

Discussion and recommendations

from the participants at the meeting will assist the NRCS District Conservationist with program direction of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and resource concerns for other USDA programs for Fiscal Year 2009.

The Big Spring USDA Service Center is located at 302 W. IH-20, Suite 101 in Big Spring. If there are any questions, contact the NRCS at (432) 267-1871, ext. 3.

Mike Lee, right, design project coordinator in the Big Spring Area office, is presented a certificate of service by Lynn Passmore. Lee, a 25-year employee with the Texas Department of Transportation, was honored for his longevity during a recent supervisors meeting in Abilene. In addition to the framed certificate, he received a 25-year service pin and a poker chip set, his gift of choice. Passmore is the interim Abilene district engineer.

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4-H SPOTLIGHT

The Howard County 4-H Club met Saturday, Oct. 11 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the AgriLife Extension office in the basement of the courthouse for the first of a series of meetings on the 4-H Food and Nutrition project.

Kandy McWhorter, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, presented a program titled "Etiquette — From A to Z" to 12 4-H members and seven adults.

Did you know that bread should always be broken into moderate-sized pieces before eating? Have you ever wondered which fork to use when there is more than one? At the end of the session we all felt we would know how to eat if we were invited to the White House! A highlight of the meeting was eating the Cashew Butter Crunch Popcorn we all helped to make — with our fingers, of course.

Since it was National 4-H Week, we were pleased to help the Big Spring Police Department with the Indentikid project at H-E-B. Approximately 75 youth were photographed and fingerprinted.

We also took advantage of the community service project to collect canned goods for the Presidio flood victims of Hurricane Ike. Thanks to the generous Big Spring residents, we collected two shopping carts full of canned goods.

Molly Walker, 4-H Reporter



Courtesy photo

Howard County 4-H Club Members collect canned goods for the Presidio flood victims.

Energy Watch



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In the midst of these turbulent financial times, many of us are wondering why we ever began investing our hard-earned savings in the first place. We could answer this question by citing numerous statistics about market recovery cycles and the benefits of diversified portfolios, but statistics don't always quell our fears.

So, why should any of us invest or stay invested through prolonged difficult periods? The idea behind investing is to let your money work for you. By investing, your savings are enlisted to make their own earnings on your behalf. It's ultimately about working smarter, not harder.

However, before asking "Why invest?" we must ask "Who should invest?" The answer: only people with a hopeful view on life — either innate or learned — should invest and remain invested, even in tumultuous markets. The rest, for their peace of mind, should not.

This required view on life comes down to hope and faith; a deep, inner trust and belief that everything is going to be alright. The Czechoslovakian writer Vaclav Havel — who was instrumental in his country becoming a democracy and who served as the Czech Republic's first president — put it eloquently:

I am not an optimist, because I am not sure that everything ends well. Nor am I a pessimist, because I am not sure that everything ends badly. I just carry hope in my heart.

Hope is a feeling that life and work have a meaning. You either have it or you don't, regardless of the state of the world that surrounds you.

Life without hope is an empty, boring, and useless life. I cannot imagine that I could strive for something if I did not carry hope in me. I am thankful to God for this gift. It is as big a gift as life itself.

Without hope (and its close cousin, faith), there is no need to invest because there's no point to working smarter, or even harder, for that matter. There are no brighter days ahead. So then, why think in terms of your savings working for you? Indeed, the concept behind investing becomes virtually meaningless.

But for those with a sense of hope, faith, and trust, the best is always yet to come. Tomorrow will be better than today, and if not tomorrow, then the next day. This is not just a mantra or intellectual position, but a deeply held, core belief system. The belief can be inborn or developed, but it is clearly for these people alone that investing — and staying invested through stressful times — is ultimately suitable and worthwhile.

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News in brief

Boy stuck, killed by police cruiser

DALLAS (AP) — A police officer responding to a disturbance call struck and killed a 10-year-old boy riding a bicycle.

The boy, whose name has not yet been released, was riding on the shoulder of the road Friday night and turned into a street, darting in front of the patrol car. The officer, who police did not identify, was not using his lights or siren, said Lt. Vernon Hale, a Dallas police spokesman.

"It was just a dark road, not well lit," Hale said. "This sounds like a combination of factors" that caused the accident.

Police said the accident happened around 7:30 p.m. The boy was taken to Baylor University Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

Demand rises as pumpkin growers plant fewer acres

LUBBOCK (AP) — Floyd County farmer Greg Carthel knows the toll recent rains have taken on his family's pumpkin patch in the state's top-producing county.

Several heavy downpours across many parts of West Texas in the past few weeks came at inopportune times for pumpkin producers. Muddy fields filled with the orange orbs must dry out before they can be harvested and sold.

The delays have cost Heptad Vegetables — where Carthel and his uncles work — several thousand dollars.

"We couldn't get them out of the field," he said. "We didn't have them to sell."

It's prime pumpkin time across the country with Halloween and Thanksgiving just around the corner. Youngsters and adults are gearing up to carve ghoulish, frightening or silly faces on the gourds; others will make pies from the innards.

Demand for pumpkins is at an all-time high, agriculture officials said, and it's mostly because there are fewer pumpkins coming from Floyd County this year.

Farmers planted fewer acres and yields are down. But there's good news, too.

"The quality was really outstanding," said J.D. Ragland, a Texas AgriLife Extension agent in Floyd County. "We had a really good growing season."

Farmers in Floyd County planted about 750 acres this summer, down from 900 or so last year. Ten years ago, they planted 2,500 acres.

Judge moves murder trial to Corpus Christi

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Bexar County judge on Friday moved the trial of a man accused in the killings of two small children found beneath a San Antonio apartment to Corpus Christi.

District Judge Mary Roman initially ruled for a change of venue in September after Jerry Salazar's lawyer argued that the tone of news coverage in San Antonio had poisoned the jury pool.

Salazar, 29, and his former girlfriend, Valerie Lopez, were charged in the 2007 deaths of Lopez's children.

The bodies of 14-month-old Sariyah Garcia and 4-month-old Sebastian Lopez were found stuffed in trash bags beneath a triplex in March 2007.

Lopez, 21, pleaded guilty to capital murder in July, agreeing to a deal that called for her to serve life in prison without parole.

Lopez acknowledged beating Sariyah to death on Christmas Eve after she wouldn't stop crying, the San Antonio Express-News reported. She was accused of suffocating Sebastian with a blanket.

Salazar is accused of failing to protect the children.

Camel reported stolen from small Texas zoo

CEDAR CREEK (AP) — A 6-foot-tall camel named Moses and his pint-size pony sidekick Coco are missing from a small Texas zoo.

Officials at Capital of Texas Zoo in Cedar Creek, about 15 miles southeast of Austin, have reported the theft of the kid-friendly creatures.

Zoo founder Michael Hicks says that the 3-year-old, 500-pound camel and the nearly quarter-century old pony are "best friends" and follow each other.

"The staff and I are heartbroken," Hicks said. "We raised Moses on a bottle. He thought he was a person, loved everybody....It was comical; they went everywhere together. Coco is over 20 years old, and she mothered the camel like he was her baby."

Hicks, who lives on the grounds of the zoo, told The Associated Press that both animals were wearing halters when he last saw them in a front pasture Tuesday night.

He discovered the one-hump camel and the female Shetland/Welsh mix pony were gone Wednesday morning. Hicks says overnight rain washed away any potential vehicle tracks.

Escaped Oklahoman fugitive caught in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who escaped from an Oklahoma prison nearly two decades ago was arrested in a Houston suburb, the U.S. Marshals Service said Friday.

Members of the U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Violent Offenders and Fugitive Task Force took Allen Eugene Whitchurch, 60, into custody in Spring on Thursday night.

Whitchurch escaped from the John Lilley Correctional Center in Boley, Okla., in April 1986. He was serving the third year of a 15-year manslaughter sentence when he went on the run.

The marshals in Texas and task force officials received a tip from U.S. Marshals in Oklahoma that led them to the trailer in Spring where Whitchurch was living.

"Whitchurch he was definitely surprised as to how we found him," said Deputy U.S. Marshal Alfredo Perez.

Whitchurch initially denied his identity but recanted.

Houston schools briefly locked down after shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — Three Houston schools were locked down for a couple of hours Friday afternoon after police responded to a fatal shooting at a nearby check cashing business and searched for an armed individual, officials said.

Houston Police Capt. Bruce Williams said police were called to a shooting at the business around noon. Officers were told a man armed with an AK-47 type of weapon and dressed in camouflage had shot a person, who died from multiple gunshot wounds.

Officers and later a SWAT team surrounded an adjacent storage building the unidentified suspect was believed to have barricaded himself in after the shooting.

The Living Christmas Tree Rehearsal Schedule

Monday - October 20 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Garrett Hall

Saturday - October 25 - 9 am to Noon - Garrett Hall

Monday - October 27 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Garrett Hall

Saturday - November 1 - 9 am to Noon - Garrett Hall

Monday - November 3 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Garrett Hall

Saturday - November 8 - 9 am to Noon - Garrett Hall

Monday - November 10 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Garrett Hall

Saturday - November 15 - 9 am to Noon - Garrett Hall

Monday - November 17 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Garrett Hall

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The current fragile state of Howard County finances dictate two of the largest budget items, the Sheriff's office and the new jail, must be administered by a person proficient in law enforcement management coupled with the ability to operate a small business.

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Sonia M. Barlow, 4209 Parkway, Big Spring
Toby Barnett, 1713 Dwayne Barnett, Lubbock
Casey D. Bernal, 901 Grand, Hereford
Tamara Deanne Allen Berner, 3407 Old Colorado City Highway, Big Spring
Vern Black, 329 W Tennessee, Floydada
Jeremy Bolton, 506 N. Avenue L, Lamesa
Dave Bracken, 2720 42nd Street, Lubbock
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Richard Henry Burk, PO Box 171933, Arlington
Latonya Campbell, 5948 Callaston, Fort Worth
David Canales Jr., 1002 N. Main Street, Big Spring
Michelle Marie Carrasco, 1704 Yale Avenue, Big Spring
Leonard Carson Jr. 102 S. Peach, Pecos
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Krishna Nicole Castillo, 905 Walnut, Colorado City
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Doyce Ray Coyle, 3301 Auburn, Big Spring
Patrick C. Criss, 8030 Catalpa, Texas City
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Eloy Escobar Leal, 1806 E. 11th Street, Big Spring
Alana Marie Lee, 2711 66th Street, Lubbock
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Shawn G. McKay, 3107 Bonham Ave, Odessa

Carrol Lee McNeil, 2601 Westridge, Snyder
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Mari Montemayor, 627 State Street, Big Spring
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Alicia M. Vernon, 9614 Dover Ridge, San Antonio
Tyler J. Voss, Fannin Co. Rd 4925, Leonard
Chrissy Sue Ward, 1003-2 CR 175, Colorado City
Christina Williams, 400 Macarthur, Odessa
Jerry Lee Wrightsil, 2816 Ridge Road, Ft. Worth

County Court Decisions:
Judgment and Sentence: Willie Ray Myles Jr., failure to identify - giving false information, \$100 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Robin Lynn Eudy, deadly conduct, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Johnny Jorge Rodriguez Jr., evading arrest, \$278 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Albert Rivas, violation of a protective order, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Matthew Luis Almazan, accident involving damages to a vehicle, \$328 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Marina Crescencia Fair, failure to identify - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Brenda Nicole Robledo, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: James Lynn Parker, failure to identify - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Bubba James Eilenberger, violation of a restriction of occupational license, \$250 fine, \$228 court costs.
Probated Judgment: Tony Ray Bingham, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,000 fine, \$439 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Judgment: Randall Eston Hollis, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,000 fine, \$389 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail

time suspended, six months probation).

District Court Filings:
Cynthia Munoz vs. Jose Munoz III, divorce.
Erin E. Carroll vs. William Webb Carroll, divorce.
Michelle L. Werlinger vs. Denise A. Richard, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
Billie Christie Morgan vs. Charles G. Morgan, divorce.
Reynaldo Juarez vs. Erlinda H. Juarez, divorce.
Teresa Diann Owens vs. Buddy Reece Owens, divorce.
Amy Castillo vs. Andrew Duenes, protective order.
Dieta Craig vs. Stephen Dyer, divorce.
Guadalupe Villalpando vs. Sue Ann Villalpando, divorce.
Dutch Weston Barr vs. Deborah Diane Barr, divorce.
In Re decedent's Trust B, a testamentary trust created under the Callihan Family Trust, civil suit.
Amy Leann Zant vs. Guy Will Zant, divorce.
Dawn Faulkner vs. Andy Anderson, accounts, notes and contracts.
Joetta Marie Slape vs. Thomas Clayton Slape, divorce.

Marriage Licenses:
Marcus L. Smith, 28, and Okytra L. Cole, 29, both of Big Spring.
Eugene Walter Bryant, 46, and Dorothy Pauline Olivas, 39, both of Big Spring.
Clarence Louis Jordan, 74, and Joann Broussard Rosenfeldt, 61, both of Big Spring.
Nickolas Rey Romero, 18, and Julie Ann Martinez, 18, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: Connie Gatliff Wilson
Grantee: Pete Rosenbaum
Property: A tract out of Section 19, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 9, 2008

Grantor: Jimmy Sherrod
Grantee: Pete Rosenbaum
Property: A 4.2 acre tract out of Section 19, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 9, 2008

Grantor: Jeremy Terry and Shannon Terry, Jerry Simmons and Cheryl Simmons
Grantee: Christopher Cotten and Jonathan Cotten
Property: A 315.6 acre tract out of Section 34, Block 31, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 9, 2008

Grantor: Gary L. Riddle and Brenda Riddle
Grantee: Calvin Hughes and Joe Hughes
Property: A tract out of Section 19, Block 34, T-2-N,

T&P RR Co. Survey; and a tract out of Section 13, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 9, 2008

Grantor: Gerald Lee Harris Jr.
Grantee: P.K. Nath LLC
Property: A 1.8 acre tract out of Section 26, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 9, 2008

Grantor: Greg Medina
Grantee: Luis Guerra
Property: A tract out of Section 42, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 9, 2008

Grantor: Jean Newton
Grantee: David Callaway and Carol Callaway
Property: Lot 9, Block 12, North Parkhill Addition
Date: Oct. 9, 2008

Grantor: Chris Cole
Grantee: Wayne Johnson
Property: Lot 8, Block 9, Banks Addition
Date: Oct. 10, 2008

Grantor: Johnnie G. Callahan
Grantee: Peter M. Whitworth and Martha Whitworth
Property: A tract out of Section 33, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 10, 2008

Grantor: Mary Ann Elliott
Grantee: Lavern Dean
Property: Lot 9, Block 5, Hillcrest Terrace
Date: Oct. 10, 2008

Grantor: D&S Properties
Grantee: Robert Dorn Hall
Property: A tract out of Section 35, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 10, 2008

Grantor: Collin C. Worley and Tabitha D. Worley
Grantee: Ernestine Boyles
Property: A tract out of Section 37, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 10, 2008

Grantor: Tim Flohr and Robin King
Grantee: Raymond G. Smith
Property: A tract out of Section 46, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 13, 2008

Grantor: Robert H. Moore III
Grantee: Marvin Casey
Property: A 8.5 acre tract out of Section 44, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 13, 2008

Grantor: R.L. Guevara
Grantee: Carlos Viera and Martina Viera
Property: Lot 1, Block 3, N. McEwen Addition
Date: Oct. 13, 2008

Grantor: Elizabeth A. Young
Grantee: Lee Bennett
Property: A 29.9 acre tract out of Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 15, 2008

Grantor: Milton L. Anderson
Grantee: Three R Properties Inc.
Property: Lot 16, Block 2, W.J. Gordon Addition
Date: Oct. 15, 2008

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lein:
Grantor: David A. Holleman and Rebecca Holleman
Grantee: Sherry Rae Phillips Hargrove
Property: Lot 8 and part of Lot 9, Block 14, McDowell Heights
Date: Oct. 10, 2008

Grantor: Billie Sue Barnes
Grantee: Michael McMillan and Michelle Patschke
Property: A tract out of Section 44, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 13, 2008

Grantor: Broughton Farm Company
Grantee: Randy Montgomery and Janice Montgomery
Property: A tract out of Section 15, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 14, 2008

Grantor: Debra Ellis
Grantee: Tanya Evrard
Property: Lot 22, Block 3, Wasson Place Addition
Date: Oct. 15, 2008

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Dble

Opening lead — king of diamonds.
This deal occurred during the 1980 World Team Olympiad in the match between Mauritius and the United States.
At the table where Fred Hamilton and Mike Passell were North-South for the U.S., the bidding went as shown. West's opening one-notrump bid was of the weak variety, promising 12 to 14 points, and North's double indicated a moderate to very strong hand.

After East ran to two clubs, Passell jumped to three spades, inviting game. Confident that his high cards would be well placed behind the notrump bidder, Hamilton checked for aces, learned there was only one missing and so bid six spades.
Passell won the opening diamond lead with the ace and made the slam without much difficulty. He led the jack of hearts to the ace, ruffed a heart low, crossed to the ace of spades and ruffed a heart with the queen. When West failed to follow suit, his hand became an open book. Since East had shown up with the king of hearts, West had to have the ace of clubs for his opening bid.
Passell therefore led a club toward dummy, West taking his ace and returning a club to dummy's king. A fourth round of hearts was ruffed with the ten, establishing dummy's remaining two hearts, after which it was a simple matter to draw trumps with the K-J and take the rest of the tricks with dummy's two good hearts and last trump.
Making six spades doubled gave the Americans a score of 1,660 points at this table. Since the Mauritius North-South pair at the other table had stopped at just four spades (also making six), the net gain for the U.S. team came to 980 points, or 14 IMPs.

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News in brief

Anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al-Sadr calls on Iraq's parliament to reject US-Iraqi security pact

BAGHDAD (AP) — Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr on Saturday called on Iraq's parliament to reject a U.S.-Iraqi security pact as tens of thousands of his followers rallied in Baghdad against the deal.

The mass public show of opposition came as U.S. and Iraqi leaders face a Dec. 31 deadline to reach agreement on the deal, which would replace an expiring U.N. mandate authorizing the U.S.-led forces in Iraq.

Al-Sadr's message was addressed to Iraqi lawmakers and read by his aide Sheik Abdul-Hadi al-Mohammadawi before a huge crowd of mostly young men waving Iraqi and green Shiite flags and chanting slogans including "no, no to the agreement" and "yes to Iraq."

"The Iraqi government has abandoned its duty before God and its people and referred the agreement to you knowing that ratifying it will stigmatize Iraq and its government for years to come," he said.

Al-Sadr, who is living in Iran, also cast doubt on the Iraqi government's argu-

ment that the security pact is a step toward ending the U.S. presence in Iraq. The deal would require U.S. forces to leave by Dec. 31, 2011 unless Iraq asked some of them to stay.

Social Security's future: Obama would tax higher incomes more, McCain favors private accounts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barack Obama wants to raise taxes on high-income workers to ease Social Security's looming cash crunch. John McCain favors voluntary private accounts for younger workers, saying they can't count on the same government benefits as today's retirees.

