



City opens its arms to refugees

Buses ready to pick up hundreds of hurricane victims when OK given

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Big Spring is answering the call for help in the wake of one of the most devastating natural disasters in U.S. history.

An impromptu task force of city, county, school and private business officials busily prepared themselves for the first wave of Hurricane Katrina victims to arrive in Big Spring in the next day or two.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said officials were preparing to receive between 300 and 500 disaster victims.

The first group of about 30 people had been expected Saturday night, with more arriving at four-hour intervals throughout the weekend, but "a bureaucratic mix-up" has local officials in a wait-and-see mode.

A Big Spring Indepen-

dent School District bus left Big Spring Saturday morning en route to Dallas to pick up the first load of hurricane victims. Shortly after noon, however, the bus was called back, McEwen said.

"We were under the assumption that we had people to pick up in Dallas," McEwen said. "But we ran into some bureaucracy that wouldn't allow us in at this time."

Howard Stewart, transportation director for the local school district, said bus drivers were waiting to receive word on when and where to go.

"We're ready to go," McEwen said. "Once we get the word, we're gone."

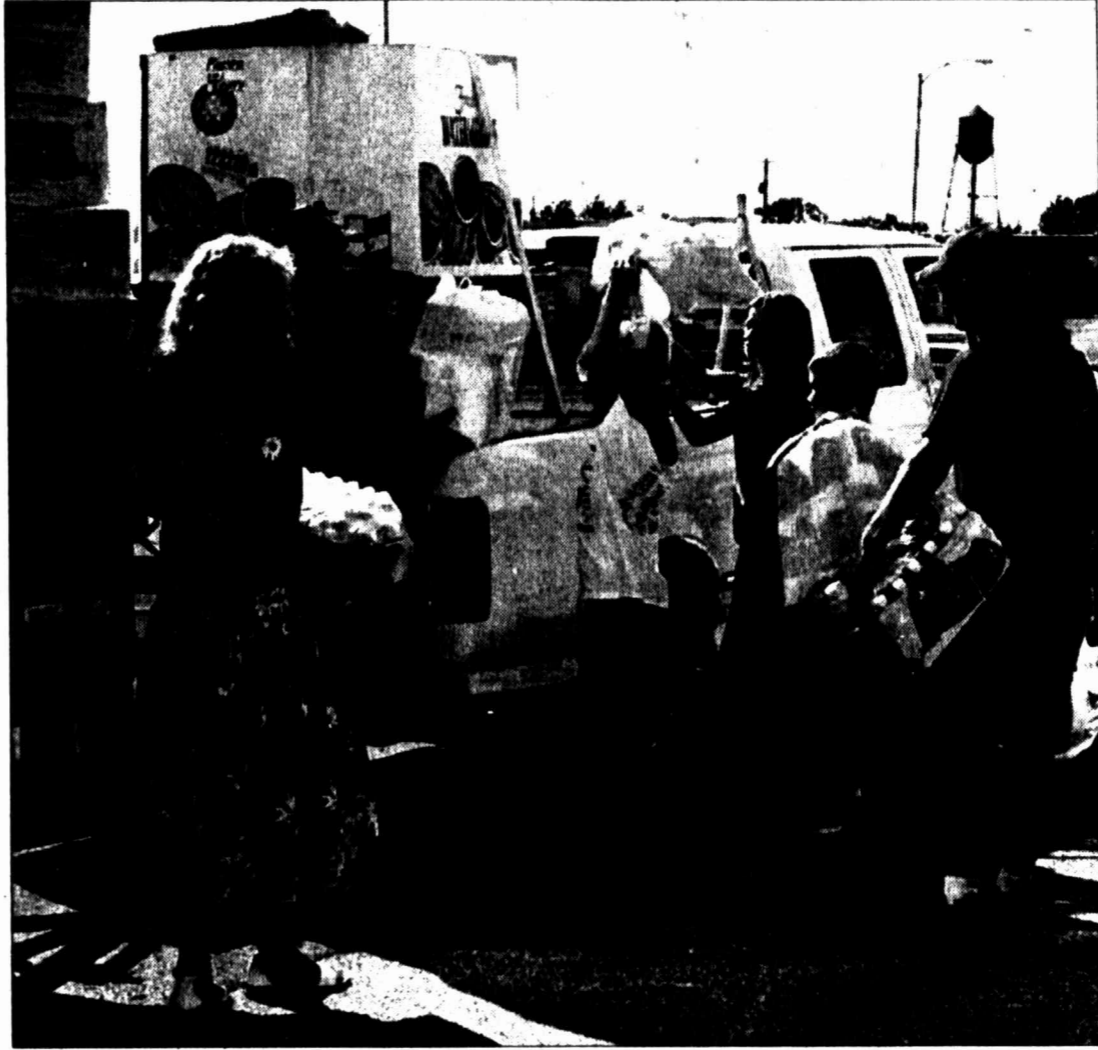
The American Red Cross and the cities of Dallas and Houston are assisting in the effort,

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"The tremendous thing about this community is how quickly it has banded together to help people in need."



McEwen



Courtesy photo/Heather Grigg
From left, Vellene Sawyers, "Crazy" Charlie Burden, Devon Maddox, Brooke Quinn, Dillon Quinn and Evan Bouten load supplies intended for victims of Hurricane Katrina at the Junque Mart on North Gregg Street. Organizers of the drive had originally planned to send the items to victims, but will now donate them to refugees soon to arrive in Big Spring.

How YOU CAN HELP

All types of items needed

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Local officials were expecting upwards to 500 victims of Hurricane Katrina to begin arriving in Big Spring within the next few days, and have put out an urgent call for donations of cash, clothing, food and various household items.

"We have requested that they meet certain criteria including that the head of the household must have permanently lost a job due to the disaster," Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said. "In addition, each person must go through a medical screening process by the Red Cross prior to arriving in Big Spring."

Officials associated with the city of Big Spring, Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Independent School District, Howard College, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, West Texas Centers for MHMR, Howard County, Big Spring Housing Authority and the VA Medical Center are working together to provide the necessary services.

However, officials are urging individuals to help with donation of cash and various other items.

Following is a summary of how people can help:

- Cash donations are being accepted by a fund established through the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Trust for

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City leaders hopeful families will decide to stay in Big Spring

□ Inside: Big Spring Independent School District playing a major role in relocation.
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By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

While many cities and civic groups across the nation gather supplies and food for those hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina, Big Spring officials and residents are gathering something a little differ-

ent: Homes.

Only hours after the idea was conceived by Kent Sharp, executive director of Moore Development for Big Spring, a plan was being put into place Friday morning to invite Katrina victims to make a new home in Big Spring. By the weekend, the plan was being put into action.

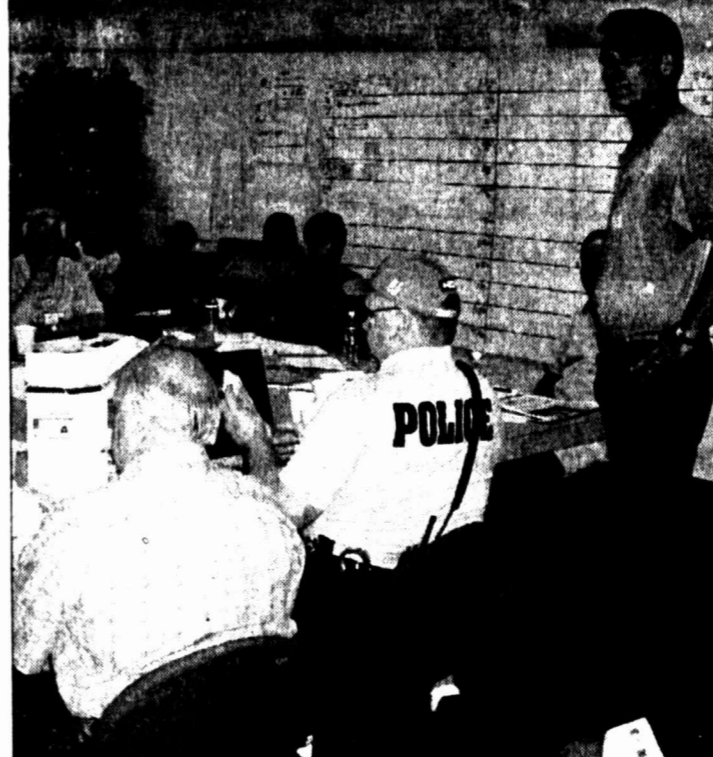
"We're inviting them to come live here and share with our community," said Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen. "We've found there are a number

of families that are saying they aren't willing to go back to New Orleans, and they need a place to stay.

"It struck me after we talked about this that there are people that a week ago didn't know anything about Big Spring. They had never heard of Big Spring, and a week from now they could be living in our community."

McEwen said the group has been in contact with the Big Spring Housing

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Herald photo/Steve Reagan
Big Spring Fire Department Chief Brian Jensen, right, moderates a meeting of local government, education and civic officials who are organizing efforts to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. Big Spring may become the home to more than 300 people displaced by the hurricane.

Tickets on sale for United Way luncheon Tuesday

Special to the Herald

Tickets are on sale for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's "kickoff" luncheon, which will be held Tuesday at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

The \$10 tickets, which include a catered barbe-

cue meal, are available at the United Way office, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and First Bank of West Texas locations in Big Spring, Coahoma and Loraine. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m.