Beyond those generalities — and a shared opposition to an increase in the retirement age — the two presidential rivals are long on commitment and short on specifics when it comes to the government's huge retirement income program.

Obama is "committed to ensuring Social Security is solvent and viable for the American people, now and in the future," says his official Web site.

McCain reassured the audience at a recent debate that the program's finan-

cial challenges are less severe than those confronting Medicare, the giant health care program for older Americans.

"We know what the problems are, my friends, and we know what the fixes are. We've got to sit down together across the table. It's been done before," he said in support of his push for a bipartisan commission.

Analysis: McCain veers from one idea to another in trying to slow Obama's momentum

NEW YORK (AP) — The misadventures of Joe the Plumber were just the latest stumble for Republican John McCain as he veers from one idea to another in a thus-far elusive quest to slow Barack Obama's momentum.

Joe Wurzelbacher was supposed to be the Republican presidential candidate's ace in the hole — an average, working-class Joe whose dreams of something better might be thwarted by Obama's plans. The Ohio plumber challenged Obama's tax policies and got the Democratic presidential nominee to say he wanted to "spread the wealth around." McCain told Wurzelbacher's story at the final debate Wednesday in a bid to paint Obama as a tax-raiser out of touch with regular Americans.

But Wurzelbacher's story didn't quite hold up under inspection: He isn't licensed as a plumber in an Ohio county that requires one. He owes \$1,200 in unpaid taxes. The dream purchase of the plumbing company where he works is a long way off no matter who wins the election. McCain acknowledged Thursday he hadn't ever spoken to the man he'd sud-

denly made a central figure in his quest for the presidency; McCain didn't speak with Wurzelbacher until Friday.

"Sorry, Joe," the Republican hopeful said Thursday on "The Late Show" with David Letterman for bringing Wurzelbacher a tornado of public attention he never sought.

The McCain campaign has always felt more improvisational than Obama's well-oiled machine, and the Arizona senator's years as a Navy pilot left him with a taste for daring feats. But recently, with polls showing McCain trailing Obama in several battleground states, his campaign operation has muddied McCain's message and complicated his efforts.

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ACORN controversy: Voter fraud or mudslinging?

By **DEBORAH HASTINGS**
AP National Writer

The stories are almost comical: Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck, registered to vote on Nov. 4. The entire lineup of the Dallas Cowboys football team, signed up to go the polls — in Nevada.

But no one in either presidential campaign is laughing. Not publicly, anyway.

Republicans, led by John McCain, are alleging widespread voter fraud. The Democrats and Barack Obama say the controversy is preposterous and is just political mudslinging.

In the middle is the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, known as ACORN, a grass-roots community group that has led liberal causes since it formed in 1970. This year, ACORN hired more than 13,000 part-time workers and sent them out in 21 states to sign up voters in minority and poor neighborhoods.

They submitted 1.3 million registration cards to local election officials.

Along the way, bogus ones appeared — signed in the names of cartoon characters, professional football players and scores of others bearing the same handwriting. And in the past few days, those phony registrations have exploded into Republican condemnations of far-ranging misconduct, and a relatively obscure community activist group took a starring role, right behind Joe the Plumber, in the final presidential debate.

Looking beyond the smoke and fire, the raging argument boils down to essentially this:

Is ACORN, according to McCain, perpetuating voter fraud that could be “destroying the fabric of democracy”? Or are Republicans trying to keep the disadvantaged, who tend to be Democrats, from casting ballots in a hotly contested presidential race that has drawn record numbers of new voters?

By legal definition, to commit voter fraud means a person would have to present some kind of documentation at the polls — a driver’s license, a phone bill or another form of ID — that bears the name of Mickey Mouse, for example. To do so risks a fine and imprisonment under state laws.

Submitting fake registration cards is another matter. Local law enforcement agencies in about a dozen states are investigating fake registrations submitted by ACORN workers. Late last week, The Associated Press reported the FBI will be reviewing those cases.

Accusations of stolen votes have a long history in presidential elections. In the 2000 recount debacle, Republicans claimed illegal ballots were cast. Democrats contended that legal ballots were thrown out. In 2004, when Ohio gave the presidency to George W. Bush, Democrats charged that long lines and malfunctioning machines in that state led to an inaccurate count.

But in this contest, involving the first African-American in American history with a real chance at becoming president, the vitriol is particularly pointed.

“This is all just one big head-fake,” said Tova Wang of the government watchdog group Common Cause. “What silliness

this is, at this point. It’s all about creating this perception that there is a tremendous problem with voter fraud in this country, and it’s not true.”

On Friday, during a campaign appearance, Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin repeated McCain’s recent claims that Obama has close ties to ACORN.

“You deserve to know,” Palin told thousands in a park north of Cincinnati. “This group needs to learn that you here in Ohio won’t let them turn the Buckeye State into the Acorn State.”

Obama helped represent ACORN in a successful 1995 suit against the state of Illinois, which forced enactment of the so-called motor-voter law, making it easier for people to register vote. Obama said this week that he had “nothing to do with” ACORN’s massive voter registration drive.

ACORN spokesman Brian Kettenring retaliated this week in a series of conference calls and interviews. “What we’re seeing is the manufacture of a crisis, and attempts to smear Sen. Obama with it. It gives you an excuse should you lose or if there’s a contest outcome of the election.”

Voter fraud is rare in the United States, according to a 2007 report by the nonpartisan Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law. Based on reviews of voter fraud claims at the federal and state level, the center’s report asserted most problems were caused by things like technological glitches, clerical errors or mistakes made by voters and by election officials.

“It is more likely that an individual will be struck by lightning than he will impersonate another voter at the polls,” the report said.

Alex Keyssar, a professor at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, calls the current controversy “chapter 22 in a drama that’s been going on awhile. The pattern is that nothing much ever comes from this. There have been no known cases of people voting fraudulently.”

“What we’ve seen,” Keyssar said, “is sloppiness and someone’s idea of a stupid joke, like registering as Donald Duck.”

ACORN officials have repeatedly claimed that their own quality control workers were the first to discover problematic ballots. In every state investigating bad registrations, ACORN tipped off local officials to bogus or incomplete cards, spokesman Kettenring said.

Many states require that all registrations be submitted to local voting officials so that election directors are in charge of vetting problem ballots, not the groups collecting them.

Part-time ACORN workers receive one day of training and are paid \$8 an hour to collect signatures, according to Kettenring. He blamed bogus cards on cheating and lazy employees trying to make a buck for doing nothing.

When caught, Kettenring said, those workers are fired. The group is in the process of tallying the number of bad cards ACORN flagged for election officials, he said. Kettenring said he doubted the percentage of such

registrations would reach 2 percent.

But Republicans say any number of fake registrations is unacceptable and could affect the November election.

Signing up voters is a small part of ACORN activities. The group frequently leads challenges to minimum wage laws, predatory mortgage lending in poor and working-class neighborhoods and immigration policies.

Controversy is nothing new. It’s leaders are currently locked in a legal dispute stemming from allegations that the brother of the group’s founder misappropriated nearly \$1 million of the nonprofit’s money several years ago.

Since the 2004 election, ex-employees have been convicted of submitting false registrations in



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Freddie Johnson is interviewed by media outside the Board of Elections in Cleveland, Ohio. Johnson, 19, of Cleveland, said he signed 73 voter registration forms over a five-month period and said he was trying to help paid ACORN solicitors collect signed registrations but he didn’t intend to vote more than once.

states including Florida and Missouri.

“There are certainly problems and I don’t think anyone disagrees on that,” said Wang of Common

Cause. “But it doesn’t get reported that ACORN finds these registrations errors themselves. They flag them as being no good, but they have to turn them

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Clemons Fred Tinnemeyer was arrested late Friday in Riverside by United States Marshals, according to San

Bernardino County Sheriff's records. He was being held at the Central Detention Center in the city of San Bernardino.

Investigators said they believe the child's kidnapping may be linked to Tinnemeyer's drug dealings with Mexican nationals.

U.S. Marshals' and Las Vegas police officials had

no further information about the arrest early Saturday. San Bernardino County sheriff's officials did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

The boy, Cole Puffinburger, was abducted from a Las Vegas home Wednesday morning by three men posing as police officers. Police said they believe the men were Mexican drug dealers and that the kidnapping at gunpoint was a "message" to Tinnemeyer.

Tinnemeyer, 51, may have stolen millions of dollars from the Mexican nationals, said Officer Cris Johnson, a Las Vegas police spokesman. Johnson declined to say what role Tinnemeyer played in the drug operation or whether the kidnapers were seeking a ransom.

Police believe methamphetamine was involved, Johnson said.



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Bebe McCasland, right, receives the National Conservation Committee Award from Gail Barnes of the Nancy Anderson Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

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The chapter nominated McCasland for her 34 years of rescue and rehabilitation efforts. A national committee selected McCasland for the award.

In addition to her efforts in saving birds, McCasland educates the public about wildlife. She writes the weekly "Bird Poop" column for the Big Spring Herald. She has recently signed a book contract for a volume of her articles.

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Position Summary: Provides clinical assessments to determine eligibility and appropriateness of admission to all levels of care. Inquiries for services are processed and referred appropriately. Coordinates all potential admissions with required staff and physicians and processes the admission timely and effectively.
Minimum Requirements: Licensed in the State of Texas, LPC, LMSW, LCSW or Registered Nurse. Minimum of two years working in a mental health setting.

Registered Nurse
Position Summary: Provide professional nursing to a group of psychiatric assessing, developing, implementing, and evaluating a treatment plan to meet the specific needs of the patient and his family. Supervises LVNs, MHAs assigned to shift.
Minimum Requirements: Graduate of accredited school of nursing with current RN license in the State of Texas. Must have one year licensed nursing experience, with some psychiatric experience preferred.

LVN
Position Summary: Provide patient care services under the direction of an RN. Duties include medication administration and documentation per policy.
Minimum Requirements: One year direct-care experience required. Experience in a psychiatric facility in a direct care role preferred.

Mental Health Associate
Position Summary: Provide patient care services under the direction of an RN and serve as an effective and positive role model.
Minimum Requirements: Licensed in the State of Texas, LPC, LMSW, LCSW or Registered Nurse. Minimum of two years working in a mental health setting.

Receptionist
Position Summary: Responsible for processing all incoming calls and monitoring lobby traffic.
Minimum Requirements: Previous hospital reception and/or experience in a mental health environment preferred.

Housekeeper
Position Summary: Provides clinical assessments to determine eligibility and appropriateness of admission to all levels of care. Inquiries for services are processed and referred appropriately. Coordinates all potential admissions with required staff and physicians and processes the admission timely and effectively.
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Position Summary: Daily registration of patients, insurance verification of benefits and daily deposits. Create new charts with appropriate insurance information; collection of co-payments when needed and financial assessment of patients.
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J.W. Townsend



Codee Reynolds

HOWARD RODEO DUO GRABS TITLE

October 14, 2008
Vernon – HC Hawk men's duo Codee Reynolds (header) and J.W. Townsend (heeler) roped two steers in 13.5 seconds to win the average title at the Vernon College Rodeo in Vernon, TX, October 9-11, 2008. After a time of 7.0 seconds to finish just out of the points in the first round, the pair turned in a blistering run of 6.5 seconds to win the short round and the average. This is the second short round appearance for Reynolds and Townsend.

In the steer wrestling, Ryan Viva turfed two steers in 11.9 seconds to finish third in the average. Viva won the long round of competition with a 4.6 second run. Adam Sawyer made his presence known in the steer wrestling with runs of 5.1 and 8.1 to finish sixth in the average.

Brent Walden was the only HC tie down roper to qualify for the short round. Walden tied his first calf in 11.0 to finish eighth in that go. After a miss in the short round, Walden did not advance in the average.

Cody Samora is three for three in short round qualifications. Samora rode his bull for 77 points and fifth place in the first round. Samora next ride came up a little short of the needed eight seconds in the short round and received a no score in the short-go. Former Hawk Jamon Turner captured the title with two rides totaling 167 points.

The Hawk men had another good outing finishing the weekend tied for second and third in the team standings.

For the Hawk women, Kady Knox was the closest to qualifying in the top ten. Knox posted a 3.9 second run in the breakaway roping, the cut off was 3.5.

The Hawk Rodeo team will be wrapping up the fall season in Lubbock, TX on October 23-25 at Texas Tech University. For more details and standings, go to www.collegerodeo.com or www.howardcollege.edu.

October - November Events



For Full Schedule see
www.howardcollege.edu

Hawk Basketball - Women

Friday Oct. 24 @ Angelo State (Scrimmage) San Angelo, TX 6:00 PM
Wednesday Oct. 29 @ UTPB (Scrimmage) Odessa, TX 6:00 PM
Saturday Nov. 1 vs. Lubbock Christian JV Big Spring, TX 4:00 PM
Monday Nov. 3 vs. Abilene Christian JV Big Spring, TX 5:00 PM
Saturday Nov. 8 vs. Wayland Baptist JV Big Spring, TX 7:00 PM
Thursday Nov. 13 Garden City Classic Garden City, KS 1:30 PM
Friday Nov. 14 Garden City Classic Garden City, KS 5:30 PM
Saturday Nov. 15 Garden City Classic Garden City, KS 1:30 PM
Thursday Nov. 20 vs. Frank Phillips College Midland, TX 3:00 PM
Friday Nov. 21 WJAC Pre-Conference Tourney Midland, TX TBA
Saturday Nov. 22 WJAC Pre-Conference Tourney Midland, TX TBA
Nov. 29 vs. Chihuahua University Big Spring, TX 3:00 PM

Hawk Basketball - Men

Nov 8 Lackland Air Force Base Big Spring, TX 5pm
Nov 17 Abilene Christian University JV Big Spring, TX 7pm
Nov 28 Southwest Academy Ephraim, UT TBA
Nov 29 Snow College Classic Ephraim, UT TBA

Hawk Baseball

OCT 21 WESTERN TEXAS BIG SPRING, TX 2:00 PM
OCT 29 WESTERN TEXAS SNYDER, TX 1:00 PM
OCT 31 CITIBANK SHOWCASE MIDLAND, TX
NOV 1 CITIBANK SHOWCASE MIDLAND, TX

Nov 14, 15 & 16 - HC Theater Production

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ **"Wait Until Dark"**
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ **8:00 pm - Hall Center for the Arts**

Community Education Classes

Advanced Excel

Class: Advanced Excel (ITSW2049 001081Q)
Date: November 8, 2008
Time: Saturday 8:00 – 5:00
Instructor: Ed Roberts
Cost: \$45.00

Poinsettia Tree Ornaments

Class: Poinsettia Tree Ornaments (NF 0048 002081Q)
Date: November 4 - 5, 2008
Time: Tuesday and Wednesday 6:00 – 9:00pm
Instructor: Sue Bagwell
Cost: \$75.00

Description: This class will teach you how to make Poinsettia Tree Ornaments. You will finish this class with a Box that you have painted and four ornaments. Supplies will be purchased from the instructor for an additional \$10.00.

Basic Photography

Class: Basic Photography (NF 0048F081Q)
Instructor: Shelley Futrelle
Date: November 10 – December 2, 2008
Time: Monday & Tuesday Nights 6:00 – 9:00pm
Cost: \$100.00

Parenting Class

Class: Parenting (CDEC1012F001081Q)
Date: November 3 – February 2, 2008
Day: Monday
Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm
Instructor: Lisa Currie
Cost: \$110.00

Description: This course is taught from the Families in Focus Curriculum. This course will review the different parenting styles, breaking the chain of abuse, anger management, building self esteem in children, discipline and punishment with positive consequences and family reunification.



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Tenant: Unit #49 Minter, Chris Shun
Tenant: Unit #54 Cluck, Holly
Tenant: Unit #189 Heffington, Darla #5955 October 12 & 19, 2008

Legals

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) CONTRACTS
Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TXDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.
CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6032-13-001 for CRACK SEALING IN SCURRY County, etc will be opened on November 19, 2008 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$249,949.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 27923
State Office
Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist/Div Office(s)
Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone 325-676-6800
Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.
#5962 October 19 & 20, 2008

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dorothy P. Barrow, Deceased, were issued on October 6, 2008, in Cause No. P-13673, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Mary K. Lara.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
Estate of Dorothy P. Barrow
c/o Katie Lara,
Independent Executrix
2202 S. Main
Big Spring, Texas 79720
DATED the 13th day of October, 2008.
R. Shane Seaton
Attorney for Barrow Revocable Living Trust
State Bar No.: 24060918
P.O. Box 2211
Big Spring, TX 79721
Telephone: (432)264-1800
Facsimile: (432)264-0785.
#5964 October 19, 2008.

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: Dora C. Velesquez aka Dora C. Velasquez
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:
Lot 8, Blk 8, Suburban Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$11,059.73, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against DORA C. VELESQUEZ aka DORA C. VELASQUEZ and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on October 3, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL vs. DORA C. VELESQUEZ aka DORA C. VELASQUEZ, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5211 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.
Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.
All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 3 day of October, 2008 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 3rd day of October, A.D. 2008.
Brandie Martinez, Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5944 October 12 & 19, 2008

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: R.L. FIELDS
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:
W/5, of Lot 11, and all of Lot 12, Blk 10, Jones Valley Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,373.16, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against R.L. FIELDS AND MANUEL OLAGUE and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on October 2, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL vs. R.L. FIELDS AND MANUEL OLAGUE, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5398 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.
Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.
All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 2nd day of October, 2008 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 2nd day of October, A.D. 2008.
Brandie Martinez, Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5945 October 12 & 19, 2008

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: Vickie Elkins Ledesma
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:
Lot 6, BK 7, Monticello Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$996.73, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against VICKIE ELKINS LEDESMA and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on May 30, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL vs. VICKIE ELKINS LEDESMA, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5551 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.
Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.
All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

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Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 2nd day of October, A.D. 2008.
Brandie Martinez, Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
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30 1996 AL Rookie of the Year
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34 More than likes
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A: Weight control and regular physical activity are the most important steps you can take to raise your "good" HDL cholesterol. Higher HDL levels (60 mg/dl or above) are linked with lower risk of heart disease, while low HDL (40 mg/dl and below) is considered a major cardiovascular risk factor and is now being



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MS, RD, CDN

linked with greater risk of memory loss later in life. Low HDL levels are often associated with being overweight, especially if excess body fat is located at the waistline. Studies suggest that overweight people who reach and maintain a healthier weight may raise low HDL levels anywhere from 5 to 20 percent. Daily moderate aerobic physical activity, such as walking or swimming, is also very effective at raising low HDL. Although some people assume a low fat diet is beneficial, completely cutting out heart-healthy fat can hurt rather than help your efforts. Instead, minimize

saturated fat from fatty meats and high-fat dairy products, but include moderate amounts of olive oil and nuts. In addition, it's important to avoid smoking, which is linked with lower HDL, and make sure that blood sugar is under control.

Q: Is it true that sugar "feeds" cancer?

A: While all cells in our body use sugar (glucose) for fuel, research does suggest that cancer cells take up blood sugar more rapidly than healthy cells. In addition, high blood sugar stimulates increased levels of insulin in our body, which may promote growth of cancer

cells. Although this may sound frightening, the answer is not to avoid all sugar containing foods. The sugar in our bloodstream comes from all carbohydrate foods, including healthful vegetables, fruits, whole grains and low fat dairy sources; some glucose is even produced within our bodies from protein. For now our best answer is to keep blood sugar controlled with weight maintenance, regular exercise and a high-fiber diet. It's also important to avoid big loads of carbohydrate at once, particularly from refined grains like white bread or foods with added

sugars. Hopefully further research will provide more answers.

Q: Are pumpkin seeds nutritious?

A: Yes. Pumpkin seeds are an excellent source of the mineral magnesium and also supply some protein and fiber. They are naturally low in sodium as well, as long as they are unsalted, of course. Also, pumpkin seeds are among the nuts and seeds highest in phytosterols; these natural plant compounds help lower blood cholesterol levels and are currently added to some margarine spreads, juices and cereals. Despite being

noted as a good source of omega-3 fat, the amount that pumpkin seeds contain is actually quite low.

Although usually encased in an edible yellow-white husk, the pumpkin seed itself is a flat, dark green kernel. You can buy pumpkin seeds year round, but supplies are freshest in fall when pumpkins are in season.

If you want to prepare your own from a fresh pumpkin, separate the seeds from the pulp in a colander or on paper towels. Although not necessary, some people like to let the seeds dry overnight before roasting.

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Tasty tuna and bean salad

Although cool bean salads are typically served in the summer months, they make a great addition to a lunch bag any time of year. This week's recipe, which combines hearty garbanzo and cannellini beans with albacore tuna, is a cinch to prepare and is delicious served solo or on a whole grain baguette.

Tuna sandwiches have been a staple at lunchtime for many years. This hearty salad offers an updated alternative. Canned tuna is a great pantry staple to keep on hand as it is an excellent source of high quality protein and is low in saturated fat. Though much controversy surrounds tuna due to the possible risk of mercury contamination, experts agree that the warnings to limit consumption apply only to pregnant women, nursing mothers and young children. The government advisory warns these populations to keep tuna consumption to no more than 6 ounces per week.

In addition to the tuna and beans, this full flavored dish features a

variety of herbs, including mint, parsley and cilantro. Combined with a basic oil and vinegar dressing, the salad tastes light and refreshing, despite its nutritional density.

Kalamata olives, named after the city in Greece, provide additional depth of flavor. Just a handful of olives provide a distinct taste and aroma and add a meat-like texture. The olive tree - an evergreen tree native to the Mediterranean, Asia and parts of Africa - dates back more than 3000 years. Interestingly enough, the same trees produce both green and black olives, as the color is dependent on the time of harvest.

As an added bonus, this recipe can be prepared in advance and refrigerated up to 24 hours as a time saver.

Tasty Tuna and Bean Salad
2 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup natural rice vinegar
Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
1/2 can (about 8 oz.)
unsalted garbanzo beans
1/2 can (about 8 oz.)

unsalted cannellini beans
1 dozen kalamata olives, pitted
1/2 medium red onion, sliced lengthwise into thin slivers
2 Tbsp. fresh mint, coarsely chopped
2 Tbsp. fresh Italian parsley, coarsely chopped
1 (12 ounce) can solid white albacore tuna in water, drained
1/4 cup chopped red pepper (as garnish)

In small bowl whisk together oil, garlic, vinegar, and salt and pepper. Set aside dressing.

In medium bowl gently toss beans, onion, mint and parsley. Add tuna and sufficient dressing to coat. Gently toss and drizzle additional dressing, if needed, to thoroughly coat. Add chopped red pepper and mix well. Cover and place in refrigerator for a minimum of 30 minutes up to 24 hours before serving. Makes 4 servings.
Per serving: 310 calories, 13 g total fat (2 g saturated fat),
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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My sister-in-law, "Daisy," has discovered the world of blogging. While I enjoy seeing photos and reading news about my brother, his wife and their children, Daisy has recently been posting unkind remarks about my parents.

My parents have been very generous and supportive of this young woman for over 10 years, and it hurts me to read these comments. When Daisy complains to me about my folks, I try to encourage her to overlook their faults. I understood her frustration with my mother's suggestion of an old home remedy from the 1940s. But I don't understand publicly slamming them with some pretty cruel comments.

When I was first married, I learned to thank my mother-in-law for her advice and then do as I thought best. I have sug-



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

gested this to Daisy, but she seems hostile to the idea. Should I confront her and tell her that I've read her statements? Should I ask her to stop? Thankfully, my parents do not have a computer so they will never know about this. Is there anything I can do? -- Blogging Blues

Dear Blogging: Try talking to your brother. Tell him you enjoy the news and pictures of the fami-

ly, but you think the nasty comments about the folks are unnecessary. Other family members are apparently reading this blog, which reflects poorly on Daisy, and she ought to reconsider broadcasting her negative opinions. Other than that, all you can do is remove yourself from her mailing list, or enjoy the photographs and stop reading the commentary.

Dear Annie: Two years ago, I divorced my husband, "Jim," after eight years of marriage. We had no children. I have since remarried, and so has he.

The problem is, Jim is a constant presence at family gatherings and holidays. At first, I said nothing, hoping he'd eventually be less attached, but it hasn't happened and now his new wife hangs around my family, too. Some of my relatives think I'm the one with the problem because I don't

want to be around my ex at every family function. But my husband and I feel uncomfortable around them, and including them under those circumstances seems disrespectful to us. I do not wish to attend any more functions where Jim is present.

I didn't expect my family to dump Jim like a hot potato, but this is getting really old, really fast. Any suggestions? -- Sick of the Ex

Dear Sick: Your relatives get to invite whomever they choose, and you get to decide if you're going to attend. If they keep inviting Jim, they will no longer see you at these functions. Please make that clear to them, nicely, so they can make more intelligent decisions about their guest list for future family events.

Dear Annie: I take issue with your response to "Loving Relative of a

Sweet Old Lady," who said her 72-year-old Aunt "Gladys" takes only three showers a week and has begun to smell. You suggested our sense of smell weakens as we age and that her aunt should be informed of this.

In this day and time, the 70s are not old. As you may have guessed, my husband and I are in our 70s and just returned from Holland where we went biking every day. As you suggested, Aunt Gladys needs a checkup by her doctor to see if something is physically wrong. It is not old age. -- Still Good

Dear Good: We didn't say her aunt was suffering from "old age." We said that as we age, our senses can dull. This means a 40-year-old doesn't have the hearing of a 20-year-old and a 72-year-old may not have the acute sense of smell that she did at 30. If we don't acknowledge that these

things can happen, we don't take the steps to ameliorate them.

Dear Annie: My boyfriend and I have been together for three years. He is wonderful, except he still pays the cell phone bill for his former girlfriend, "Valerie." Val's mother and father are also on the plan and can easily afford their own phone bills.

At first, I was like, OK, I will not be jealous. But it irks me to write that check every month. And now all of a sudden Valerie needs my boyfriend's help finding a new car. She still calls and e-mails him daily.

Is there a way to cut the cord? I am getting sick of biting my tongue. -- Ouch

Dear Ouch: Stop biting and speak up. Unless Val is destitute, we can think of no legitimate reason for your boyfriend to continue paying her cell phone bill or that of her parents. Explain that he is only making things more difficult for Valerie. She cannot move on unless she can be independent of him, and he is making that impossible. He should not be so enmeshed with an ex-girlfriend, unless, of course, he doesn't want her to be so "ex," if you get our drift.

Dear Annie: "Seattle Grandmother" was concerned about an adult man who liked to play with little kids. After years of marriage and three beautiful little girls, I grew suspicious of my father-in-law's obsession with children. I found stashes of toys in his room. Once, I let him baby-sit while I went to the grocery store and came home to find my little darlings sitting on the couch with Grandpa, watching porn.

My husband didn't take my concerns seriously, so I packed up my kids and left. The next 18 years were tough. I had to deal with anger and denial from my two eldest daughters, who remembered Grandpa's lovely house and whose father told them after every visit that I broke up our family.

Last year, my ex-husband told our grown daughters that he discovered Grandpa was a convicted child molester and admitted I had done the right thing by leaving. I am happy my girls know the truth, but I feel sad for my ex, as this destroyed his family. The grandparents, near 90, no longer see their children or grandchildren. Grandma is despised as well, for she kept his dirty little secret.

Remember that the voice in your head is there for a reason. Listen to it. -- Gut Instinct

Dear Instinct: It's too bad it took your ex so long to uncover the truth, but the vindication must be a relief to you.

Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Sam H. Barrow, Deceased, were issued on October 6, 2008, in Cause No. P-13673, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: William W. Barrow. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
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TO: Mark Edwards

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

Lot 8, BK 20, Cole & Strayhorn Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,258.01, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against MARK EDWARDS and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on April 30, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MARK EDWARDS, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5537 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinafter described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 2nd day of October, 2008 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 2nd day of October, A.D. 2008.

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TO: Roger Lee Edwards

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

Lot 9, Blk 20, Cole & Strayhorn Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$964.56, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against ROGER LEE EDWARDS and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on April 30, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ROGER LEE EDWARDS, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5536 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinafter described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 2nd day of October, 2008 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

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

TO: Manuel Carrasco

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

W/2 of Lot 3 and all of Lot 4, Blk 3, Bauer Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,963.95, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against MANUEL CARRASCO AND MARIA CARRASCO and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on April 30, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MANUEL CARRASCO AND MARIA CARRASCO, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5539 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinafter described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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TO: Loretta Murphy

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

Lot 21, Blk 7, Suburban Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,402.37, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against CHARLES W. MURPHY AND LORETTA MURPHY and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on July 31, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. CHARLES W. MURPHY AND LORETTA MURPHY, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5283 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinafter described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

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TO: Denver Heffington

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

Lts 23 & 24, BK 1, J.T. Price Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$969.10, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against DENVER HEFFINGTON and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on October 2, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. DENVER HEFFINGTON, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5549 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinafter described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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Courtesy photo

American State Bank's Bill Spiller presents a new copier to local Salvation Army Capt. Terrie Cheshire to help streamline the local charity's application process for the annual Angel Tree Program.



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Garden City Homecoming Queen Sydney Halfmann and Mr. Bearkat Levi Schaefer pose for a photo at halftime of Friday's football game.



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Garden City High School students Andrea Mier and Jessie Montes were named Band Sweetheart and Band Beau, respectively Friday night.

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My family and I have been long life residents of Howard County. My father, Dr. Thomas practiced medicine in Big Spring for over 50 years and my mother, Jane Thomas was involved in several civic organizations as well. As you can see, Howard County is home and will always continue to be home.

I have been the Howard County Attorney for the past 11 years and would like to continue to be your Howard County Attorney. As County Attorney, you must be familiar with business and criminal law. I believe I am uniquely qualified to help the commissioners with the business dealings of government. My undergraduate degree is in accounting and I am also a licensed CPA. I served as the City Attorney for a number of years and helped the City Council with their business decisions.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The Cancer moon serves chicken soup to the soul. This may involve meeting physical needs, like planning nutritious meals for the week, or familial obligations. Emotions surface, especially if we've been too busy to notice them. If we unexpectedly tear up over a TV commercial, that's how we're getting in touch with our feelings!



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're so close to someone that it feels at times you are one mind, two bodies. You'll continue to notice how connected you are not only to this person, but to everyone you know (especially the Leos).

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you have a feeling you'll do well in an endeavor, you may still be tempted to set a very mild goal for yourself. Whatever

your expectation, you will slightly exceed it. So you may as well set your sights high.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Others around you will engage in a war of words, and you're wise to stay as neutral as Switzerland. Remain collected and clear; you will be a valuable middleman when the two sides are ready to negotiate.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Mundane comforts hold no appeal. To invest yourself in mere existence seems ever so dull. You want to live, with a capital "L," to thrive and dance. Get involved in over-the-top experiences.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is no need to independently shoulder all of the difficult tasks presented to you. Even heroes like you need to be receptive to the willingness of others to lend a helping hand, especially a Cancer and Libra.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No more trips down Memory Lane; you need to focus on the present. Sure, some of your yesterdays truly rocked, but so does today. The fun you have

with Aries or Taurus is once in a lifetime.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You exude sensuality and someone you find attractive will fall under your spell. Don't weigh new relationships down with questions and expectations. Enjoy every delicious moment as it unfolds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Friendship is a noble state of being. You're wise to honor the privilege of another person's affection by giving the highest offering you can think of, and by the same token, withholding petty requests or concerns.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you get around certain people you want to unload all of your complaints about the world. Still other people inspire you to boast. It's illuminating to reflect on exactly why this might be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Checking in with family is important to your well-being. There's not much news to share, but it's good to be reminded of your bond. Tonight, a hopeful chat with Sagittarius helps you see

the glimmering future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You found out a long time ago that life isn't always fair. But even when it's your turn to be on the sweeter side of a deal, you're still reluctant to take your share. Go ahead. It's time to give a little and get a lot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're inspired to improve key aspects of your talent. The knowledge and means are readily attainable and you can cultivate what's rough, refine what was unfinished and polish up the thing that always had potential.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This week welcomes the sun's entry into Scorpio, and with this, emotional complexity and energetic vigor enter our lives. No sign is more intimate with the power of desire. Desire powers the universe, after all! As a creative force, we call this passion. For the next four weeks, Scorpio brings renewed focus and emotional vigor to what it is we really want -- not what the id wants, but our deeper truth. A bit of mucking

around in the darkness of our emotions might be required. Scorpio generously guards the secrets of the universe and bestows spiritual insight to brave souls willing to face their darkness. Yet for Scorpio, passions can literally "get the best of us" when we fixate on a person, idea or thing in an obsessive way. In one classical legend, a cunning scorpion used questionable tactics to slay the powerful warrior Orion, causing both to become immortalized in combat for all of eternity in the night sky (it's said as the constellation of Scorpio rises in the east, Orion flees to the west). The win was dubious, as dishonesty never proves triumphant. Yet even negative obsessions have emotional power we can use for creative action.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Charity begins at home for Libran Ty Pennington. Libra-born do take pride in caring for their home and family, and that's where their devotion really shines. Ty's Venus is in caring Virgo; it's evident he enjoys bringing families closer together as

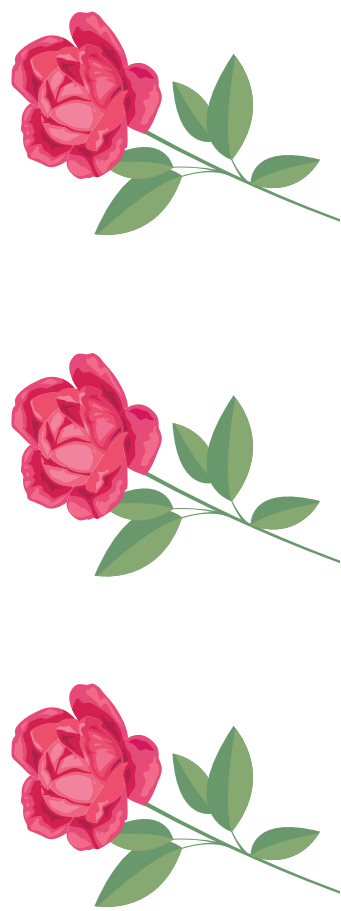

much as fixing things up. Ty is putting a new spin on home improvement by spreading charitable acts across the nation, one family at a time.

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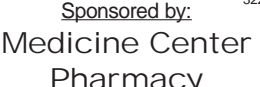


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Ovarian cancer is the most deadly of all cancers of the female reproductive system, killing approximately 50 percent of American women diagnosed with the disease within five years. Early detection is a woman's best line of defense, making annual testing vitally important.

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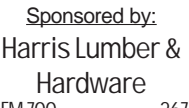


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Some investors grow leery of stocks in grim market

By **DAVE CARPENTER**
AP Business Writer

CHICAGO — Judy Katz reached her breaking point with stocks when the Dow collapsed at the start of this month, free-falling as much as 2,400 points and taking a big chunk of her life's savings with it before she hastily cashed out all of her funds.

Even though she's \$200,000 poorer and the market's up 5 percent since she sold, the 65-year-old New Yorker says she's happy to be off the daily rollercoaster — and sure she'll never quite feel comfortable in stocks again.

"I don't know what to do," said Katz, who runs a ghostwriting business, after parking her personal nest egg of nearly \$1 million temporarily in her checking account this month. "You can't really put the money under the mattress or somewhere where it will get 2 percent."

Stock prices are back to levels of more than a decade ago, 401(k)s have taken huge hits and investors have seen years of savings demolished seemingly overnight. Individual investors have pulled money out of stock mutual funds at a record rate this month — \$55.6 billion as of Wednesday, according to TrimTabs Investment Research — amid the 40 percent drop in the Standard & Poor's 500 index since last October.

It's enough to make investors question the soundness of investing in stocks, at least for now, and raises the question of whether older investors in particular could possibly abandon the market for good as many did in the 1930s.

"Just as the Great Depression scared an entire generation away from the stock market, and thereby excluded them from participating in the economy's growth for decades, recent events have the potential to disproportionately taint investors' views against investing," said Barbara MacLeod, professor of

finance at Ohio Wesleyan University.

That would mean rejecting the prevailing financial advice to keep some savings in stocks at all ages in order to stay ahead of inflation and earn enough returns so funds aren't exhausted in retirement. Historical data make a resounding case for stocks over the long haul, with average returns after inflation of 9.7 percent annually for stocks in small companies and 7.4 percent for stocks in large companies compared to 0.9 percent for "cash" (30-day Treasury bills), according to T. Rowe Price. Consider that so far this year consumer prices have risen at an annualized pace of 4.5 percent.

Numerous experts don't see Americans fleeing stocks for good and heading en masse into "mattress investing" or even CDs or bank accounts — at least not yet.

The reasons, they say: Investors respond mostly to what's happened with stocks in the recent past, meaning a good 12 months could go a long way toward easing the pain of this plummeting market. What's more, though many expect the current economic downturn to be worse than the most recent recessions of 2001 and 1990-91, so far investors haven't faced the severe conse-

quences that stem from a prolonged recessionary economy.

Hersh Shefrin, a professor of behavioral finance at Santa Clara University, predicts there will be permanent scarring after the economy hits bottom. That may translate into a more widespread wariness of stocks.

For now, he said, "people have just been sort of jolted and are in a state of some shock. But the scarring's going to happen, I think, because the economic downturn is going to be quite protracted."

The lessons to be drawn from past recessions and bear markets are somewhat mixed, providing some hopeful signs but also worrisome ones with regard to current recovery prospects.

On the bright side are historical numbers that suggest the potential for an imminent end to the bear market, a term generally applied to a prolonged drop in stock prices of 20 percent or more.

The S&P 500 has lost an average of 31 percent during the last six bear markets, which all were paired with recessions. The current, year-old bear market already has exceeded that by 9 percentage points.

Though financial planners see few signs of investors who are vowing to swear off stocks for good.



AP Photo/Mary Altaffer

Judy Katz poses Friday in New York. Katz, who runs a ghostwriting business, reached her breaking point with stocks when the Dow collapsed at the start of this month, free-falling as much as 2,400 points and taking a big chunk of her life's savings with it before she hastily cashed out all of her funds.