George Toone, a motivational speaker who has been blind since birth,

will bring the program, which blends humor and music. "The community is invited to attend this informational and fun kickoff of the 60th campaign for the 15 local agencies served by the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County," said Cynthia Scott, United Way executive director.

Local United Way agencies are the American Red Cross, West Texas Division; Boy's Club of Big Spring; Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America; CASA of West Texas; Council on Aging; Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; Howard County Humane Society; Isaiah 58;

Northside Community Center, Salvation Army; Victim Services; Westside Community Center; Westside Day Care Center; West Texas Girl Scout Council; and the YMCA of Big Spring.

Both Big Spring Rotary and the Greater Big Spring Rotary Clubs will be hosting the event.

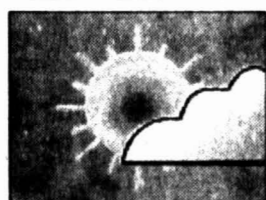
Items needed for garage sale

Atmos will be holding a garage sale for United Way Sept. 17.

Anyone having items to donate for the sale is asked to take them to the Atmos office at 2002 E. FM 700 or call Diane from Atmos at 517-0248.

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'ABRIDGED' ON STAGE

"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged," presented by the Howard College Theater Department, is on stage now.

Show times are 2 p.m. Sunday and 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

All performances are held at the campus theater in room 105 of the practical arts building.

Admission is free, but donations to the drama department are encouraged.

"It will be a night of hysteria," said director Clay Grizzle. "I promise you will laugh a lot — and you may even laugh at some of the parts we intend you to laugh at."

IN THIS ISSUE...



America's trees, some of them centuries old, have stood as silent witnesses to historic events since the nation's founding. From providing wood and shelter to Gen. George

Washington and his troops at Valley Forge, Pa., to inspiring Henry David Thoreau's writings at Walden Pond near Concord, Mass., these historic trees are being preserved and promulgated by American Forests, the nation's oldest nonprofit conservation organization, based in Jacksonville, Fla.

VETERAN RECEPTION

Hangar 25 Air Museum will honor local World War II veteran Ernie Boyd as the first Veteran of the Month recipient at 10 a.m. Thursday.

The public is invited to a reception in his honor.

According to Heather Wallace, museum administrator, this new program will honor veterans nominated by the public for recognition each month.

Veterans originally from Howard County are eligible to be nominated and preference is given to those veterans who still call Howard County home.

For more information, contact Wallace at 264-1999.

Obituaries

William H. 'Bill' Quimby

William H. "Bill" Quimby, 74, of Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, died Aug. 31, 2005, in Dallas due to complications of diabetes. Burial will be in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

He was born Sept. 18, 1930, in Littleton, N.H., and married his wife, Joan in 1976. He was manager of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce from 1958-1960 and was manager of the Colorado City and Fort Stockton chambers of commerce and was tax assessor for Pecos before moving to Big Spring.

He served as executive director of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants from 1964-1976 and served as the Texas State Polygraph Examiners Board, appointed by Gov. Ann Richards. He was a member of the Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas.

He was preceded in death by one son, Neal William Quimby and a grandson, Christopher Adam Tighe.

He is survived by his wife, Joan of Dallas; three daughters, Cynthia Q. Boyd and her husband, Jim, and Nancy Robinson and her husband, Scott, all of Fort Worth, and Kristen Thiebaud and her husband, Clifton Thiebaud of Grapevine; and three grandchildren.

Glen W. Hillger

Glen W. Hillger, 82, of Big Spring died Saturday, September 03, 2005, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support groups

TUESDAY

• Encourager's Support Group — All widows and widowers are invited to dinner at the Spanish Inn, 200 NW Third, beginning at 6 p.m. Note the day change, due to the Labor Day holiday. For more information, call 398-5522.

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

• Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion

Take note

• **THREE REFUGEE FAMILIES, VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA**, are being relocated to Big Spring this weekend from Reunión Arriba in Dallas. The Pierce Group is donating two homes for these families as living quarters. Furniture, clothes, food, and household appliances, linens, etc. are needed to equip these families as they rebuild their lives. To donate, contact Randy Pierce at 264-6611.

• **DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB ANNUAL HAMBURGER SUPPER** is set for 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday in the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

• **BRISKET SALE BY ODYSSEY HEALTHCARE TO BENEFIT THE ALZHEIMER'S MEMORY WALK** is set for Sept. 8-9. Whole cooked briskets are \$30, half briskets are \$15. Plates delivered are \$7.50; sandwiches are \$3.50 and \$5. Choice of side dishes. Call 263-5999 to order before noon Tuesday.

• **A WATERMELON FEST SPONSORED BY THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS AUXILIARY** is set for 4:30 p.m. Sept. 10 in the Old Settler's Reunion at Comanche Trail Park for all members and those eligible to be members. For more information, contact Shelbie Capps at 268-9445.

• **DONATIONS TO DEFRAY COSTS OF FUNERAL EXPENSES FOR 14-YEAR-OLD ISIDRO GONZALES** are being accepted at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. He died Aug. 12 from leukemia. Make donations directly to Myers & Smith at P.O. Box 2760, Big Spring 79721-2760.

• **THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** need good condition books for an annual sale. Paperbacks and large print items are especially needed. Donated books can be delivered to the library weekdays during regular operating hours. If unable to bring the books to the library, call 263-4980 and request a pick up. All money from the sale goes to purchase items not included in the library's regular budget.

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

• **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 LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.

Police blotter

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

- **CYNTHIA MARIE MIER**, 25, 1805 Owens, was arrested on local warrants.
- **AUDREY LYNN FREITAG**, 19, 1501 Bluebird, was arrested on a hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.
- **DEBRA CHANDLER**, 36, 1202 E. Third No. 26, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **GABRIEL HERNANDEZ**, 18, 1102 Lloyd, was arrested on a capias warrant.
- **ANTHONY LEWIS**, 34, 507 N.W. Eighth, was arrested on a capias warrant.
- **CHARLIE RYERSON**, 58, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ASSAULT** was reported on the 1600 block of Bluebird.
- **THEFT** was reported on the 600 block of 18th, the 1800 block of Gregg (twice), the 400 block of Birdwell, and the 2000 block of Gregg.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

- **SHOTS FIRED** were reported on the 200 block of Wilson Road.

meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

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

• **Alzheimer's Support Group** meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY

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

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1995 10-YEAR REUNION** is set for Homecoming weekend. For information about the events, contact BSHS 1995@yahoo.com or call Amanda or Stacie at 267-1353.

• **CLASS OF 1970 35th ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING** set for September. All classmates should send an e-mail address to Clarinda Harris Wright at richardwright@cox.net. For more information, visit www.bshsalumni.com/SiteMap/htm.

• **THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL OLD-TIMERS** (those who graduated before 1940) are planning a reunion for the annual BSHS Homecoming Sept. 16-17. Anyone able to attend a reunion Sept. 17 should call 432-267-2900 and leave phone and address information.

• **HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD** is seeking financial donations to provide support for children in Howard County who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. Contact Patti Richard at 432-559-6953 or mail donations to HCCWB P.O. Box 3101 Big Spring, 79721.

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

• **A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT LOVE FROM HOME** has been established at Citizen's Federal Credit Union. Love From Home is a local effort to provide personal items needed by the soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Contact the credit union at 267-6373 to contribute funds to offset the cost of postage for the packages mailed to the soldiers.

• **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

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

• **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Bulletin board

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

MONDAY

• Labor Day holiday.

TUESDAY

- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
- United Way Luncheon to open campaign at the First United Methodist Church.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Texas Motorcycle Rights Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Spanish Inn. The public is invited. Call 268-6421 for more information.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center, at 7 p.m. with special guest singers from Midland and Colorado City. Everyone is welcome.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-14-22-28-29

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$34,940.

Winning tickets sold in: Laredo.

Matching four of five: 107. Prize: \$147.

Matching three of five: 3,518. Prize: \$10.

Matching two of five: 35,156. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-8-9

Weather

Sunday—Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Sunday night—Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Labor day—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Monday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Tuesday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Tuesday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Wednesday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Wednesday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s.

Thursday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Thursday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s.

Friday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

Sex Offenders

The following information has been released by the Big Spring Police Department and/or Howard County Sheriff's Office in keeping with laws regarding notification to the public of sex offenders residing within a community or county. The individuals below do not represent all sex offenders in Howard County. For a complete list of sex offenders residing in Big Spring, access the BSPD Web site at:

www.police.big-spring.tx.us

For a list of sex offenders in Howard County, find the link to the Texas Department of Public Safety on the BSPD Web site.