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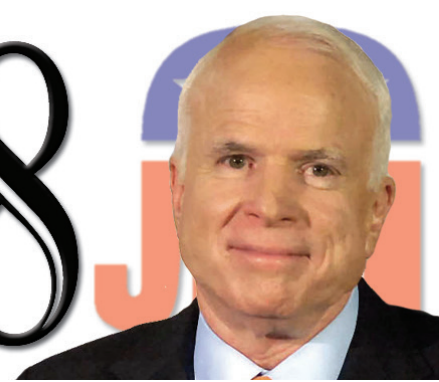
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Election '08



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Early voting polls set to open Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Early voting is set to begin Monday morning, and while much of the focus will be on the presidential race between Republican nominee John McCain and Dem nominee Barack Obama, Howard County voters will have plenty of local and state contests to weigh in on.

In the race for Howard County Sheriff, Republican candidate Stan Parker, a former officer with the Big Spring Police Department, is facing off against Democratic nominee Pat Carter, a former sheriff's deputy.

The District 1 seat on the commissioners court is also up for grabs, as Emma Brown, incumbent and Democratic Party nominee, takes on Republican nominee Edwin Ware.

The District 3 seat on the court will see a new face following the November contest, as Democratic nominee Dick Dubose takes on Republican candidate Jimmie Long. Incumbent Commissioner Bill Crooker did not run for re-election.

County Attorney Mike Thomas is running for re-election with the Democratic Party, drawing his only opponent in local attorney Joshua Hamby, who is running on the Republican ticket.

County Constable Bill Holden is running for re-election on the Democratic ticket, challenged by Republican nominee Kneel B. Stallings

In state politics, incumbent U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R) is running against Democratic opponent Rick Noriega and Libertarian candidate Yvonne Adams Schick.

Incumbent District 19 U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer is riding the Republican ticket into the November election, facing Democratic nominee Dwight Fullingim and Libertarian nominee Richard "Chip" Peterson.

District 31 State Senator Kel Seliger is taking the GOP's nod into the contest, with only Libertarian candidate Lauren Poindexter opposing the incumbent.

Democratic incumbent Joe Heflin is running for re-election to his State Representative District 85 seat, facing Republican nominee Isaac M. Castro on the ballot.

For more information on the Howard County races, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

In Martin County, election officials are also gearing up for the opening of early voting, which will take place Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. each day. The early voting polls will be located at the Martin County Courthouse, 301 N. St. Peter Street in Stanton.

Martin County will also see a new sheriff at the end of the Nov. 4 contest, as Democratic candidate Jerry Heflin squares off against Republican candidate John Woodward III for the of-

ice. Incumbent Sheriff Randy Cozart opted not to run for re-election.

The race for the Precinct 3 seat on the Martin County Commissioners Court is also without an incumbent, as Republican hopeful Bobby Holland will go up against Democratic candidate Morgan Cox.

Voters in Martin County will also weigh in on the District 82 State Representative race, which will feature incumbent Tom Craddick, a Republican, against Democratic nominee Bill Dingus and Libertarian hopeful Sherry Phillips.

The District 11 U.S. Representative seat will also be decided this November, as incumbent Republican candidate Mike Conaway takes on Libertarian can-



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Jane Hammond, chief clerk for early voting, sets up a voting machine in the courtroom located on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse. County officials are expecting approximately 7,000 county residents to cast their ballots early during this election.

didate John R. Strohm.

For more information on Martin County races, contact the county clerk's office at 756-3412.

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

Candidates chime in on issues

The autumn season in Howard County means two things for a city/county reporter — football and elections.

And while the gridiron certainly beckons, it's the second season-indicator that has consumed the vast majority of my time over the past few weeks.



Thomas Jenkins

In an effort to educate the voters before they head to the polls — with early voting set to begin Monday morning — the Herald is once again publishing its election guide, which includes responses to a candidate questionnaires from our state and local political hopefuls.

An invitation to participate in the questionnaire was sent to all 20 candidates, and while a few were unable to participate this year, the vast

majority have decided to step up to the plate and answer questions regarding their political platforms.

Each candidate was asked to answer the questions contained in their questionnaire in 650 words or less, as well as provide essential information such as their age, occupation and certificates or awards they felt made them the best man — or woman — for the job.

While some candidates chose

to answer their questions in-depth and others were rather tight-lipped, we at the Big Spring Herald hope this information will help voters go to the polls with a clearer understanding where the political hopefuls stand on the issues, regardless of party affiliation.

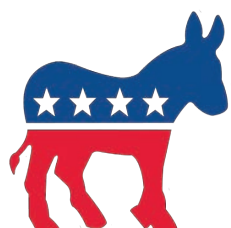
Good luck to all of this year's candidates, and to everyone that decides to do their civic duty and cast a ballot in the election.



Pat Carter

Democratic nominee for Sheriff
Age: 64
Occupation: Security officer
Awards, certificates or experience you feel

make you best suited for the office: Advanced Peace Officer Certificate; Certified Texas jailer; trained corrections officer; security officer; successful restaurant owner/operator; Vietnam War Era veteran; U.S. Army and Navy; drilling rig manager; oil field safety officer; city council member.



Question 1: If elected, running the new county jail currently under construction will be just one of many challenges facing the Sheriff's Office in the coming years. What do you see as the most critical aspect of operating the new facility,

and what plans do you have to make sure the transition moves smoothly?

If I am elected Sheriff, running the new county jail currently under construction will be one challenge facing the Sheriff's Office in the coming years. I feel the most critical aspect of operating the new county jail will be operational costs, since the actual cost of the facility has already been determined. The costs of operating the jail have been projected,

but there are variables involved that will create other challenges for the sheriff, supervisors and jailers alike. The price of fuel affects the cost of utilities, and as we have seen in the last year or so, this price can be extremely unpredictable, creating the necessity to make adjustments accordingly. I will have no control over those prices, but any practices of the

wasting of utilities will be eliminated.

The actual number of jailers needed to man the new, much larger facility will fluctuate with the number of incarcerated individuals. Ensuring the jail is manned according to Jail Commission standards will also create some special challenges for supervisors. When space is available, I plan to lease prisoners from other counties that are facing over-crowding, as well as the housing of Federal prisoners. We will have to meet requirements and certifications of the Bureau of Prisons. This will bring added revenue into the coffers of Howard County and make the new jail more cost effective.

There is also the opportunity to utilize prisoners for outside work. This comes with some very strict guidelines, but can be utilized to get inmates out

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Howard County Sheriff

Republican nominee for Sheriff
Age: 44
Occupation: Self employed (small business operator)

Awards, certificates or experience you feel make you best suited for the office: Nearly 20 years of law enforcement experience; 13 years law enforcement supervisory and administrative experience; associates degree from Howard College; graduate of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas; a master peace officer certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education (TCLEOSE); 4,349 hours of TCLEOSE training.

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operating the new facility, and what plans do you have to make sure the transition moves smoothly?

I feel one of the most critical aspects of operating the new jail will be to properly manage the jail, to ensure the facility stays within budget. With the opening of this new facility, the expectation is a substantial amount of money will be saved by Howard County and the city of Big Spring. We will no longer have to contract with other facilities to house our inmates and it will eliminate our jail staff from transporting inmates from other facilities outside of Big Spring back to Howard County for court.

If the facility is not properly managed it can easily exceed budget, putting additional strain on Howard County coffers. Once we move

into the facility we will have to methodically inspect every nook, cranny and operating system to ensure the facility is functioning as designed and there are no structural problems or defects before the warranty period expires. We must develop a regular maintenance program for the jail to keep it in excellent operating

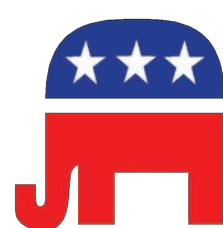
condition so the facility will last for years to come. It will be important to contract out any bed space that is not being utilized by our county.

By contracting any extra bed space we can generate revenue to pay for the operation and bonded indebtedness of our new jail, benefiting our taxpayers. Using current and historic

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Stan Parker





Democratic nominee
Age: not provided
Occupation: Howard County Commissioner for Precinct 1
Awards, certificates or experience you feel make you best suited for the office: Former member of the A.R.C. Ambulance Committee

Emma Brown

Question 1: Energy conservation — including gasoline, electricity, natural gas, etc. — has become a major concern over the past several years thanks to the “green” movement. As a county commissioner, what plans do you have in mind to make the county’s operations more Earth-friendly?



As a county commissioner, I would recommend replacing light bulbs with energy efficient light bulbs in all county facilities. Simple practices, such as turning off the lights when not in use,

Howard County Commissioner Precinct 1

can save energy.

Question 2: What do you see as the biggest challenge facing Howard County in the coming years, and how will you address it?

Reducing the current tax rate is the biggest challenge. Concern over the rising tax rate and effects they have on all taxpayers is an issue I always have. I want to solve this major problem and ease the taxpayers burden.

Question 3: With taxes in the Howard County area already elevated due to several recent bond issues, what will you do as commissioner to ease the tax burden on the taxpayers?

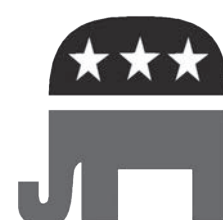
Rising tax rates is always a major concern I keep in mind. Monitoring county vehicle fuel consumption and other county costs can help the taxpayers burden.

Republican nominee
Age: not provided
Occupation: Comptroller for a new and used car dealership
Awards, certificates or experience you feel make you best suited for the office: Treasurer for the Midland Jaycees; Dallas County Precinct Chairman, area chairman and county chairman (nine years); board of directors for the Credit Manager Assoc. of Dallas County (eight years); Member, treasurer and on the board of directors of the Howard County Sheriff’s Posse; member of the executive committee of the Howard County Republican Party; Midland Jaycees Quarterman Award and Key Man of the Year; and honorary Deputy Sheriff Award (Dallas County)

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have in mind to make the county’s operations more Earth-friendly?

My plan for energy conservation is to investigate the feasibility of converting all gasoline vehicles, if practical, to natural gas, as the cost of natural gas is less. I will also study bio-diesel for our diesel vehicles. It works for cities, we should be able to utilize these savings for our county.



the motors off. This should save money for the county.

Regarding the use and cost of electricity and natural gas in all of the county buildings, we should follow the example of the city of Big Spring and

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Edwin Ware

I have observed city of Big Spring and Howard County employees leaving their vehicles running while they are out of them. I will work to get employees to turn



Democratic nominee
Age: 57
Occupation: Retired firefighter, Howard College employee
Awards, certificates

Dick Dubose

or experience you feel make you best suited for the office: a master firefighter certificate, with a methods of teaching certificate from the state of Texas; associate of the arts degree from Howard College; civilian board member for the Big Spring Firemen’s Relief and Retirement Fund; and a member of the board of directors for the Emergency Services Chaplains Corps.



Question 1: Energy conservation — including gasoline, electricity, natural gas, etc. — has become a major concern over the past several years thanks to the “green” movement. As a county commissioner, what plans do you have in mind to make the county’s operations more Earth-friendly?

I feel like it is the responsibility of the commissioners court to be good stewards of the county’s money and also to protect the environment.

To do this we must, as equipment wears out, replace it with fuel efficient Earth-friendly equipment, when the cost will permit it.

We may need to check into converting our vehi-

cles to natural gas. It may not be feasible now, but with technology improving every day, it might be an option for the future. As natural gas burns cleaner than regular gasoline, it is Earth-friendly and may be cost friendly as well.

As your full time county commissioner, I will use good, common sense in all of my decisions and I will try to always look before I leap.

Question 2: What do you see as the biggest challenge facing Howard County in the coming years, and how will you address it?

I feel like the biggest challenge facing Howard County in the coming years is the unknown. Most things the commissioners court deals with are predictable and foreseeable, such as replacing worn out vehicles, roadwork grading and paving roads, mowing county roadways, etc.

The unknown factor creates a much different problem. For instance, the tax dispute with Alon, the extremely high cost of fuel, or questions, such as how long will the oil boom last?

And while we knew it was possible, who thought the state of Texas would shut down our jail, or how about the stock market? What’s going to happen next?

Some things are predictable, some things are

Howard County Commissioner Precinct 3

not. These last few years should have opened everyone’s eyes, especially the county commissioners, we need to plan for the unknown.

As your full-time county commissioner, I will, with your help, plan for the unknown.

Question 3: With taxes in the Howard County area already elevated due to several recent bond issues, what will you do as commissioner to ease the tax burden on the taxpayers?

We need to learn how to live within our budget, just like the taxpayers do. High taxes not only hurt the taxpayers, it also acts as a deterrent to new business wanting to locate to the Big Spring, Howard County area.

I wish i had a magic wand and could wave it and instantly our taxes would be lower, but unfortunately, I don’t.

So we will have to do it the old fashion way, by hard work.

We need to play our ace-in-the-hole and promote ourselves to the rest of the world as a good place to live and work and raise a family.

A small town located at the crossroads of West Texas, Big Sky-Big Heart-Big Spring.

We have wonderful weather, excellent schools and an excellent junior college. we have a sheriff’s office, police department

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Republican nominee
Age: not provided
Occupation: Farming in the outlying areas of northeast Howard County for 17 years, vice president of Alemt Corporation for 12 years, and currently the co-owner of Faith Builders, a residential construction contractor.

Awards, certificates or experience you feel make you best suited for the office: Education includes being a graduate of Coahoma High School, Certificate of completion in Petroleum Lease Management from Permian Basin Petroleum Institution of Midland, Life and Health Insurance License from Texas State Board of Insurance, Certificate of completion in Fasteners Manufacturing and Purchasing of Domestic and Foreign Fasteners from Los Angeles Fasteners Association in Los Angeles, Calif., and an Ordained Minister’s License with Christ for the Nations in Dallas.

Question 1: Energy conservation — including gasoline, electricity, natural gas, etc. — has become a major concern over the past several years thanks to the “green” movement. As a county commissioner, what plans do you have in mind to make the county’s operations more Earth-friendly?

First, I want to remind everyone that the county commissioners have already started taking steps toward more Earth-friendly

relief to the wind turbine companies. This has given those companies incentives to build these wind turbines in Howard County instead of somewhere else. In turn, this has brought an economic boost in retail sales into Howard County: restaurants, lodging, etc.

I believe it is of the utmost importance to seek green energy sources as well as continue to support our companies who provide such a vital part of our community’s economy in the oil and petroleum industry.

One of those earth-friendly sources is geothermal heating and cooling.

I would like to see as many of Howard County facilities converted to this green energy source due to environmental advantages as well as its cost efficiency.

This would provide an estimated 50 percent savings in utility cost and would save Howard County hundreds of thousands of dollars at a time when our budget needs it most.

As your commissioner, I will be open to all energy alternatives, which will lead to more efficient and effective operations for Howard County immediately, as well as in the future.

Question 2: What do you see as the biggest challenge facing Howard County in the coming years, and how will you

ly operations in our county by giving tax

address it?

Actually there are several challenges Howard County faces.

We must change the way that we’ve done business in the past by making the commissioners court a goal-oriented organization just like any successful business.

Howard County must have a plan with measurable goals for five, 10 and even 20 years down the road.

Without a master plan, the day-to-day decisions made by the commissioners court will have no direction. Even if good ideas are presented to the court, we must ask, “Does this

move us in the direction for the future of Howard County?”

One main challenge is in maintaining a balanced budget, rebuilding reserves and maintaining the services necessary to run our county.

With every supplier contract and bid we must carefully consider all of our options and those bids and contracts must be thoroughly reviewed to maximize our tax dollar value.

With time running out on our city and county landfill, we must take action now and start making plans and setting goals with city officials and begin saving funds for relocation. No one in this

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Jimmie Long

**ELECT
JAMES (DICK)
DUBOSE
FOR A
FULL TIME COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 3**

AFTER RETIRING FROM THE BIG SPRING FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH 30 YEARS SERVICE, I STILL WOULD LIKE TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF HOWARD COUNTY. THAT IS WHY I AM RUNNING FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER. I CURRENTLY SET ON THE RELIEF AND RETIREMENT BOARD OF THE BSFD, WITH A FUND OF OVER 10 MILLION DOLLARS.

I ALSO SET ON THE EMERGENCY SERVICE CHAPLIN CORP. AS SECRETARY.

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This is the county precinct you can vote in. Seats 1 and 3 are on this year’s ballot.



Republican nominee
Age: not provided
Occupation: Attorney
Awards, certificates or experience you believe makes you best suited for the office: not provided

Mike Thomas

Question 1: What do you see as the biggest challenge facing the County Attorney's office in the coming years, and how will you address it?

One of the biggest challenges I see for Howard County are drugs, alcohol related offenses and the involvement of juveniles in criminal activity.



The county attorney is the primary prosecutor for misdemeanors and all crimes involving juveniles. I am responsible for a large number of cases. My goal is to prosecute these cases fairly and in a prompt fashion, seeing that justice is done in each individual case.

Question 2: What experience or training do you feel makes you the best candidate for County Attorney?

I have been in the legal profession for 20 years, and held the office of Howard County Attorney for the past 12 years. I am familiar with business and criminal law, I am a CPA and have served as city attorney. This makes me uniquely qualified to assist the commissioners with the business dealings of government. As Howard County Attorney, I have an open door policy. I am glad to visit with anyone that has a problem that involves county business.

Question 3: If elected, what are your long-term goals for the County Attorney's office?

One of my long-term goals is to keep juveniles in school, and keep them from getting involved in the cycle of crime. I will expedite the prosecution of cases presented to my office, and assist all parties involved in a timely manner.

This is an exciting time for Howard County with having the new jail. This new facility will enable us to more efficiently enforce the laws in Howard County. I look forward to working with the new sheriff and commissioners court for the betterment of Howard County.

Democratic nominee

Age: 35
Occupation: Attorney at law
Awards, certificates or experience you believe makes you best suited for the office: Eagle Scout; graduated from Big Spring High School in 1991; graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in agricultural economics in 1995; graduated from Texas Wesleyan University with Doctor in jurisprudence in 2001; Admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the State of Texas in 2002; practiced law with my father, Lanny Hamby, and uncle, Rick Hamby from 2002 until 2004; took over my father's practice in 2004 and have been a solo practitioner from 2005 until present date; represent clients in all areas of practice, including criminal law in all courts in Howard County; volunteered as Teen Court judge from 2006 until present; and serve as a deacon at First Christian Church.

Question 1: What do you see as the biggest challenge facing the County Attorney's office in the coming years, and how will you address it?

In the last few years, the level of criminal activity in our county has increased, which has caused our law enforcement agencies to be stretched to the limit. Business as usual in the office of the county attorney will no longer suffice. A new and vigorous prosecution of these crimes is needed, which will serve to deter this increase.

A message must be sent to these individuals that their criminal acts will not be tolerated. At the same time, there are new challenges facing our commissioners court that will require sound legal advice and direction from the office of the county attorney. Every contract, agreement or instrument that effects the county must be examined with scrutiny. The county attorney is going to have to work more closely with law enforcement agencies and the commissioners court with regard to all issues facing our county in connection with the construction and operation of the new county jail.