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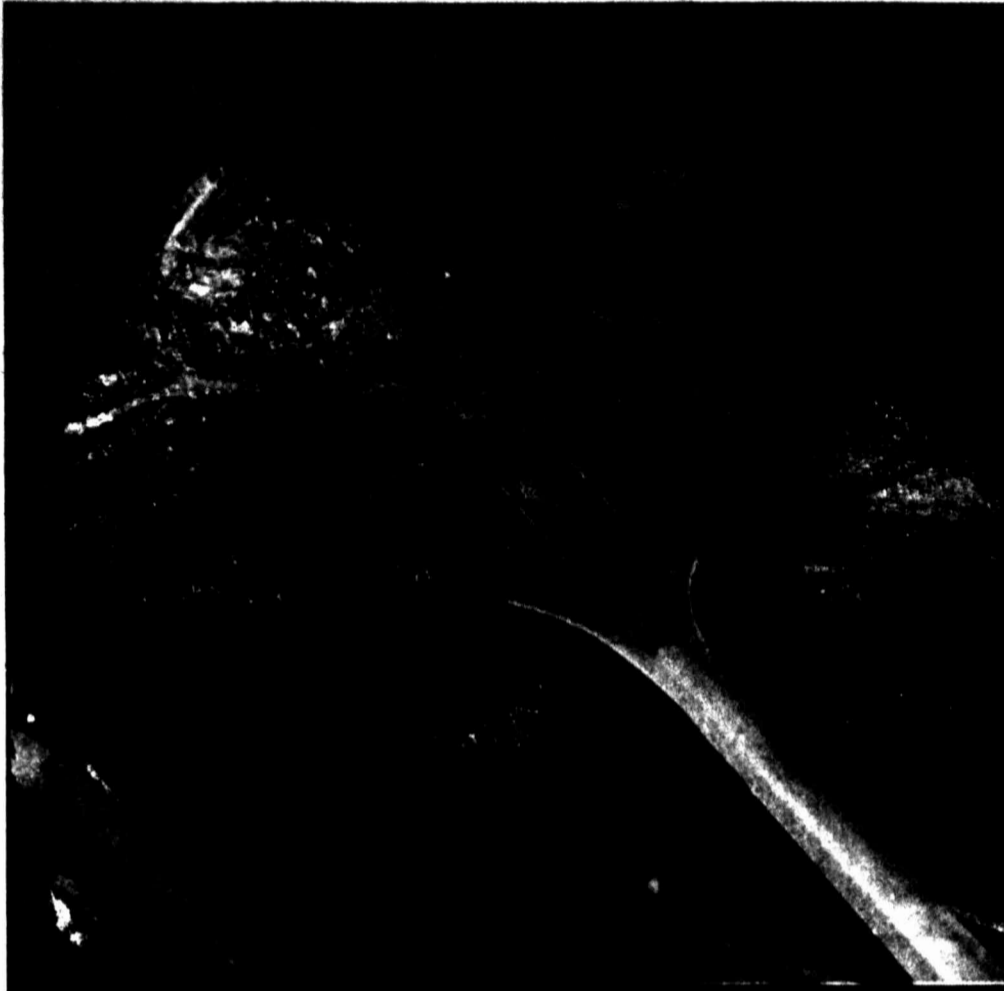
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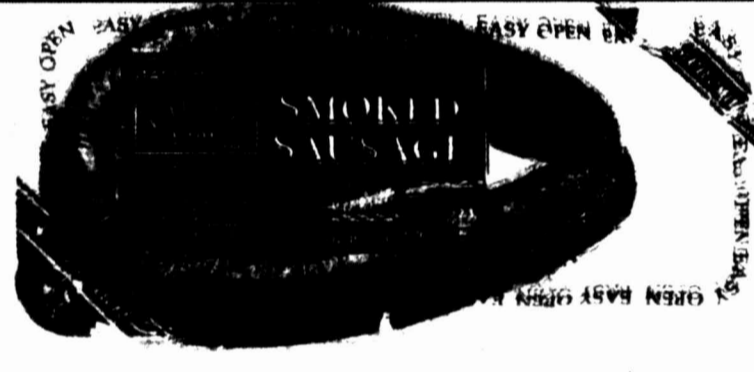
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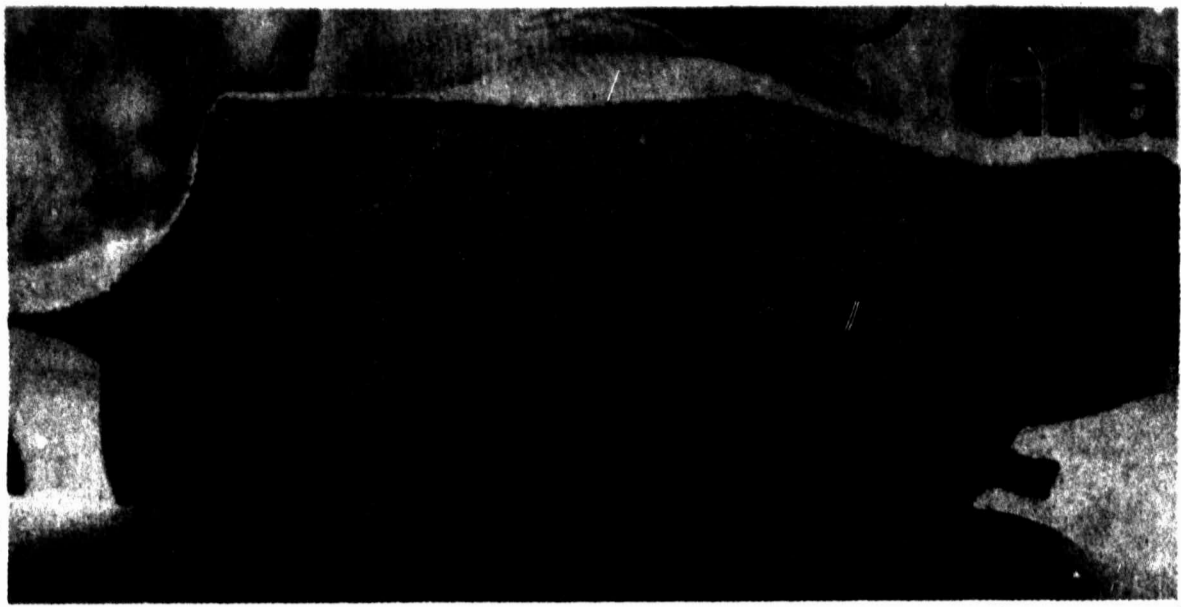
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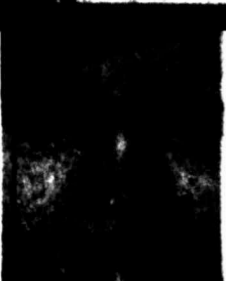

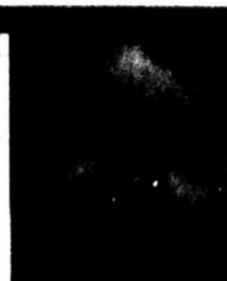







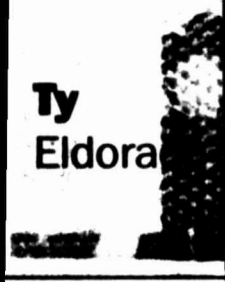

















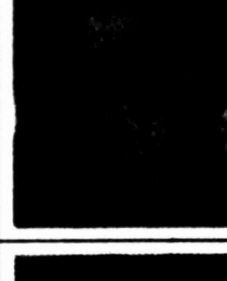



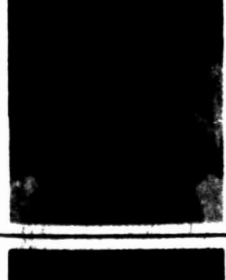
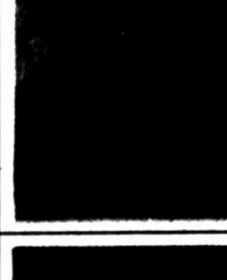





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	Isiah Brownsville		Xavier Bryan		Dakota Buna		Ava Corpus Christi		Cameron Corpus Christi
	Cooper Clyde		Cadence Concan		Seth Converse		Jose Antonio Eagle Pass		Ty Eldora
	Dylan Harlingen		Baylee Hearne		Ian Houston		Sage Houston		Chrisalyn Jasper
	Cooper Kerrville		Caden Kerrville		Jocileen Killeen		Natalie Killeen		Isaac Killeen
	Montserrat Laredo		Gavin Liberty		Hannah Lorena		Blayne Lott		Jacqueline McAllen
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 Isaac Killeen	 Connor Laredo	 Emilie Laredo	 Gael Laredo	 Edward Laredo	 Anya Laredo
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 Jillian Odessa	 Jonah Orange	 Seth Portland	 Chandler Richmond	 André Rio Grande City	 Lauren Round Rock
 Julian San Antonio	 Avalon San Antonio	 Trystin San Antonio	 Bryce Saratoga	 Jonathan Schertz	 Logan Stafford
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in our Celebration 100 Photo Contest

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MHMR full-time workers to receive 6 percent hike

Special to the Herald

West Texas Centers for MHMR full-time employees will be receiving an unprecedented 6 percent cost-of-living increase, which was approved after being presented to the board by CEO Shelley Smith.



"I have never been this excited about our annual budget. We were working under very different circumstances with three contracts as opposed to one like we have had in the past and we got our budget allocations very late in the year," Smith said. "Our management has been extremely diligent in searching for the best way to reward our workforce through a cost of living increase and I am most pleased with the outcome."

West Texas Centers receives its funding from the state through the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS), Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), private

insurance, private payors, county support and government programs such as Medicaid.

The board unanimously passed the budget Friday during its monthly meeting. The board is comprised of nine of the 23 county judges served by West Texas Centers in rural West Texas.