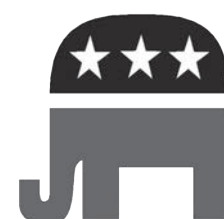
Question 2: What experience or training do you feel makes you the best candidate for County Attorney?

I'm a lifelong resident of Howard County. My family resides here and my children attend school in Howard County. This gives me a huge investment in this county. I have had experiences in representing defendants in all of the Howard County courts. I understand both sides of the docket. I possess all of the qualifications and experience necessary for this office.



Josh Hamby

I have had the privilege and honor of representing Glasscock County from time to time with regards to issues facing that county. More importantly, however, I have a passion for justice and want my family and all of Howard County's residents to live in a place where our children can play and we are safe to enjoy our homes and to walk the streets without fear.



Question 3: If elected, what are your long-term goals for the County Attorney's office?

If I am fortunate enough to have the citizens of this county trust me with this office, these would be my long-term goals:

Develop a much closer relationship between the office of the county attorney and the law enforcement agencies. Each time an officer makes an arrest or files a complaint, he deserves to have that case prosecuted by the prosecutor having jurisdiction. It is going to take both branches of our legal system working together as never before in the arrest and prosecution of law breakers to curb the growing increase in crime in our community.

For the first time in decades, our community is beginning to enjoy a measure of growth and prosperity. Exciting new projects and developments are expected to begin here soon, which reinforces the notion that the gang activity and current crime rate must be eliminated. For these endeavors to attract new people and businesses here, a safe community must be provided.

After much controversy, our citizens have elected to construct a new multi-million-dollar jail facility. My long-term goal will be to see that this facility is put to the ultimate use.



We, members of the Law Enforcement Community of Big Spring and Howard County, would like to openly express our support for Stan Parker, Republican Candidate, for Howard County Sheriff. We feel he is the best candidate for this position. Stan Parker has shown dedication and desire in the field of Law Enforcement for many years. We are confident in Stan Parker's ability to do the job of Sheriff because of his Law Enforcement Experience, and his many years of Law Enforcement supervisory and administration experience. Stan Parker has stayed informed on important issues facing this community and we believe he is more than prepared to address them.

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- Lynn Creswell
- Mark Daily
- Arthur Dehlinger
- Matt Downes
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- Casey Grigg
- Mark Hall
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- Wayne Jones
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- Judy Westbrook
- Phil Whitten
- Chad Williams
- Robert Williams
- David Wood
- Ed Covington



Bill Holden

Democratic nominee
Age: not provided
Occupation: Howard County constable, Precinct 1
Awards, certificates or experience you feel make you best suited for the office: 26 years in law enforcement; served as a police

chief, city marshal and other positions of responsibility.

Question 1: What do you feel is the most important role the office of Constable plays in law enforcement in Howard County? If any, what changes would you like to see made to this role?

Back up the sheriff's



department, in and out of city locations and assist citizens with their problems. Also, it would greatly benefit Howard County to collect unpaid fines that have been on the books for a long period of time. I would spend as much time as necessary to accomplish this.

Question 2: Funding for Howard County Constables has been scarce in the past. What avenues of funding do you plan to explore if elected?

Educate our county commissioners on the importance of utilizing this additional tool to assist our citizens in their problems, and not only cover this funding, but bring in additional revenue, by performing the duties that I was elected to do.

Howard County Constable

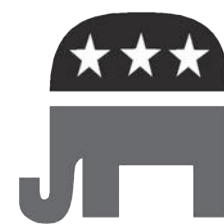
Republican nominee
Age: 37
Occupation: Saber Petroleum Services, owner
Awards, certificates or experience you feel make you best suited for the office: I served as a Texas Department of Public Safety State Trooper from 1999 – 2006. During that time, I was awarded the Region Commander's Award for Outstanding Performance and the Area Accident Investigation Award. My certificates include, but are not limited to, Intermediate Peace Officer, Mobile Video Instructor, Telecommunications Operator and numerous Narcotic Interdiction certificates.

Before serving as a State Trooper, I also served as a communications officer for the Big Spring Police Department. In 2006, I decided to pursue my own business as full-time employment. Owing my own business has allowed me to spend more quality time with my family. I decided to run for constable in order to be able to run my business while still serving my community.

Question 1: What do you feel is the most important role the office of Constable plays in law enforcement in Howard County? If any, what changes would you

like to see made to this role?

The constable's role is to work with the Howard County Sheriff's Office, the Justice of the Peace and the Commissioner's Court. The Constable needs to be able to work in conjunction with all local



law enforcement agencies. The change I would like to see occur would be that the Constable's Office would not be in conflict with the Commissioner's Court. I feel there is a solution to the problems that have been occurring between the constables office and the Commissioner's Court.

Question 2: Funding for Howard County Constables has been scarce in the past. What avenues of funding do you plan to explore if elected?

If elected as a Howard County Constable, I would pursue grants, state funding and/or any other avenues that relate to my office. However, I would be sure to work within the confines and perimeters that the Commission's Court implements.



Kneel Stallings

Early voting schedule

County courthouse

Monday, Oct. 20 — 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 21 — 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 22 — 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 23 — 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 24 — 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 27 — 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 28 — 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 29 — 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 30 — 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 31 — 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Branch voting

Canterbury South — Wednesday, Oct. 22 — 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.
Parkview — Thursday, Oct. 23 — 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.
State Veterans Home — Friday, Oct. 24 — 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.
Senior Citizens Center — Tuesday, Oct. 28, 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.
SWCID — Wednesday, Oct. 29 — 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Call 264-2273 for more information.

County sales tax on ballot

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Voters will have to do more than just choose candidates during this year's election, as the Howard County Commissioners Court has placed a county assistance sales tax on the ballot that officials hope will eventually help lower property taxes.

Part of the 79th Legislature's House Bill 1937, which amended Chapter 387 of the Local Government Code, the tax would effect businesses and vendors in the Howard County area outside of the city of Big Spring.

According to Commissioner Gary Simer, who brought the measure to the court several months ago, the tax is not a cure-all for county coffer woes, but it could have a positive impact in the long run.

"It's not a whole lot. It's probably about \$250,000, and that will help our property tax down the line," said Simer. "It'll be catching some of the convenience

stores and the people traveling through. It's just like when we go somewhere else, we pay their sales tax. Now they will pay ours. It'll be a good deal and won't cost us anything.

"This will help fund the volunteer fire department, the sheriff's department, and could possibly help put a deputy in Forsan or Coahoma," he added. "Eventually, it should help tax rates by spreading the cost out across the county. That could really help lower property taxes in the long run."

Simer said all county residents not living within the Big Spring city limits will be able to weigh in on the matter during the election.

"Everyone outside of the city limits of Big Spring will have the chance to vote on the sales tax. No one in Big Spring will be able to vote on it because they are maxed-out on their sales tax," said Simer. "People in Coahoma and Forsan will also be effected by this, and they will have the

chance to vote on it. Both city councils from Forsan and Coahoma have signed off on this and are behind it 100 percent. So there's no trouble there at all."

According to information on Window on State Government — a Web site provided by Texas Comptroller Susan Combs — the district must use the sales tax revenues to perform the following functions of the district:

- the construction, maintenance, or improvement of roads or highways;
- the provision of law enforcement and detention services;
- the maintenance or improvement of libraries, museums, parks, or other recreational facilities;
- the provision of services that benefit the public welfare; or
- the promotion of economic development and tourism.

The tax could range from 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, or 1/2 of 1 percent. According to County Judge Mark Barr, commissioners plan to collect the maximum amount allowed by law, or 1/2 of 1 percent.

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

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— Commissioner Gary Simer

The Libertarian candidate for State Senate District 31, Lauren Poindexter, did not respond to the questionnaire.

In 2006, the Legislative Budget Board projected that prison populations would increase to 17,000 over capacity by 2012. As Vice Chair of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, I am proud to say that the 2007 legislative session was a turning point for the Texas prison system, and that as a result, a crisis has been averted. The 80th Legislature approved the addition of 3400 treatment beds within the correctional system, including 1500 for substance abusers and 500 for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) offenders. Currently, Texas prisons are op-

erating under maximum capacity. I am convinced that a continued emphasis on treatment and rehabilitation will lower the recidivism rate and preclude the state from being forced to spend taxpayer dollars on the construction of a new prison.

2. The Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test has come under a great deal of fire in the past few years. Do you feel the TAKS test addresses students' needs, and please explain why you feel this way.

During the last regular session, as a co-author of Senate Bill 1031, I worked diligently with Senator Florence Shapiro, Chair of the Senate Education Committee, to end the TAKS test at the high school level. SB 1031 phased out the TAKS test in ninth through twelfth grades and replaced it with end-of-course exams in the four core subject areas — Math, Science, English/Language Arts, and Social Studies — beginning with the entering freshman class in the 2011-12 school year.

While this is a step in the right direction, I believe we must also review the effectiveness of the TAKS test in third through eighth grades. Any alternative must be consistent with the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act as well as with the state accountability system. Overall, I believe it is imperative that we implement the most viable and accurate method

for measuring student growth. My ultimate goal is to end high stakes testing and refocus our students on learning.

3. Energy — specifically the utilization of "green" or renewable energy

sources — has been a hot topic in the face of skyrocketing gasoline prices. How can the legislature best address the growing need for green energy, and if elected, what efforts will you make to foster the creation and use of renewable energy.

Last session I sponsored legislation to help attract FutureGen to Texas. This coming session I plan to build upon that effort to further encourage the development of clean coal electric generation in Texas. This effort will enable Texans to take advantage of an abundant natural resource like coal in an environmentally responsible way.

Furthermore, I remain fully supportive of the development of wind energy in our state, and plan to work with my colleagues in the Legislature to ensure the continuation of the Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) process so that newly constructed wind farms can successfully deliver this clean, renewable energy to Texas consumers.

Regarding energy needs specific to transportation, I look forward to continued developments in automobile energy storage systems, electric hybrid technology, hydrogen fuel cell technology, and other automotive designs that rely on clean-burning, renewable fuels.



Kel Seliger

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Commissioner
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County Commissioner Pct. 1
Democrat
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Joe Heflin

Democratic nominee
Age: 56
Occupation: State Representative, attorney
Awards, certificates or experience you feel make you best suited for the office: Member of the Texas House of Representatives Ag & Livestock Committee;

Texas House of Representatives County Affairs committee; Energy and Agriculture standing committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures appointed by Speaker Tom Craddick; The Speaker's Select Committee on Property Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform; "Legislator of the Year," County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas; "Distinguished Legislative Service Award for 2007," Texas Municipal League; "2008 Sam D. Seale Award of Excellence," West Texas County Judges And Commissioners Association; "Friend of County Government," Texas Association of Counties; "Freshman Legislator of the Year," Democratic Caucus; and "Honorary Legislative Star," Texas Classroom Teachers Association.



1. Skyrocketing energy prices — ranging from gasoline to electricity — have spurred many state governments to look closer at sources of green energy. If elected/re-elected, how would you help encourage the use and development of renewable energy sources? In particular, which sources of renewable energy do you see as the most productive at stemming the tide of high gasoline and energy prices, and what should the governments role be in developing this type of green energy in Texas?

Energy costs, specifically gasoline and electricity have created severe hardships for the citizens of House District 85. Other parts of the state do not understand that in West Texas we may drive more than 100 miles a day just to get to and from work. Fuel costs continue to be a greater portion of our budgets everyday. We must take advantage of our natural resources, namely wind and oil. I am a supporter of increased oil production throughout the United States. Why are we importing up to 70 percent of our oil? With improved technology we can

State Representative District 85

recover more oil from our older fields. I also believe that we can safely drill in Alaska and off the coast of California and Florida. Additionally, we should build more refineries so we can process the fuel. The cost of gasoline will probably never go back to \$1 a gallon, but think how much better off our country will be instead of buying from the oil countries that may or may not even like us.

West Texas is rich in the latest resource to be mined, if you will. Wind will become the next oil boom for Texas. With the continued efficiency improvements in wind turbines we can produce electricity in areas where it once was thought there was not sufficient wind. I was pleased to work with Chairman Swinford and the regulated industries committee to push for the development of wind energy. I have worked directly with land owners as well as wind companies during the development of wind energy projects. Wind energy will also reduce our need to burn coal and natural gas, both expensive sources of fuel.

The Public Utilities Commission has recently drawn the renewable energy zones and the proposed transmission line routes for Texas. House District 85 stands to profit greatly with the building of transmission lines to carry our wind generated electricity to the crowded areas of Texas. I know private companies are ready, willing and able to build these transmission lines. The government should stand back and let it happen. Some think that eminent domain has to be used to build the lines. I think private negotiations can work and the lines be built quickly and efficiently with private funds, at no cost to the taxpayer.

2. Immigration has recently become a major concern, especially in the border states. What changes, if any, would you like to see made to the way Texas handles immigration and the patrolling of its borders? How can the state better address illegal workers?

Immigration is a major concern for Texas. Texas and other border states must send a message to Washington to

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Republican nominee
Age: not provided
Occupation: not provided
Awards, certificates or experience you feel make you best suited for the office: not provided

1. Skyrocketing energy prices — ranging from gasoline to electricity — have spurred many state governments to look closer at sources of green energy. If elected/re-elected, how would you help encourage the use and development of renewable energy sources?
In particular, which sources of renewable energy do you see as the most productive at stemming the tide of high gasoline and energy prices, and what should the governments role be in developing this type of green energy in Texas?

In the face of rising energy costs, Texas can no longer afford to ignore alternative sources of energy.

Texas has already made tremendous headway in the use of renewable resources. Here in West Texas we are blessed with an abundance of wind energy, and we must continue to encourage the increased development of wind energy.

While renewable resources hold great promise, we must also encourage further development of conventional sources of energy.

We must promote energy diversity through all possible sources. We should streamline the permitting process for coal and nuclear plants. We must also increase our domestic production of oil and natural gas today, so that we are less reliant on foreign sources of oil.

We can promote energy diversity, lower energy prices and a cleaner environment by encouraging a diverse energy portfolio.

2. Immigration has recently become a major concern, especially in the border states. What changes, if any, would you like to see made to the way Texas handles immigration and the patrolling of its borders? How can the state better address illegal workers?

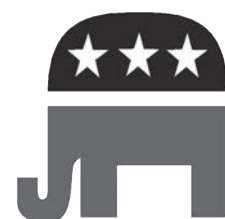
Illegal immigration is a significant problem facing our state. I was born to immigrants who came to America for

a better life for their children.

They worked hard to become productive U.S. citizens, put down roots in the Old Glory, Texas, community, and taught all of their children that hard work pays off.

In fact, 10 of my brothers and sisters went on to receive a college degree. I still honor those lessons today.

As a former prosecutor, I know what it takes to prevent illegal immigration.



More must be done to fight the illegal immigration epidemic that plagues our state.

As your next state representative, I will fight to defend our border against illegals, cut them off from public welfare and ensure Texas companies don't knowingly hire illegal workers.

We should look to successful illegal immigration legislation passed in other states as a guideline to identify additional laws that we can pass here to help stop this problem.

This is the greatest country in the world and Texas stands as a gateway to opportunity and freedom. We must welcome new neighbors with open arms and close the door to those who disrespect our immigration laws.

3. What are your feelings on the current structure of funding for Texas schools? What do you feel can be done better, and if elected/re-elected, how do you propose to improve on these issues?

As a former member of the Hamlin School Board, the voters can be assured that I will always work to improve the quality of public education for children in our communities.

Texas schools need to have additional resources to be allocated directly to the classroom, so more of our dollars are going straight to students and not wasted on unnecessary red tape.

We also need to look for a more stable revenue source for schools, and local school districts should have the flexibility to meet the needs of their specific district.

I would work to end the Robin Hood method of funding schools.



Isaac Castro



RE-ELECT

C. E. (Mike) Thomas, III
Howard County
Attorney



CRIMINAL LAW EXPERIENCE:
HOWARD COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR 12 YEARS
MISDEMEANOR PROSECUTOR FOR CITY OF BIG SPRING
CRIMINAL LAW PRACTICE FOR 20 YEARS

GOVERNMENT LAW EXPERIENCE:
ADVISED CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BIG SPRING
COMPLETED CIVIL LAW TRAINING GIVEN BY TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
ADVISED HOWARD COUNTY FOR TWELVE YEARS

MEMBERSHIPS:
YMCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BIG SPRING ROTARY CLUB
DORA ROBERTS REHAB CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS
STATE BAR COLLEGE
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Dedicated, Dependable & Experienced



Democratic nominee
Age: 64
Occupation: Public relations consultant
Awards, certificates or experience you feel make you best suited for the office: Army officer – 2 years active duty – 1st Lieutenant; 30 years in the oil and gas industry; 15 years experience abroad in the oil industry; small business owner.

1. The USA PATRIOT Act has been in effect since Oct. 26, 2001, nearly seven years since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Do you feel the act continues to serve the best interest of Americans? Do you feel it should someday be abolished, and if so, when?



While we must work to secure our country's security, we must be careful to not foolishly sacrifice the principals upon which this great nation was founded in the name of security.

The renewal of all provisions of the Patriot Act in 2006 without much consideration of the infringements it has on civil liberties was disappointing. With any future renewals, I would like to see greater sensitivity to protection of personal liberties.

2. High gasoline prices have been a thorn in the side of Texas motorists for some time now. Do you feel the government should intervene on behalf of consumers? How can this growing problem be best resolved?

I am opposed to a windfall profits tax; because I do not think one could be effectively administered.

From my experience in the oil and gas industry, I know that drilling is very capital intensive, and taxing oil companies would only serve to hinder domestic drilling efforts.

Unfortunately, the lack of ability by our elected officials to see the big picture

and pursue new energy sources has left us with few choices for immediate consumer relief.

In the short term, I support continued drilling wherever there is viable prospects — including ANWR and off shore — but would want stringent environmental regulations.

In the long term, the government needs to invest heavily in new energy production and storage methods.

Almost 60 percent of our petroleum usage is for transportation, so shifting more vehicles to full electric, electric hybrid and hydrogen power trains would dramatically reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

Tax incentives, such as those given to the purchasers of hybrids, should also be offered to consumers to ease the cost of transition to new technologies.

3. Health care insurance premiums continue to spiral out of reach for many Texas families. What are your ideas and plans for health care reform, and what will it take to implement them? Please explain your answer.

It is clear that we need universal health care coverage for our citizens. This does not mean, nor would I advocate for, a socialized government run health care system like many European countries have.

Our health care problem is not in the quality of our doctors or methods of administration, but in how we pay for health care, and so we must be careful to protect the quality of health care as we work to solve the access problem.

The ultimate solution will have to be insurance-based, physician-driven and government-monitored.

By creating larger risks pools, which everyone contributes to, we can create an effective insurance-based solution.

4. Immigration reform continues to be a polarizing issue in the United States. Please explain — in detail — your

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U.S. Representative District 19

Republican nominee
Age: not provided
Occupation: not provided
Awards, certificates or experience you feel make you best suited for the office: not provided

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Our terrorist enemies are patient, calculating, and intent on attacking us today, tomorrow or five years from now. Leaders of terrorist organizations have ordered their followers to extend their "jihad" throughout the world, including the United States. This is why we must be vigilant and let our enemies know we will not retreat from this fight, and we will not allow terrorism to defeat us or change our way of life.