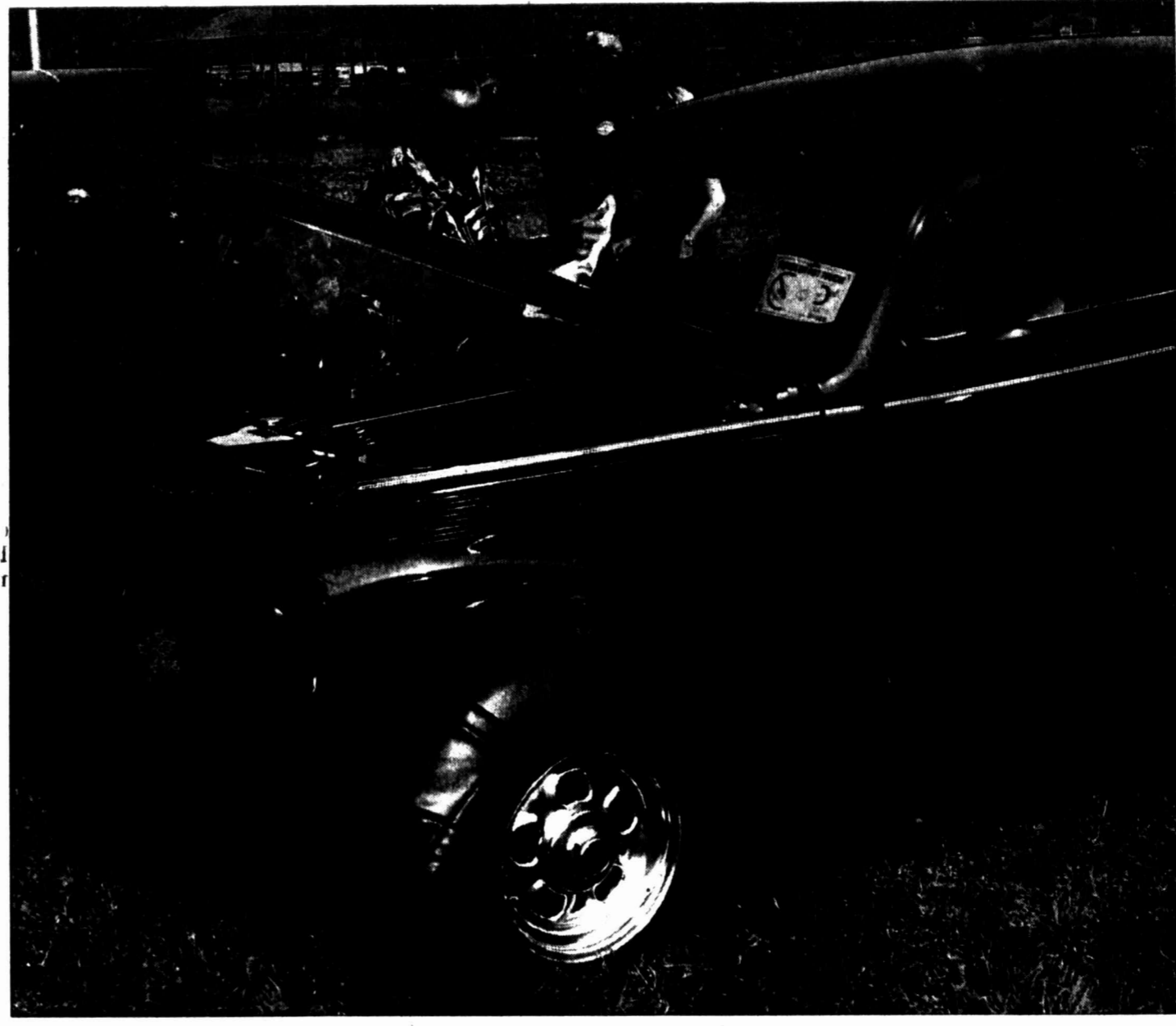
"Although we were forced to look at some cuts in funding in our mental retardation program due to equity reductions, the budget is focused on providing direct services to people in the community," said Smith.

Several positive things were included with the budget in addition to the cost of living increase such as an increase in travel and mileage adjustments, continuation of the quarterly compensation package for eligible staff and no change in the employees cost-share for their health insurance.

"There is not another board in Texas that is as supportive of its workforce as ours is," said Smith.

"This increase for employees would not be possible without their devotion to our organization, our staff and the people we serve."

EARLY CARS ROD RUN



Greg Lancaster of San Angelo cleans the windshield of his 1937 Ford sedan during the annual Early Cars of Big Spring Rod Run Saturday morning at Comanche Trail Park. As many as 40 early car enthusiasts were expected to attend the event, organizers said.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Seat belt law for children gets stiffer

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Many Texas motorists have to do some adjusting, as the state law that mandates children under the age of 4 years ride in a safety seat moves up to encompass children under the age of 5 years and under three feet tall.

And while the new law may help keep Texas children safe, it may be tougher to implement than it sounds, according to Carol Helmski, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Specialist and Child Safety Coordinator for Graco Children's Products.

"This means that children who may already be out of car seats will have

to use an age- and size-appropriate booster seat," said Helmski. "In order to make a child feel good about riding in a booster seat, manufacturers are now offering seats that are more personalized with fabrics that appeal to boys and girls specifically.

"If a child enjoys the booster seat they ride in, it will make the process much easier on parents and less discouraging for children."

According to Helmski, the reason for the new law is due to national statistics that show that 83 percent of children between the ages of 3 and 8, who should be using car seats or belt-positioning booster seats,

are being inappropriately graduated to an adult seat belt.

"Placing a child in a lap or shoulder belt before they are big enough can actually cause injury instead of preventing it," said Helmski.

Big Spring Fire Chief Brian Jensen said his firefighters and emergency medical responders still encounter children injured in traffic accidents because they weren't properly restrained.

"It bothers me, not just as fire chief, but as a father as well," said Jensen. "It can be tough at times because your kids get to a certain age and they see their friends riding without car seats,

and they think if their friends don't have to use them, why should they? It becomes a status thing."

Whether the child likes it or not, however, Jensen said they need to be properly restrained and parents that choose not to obey the law should receive stiffer fines.

"Amazingly enough, we still see adults who aren't wearing their safety belts," said Jensen. "I know we get grants that allow the police officers to really concentrate on these things, but those are only for one or two days a year. We need to have tougher penalties in place year round."

Helmski said parents who aren't sure if their child needs to be in a

booster or car seat need only to answer a few simple questions.

"Does the child sit all the way back against the auto seat?" asked Helmski. "Do the child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the auto seat? Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and the arm? Is the lap belt as low as possible, touching the thighs? Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?"

"If the answer is no to any of these questions, he or she should be using a booster seat."

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State urges gas conservation for Labor Day

Special to the Herald

The Texas Department of Transportation is urging motorists to curtail the use of gasoline, especially during the Labor Day holiday period, when increased levels of travel are normally seen.

"Gasoline remains in short supply after Hurricane Katrina shut down nine Gulf Coast refineries, disrupted gasoline pipelines to the Midwestern and Eastern U.S. and stopped 90 percent of the oil production in the Gulf of Mexico," a TxDOT spokesperson said.

TxDOT suggests that motorists consider a few tips that will help conserve gasoline:

- Drive sensibly — Fast acceleration, speeding, slamming on brakes consumes more fuel.
- Driving sensibly can save up to 33 percent on

the highway and 5 percent in the city.

- Get a tuneup — A new set of spark plugs and the right engine timing can help a vehicle run more economically

- Change oil and filters — Dirty oil reduces engine efficiency, as do clogged oil, gas, and air filters.
- Check tire pressure

- Underinflated or overinflated tire pressure can prevent a vehicle from moving as quickly or smoothly as it should.
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OUR VIEWS

VA Medical Center should stay in Big Spring

First, we want to begin by saying thanks, Big Spring. Thanks, veterans. Thank you to everyone who turned out Thursday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in support of the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

As fervently as you supported Proposition 5, which would expand services at the veterans hospital here, you dismantled any reasonable argument in favor of Proposition 2 — moving the bulk of healthcare services to the Midland-Odessa area.

Statistics show that population in the eastern portion of VISN (Veterans Integrated Service Network) 18, which the hospital serves, is growing to the east — away from Midland/Odessa. They further show that facilities at the Big Spring VAMC are in near-excellent condition. Indeed, millions upon millions of dollars have been spent upgrading the facility throughout the past decade.

It should be obvious that building a new, expensive facility in a location away from the center of the service area neither saves the taxpayers money nor helps veterans.

What also should be obvious is that a network ideally suited to caring for our veterans already is in place here in Big Spring.

The relationship between the VAMC and West Texas Centers for MHMR cannot be ignored. It's a fact that there is a growing need to provide more and more psychiatric care for veterans. And certainly not to be dismissed by the consultants at PricewaterhouseCoopers are the commitments shown by the Big Spring State Hospital, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Laumen-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home — all of which have shown unfaltering support for our veterans and the VAMC.

Finally, by PricewaterhouseCoopers' own admission, closing the Big Spring VA Medical Center would be a devastating blow to the local economy, if not across a wide region.

We agree with local businessman Chuck Bagwell, who testified at Thursday's meeting, "There's been more than \$75 million spent to upgrade the Big Spring VA in the last 10 years. The idea of closing this facility and rebuilding in Midland-Odessa is totally wrong. It's wrong for Big Spring, the U.S. taxpayer and veterans. Why does the federal government even need to think about it, much less spend money to study it?"

PricewaterhouseCoopers will now pare the six proposals presented Thursday to two or three, perhaps revising some of them. At that time, the consulting firm hired by the Veterans Administration will present those proposals for more public comment.