Given these threats, we must continue to engage in activities to protect America from future attacks. For example, we must monitor wireless communications devices and the Internet to track terrorist communications and thwart terrorist attacks before they happen.

At the same time, however, we must do all we can to protect the liberties and privacy of Americans. One way we can achieve this balance is by placing fixed dates on many provisions in the Patriot Act, known as Sunset Provisions. What this does is it forces Congress to either 1) allow these provisions to expire, or 2) study the effects of these provisions and make revisions when necessary.

I do not believe any law should exist in perpetuity, which is a key benefit to imposing sunsets, it allows the people to have a full debate on the merits of continuing certain aspects of legislation such as this. I will continue to support policies to battle terrorism and to investigate threats of domestic terrorism.

I am also a member of the House Anti-Terrorism Caucus, a bipartisan group of Representatives that meets weekly to hear from experts on terrorism and terrorist ideology in order to help us be more educated on the threats facing our nation.

2. High gasoline prices have been a thorn in the side of Texas motorists for some time now. Do you feel the government should intervene on behalf of consumers? How can this growing problem be best resolved?

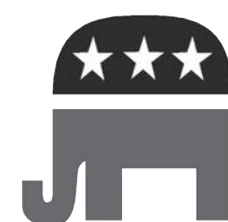
The best way to strengthen America's economy is to keep federal spending in line, balance our nation's budget, keep the tax burden on American families low so they can spend their money, not give it to the federal government, and allow our financial markets to work free from government intervention. We also need to shore up our energy policy so that in the long run we are not at the whim of foreign government leaders who do not have America's best interests in mind.

America needs a comprehensive energy policy so we are not subject to an energy

supply that is dependent on foreign countries and leaders who do not have America's best interests at heart. I am a cosponsor of H.R. 3089, the No More Excuses Energy Act, which would allow expanded drilling off our shores, in Alaska, increased refinery capacity, expanded nuclear energy resources, and increased use of renewable energy sources such as wind, solar and biofuels.



Randy Neugebauer



3. Health care insurance premiums continue to spiral out of reach for many Texas families. What are your ideas and plans for health care reform, and what will it take to implement them? Please explain your answer.

With our nation's vast medical resources, all Americans should have access to quality medical care that is affordable. Many reforms have introduced competition into the health care market, and I believe competition is the only long-term solution to the problem of rising health care costs.

I continue to support legislation that allows individuals and families to save for future health expenses through Health Savings Accounts (HSAs). These accounts offer greater flexibility to health care options as they allow individuals to better manage their health care costs. I think HSAs will be a significant part of the long term health care solution in this country because

I believe individuals need to have ownership of their health insurance plans.

I also support association health plans (AHPs) because they are a means of allowing small business owners who have previously been unable to offer health care coverage to their employees the opportunity to do so. Small businesses would be treated like corporations in that costly health mandates would be exempt from AHPs. All employees of participating small businesses, healthy or not, would be eligible to participate in AHPs.

4. Immigration reform continues to be a polarizing issue in the United States. Please explain — in detail — your opinion of current immigration law and what you plan to do to improve it if elected/re-elected.

First and foremost, we must secure our borders. We must know who and what is coming across our borders and into this country. I support strong policies that plug the holes in our porous borders and make it more difficult to obtain and use false identification.

Once we have secured the border, we can turn to the related issue of immigration. I am a cosponsor of H.R. 4088, the SAVE Act, that would do three important things: 1) provide a strict emphasis on border security, 2) create a verifiable system that employers can rely on when hiring workers and 3) provide funding for interior enforcement. I am strongly opposed to illegal immigration and granting amnesty to those who have broken our immigration laws.

The Libertarian candidate for U.S. Representative District 19, Richard Peterson, did not respond to the questionnaire.



This is my wife Michelle with my sons Seth, age 9, and Jack, age 3. We live in Howard County and my children attend school here. As you can see, I have a big investment in Howard County. My wife and I have been married for 11 years and I was born and raised here in Howard County. I graduated from Big Spring High School in 1991, Texas Tech in 1995 with a B.S. in Agricultural Economics; and, received my Juris Doctor degree in 2001 from Texas Wesleyan. Upon completing school, I was given the privilege to practice law with my father, Lanny Hamby, until he retired in 2004. I have a general practice, which includes criminal defense work and I represent defendants in all of the courts in Howard County. I have an understanding of both sides of the criminal docket and I have all of the qualifications to serve as your County Attorney.

More importantly, I have a passion to see that my family and all of the citizens of Howard County live in a place where our children can play and we can enjoy our homes and walk the streets without fear of criminal activity.

I AM JOSHUA HAMBY, THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY, AND I AM ASKING THAT YOU VOTE FOR ME ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008

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Howard County polling locations for Election Day, Nov. 4

St. Thomas Parish Hall, 605 N. Main Street (Big Spring)
Precincts — 11, 12, 16 and 112

Senior Citizen Center, 1901 Simler (Big Spring)
Precincts — 13, 14

Prairie View Church, 1000 w. FM 2230 (Big Spring)
Precincts — 103, 104 and 105

Big Spring Mall, 1801 E. FM 700 (Big Spring)
Precincts — 205, 22, 24, 25 and 26

Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Avenue (Coahoma)
Precincts — 207 and 207C

Forsan Baptist Church, 201 Main

(Forsan)
Precincts — 208

First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700 (Big Spring)
Precincts — 33, 34 and 35

Central Baptist Church, 501 Nichols Road (Elbow)
Precincts — 304

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane (Big Spring)
Precincts — 42, 44, 45 and 46

Jonesboro Fire Station, 142 Jonesboro Road (Big Spring)
Precincts — 404, 405 and 406

Salem Baptist Church, 8911 Old Colorado City Highway (Big Spring)
Precincts — 407 and 408

First Baptist Church of Sand Springs, 8517 N. Service Road (Sand Springs)
Precincts — 409

U.S. Senator



Rick Noriega

Democratic nominee
Age: 50
Occupation: Manager of Economic Development, CenterPoint Energy; Lieutenant Colonel, Texas Army National Guard; Representative, Texas House of Representatives.

Awards, certificates or experience you feel make you best suited for the office: From my time in the National Guard to my five terms in the Legislature, I've worked hard for Texas. During Operation Jump Start, I worked to strengthen our borders as the Laredo Sector Commander. After Hurricane Katrina, I served as the incident commander for the George R. Brown Convention Center. These experiences have prepared me to fight for Texas in the United States Senate.

1. The USA PATRIOT Act has been in effect since Oct. 26, 2001, nearly seven years since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Do you feel the act continues to serve the best interest of Americans? Do you feel it should someday be abolished, and if so, when?

The United States should increase domestic security by monitoring critical infrastructure, improving security in our ports and harbors, defending our borders, and bolstering state and

local law enforcement. These steps will protect our nation from terrorism without undermining the civil liberties that so many Americans have fought and died for. I think we should phase out the Patriot Act because we can protect the United States without it. It erodes historical legal protections and doesn't make us any safer.

2. High gasoline prices have been a thorn in the side of Texas motorists for some time now. Do you feel the government should intervene on behalf of consumers? How can this growing problem be best resolved?



There's no upside to \$4 gasoline. Texas families are struggling to meet basic demands due to the skyrocketing price of fuel. In my energy plan, I lay out a long-term solution to our current energy problems that provides immediate relief for families, builds the road to energy self sufficiency, and develops a sustainable energy and economic future for people living in this state. To address the immediate concerns of Texans, I've called on the federal government to protect consumers from price gouging by strengthening the Federal Trade Commission and to end market-price

The Republican candidate for U.S. Senator, John Cornyn, did not respond to the questionnaire.

speculation by imposing more stringent financial guidelines on energy markets. I also support maximizing output from current oil fields and lifting the ban on offshore drilling.

To permanently solve our energy problems, we must be willing to develop a range of new technologies. I support setting a National Renewable Portfolio Standard ensuring that 20% our electrical energy supply is derived from renewable sources like wind, solar, hydrogen, and biomass by 2020. I also support setting a national renewable fuels standard, increasing the availability of alternative fuels, and expanding the state's power grid to make wind generated power a reality.

3. Health care insurance premiums continue to spiral out of reach for many Texas families. What are your ideas and plans for health care reform, and what will it take to implement them? Please explain your answer.

Everyone should be guaranteed access to quality, affordable health insurance and be expected to make responsible choices in return - Washington's failure to lead on this issue is unconscionable. State governments in Utah, California and Massachusetts have been forced to develop

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Libertarian nominee
Age: 60
Occupation: Investment real estate; internet marketing
Awards, certificates or experience you feel make you best suited for the office: Successful business owner and entrepreneur.

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It has infringed on the rights of honest Americans and violates the Constitution. Wiretaps should require warrants and regulations are in place for urgent needs. FISA provides the needed access without it being so unlimited.

2. High gasoline prices have been a thorn in the side of Texas motorists for some time now. Do you feel the government should intervene on behalf of consumers? How can this growing problem be best resolved?

The free market will bring us the most economical and cleanest solutions. The imagination and

entrepreneurial spirit of the American people through a free enterprise system can save the day on this one, not the government.

Government incentives and regulations cause distortion in the market and create barriers to that imagination and motivation.

We need to remove regulations that overly restrict drilling or the use and building of refineries.



We don't need policies that tell us to put our food in our gas tanks. We have already seen the price of gasoline come down as consumers respond to the high price with a lower demand. Free markets are the only thing that works in the long run.

3. Health care insurance premiums continue to spiral out of reach for many Texas families. What are your ideas and plans for health care reform, and what will it take to implement them? Please explain your answer.

We should have a fair system for legal immigration so that people who are willing to work, have jobs waiting, and intend no harm can become contributing members of our society. Then we need to secure our borders and points of entry, including coast lines if necessary; enforce existing visa rules including tracking and deporting violators; not reward those who broke the law and entered illegally with amnesty; prohibit illegal aliens from receiving government social services; and end birthright citizenship.

Healthcare and healthcare insurance could be made more affordable by eliminating or minimizing many of the regulations that burden the system. Allow insurance companies to craft products to offer the public without government defining what those products must be or include and allow them

to market across state lines.

Allow physicians more freedom in deciding how they will practice, for example, expanding the use of nurse practitioners for more routine minor care situations. Mental health parity was added to the recent bailout bill. This is an example of regulations that serve only to increase the cost of insurance.

4. Immigration reform continues to be a polarizing issue in the United States. Please explain - in detail - your opinion of current immigration law and what you plan to do to improve it if elected/re-elected.

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Yvonne Schick

RE-ELECT



Joe Heflin

State Representative District 85

A Strong, Independent Voice for:

► AGRICULTURE

- Serves on House Committee for Ag & Livestock
- Serves on National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Agriculture, Environment & Energy Committee
- Will protect water and property rights
- Opposes Trans-Texas Corridor
- Helped pass weight limit increase for agricultural vehicles
- Member of Texas Farm Bureau
- Endorsed or Supported By:
 - ★ Texas Farm Bureau AGFUND
 - ★ Texas Cattle Feeders Association
 - ★ Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association
 - ★ Texas Cotton Ginners Association
 - ★ Family Farmers United PAC
 - ★ Western Peanut Growers PAC

► EDUCATION

- Named Honorary Legislative Star by Texas Classroom Teachers Association
- Helped obtain a "13th Check" for retired school teachers and favors adequate funding of teacher retirement system
- Won critical vote to prevent public school funds from being diverted to big city private schools
- Favors vocational education, affordable higher education, and less reliance on standardized testing
- Endorsed or Supported By:
 - ★ Parent PAC
 - ★ Texas State Teachers Association
 - ★ Texas Classroom Teachers Association
 - ★ Association of Texas Professional Educators
 - ★ Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas

► RURAL HEALTH CARE

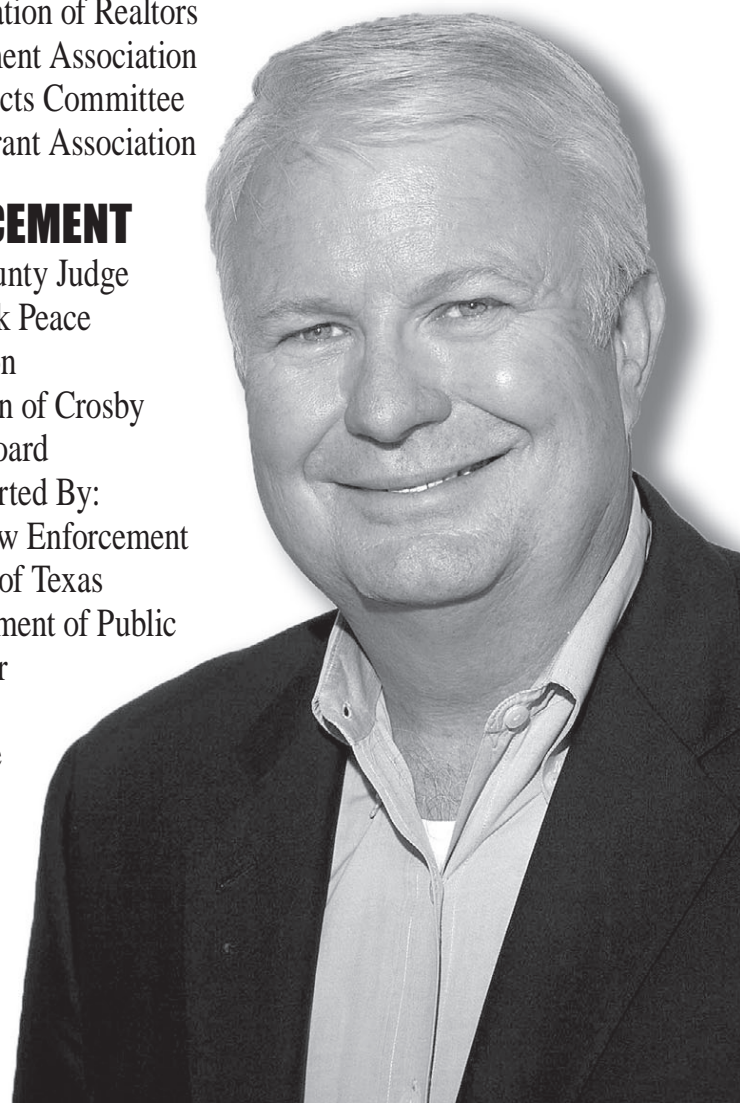
- Helped restore Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to 100,000 children
- Received Texas Medical Association Champion of Rural Healthcare Award
- Worked to keep senior citizens centers open when funding was cut
- Endorsed or Supported By:
 - ★ Texas Hospital Association - HOSPAC
 - ★ Texas Medical Association PAC
 - ★ Texas Academy of Family Physicians

► BUSINESS

- Serves on Select Committee on Property Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform
- Favors property tax relief
- Supports wind energy and other forms of rural economic development
- Endorsed or Supported By:
 - ★ Texas Bankers Association PAC
 - ★ Texas Association of Realtors
 - ★ Texas Apartment Association
 - ★ Texas Architects Committee
 - ★ Texas Restaurant Association

► LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Former Crosby County Judge
- Member of Caprock Peace Officers Association
- Served as Chairman of Crosby County Juvenile Board
- Endorsed or Supported By:
 - ★ Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas
 - ★ Texas Department of Public Safety Officer Association
 - ★ National Rifle Association (A-Rated)
 - ★ Texas State Rifle Association



JOHN MCCAIN



WEB SITE: www.johnmccain.com

BIOGRAPHY:

John McCain graduated from the Naval Academy and served for 22 years as a naval aviator. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1982 and the Senate in 1986. He has served as chairman of the Commerce Committee and ranking member of the Armed Services Committee.

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE: *What, if anything, do you believe the federal government should do to control global climate change?*

I support developing a cap-and-trade system to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 60% by 2050, providing tax credits for alternative energy, promoting zero-carbon nuclear power, reducing the federal government's carbon footprint, funding research into clean-coal technology, and offering incentives for America's automobile industry to develop electric cars.

COST OF HEALTH CARE: *What should be done at the federal level, if anything, to combat the high cost of health care?*

Under my plan, American families will receive \$5,000 tax credits to purchase insurance, either through employers or the private market—insurance that can follow them if they change jobs or leave the workforce. I will work for reforms to lower costs and provide coverage to Americans with pre-existing conditions.

ECONOMIC DISPARITY: *What, if anything, should the federal government do about the growing economic disparity between the middle class and the well-to-do?*

We must spur growth, create jobs, improve educational attainment, and enhance financial security. My plan will keep income and payroll taxes low, reduce the price of gas, double the dependent exemption, bring down health-care costs, give deserving homeowners new fixed mortgages, slash our high business taxes, and expand trade.

EDUCATION: *What, if anything, should the federal government do to create the world's best educational system for all children in America?*

Our education system must focus on standards, accountability, and choice. My plan calls for recruiting highly qualified teachers in the neediest communities, empowering parents to choose the best schools for their children, expanding online educational opportunities, providing low-income families with access to tutors, and funding professional development for teachers.

U.S. STRATEGY - RISING GLOBAL POWERS: *What should the U.S. strategy be towards rising global powers like Russia and China?*

As President, I will work to establish good relations with other nations. At the same time, I will stand up for democratic values and human rights, and I will oppose aggression and international lawlessness that threaten our security.

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BARACK OBAMA



WEB SITE: www.barackobama.com

BIOGRAPHY:

Obama began his career as a community organizer on Chicago's South Side and headed a voter registration drive. Obama practiced civil rights law and taught constitutional law. He served eight years in the State Senate before his election to the U.S. Senate. He graduated from Columbia University and Harvard Law.

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE: *What, if anything, do you believe the federal government should do to control global climate change?*

I believe the federal government should pursue multiple paths to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address the threat of global climate change, including implementing aggressive cap and trade requirements to reduce U.S. emissions by 80% from 1990 levels and investing heavily in clean energy and advanced vehicle technologies.

COST OF HEALTH CARE: *What should be done at the federal level, if anything, to combat the high cost of health care?*

My healthcare plan will make aggressive investments in cost-cutting technologies and will place more focus on prevention and chronic care management. The net result will be to bring down the costs of healthcare spending by \$2,500 for a typical family, annually, and lower the expense of Medicare's services.

ECONOMIC DISPARITY: *What, if anything, should the federal government do about the growing economic disparity between the middle class and the well-to-do?*

I will cut taxes for the middle class and roll back some of the Bush tax cuts for those making over \$250,000 to restore fairness to the tax code. I will make long term public investments in R&D, clean energy, infrastructure, and manufacturing to create millions of good-paying jobs.

EDUCATION: *What, if anything, should the federal government do to create the world's best educational system for all children in America?*

I will strengthen public schools by expanding early childhood education, reforming and funding No Child Left Behind, recruiting and rewarding high-quality teachers, and expanding afterschool and summer learning opportunities. I will create a \$4,000 American Opportunity Tax Credit and expand financial aid to make higher education affordable for all.