One thing is clear, Proposition 2 — the misguided concept of building a new VAMC in Midland/Odessa — the maligned idea of ravaging the Big Spring economy for what could only be political reasons — the insanity of putting our veterans through totally unwarranted turmoil — should never again see the light of day.

We ask that the consultants take it off the table and return with proposals directed at doing what is best for our veterans first and foremost, and then our taxpayers and the Big Spring community.

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Killer bugs and stupid criminals

Random thoughts while waiting for autumn:

I'm not a big bug-lover, but I'm not a radical on the subject either way. But the following Associated Press tidbit definitely caught my attention:

LONDON (AP) — Aaron Balick expected to find a tiny mouse stirring around behind the TV in his apartment. Instead, he found a venomous giant centipede that somehow made its way from South America to Britain.

He trapped the 9-inch-long creature between a stack of books and put it in a plastic container.

"Thinking it was a mouse, I went to investigate the sound," Balick said Wednesday. "The sound was coming from under some papers which I lifted, expecting to see the mouse scamper away."

"Instead, when I lifted the papers, I saw this prehistoric looking animal skitter away behind a stack of books."

I've got three words for you: Venomous. Giant. Centipede.

Ew. Ew. And Ew.

Like I said, bugs don't really bring out the heebie-jeebies in me, but I think I could make an exception when it comes to Venomous. Giant. Centipedes.

Indeed, if I ever found myself in the same position as Mr. Balick — face-to-face with a Venomous. Giant. Centipede. — I would gladly call my landlord and inform him that my apartment, though, lovely, was in dire need of a new renter.



STEVE REAGAN

And I don't think that my cats — the internationally famous mouse-catching duo of Keyko and Sylvester — would be much help, either.

Although they are fond of catching and, on occasion, eating all kinds of small critters, I'm sure they'd take one look at the Venomous. Giant. Centipede, and quickly decide that as a pet owner, I was an utter failure.

People who know me realize that I give a wide berth to animals who are capable of killing me. Some may consider this proof of cowardice, but I like to think that I am acting in my best self-interest.

Which brings me to "The Grizzly Man," a film by Wolfgang Petersen that documents the life and abrupt end of a guy up in Alaska who believed he could commune with grizzly bears, and paid for that mistaken assumption with his life.

What separates me from the late Mr. Grizzly Man is that, when I see a large, carnivorous animal, I don't see a potential new best friend. I see something that sees me as a food source.

I am not making light of the poor man's fate. But he's dead, and I'm still kicking.

Draw your own conclusions.

From our sister state to the west comes the latest entry in the "Reel Stoopid Criminals" file:

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — What's in a name? A lot of trouble if you leave it at the scene of a crime.

Police are investigating a recent burglary at a portable school building in Albuquerque where a computer monitor, two printers and other equipment was stolen.

What was found was a restaurant employee name tag near the

building at Bandelier Elementary School, according to court documents.

The tag, bearing the name "Sam," was used to help authorities track down Samuel Wilson, 19. Wilson was being held on burglary charges.

Looks like it's time to update "Burglary for Dummies." Open it to page 123, to the section that's titled "Don't Leave Any Evidence." You with me so far?

OK, now with a pencil or pen, write in the margins the following words: This Includes Name tags. The thing that depresses me the most about Mr. Wilson is that, in the words of a friend, he's old enough to vote and young enough to breed.

Yes, I am cynical, why do you ask?

From the "Man vs. Nature" file comes the following:

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Officials have tried just about everything to get rid of a pesky flock of starlings that seems to prefer city life, including using noise-makers, artificial birds and pyrotechnics to scare them away.

This month, officials have a new plan of action: foggers that will fill the air with the scent of grapes. Apparently, the birds hate it.

Norris said the smell comes from a food additive made from Concord grapes, and that it is harmless to people and animals but acts as an irritant to the birds.

I wonder if that would work on former relations?

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'Human Zoo' a fad passing as science

The "Human Zoo," a four-day exhibit last week at the London Zoo, was designed, zoo spokeswoman Polly Willis told The Associated Press, to get the public to see "people in a different environment, among other animals," and teach "that the human is just another primate."

Bunk. If the humans were just another primate, other primates — like monkeys — would make zoos. Ditto gorillas. Fact is, humans are the only primates that create zoos, which means humans are not just another primate.

So why the "human zoo" stunt? Don't blame science. If science had been a factor, the zoo would have selected a representative sample of homo sapiens. The human exhibitionists would have been racially diverse and would have included disabled people and bent-over geezers. Instead, the zoo picked five comely young ladies and three men — two buff, one with a beer gut — then stripped them down and made them wear synthetic fig leaves. In publicity shots, they look like the cast from an episode of the original "Star Trek" series.

"Warning: Humans in their natural environment," a sign explained.

Hardly. While the eight human guinea pigs were placed in a bear enclosure, they spent the night in a hotel. They weren't au naturel, and they weren't dressed as they normally would. They played board games, ate catered meals and drank Starbucks coffee.

One participant who called herself Spinning Girl posted a blog in which she wrote, "Nobody is willing to say: This may have been a stupid idea." May have been? No. It is a stupid idea.

It reflects the compulsive need of trendy folk to squeeze the meaning out of every word until their definitions have been rendered meaningless.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Zoo: My paperback Webster calls that "a place where a collection of wild animals is kept for public showing." Thanks to the faddists, a zoo now can be a collection of tame Starbucks swillers.

What's more, while zoos are supposed to enthrall visitors with the distinctiveness of wild species, Willis described the "human zoo" as an exhibit designed to make patrons believe the human primate isn't all that special.

What next? "Baboons, boring." Or, "Orangutans: Yawn." And "Ho hum chimpanzees." No, you would not see a zoo exhibit work to lower the public's opinion of an animal — unless that animal is human.

Then, the zoo's mission of educating the public evolves into the latest fad, promoting human self-loathing. (They're free to push that argument, but they delude themselves if they think they are original or scientific.)

A Zoological Society of London spokesman told The Independent:

"We are saying, 'Look, here are human beings stripped down and treated exactly the same way as other animals.' We are the same, and the way we treat animals has consequences."

The Independent also reported how the "human zoo" highlighted humankind's status as a "plague species" that threatens nearly 15,600 species, and has destroyed 844 other species and "some 800 million of its own kind."

So the zoo transforms itself from an institution designed to inspire and teach about nature into an institution that departs from science — with this phony natural habitat and erroneous claim that humans are "the same" as other animals — to teach people that humanity isn't so hot.

Defenders can argue they are trying to push people to think about mankind from a different perspective. Except that the simplistic conclusion — that people are bad unless they're the good people who lecture about how bad people are — is so common these days that there is nothing unique about the message. Man is a "plague species" — with few redeeming qualities.

In short: Man is just like any other primate ... only worse.

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BSISD ready, able to take care of homeless students, Downes says

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District is "ready and able" to help meet the educational needs of children displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Big Spring is expected to become at least the temporary home of up to 100 families — many with school-aged children — who have been left homeless by the disastrous hurricane that hit the Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama gulf

coast region earlier this week. While the disaster victims will need all manner of help in the coming weeks and months, one of the most immediate needs for the children affected by Katrina will be in education. Big Spring ISD officials said they are prepared to meet those needs. Superintendent Michael Downes said a mechanism for educating homeless children is already in place at the district. Students qualifying under federal homeless standards — such

"We have the ability to ramp up quite rapidly. We have the ability and the capability to help these students."



Downes

as hurricane victims — can be automatically enrolled in school without having to provide usual information such as

school and immunization records. These students also will be automatically qualified for free lunches and clothing assistance, Downes said. "This is nothing new for the district," he said. "The only difference is that we'll receive more of them at once than we ever have before." It is unknown at this time exactly how many children will be relocated to Big Spring. Downes said there will be plenty of classroom space to accommodate the sudden influx

of students. Although the Texas Education Agency has waived the mandated student-teacher ratio of 22-1 in grades K-4, Downes doubts that ratio will be exceeded. State education aid is also available to help the hurricane victims, he said. "We have the ability to ramp up quite rapidly," he said. "We have the ability and the capability to help these students." Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234.

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pre-screening individuals for the relocation effort, McEwen said. Hurricane victims will undergo a three-step process once they start arriving in town. McEwen said hurricane

victims would be first taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center to receive necessary medical treatment. After that, they would be transported to Big Spring High School, where the cafeteria staff was expected to be on duty all night to feed the hungry. Finally, they would be

transported to motel rooms throughout Big Spring to get some much-needed sleep. More than \$100,000, coming from Moore Development of Big Spring, ALON USA and private donors, has been pledged to the local relief effort so far. McEwen said, however, that it was impossible to predict

what the final price tag would be. "We have not put together a final budget, simply because there are so many imponderables," McEwen said. Local response has been overwhelming, he said. "The amazing thing ... is that this was basically first talked about (Friday morning)," McEwen said.

"The tremendous thing about this community is how quickly it has banded together to help people in need." Officials are gearing efforts toward a realization that many of the hurricane victims may decide to call Big Spring their permanent home. To that end, McEwen is urging people to donate

basically any household item they can, from the smallest to the biggest. "We are in need of beds and mattresses in good shape, bedding ... televisions, tables and chairs, kitchen furniture, you name it," he said. "Toothbrushes, dishcloths, towels ... basically everything you'd need for the home."