U.S. STRATEGY - RISING GLOBAL POWERS: *What should the U.S. strategy be towards rising global powers like Russia and China?*

We must enhance our abilities both to collaborate and compete with China, while being vigilant about China's military modernization and respect for human rights. As we seek a future of clear-eyed engagement with Russia, we must ensure Russia acts as a force for progress, not regression to past conflicts.

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Democrats cry foul over suspicious e-mail

AUSTIN (AP) — An e-mail circulating throughout Texas and apparently targeting supporters of Democrat Barack Obama falsely warns voters that casting a straight-ticket Democratic ballot won't register a vote for Obama.

Democratic leaders are crying foul. First, it's not true, they say. Second, they think it could cause people using the eSlate electronic voting machines to inadvertently cancel out their downballot straight-ticket voters,

eliminating potentially millions of votes for Democratic candidates in state and county races.

"For those who normally vote 'Straight Democratic', please pay close attention!!!!!" states the e-mail, obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press. "I was informed this weekend by a group of Obama volunteers that when voting for the presidential candidate this November, you have to make sure you punch Barack's name first, then proceed to punch 'Straight Democratic' or else the vote for the president won't count," the e-mail says.

Quite the opposite, says Texas Democratic Party spokesman Hector Nieto said.

With eSlate, punching the button for presidential candidate Obama after punching the straight-ticket button will actually cancel the straight-ticket vote, Nieto said.

State party officials have posted a warning message on their Web site and encourage straight-party voting as a way to ensure Obama — and other Democrats on the ballot — get a vote.

Harris County Democratic Chairman Gerry Birnberg sent out a warning e-mail of his own. Harris County uses eSlate equipment and includes Houston, the state's largest and generally Democratic city.

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Pvt. Pat Carter
Army Man

3rd Class Petty Officer Pat Carter
Navy Man



To All Howard County Citizens.

I am asking for your support and vote to be your next Howard County Sheriff. As a proud veteran of the Army and the Navy, I am honored to say that the United States Military instilled in me leadership and true values of being a responsible person. Since the military, which I served proudly, I have also served as a productive law enforcement officer in Howard County, Nolan County and with the Roscoe Police Department. I am currently employed by the State of Texas. I look forward to continuing to serve the public, and with your support, becoming your next Howard County Sheriff. I am proud to be a Christian, with conservative values. I have attended the same church for **several years** and strongly believe that we as Howard County Citizens all share the same core values. These values are God, family & love of country. If elected sheriff, I promise to protect and serve all Howard County citizens regardless of race, creed, political preference or station in life. I wish to thank all my supporters for continuing to believe in me and wish to invite many more into making this a successful campaign. I especially want to thank my lovely wife of 27 years, **Leona**, for standing by my side every step of the way. I would like to remind all of my supporters that the November election is right around the corner and we still have a lot of work to do. Though there may be barriers ahead, we must not lose focus on the real issues. We must remind ourselves that our determination and unity will bring victory in November. Thank you for your time and support. God bless you all.

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Deputy Pat Carter
Law Man

Pat & Leona Carter
Family Man



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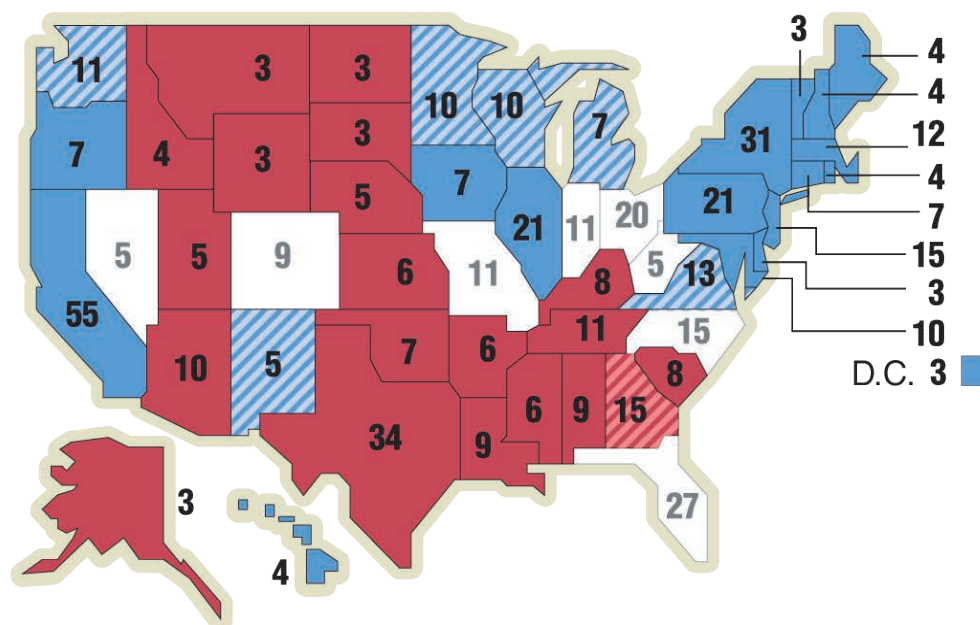
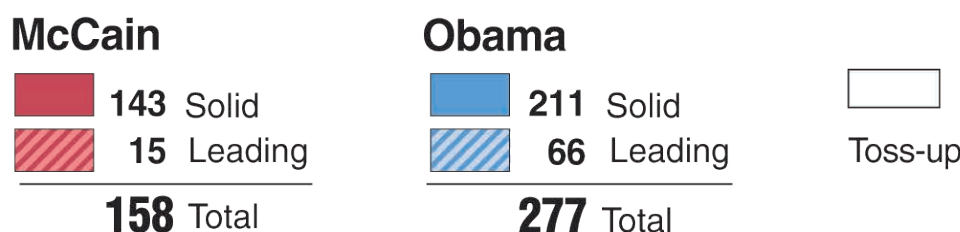
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The political landscape



A look at the presidential race by electoral vote count, and how the balance of power in the House and Senate could change:

President 270 electoral votes needed to win



House

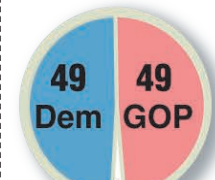
Current balance
435 seats Vacant: 1



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Senate

Current balance
100 seats



Indep.: 2

Where Democrats could gain seats

Likely: N.M., Va.

Possible: Alaska, Colo., N.H., Ore., Minn., Miss., N.C.

Longshots: Ga., Ky.

OFFICIAL BALLOT - GENERAL ELECTION
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(Condado de) Howard County, Texas November 4th, 2008 (4 de Noviembre de 2008)		
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Vote!

County officials expect 2008 ballot count to eclipse previous Presidential contest

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Officials with the Howard County Elections Office are bracing themselves for what could be one of the biggest voter turnouts in recent history.

"We had 525 new voters register, just in the 60 days prior to the voter registration deadline," said Saundra Bloom, county elections administrator. "We also had 350 registered voters change their address or update their registration in that time period."

Bloom said the sudden influx of voters has kept her and her staff hopping.

"We've been very, very busy," said Bloom with a laugh. "We've tested all of

the voting machines and they are ready to go Monday morning when early voting opens."

Early voting will be held in the courtroom located on the third floor of the County Courthouse (see Page 4 for a complete rundown of early voting hours), according to Bloom.

"I'm expecting around 7,000 people during early voting, and another 5,000 on election day," said Bloom. "There are 17,824 registered voters in Howard County right now, and we tallied approximately 11,000 ballots in the 2004 presidential election. If we get the 12,000 voters, that's more than 65 percent of all the registered voters, which is really good."

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Saundra Bloom



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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., left, and Republican candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., shake hands at the finish of a presidential debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., Wednesday.



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Elect
Jimmie Long
For Howard County Commissioner - Precinct 3
Early Voting Begins October 20th - 31st Third Floor of Howard County Courthouse
General Election November 4th, First Baptist Church

- Life Long Resident for 47 years.
- Will bring a dedicated voice to represent your interest in our Commissioners Court
- Brings a balanced view of what is good for both the citizens who live in the rural areas and those who also live within the city.
- Thirty years of, business experience in Farming, Vice President for Alemat Corporation, and Owner of Faith Builders Construction Contracting.

I am asking the citizens who live in Precinct 3 for the opportunity to serve you as your representative in the Commissioner's Court in this upcoming November election. Your vote for Jimmie Long will bring a proactive voice to the Howard County Commissioner Court.

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How the U.S. presidential election works

The U.S. Constitution sets out the rules and Congress and the Supreme Court have spelled out a few more rules. A few parts of the process are customs that have evolved over the course of U.S. history.



1 Who votes

▶ All citizens 18 or older who are not convicted felons can vote in presidential elections; must register to vote in their state of residence

▶ People unable to reach the polls on Election Day can vote by mail



Since the 1930s, between 49 percent and 63 percent of eligible Americans have voted in presidential elections



3 Electoral College

▶ "Electors" are the 538 officials who cast the votes that elect the president and vice president
▶ Number of electors for each state is proportional to the state's population

HIGHEST POPULATION
California
54 electors

LOWEST POPULATION
Wyoming
3 electors

NOTE: Five other states plus the District of Columbia also have three electoral votes

2 Popular vote

▶ "Winner take all" in all the states but Maine and Nebraska; presidential candidate with largest popular vote gets all the state's electoral votes

Because of this rule, the candidate with the largest popular vote might not win the electoral vote; that happened in 1876, 1888 and in 2000



4 Electoral vote

▶ To be elected president, a candidate must get 270 electoral votes



If no candidate gets 270 electoral votes, the House of Representatives chooses the president from the top three candidates; the 1800 and 1824 elections were decided this way

On pork, spending controls

Where the presidential candidates stand:

	McCain	Obama
Spending	One-year freeze on discretionary spending (except defense and veterans); after Iraq and Afghanistan wars end, use savings to reduce deficit	Opposes an across-the-board freeze, but wants to enforce pay-as-you-go rules that would require Congress to pay for any new spending
Earmarks	Promises to veto any spending bill containing an earmark; one of five senators who did not request any earmarks last year	Introduced legislation to require more disclosure of earmarks; wants to cut earmark spending to 1994 levels; has suspended all earmark requests after proposing 53 last year for projects totaling more than \$97 million
Budget	Wants to balance the budget by 2013 by limiting spending growth to 2.4 percent; wants to find savings by conducting a comprehensive review of all federal programs	Wants to increase government revenues by reversing tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans, close tax loopholes for corporations, end subsidies for oil and gas companies

Source: McClatchy Washington Bureau
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Views on entitlements

Where the presidential candidates stand:

	McCain	Obama
Cut Medicare, Medicaid costs	Reform payment systems, so government doesn't pay for preventable medical errors, mismanagement	Legalize reimportation of some prescription drugs; allow direct negotiation of Medicare drug prices
Wealthier retirees	Supports charging higher premiums for wealthy individuals in Medicare prescription drug program (Medicare Part D)	Eliminate subsidies to private insurance Medicare Advantage program
Drug program	Opposes Medicare prescription drug plan; favors making Part D drug benefits available to needy only	Close "doughnut hole" in Medicare drug program, so beneficiaries aren't responsible for paying \$3,216 in costs
Social Security	No new Social Security taxes; has supported supplemental private savings accounts	Those making more than \$250,000 would pay 2 percent to 4 percent more tax; against supplemental private savings accounts

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Political parties

- Not provided for in Constitution; governed by state and federal laws
- A new party can get its candidate on ballot by collecting a certain number of signatures specified by state law
- Until 1832, president and vice president were sometimes of different parties; today they are always from the same party

Democratic Party
was founded by Thomas Jefferson in 1792

Republican Party
was born in the 1850s by anti-slavery activists

- President**
- Must be U.S.-born, 35 or older when elected and a U.S. resident for 14 years
 - Serves for four years; can be re-elected once
- Vice president**
- Becomes president if the president dies, resigns, is removed from office by Congress or becomes disabled

Source: U.S. Constitution, World Almanac, Democratic National Committee, Republican National Committee

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solutions to their health care problems because Washington has refused to address the serious issues we currently face.

In 2006, 47 million Americans — including 8.7 million children — lacked health insurance, and for those with insurance, the cost of health insurance premiums have increased 78 percent between 2001 and 2007. According to analysis from Families USA, 89.6 million Americans are uninsured for at least part of the year.

In Texas, the problem is even worse. Years of neglect by our elected leaders in the State House and in Congress have led to the highest rate of uninsured in the country.

According to analysis of Census data, nearly 45 percent of Texans don't have health insurance for all or part of the year. That's more than 9 million Texans. But the real failure is the number of Texas children who aren't covered. More than 20 percent of Texas youngsters don't have coverage, one in five Texas children.

In addition to massive gaps in health security and coverage rates, skyrocketing health care costs are a burden to every Texan and a sign of the failure of the

current system. Premiums are rising for everyone. Between 2000 and 2006 family health insurance premiums for Texas workers rose 7.4 times more quickly than median earnings and family health premiums rose by 79.7 percent, while earnings increased by 10.8 percent.

My plan focuses on three key areas for Texans. Improving access to care, ensuring that health care is affordable for all Americans, and making sure that our nation's health care system is accountable and transparent so that patients and consumers can make informed decisions about their health care options.

My proposals for health care focus on: Improving Coverage for Children: My plan calls for increasing eligibility for children's health insurance by raising the income eligibility requirement, currently 200 percent of the federal poverty level, to 300 percent of the federal poverty level.

Families in Texas are eligible for the program as long as they make less than \$42,400.

Addressing the Uninsured Problem: Every Texan who wants to purchase private insurance should have access. They should also have options.

I have called for the immediate implementation of an Insurance Connector for individuals who wish to

buy private insurance. This Connector would link Texans with insurance plans that are suitable for their needs. The Federal government would negotiate with private insurers to provide health care options for all Americans.

Texans who make too much money to qualify for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program, but still can't afford their premiums, would receive a discount towards the purchase of health insurance based on a sliding income scale.

The connector will be easy to enroll in and will provide options for Texans.

Tax Breaks for Small Business: We need to incentivize small businesses to provide health care for their employees. That's why I have proposed tax credits to cover up to 65% of the cost that small businesses pay for their employees' health care premiums.

Protecting Seniors: My plan proposes a solution to the Medicare Part D "donut hole" that leaves many seniors without prescription drug coverage for part of the year.

I also propose updating the formula that determines Medicare physician payments to ensure that doctors are able to provide quality affordable care for Texas seniors.

Making It Affordable: We must move the nation to a national technology standard that is widespread and usable. We must also move the country to electronic medical records that will save money and increase efficiency.

It is estimated that portable, comprehensive electronic medical records would provide cost savings as high as \$165 billion every year, while eliminating redundancy and errors.

4. Immigration reform continues to be a polarizing issue in the United States. Please explain — in detail — your opinion of current immigration law and what you plan to do to improve it if elected/re-elected.

Our nation's immigration system is broken — Texans know it first hand, as do citizens all along our southern border.

Washington has stood by and done nothing. The failure of the federal government to take action to solve our broken immigration system has placed an enormous burden on Texas and angered citizens across the state.

As Chairman of the Task Force on Border Security in the Texas House of Representatives, I have seen the burden placed on states by Washington's failures to enact real reforms.

Too often, this issue gets politicized, instead of making efforts to resolve the problem. This is an emotional issue and there aren't simple solutions.

I have a three-pronged proposal to address our broken immigration system:

Secure the Border. We need to get tough on the border with real enforcement measures — additional border guards and state of the art electronic surveillance of the barrier already in place, the river, instead of impractical approaches like a border fence. Any serious plan must address our porous border:

— Establish real border security measures. I call for the immediate authorization of Operation Jump Start II.

— Empower local leaders. Folks on the border know best what is going to work and what isn't.

— Enforce harsh penalties for human traffickers.

— Increase partnerships between state local and the federal government.

— Reject gimmicks like the border fence. The border fence is a 700 mile monument to Washington's failure to lead.

Crack Down on Employers: To solve the immigration problem, we need to address employers offering jobs to the undocumented population. Our current approach to immigration — enforcement only — targets illegal immigrants, while letting employers off the hook. This is unacceptable and doesn't get the job done. The past eight years have seen dramatically fewer employers penalized for illegal hiring and facilitating false documentation. My plan calls for:

— Increasing the size of the border patrol.

— Enforcing tougher penalties for employers who repeatedly hire and exploit undocumented labor.

— Shutting down the shadow economy.

Turn Illegal Immigrants into taxpayers and get rid of real criminals. To solve the immigration problem, we must be realistic about the 12 million illegal immigrants already here. Enforcement alone is not a practical solution. Instead of mass deportation proposals, which are not realistic and are financially unsound, we need to turn the folks already here into taxpayers

— Force the undocumented to come out of the shadows, pay a fine, and become taxpayers.

— Enforce criminal background checks of the undocumented to get rid of the bad apples.

— Increase the number of annual visas.

**Early Voting starts
October 20th
General Election
November 4th
Your Vote Counts!!!!**

Glasscock set to vote in ISD races

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — One area school district will hold trustee elections on Nov. 4, officials said.

Glasscock County ISD will have six candidates vying for four seats on its school board, Superintendent Steve Long said.

Incumbents Kevin Hirt, Diane Havlak and Tibby Niehues are seek-

ing new terms, while Nathan Halfmann, Doug Jost and Cody Hare are the newcomers to the race.

The four seats up for election are at-large positions and are for three-year terms, Long said.

Early voting in the race runs from Monday through Oct. 31 at the Glasscock County Courthouse.

Polling places for the Nov. 4 general election are: Precinct 1, St. Law-

rence Catholic Church; precinct 2, Church of Christ; precinct 3, Drumwright Community Center; and precinct 4, Senior Citizens Building.

Grady ISD has cancelled its scheduled trustee election for Nov. 4 because of the lack of contested races.

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opinion of current immigration law and what you plan to do to improve it if elected/re-elected.

Our nation has always and will always be a nation of immigrants.

As long as our economy demands labor, we should ensure there are legal pathways for workers to enter the country and ultimately earn citizenship.

Unfortunately, our immigration system has been broken for decades and the large influx of illegal immigrants is a clear indication of the need for reform.

The first priority is creating security at our borders and recent steps have gone a long way in creating a more secure border.

The attention now must turn to handling the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants in our coun-

try today and reforming our legal immigration to better suit our economic needs and share the American dream with those willing to work for it.

For the 12 million already here, the only feasible solution is a pathway to legal status for those who pay a reasonable fine and get in the back of the line for citizenship so violation of the law is not rewarded.

For those wishing to enter the country now, I propose a self-funded immigration program, which would require payment of an amount adequate to do a background check and process all immigration papers.

Determination of our labor demands would be made with the input from business owners and farmers to ensure that there is a job waiting for those who come here seeking opportunity and our quality of life is protected.

E-MAIL

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“THIS IS FALSE INFORMATION probably initiated by Republican dirty tricksters, but now being spread by well-meaning Barack Obama supporters,” Birnberg’s e-mail says.

A spokesman for the Texas Republican Party did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The Democratic Party doesn’t know who origi-

nated the e-mail, but Nieto says it appears to be targeted to Obama supporters.

“The main purpose of this e-mail is to cause confusion and to affect the outcome of elections,” he said. “It’s important that this malicious e-mail be stopped.”