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Authority, which advised that the federal government is easing the transfer of HUD vouchers. "We talked with Paul Pryor. (BSHA director) and he said he has vouch-

ers available. Also, if people from Louisiana had vouchers, they can automatically transfer them here," said McEwen. "They have a letter from HUD that says anyone who comes into your community will be able to use them. The federal government is working very hard to coordinate those

types of things. "The plan is to have a situation where we can put a roof over their heads — an apartment or house. Initially, I think a lot will be in motel rooms as we prepare. There aren't many furnished houses and these people will literally be coming with the clothes on their

back. All of those things have to be taken care of." Another big boost to the effort came from the state of Texas, which is also relaxing its rule book in an effort to help those left homeless by the disaster find shelter. "There was thought that maybe some people could take these families into

their homes, and that's not what we want to do," McEwen said. "We want to give them as much dignity as possible. Again, however, it's a fluid situation. The idea came

Thursday night and implementation began at 9 a.m. Friday." Staff Writer Steve Reagan contributed to this article.

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tax-deductible contributions. Please make all checks payable to the Big Spring Katrina Relief Fund. Contributions can be mailed to the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721 or dropped off at the chamber office at 215

W. Third St. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641. Donated items are being accepted at the old Lions Event Hall at 1607 E. Third St. Contributions of the following items are needed: Cases of bottled water, non-perishable packaged food, canned goods, baby items, clothing, socks, underwear, diapers,

hygiene products and calling cards. Officials also are soliciting donations of large household items such as beds, mattresses, sofas, chairs, tables, televisions and other household furniture items. Almost any household item will be accepted, McEwen said. Hours of operation at the donation center are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Troubled school district to be permanently closed

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Education Agency plans to permanently dissolve the troubled Wilmer-Hutchins school district and send its students to Dallas schools, Education Commissioner Shirley Neeley said Friday.

The move would be effective July 1, pending clearance by the U.S. Justice Department, Neeley said in a statement.

State law allows the Texas Education Agency to close a school district that, like Wilmer-Hutchins, has been rated academically unacceptable for two consecutive years.

Wilmer-Hutchins' roughly 2,700 students began attending Dallas schools last month after a state-appointed board of managers decided to shutter the impoverished district for a year to make sweeping changes.

"The districts problems have escalated from bad to worse over decades," Neeley said. "These students have spent their school years in a district racked by scandal and mismanagement."

"I cannot in good conscience allow any child to be educated in this inadequate system."

The district just south of Dallas has been intensely scrutinized since last August, when administrators announced that storm damage would delay the start of classes at the dilapidated, roach-infested high school.

Neeley assigned a two-person management team to the district in November following the indictment of former Superintendent Charles Matthews on a felony

evidence tampering charge. He later was indicted on a charge that he ordered employees to falsify attendance data.

Woman guilty in boyfriend's slaying

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A woman was found guilty of capital murder for helping to kidnap and strangle her boyfriend after he was falsely accused of molesting the daughter of one of his alleged captors.

Maria Del Carmen Hernandez, 27, was found guilty Friday by a jury in 227th District Court and sentenced to life in prison for the killing of Robert Fernandez III. The earliest she could be paroled is in 39 years.

Hernandez was one of three women accused in the July 2004 slaying. Dolores Rodriguez, 56, of San Antonio, is charged with capital murder and Cassandra Leffew, 36, also of San Antonio, is charged with kidnapping. Their trials are pending.

According to witness testimony, the three women met in 2003 at the Battered Women's Shelter, and Hernandez eventually went to live with Leffew.

By early 2004, Hernandez had reconciled with Fernandez, 32, and the couple were taking care of seven children three that were Hernandez's and four that were Leffew's.

In July 2004, Fernandez was accused of molesting one of Leffew's daughters. Authorities investigated and determined the charge was false — but not before Fernandez was kidnapped, drugged and interrogated at Rodriguez's home in remote South Bexar County.

Despite his denials, Fernandez was tied up, and

attempts were made to suffocate him using two plastic garbage bags. When that didn't work, the women put him in the trunk of Leffew's car and drove around with him for about two hours. Later, they strangled him using a nylon hose, according to the statements. Fernandez's body was found in a roadside ditch.

Alba-Golden aide indicted on sexual abuse charges

TYLER (AP) — A teacher's aide and former coach who was indicted on sexual abuse charges has been placed on leave from the Alba-Golden school district.

Wayne Haynie is a classroom instructional aide and was a baseball, volleyball and basketball coach.

Haynie was indicted by a Wood County grand jury last week on two counts of indecency with a child. He was arrested Monday at Alba-Golden High School and released after posting \$5,000 bail for each charge, said Wood County Chief Deputy Miles Tucker.

The allegations date back to 1999 and the child, who was 11 or 12 at the time, was not one of Haynie's students. The incident wasn't alleged to have happened on school property, said Wood County District Attorney Marcus Taylor.

Haynie was placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the case, said Alba-Golden Superintendent Bill Stewart.

"Anytime an allegation is made, it's a serious thing," Stewart said. "Just because a grand jury indicts someone doesn't necessarily mean they're guilty. A situation like this can ruin someone's career."

Evacuation efforts pick up steam

By ROBERT TANNER
AP National Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Planes, trains and buses delivered refugees to safety on Saturday as the evacuation of this ruined city finally appeared to pick up steam.

Buses had evacuated most people from the frightening confines of the Superdome by early morning. At the equally squalid convention center, thousands of people began pushing and dragging their belongings up the street to more than a dozen air-conditioned buses, the mood more numb than jubilant.

More than 50,000 people had been trapped for days at the two filthy, sweltering buildings, suffering from a lack of food, water or medical attention. Help came too late for a number of them — dead bodies were a common sight, in wheelchairs, wrapped in blankets or just abandoned.

Thousands of people were at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, where fewer than 200 remained in a medical triage unit where officials said 3,000 to 5,000 people had been treated since the beginning of the storm.

"The hallways are filled, the floors are filled. There are thousands of people there," said Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., who was at the airport. "A lot more than eight to 10 people are dying a day. It's a distribution problem. The doctors are doing a great job, the nurses are doing a great job."

Since the cavalry arrived in New Orleans on Friday, more than 25,000 residents have been evacuated, Mike Brown, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said at a briefing

Saturday morning in Baton Rouge.

Both the number of people left in the city and the death toll remained unknown, because people continued showing up at evacuation sites and dead bodies were still being counted, Brown said.

"There are people in apartments and hotels that you didn't know were there," Army Brig. Gen. Mark Graham said at the briefing.

At the convention center, Yolanda Sanders stood at a barricade clutching her cocker spaniel, Toto. She had been waiting to be evacuated for five days.

"I had faith that they'd come. I feel good that I know I can get to my family," she said. Sanders didn't know yet where they were taking her, but "anyplace is better than here. People are dying over there."

Refugees filed past corpses to get to the buses and left garbage bags and suitcases full of belongings at the side of the road because there was no room. National Guardsmen confiscated knives and letter openers from people before they got on the buses.

Helicopters were removing the sickest people from the center, and two

of the city's most troubled hospitals were evacuated Friday after desperate doctors spent days making tough choices about which patients got dwindling supplies of food, water and medicines.

"We're just trying to ease their pain, give them a little bit of dignity and get them out of here," said Lt. Col. Connie McNabb.

At the south end of the convention center, hundreds of people stumbled toward helicopters, dehydrated and nearly passing out from exhaustion. Many had to be carried by National Guard troops and police on stretchers.

And some were being pushed up the street on office chairs and on dollies.

A Saks Fifth Avenue store billowed smoke Saturday, as did rows of warehouses on the east bank of the Mississippi River, where corrugated roofs buckled and tiny explosions erupted. Gunfire — almost two dozen shots — broke out in the French Quarter overnight.

As the warehouse district burned, Ron Seitzer, 61, washed his dirty laundry in the even dirtier waters of the Mississippi River and said he didn't know how much longer

he could stay without water or power, surrounded by looters.

"I've never even had a nightmare or a beautiful dream about this," he said as he watched the warehouses burn. "People are just not themselves."

In what looked like a scene from a Third World country Friday, some outside the convention center threw their arms heavenward and others hollered profanities as camouflage-green vehicles and supply trucks finally rolled through axle-deep floodwaters into what remained of New Orleans.

National Guard Lt. Col. Jerry Crooks said troops had served more than 70,000 meals outside the convention center and had 130,000 more on hand.