The message has been spotted statewide for about two weeks, but it became more pervasive this week in Houston and Dallas, Nieto said. Early voting begins Monday.

“When things go viral, it can spread like wildfire,” he said.

The e-mail underscores the state Democratic Party’s issue with the eSlate electronic voting equipment, over which it filed a federal lawsuit last year.

Democrats contend the equipment won’t properly record straight-party votes if a voter marks an individual candidate’s name as well. In those cases, a straight-party vote wouldn’t be fully tabulated, party officials say.

The Democrats say the machine tells voters their straight-party vote is being cast, even if it isn’t because they’ve also punched an individual candidate’s name.

A federal judge sided with the state, which argued that eSlate caused no voter disenfranchisement nor violated any constitutional rights.

The Texas Democrats appealed to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and lost. They are considering a Supreme Court appeal.

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correct the law, enforce the law or send us the money to do so properly. First, the federal government has failed miserably to take any action to do their job and stem the tide of illegal immigrants. Therefore, Texas has been forced to take over the roll of keepers of the border. We are currently using our DPS Officers to patrol the border. We are paying millions in overtime to take over the job of patrolling the border. Thus we are leaving vast amounts of Texas without protection while our officers are doing two week tours of duty along the border.

The cost of those here illegally places a burden on our counties in increased indigent health care costs and increased costs of county jails. A burden is placed

on our schools in having to teach English as a second language. Additionally, our cities spend more on police because of the increases in crime.

In order to stem the tide of illegal immigrants the laws that are in place that make it a crime to hire those who are not here legally must be enforced. However, this step is very unpopular in areas such as West Texas, where we have very low unemployment and our employers have difficulty in finding workers. The construction industry, the agricultural industry, and the oil industry are all having a hard time finding workers.

Therefore, we need a valid worker visa program to allow those that want to come here and work the opportunity to do so, and then send them home. The employers should be required to withhold amounts to provide insurance for the work-

ers and their families, if the family has joined the worker. Finally, the federal government must streamline the naturalization process. Ten years is too long to wait to become a U.S. Citizen.

3. What are your feelings on the current structure of funding for Texas schools? What do you feel can be done better, and if elected/re-elected, how do you propose to improve on these issues?

I believe that our current school funding system is inadequate as it stands today. What to do? First, we must let schools keep more of the money raised by property taxes in property-rich school districts. Second, we must allow the schools to use additional funds created by the wind energy. Austin wants these funds to the detriment

of our schools. Third, Austin should use more sales tax funds to balance the flow of funds to our schools. The schools need a steady flow of income in order to prepare a proper budget. The funding formulas must be changed to allow for emergencies such as rapidly-increasing fuel cost for buses and increasing utilities for heating and cooling. Our school boards struggle to meet the financial demands placed upon them to meet the daily costs of operating the schools.

Additionally, we have little provision for improving buildings and certainly not building new buildings. We force our schools to pass costly bond elections in a time when most citizens are saying enough is enough to new taxes and debt. At one point in time, the state paid nearly 70 percent of the cost of operating schools.

Now the state pays less than 35 percent and the schools must depend on local property taxes to provide the balance of funds needed.

Many thought that we were moving away from Robin Hood. Robin Hood is alive and well. Schools in our district send millions of dollars to Austin for distribution to other schools. We are having to defer maintenance on buildings in order to have sufficient funds to pay the cost of opening the school.

I fought for our public schools during the 80th Session of the Texas Legislature. I support our schools, our educators and most importantly, our students. I also support our retired teachers. They have not had a cost of living raise since 2001. Our children deserve the best education possible. We need to provide the funds to make it happen.

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and both volunteer and paid fire departments that we can be very proud of.

We have many unique organizations, the Master Gardeners, Keep Big Spring Beautiful, Howard County Youth Horsemen Club and Howard County Sheriff’s Posse.

A few years ago our Sheriff’s Posse won

national honors as they were awarded the honor of being the best in the nation. We have these and so many more organizations, too many to list.

We, the citizens of Howard County and Big Spring, already know these things. Let’s let our secret out. It won’t happen overnight, but by working together and watching our Ps and Qs we can attract more industry and create more jobs, and in turn, lower our tax rate.

With lower taxes, guess what? More industry, more jobs, more taxpayers.

LONG

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county wants to be in the same situation with the landfill as we were with the jail last year. We must make changes now.

Speaking of our jail, the start up costs of this facility will be high. Utilities will be higher than at the previous location and overall cost will rise.

However, we will have some beds available for rent to other entities and I am hoping that this will make a major dent in our jail overhead.

As your commissioner, I want to build stronger working relationships with other branches of Howard County’s government. For example, our sheriff’s department and city police need strong support as they address gang violence, and animal control, countywide, needs to be in place.

Overall, we must become more knowledgeable on issues that are the most important for the day to day operations of our county. In the past, we have made some quick-fire decisions, which have been costly and time consuming.

I plan to encourage more

thorough research of all our options before making any major decisions.

With strategic, goal-oriented planning I believe that we can achieve goals that will build a stronger community, not only for our generation but also for generations to come.

Question 3: With taxes in the Howard County area already elevated due to several recent bond issues, what will you do as commissioner to ease the tax burden on the taxpayers?

It’s true and very unfortunate that most of our entities have come to us, the taxpayers, for upgrades all at once. I believe this is because, in the past, elected officials did not make the necessary plans to ensure that the funds needed by these facilities would be renewed.

Very similar to what our entire country is facing due to the shortsightedness of elected officials in Washington with the mortgage crisis.

I truly believe in the scripture that says, “Without a vision, the people perish.” We must have a plan to see the vision come to life. We

can’t dwell on the past, but we can evaluate where we are and plan for a brighter future.

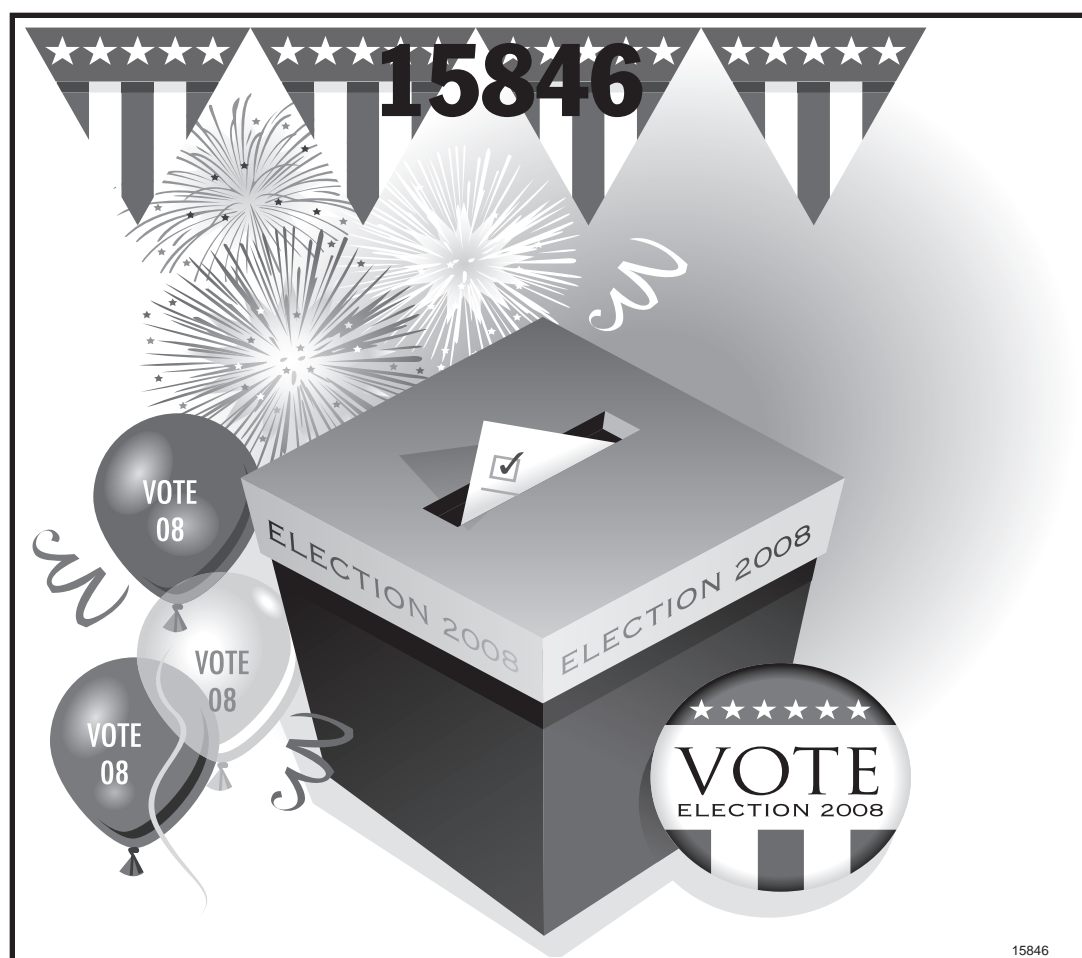
From the county commissioners position, we need to build a stronger trust factor with the public. When the citizens of Howard County see their tax dollars are being put to use in a way to benefit them, then and only then will they be in favor of a tax increase when needed.

We must have a master plan and we must manage the funds that taxpayers have entrusted to us, with some accountability that leads us toward a stable service-driven county with results that are beneficial to all citizens.

We must be proactive with our future. We have a great community and hard working county employees.

Together, with sound business decisions and hard work, we can continue molding our county government into one that our community can be proud of.

I, Jimmie Long, am asking the citizens of Howard County in Precinct 3 for your vote of confidence to be your voice in the Howard County Commissioners Court.



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have the same program installed for our county buildings, to be operated efficiently on all thermostats. Now in regards to the county work projects, there are ways to pre-plan all work projects to set up by types and requirements in order to schedule the work in a way all vehicles can be utilized to save fuel and labor costs.

Question 2: What do you see as the biggest challenge facing

Howard County in the coming years, and how will you address it?

The biggest challenge facing Howard County in the coming years is keeping the expenses down to balance the budget. I will address this problem by working on the answer to Question 1. Also, I will investigate the possibility of standardizing equipment and supply ordering. This could reduce the cost of operating Howard County. Four years ago I discussed with Mayor Russ McEwen the

possibility of combining some of the county and city welfare and other programs in order to reduce the cost to Howard County and the city of Big Spring. I intend to follow up on this program.

Question 3: With taxes in the Howard County area already elevated due to several recent bond issues, what will you do as commissioner to ease the tax burden on the taxpayers?

Howard County has to rely upon the city of Big Spring to be proactive in increasing our tax

base. We should start recruiting new businesses in to Howard County. The Big Spring City Council should be diligently proactive to the construction industry. Without new businesses, there will be no new tax revenue or jobs for the citizens of Big Spring.

It is a pure and simple fact that more business and more people will help to spread the tax burden over more property. I believe this will ease the tax burden on all taxpayers in Howard County.

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Howard County Jail bed usage, potential extra bed space could generate \$500,000 in revenue.

I will also start an inmate work program. The goal of this work program will allow the inmate to earn sentence credit on an array of community work projects, ranging from day-to-day maintenance in the jail to productive community support projects in Coahoma, Forsan and Big Spring. Each inmate will be screened and selected for this program. Only non-violent misdemeanor offenders will be eligible for this program.

I feel inmates should be allowed to do productive work that benefits our community instead of taking up space in the jail. Jail inmates will be given what they are required by law to have, but no frills at taxpayer expense. The proper management of this jail is of utmost importance to Howard County's financial stability. As sheriff, I will personally ensure that the staff is properly trained to efficiently and effectively operate the facility.

I have almost 20 years of law enforcement

experience, 13 years of which was spent in supervisory and administrative functions. This law enforcement experience, coupled with my knowledge of operating a successful small business, will allow me to operate this facility well within the budget set by the Howard County Commissioners Court.

Question 2: Cooperation between the Sheriff's Office and other local law enforcement agencies has produced impressive results in the past. How important is inter-agency cooperation to you as a candidate, and how do you plan to foster those relationships if elected?

Cooperation between all local law enforcement is a must, and I will do my part to ensure that all local law enforcement agencies work together. I have been actively meeting with representatives from all local law enforcement agencies to discuss coordinated plans to make law enforcement in Howard County as cost efficient as possible.

In today's society we must combine our resources and work together to combat the constant growing gang

and drug activity in the communities we call home. When law enforcement agencies work in tandem with combined data bases of information and assets to fight these community problems, we realize much more effective results.

We must also start working to combine some of our services that are currently being duplicated. We, as taxpayers, are paying twice the money to different taxing entity bodies for the same services. This is why I have already started meeting with heads of each law enforcement agency and developing the ground work for the implementation of these plans.

I also intend to actively foster enhanced illicit substance investigations in Howard County by the State Department of Public Safety Narcotics Service and federal Drug Enforcement Administration. It is my belief that the root cause of numerous types of criminal activity begin with the narcotics trade.

Question 3: The Big Spring Police Department has struggled during the past year to curtail gang

violence in the city. As Sheriff, how do you plan to combat the spread of gangs beyond the city limits, and what measures do you plan to take to help the BSPD eliminate the gangs from within the city?

Combating gang violence will be a top priority of mine as sheriff. Gangs produce drug activity. When you have drug activity, you have an increase in property and violent crimes as witnessed by the recent drive-by shooting incidents. By aggressively combating gangs and the narcotics trade you should see a reduction in crime statistics.

The Big Spring Police Department has begun an aggressive campaign to end gang activity in the city of Big Spring. As sheriff, I feel we need to extend this aggressive enforcement beyond the city of Big Spring to the entire county. This will be made possible by joining forces and combining resources with the Big Spring Police Department, as well as state and federal law enforcement.

Every legal resource will be utilized to eliminate and extinguish future gang activity in Howard County. One agency

cannot fight this battle alone. Our community members' safety mandates the cooperation between all levels of the criminal justice system in Howard County.

I am raising my children in Howard County, and I know our children have a hard enough time growing up in today's society without the additional pressures that are placed on them. They deserve to live, learn and grow in a safe environment.

Question 4: The number of gun-related incidents — including reports of drive-by shootings and gun-related injuries — within the county has climbed dramatically over the past few years. In your opinion, what is the best way to address these gun-related problems, and if elected, what (if any) measures do you plan to take to stop this violent trend?

Gun violence continues to become an increasing concern in our community, although it is the person, not the gun, that is the problem. There are many different types of weapons that are available to be used in a crime. It is important that the highest crime classification possible be

filed on an individual that chooses to commit such acts.

The laws today have many enhancements that can be used by law enforcement and prosecuting attorneys when a gun or weapon is used in a crime.

With the use of these enhancements by law enforcement and prosecutors against such offenders, they may be punished to the fullest extent of the law. It is also important when a firearm is used in a crime, federal authorities should be notified and used to backtrack the firearm to see if it was illegally transferred. If it is determined the origination of the weapon was illegally transferred, the person implicated should be held responsible.

It is important that we get the source of this activity in order to stop it.

Law abiding citizens may legally own a firearm when sold according to state and federal guidelines.

When someone engages in the illegal sale and transfer of firearms to criminals, this is a problem that must be addressed to stop this circle of violence.

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of jail faster.

No inmate can be held past his/her date of release. This will require supervisors to track inmates through the system and to be accountable for these details. A reporting system will have to be developed to ensure compliance. If any inmate is held past his/her release date, the risk of a law suit exists against the Sheriff's Office and Howard County.

I have observed jailers who had their own interpretation of the applicable rules. This creates different ideas and attitudes about how to treat inmates which lead to friction and dissension among those attempting to enforce these rules. It also increases potential liabilities. Most of the jailers caring for these inmates are very dedicated employees that work hard to enforce the rules and laws that govern the way they do their jobs.

Having actually worked in the capacity of jailer and also in prison settings gives me the necessary experience and training to face and conquer the challenges that will come with operating the new facility.

If I am elected Sheriff, I plan to meet these issues head-on and address the problems involved in a timely manner. Communication with staff and on-going training will ensure a smooth transition from the old administration to the new, and also the transition into the new facility. I will always have an open-door policy for any of my staff as well as the citizens of Howard County.

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agency cooperation to you as a candidate, and how do you plan to foster those relationships if elected?

Inter-agency cooperation is not important, it is imperative. No one agency possesses all the resources needed to handle all situations that arise, making it extremely important to share these resources. All law enforcement agencies have the same goals and mission, and that is public safety. Although we wear different uniforms and some of our policies and procedures differ somewhat, our ultimate goal should be generally the same.

All Texas law enforcement personnel swear to an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Texas Constitution. We swear to serve and protect. In this case, the Sheriff swears to serve and protect all Howard Countians. The Big Spring Police Department swears to serve and protect the citizens of Big Spring. Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers are assigned to specific areas, but have statewide jurisdiction.

We all work for the common good of law-abiding citizens. The Department of Public Safety also has crime labs to assist law enforcement in developing evidence for prosecution. I have found working with them to be most helpful and rewarding.

If I am elected Sheriff, I plan to help develop communication lines with other agencies. In the past, the Sheriff's Office has responded to back-up police officers when a shortage of on-duty officers exists. The same is true of the Big Spring Police Department when a deputy has needed assistance with certain critical situations. State Troopers have always been more than ready to assist any other law enforcement agencies when the need arises.

I certainly would not want to change or interfere with the type of working relationship that exists. I would only wish to build on it.

A new computer software is in the process of being purchased and installed. This software will be compatible between the new jail, the Big Spring Police Department and the Sheriff's Office. As I understand the new system, our law enforcement agencies will be able to share certain information, and yet maintain the ability to retain privacy with information that needs to remain confidential. What I have seen of the new computer software, certain information will be more readily available and communication between agencies will benefit all parties involved.

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I do know that the Big Spring Police Department has struggled to curtail gang violence in the past year. As Sheriff, I plan to combat the spread of gangs and gang activities out into the county by utilizing some of the same techniques that have been successful in Big Spring.

The gangs have not been eradicated from our city, and as long as there are prisons in our community, drug dealers supplying drugs and drug users demanding more drugs, certain types of people will band together, forming gangs, to protect their own interests. The Big Spring Police Department is doing an excellent job of gaining

control over some of these gang activities, and I am told that a lot of gang members have moved away from Big Spring and Howard County, on to "greener and safer pastures."

As Sheriff, I will work with the police department and, in crisis situations, divert as much manpower from the Sheriff's Office to the city as is feasible without causing undue strain on those who live out in the county. Patrol of Howard County is very important and my plan will not be to cheat citizens of needed services, but rather to keep some of the problems from getting out into the county in the first place.

This proactive approach will enable my office to not only assist the Big Spring Police Department when needs are the greatest in the city, but to continue services to the county and to head off potential problems before the problems develop.

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The number of gun-related incidents, including reports of drive-by shootings and gun related injuries, within Howard County has risen dramatically in the last few years. The problem as I see it is not the guns themselves. Guns have been a part of America since this nation's conception, and even before. Guns were used to feed the families of the pioneers that were seeking a new and better life in a new land and to protect their families from predators, both four-legged and