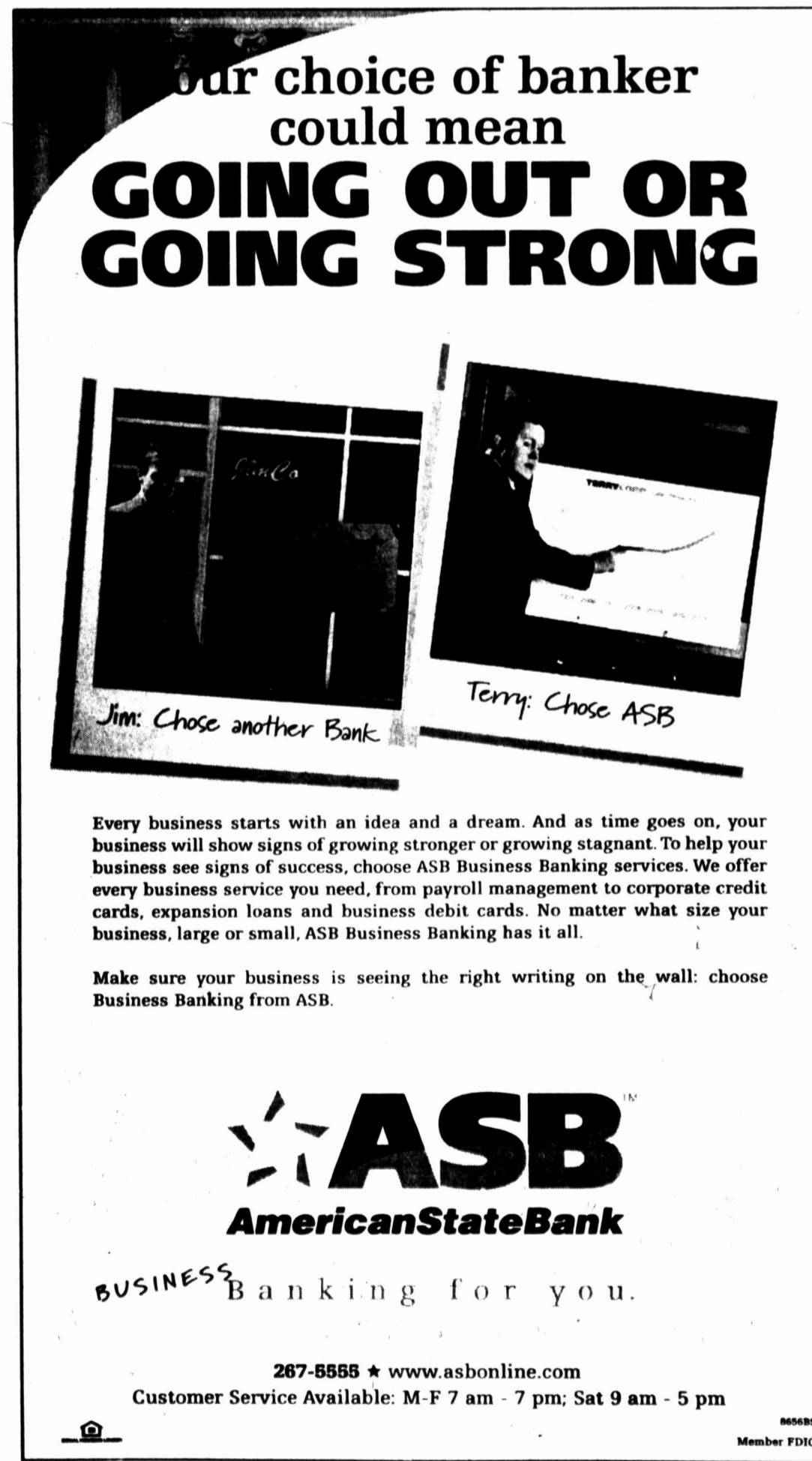
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TELEVISION
1. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
2. "60 Minutes," CBS.
3. "Two and a Half Men," CBS.
4. "Cold Case," CBS.
5. "CSI: Miami," CBS. (From Nielsen Media Research)

FILM
1. "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," Universal.
2. "The Brothers Grimm," Miramax.
3. "Red Eye," DreamWorks.
4. "Four Brothers," Paramount.
5. "Wedding Crashers,"

New Line. (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

HOT FIVE
1. "We Belong Together," Mariah Carey. Island. (Platinum - certified sales of 1 million units)
2. "Shake It Off," Mariah Carey. Island.
3. "Don't Cha," The Pussycat Dolls (feat. Busta Rhymes). A&M.
4. "Lose Control," Missy Elliott (feat. Ciara & Fat Man Scoop). The Gold Mind.
5. "Let Me Hold You," Bow Wow (feat.

Omarion). Columbia. (From Billboard magazine)

ALBUMS
1. "Most Wanted," Hilary Duff. Hollywood.
2. "Now 19," Various Artists. The EMI Group. (Platinum)
3. "The Emancipation of Mimi," Mariah Carey. Island. (Platinum)
4. "Monkey Business," Black Eyed Peas. A&M. (Platinum)
5. "Harlem: Diary of a Summer," Jim Jones. Diplomats. (From Billboard magazine)

CONCERT TOURS
1. Neil Diamond.
2. Dave Matthews Band.
3. Kenny Chesney.
4. Anger Management Tour.
5. Ozzfest. (From Pollstar)

VHS RENTALS
1. "Sin City," Dimension Home Video.
2. "Guess Who," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
3. "The Wedding Date," Universal Studios Home Video.
4. "Because of Winn-Dixie," FoxVideo.

5. "Alexander: Director's Cut (Widescreen)," Warner Home Video. (From Billboard magazine)

VHS SALES
1. "Because of Winn-Dixie," FoxVideo.
2. "Thomas the Tank Engine: The Best of Gordon," Anchor Bay Entertainment.
3. "Dora the Explorer: Super Babies," Paramount Home Entertainment.
4. "Shrek 2," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.

5. "Shark Tale," DreamWorks Home Entertainment. (From Billboard magazine)

DVD SALES
1. "Sin City," Dimension Home Video.
2. "The Simpsons: The Complete Sixth Season," FoxVideo.
3. "The Wedding Date (Widescreen)," Universal Studios Home Video.
4. "The Wedding Date (Full Screen)," Universal Studios Home Video.
5. "Because of Winn-Dixie," FoxVideo.

Best sellers — books

Publishers Weekly Best-Sellers

HARDCOVER FICTION
1. "The Historian" by Elizabeth Kostova (Little, Brown)
2. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
3. "Point Blank" by Catherine Coulter (Putnam)
4. "Lifeguard" by James Patterson and Andrew Gross (Little, Brown)
5. "Chill Factor" by Sandra Brown (Simon & Schuster)
6. "Undomestic Goddess" by Sophie Kinsella (Dial)
7. "The Interruption of Everything" by Terry McMillan (Viking)
8. "Vanish" by Tess Gerritsen (Ballantine)
9. "Tyrannosaur Canyon" by Douglas Preston (Forge)
10. "Without Mercy" by Jack Higgins (Putnam)

Twenty-first Century" by Thomas L. Friedman (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
4. "The Fair Tax Book" by Neal Boortz and John Linder (Regan Books)
5. "Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential" by Joel Osteen (Warner Faith)
6. "Freakonomics" by Steven D. Levitt, Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow)
7. "100 People Who Are Screwing Up America" by Bernard Goldberg (HarperCollins)
8. "New Rules" by Bill Maher (Rodale)
9. "He's Just Not That Into You" by Greg Behrendt, Liz Tuccillo (Simon Spotlight Entertainment)
10. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS
1. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
2. "White Hot" by

Sandra Brown (Pocket)
3. "The Rule of Four" by Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason (Dell)
4. "Trace" by Patricia Cornwell (Berkley)
5. "Deception Point" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
6. "The Wedding" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
7. "Frankenstein: Book 2 City of Night" by Dean Koontz & Ed Gorman (Bantam)
8. "The Constant Gardener" John le Carr (Scribner)
9. "Lost City" by Clive Cussler with Paul Kemprecos (Berkley)
10. "Memorial Day" by Vince Flynn (Pocket Star)

TRADE PAPERBACKS
1. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)
2. "Why Do Men Have Nipples?" by Mark Leyner and Billy Goldberg, M.D. (Three Rivers Press)

3. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)
4. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon (Vintage)
5. "The Book of Sudoku No. 1" by Michael Mepham (Overlook Press)
6. "Wicked" by Gregory Maguire (ReganBooks)
7. "The South Beach Diet" by Arthur Agatston, M.D. (St. Martin's)
8. "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult (Washington Square Press)
9. "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can

Make a Big Difference" by Malcolm Gladwell (Back Bay)

10. "Sudoku Easy to Hard" by Will Shortz (St. Martin's/Griffin)

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Big Spring can't handle Permian at Ratliff

• Steers lose running back Whitehead after injury on first play

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

ODESSA — Big Spring head coach Tim Holt has said from day one that he wants to emphasize the run with his new slot T offense. And Friday night in Odessa, the Permian Panthers obviously knew that.

Permian held the Steers to 43 yards on the ground and used several different playmakers on offense in its 35-0 win at Ratliff Stadium.

"We just didn't play well and need to get better," said Holt. "We couldn't run the ball because guys on the line didn't block who they were supposed to block. We took several sacks because guys didn't block who were they were supposed to block."

And to add insult to injury, Big Spring might have lost its best running back to a season-ending injury. Senior Kalan Whitehead, who gained 133 yards on the ground against Odessa High last week, went down on the first play from scrimmage and was carted off the field. Holt said Whitehead

has a spiral fracture in his tibia and will visit an Orthopedic doctor Monday to find out if he is going to need surgery.

"We took a big loss last night when he went down," said Holt. "We won't know the extent of the injury until Monday."

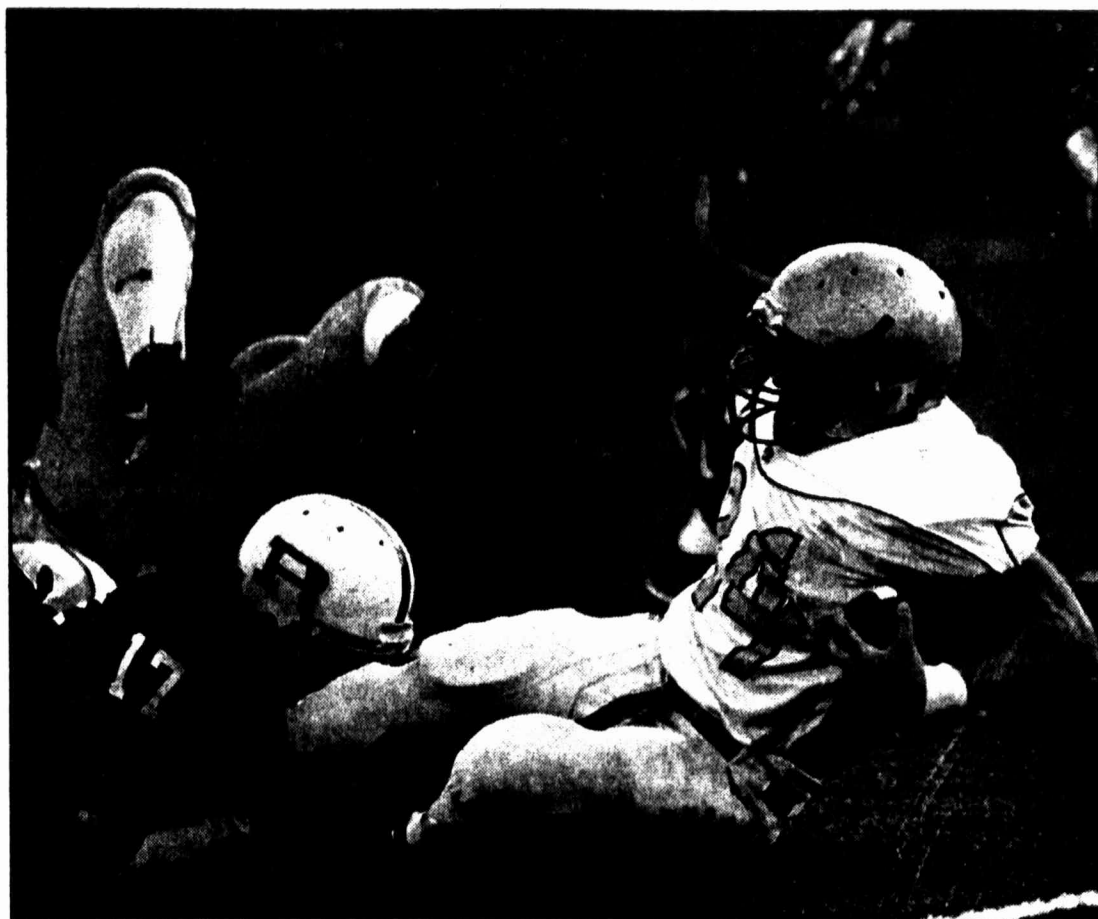
Big Spring, which falls to 0-2 on the new season, remained even with the Panthers after one period, but Permian scored twice in the second quarter and grabbed a 14-0 lead at the half.

"After the game last night, I thought we just got beat physically, but after watching the film Saturday, I think it was more of a situation where there's still a lot of little things we aren't doing right."

"We talked to the kids Saturday and made sure first of all that they know what to do and where to be."

Permian took the lead in the second quarter for good on a 36-yard run by the Jarvis Morris with 7:06 left in the quarter. Robert Murry then put the Panthers up 14-0 on a seven-yard run with 1:05 left in the first half.

The Panthers had another chance to score in the half after they intercepted



Big Spring junior Lance Tissue falls forward for a short gain against Permian Friday night at Ratliff Stadium. The Steers lost to the Panthers 35-0.

Big Spring junior quarterback Ryan Tannehill. The Panthers missed a field goal with 16 seconds, but got another chance to put points on the board after an unsportsmanlike penalty was called on the Steers. However, Big Spring stopped Permian from reaching the end

zone as senior Zac Chesworth took down the Panthers' runner as time expired in the period. The biggest play of the game happened on Permian's initial drive of the second half. The Steers forced the Panthers into a three and out and a punt. The snap flew 25

yards over the punter's head and Big Spring made the play on the ball at the Permian 15 yard line. However, the Steers were called for having too many men on the field and the ball was given

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Quarterback Club sets remaining weekly meetings

The Big Spring football booster club (quarterback club) will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the ATC through the football season.

For more information, contact Donna Wright at 267-9723.

YMCA sets meeting for adult flag football league

An organizational meeting has been scheduled for adults wanting to field a team to play flag football this fall.

Participants must be 18 years of age or older to play. The meeting will take place at the YMCA Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m.

Henson Memorial fund-raiser set

The Second Annual Pfc. Clayton W. Henson Memorial Scholarship Fund-raiser golf tournament has been set for Saturday.

The tournament will be a four person scramble and will cost \$80 per person.

It will take place at the Phoenix Golf Club in Stanton.

For more information, contact Wally Hazelwood at 756-2424 or the Phoenix Golf Club at 756-2556.

Local bowling leagues now forming

Bowling leagues at Bowl-A-Rama Lanes are now being formed.

There will be several leagues throughout the week.

A senior league will take place Fridays at 6 p.m. for players 55 and over.

Also, a children's league will take place Saturday mornings at 10 for bowlers aged 4 through 17.

For more information, call 267-7494.

Hunter Education Class announced

The date for the next hunter education course will be Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. in the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce Building.

The cost is \$10 and each student will need his/her social security number and a parent or guardian if under 18.

Texas law requires this course to be taken if you want to hunt in the state.



Garden City junior Jared Bradford, center with ball, takes the ball upfield for a gain against Ira Friday in Garden City. Bradford scored four touchdowns in the game. Uriel Talamantes, left, tries to help out with a block.

Bearkats put loss in memory, rout 'Dogs

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Garden City bounced back from its loss last week against now 11th ranked Grandfalls-Royalty in a big way as the 13th ranked Bearkats dominated 18th ranked and rival Ira all over the field in a 56-8 rout.

"Our kids came ready to play and I think they had something to prove," said Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins. "We got the monkey off our back after losing to them twice last year."

The Bearkats ended the game with 9:50 to go in the game after senior Jared Bradford returned a fumble 34 yards.

Ira's best player — all-stater Wes Kellner — did not play and will miss the rest of the season after

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Forsan just misses upset win

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

It's the victories that almost were that seem to hurt the most.

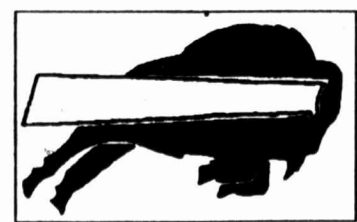
The Eldorado Eagles visited Forsan Friday night, defeating the Buffaloes 18-14.

Scoring with only 22 seconds left in the game, the Eagles left the Buffaloes feeling a hurt that can only be described with one word.

"Heartbreak," said head coach Tommy Thompson. "The kids' hearts are just broken. They really wanted this game tonight."

And they deserved to win, playing as inspired as they have played in a long time.

"They played their hearts out for 60 minutes," Thompson said. "They get better every week. We are going to get



there." The Buffs' improvement has not gone unnoticed by their fans and school mates. During a post game interview with Thompson, one passerby was heard saying what a great game the guys played and you could see in their eyes how badly they wanted to win.

"After the Iraan game we had three points to improve on," said Thompson. "missed blocks, dropped passes and turnover ratio."

Thompson said that the Buffs still need to continue working on all of

those, but had a plus three turnover ratio against Eldorado.

"We are still missing some key blocking assignments," Thompson said, "and we have to begin catching more balls."

The head coach added that will come as they continue to practice and gain confidence in one another.

Despite some miscues offensively the Buffalo running game put up a respectable 133 yards rushing with senior Tye Baker leading the way going for 63 yards on 11 carries and a touchdown.

Junior Wesley Newcomb added another 46 yards on 15 attempts. He also had a thrilling, momentum changing 93-yard kick off return for a

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Friday night's area scores

- Odessa Permian 35, Big Spring 0
- Seagraves 41, Coahoma 13
- Eldorado 18, Forsan 14
- Garden City 56, Ira 8 (mercy rule)
- Reagan County 21, Stanton 7
- Grandfalls-Royalty 54, Sands 8 (mercy rule)
- Rule 67, Grady 20 (mercy rule)

2nd Annual Big Spring Fire Department golf tournament

First Place: B Shift, six under 65
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Second Place: A Shift, one under 70
Steve Hodges, Dan Hendrickson, Steve Bedell, Cecil Cavallio and James Phelps.

The event was held at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. It is designed to promote department unity.

FORSAN

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TD that really got the team and crowd into the game.

Forsan carried that momentum late into the fourth quarter leading 14-12 with less than three minutes to play.

The Buffs really faced the pressure trying to hold off a determined Eldorado offense.

"Our defense really was great the whole game," said Thompson. "There at the end, secondary miscues allowed them to score the go-ahead touchdown."

Eldorado put together a drive that was defended as well as it was executed, but in the end was able to slip behind the Forsan defense to complete one of only seven completions for the winning score.

Thompson maintains his opinion that the Buffs have the personnel to win and that any mistakes they are making are very correctable.

"They have made great improvement," said Thompson. "Each week the character of this team gets stronger. They are really beginning to pull together and play with a lot of heart."

While he admits the offense still needs to find its rhythm, the defense is starting to gel.

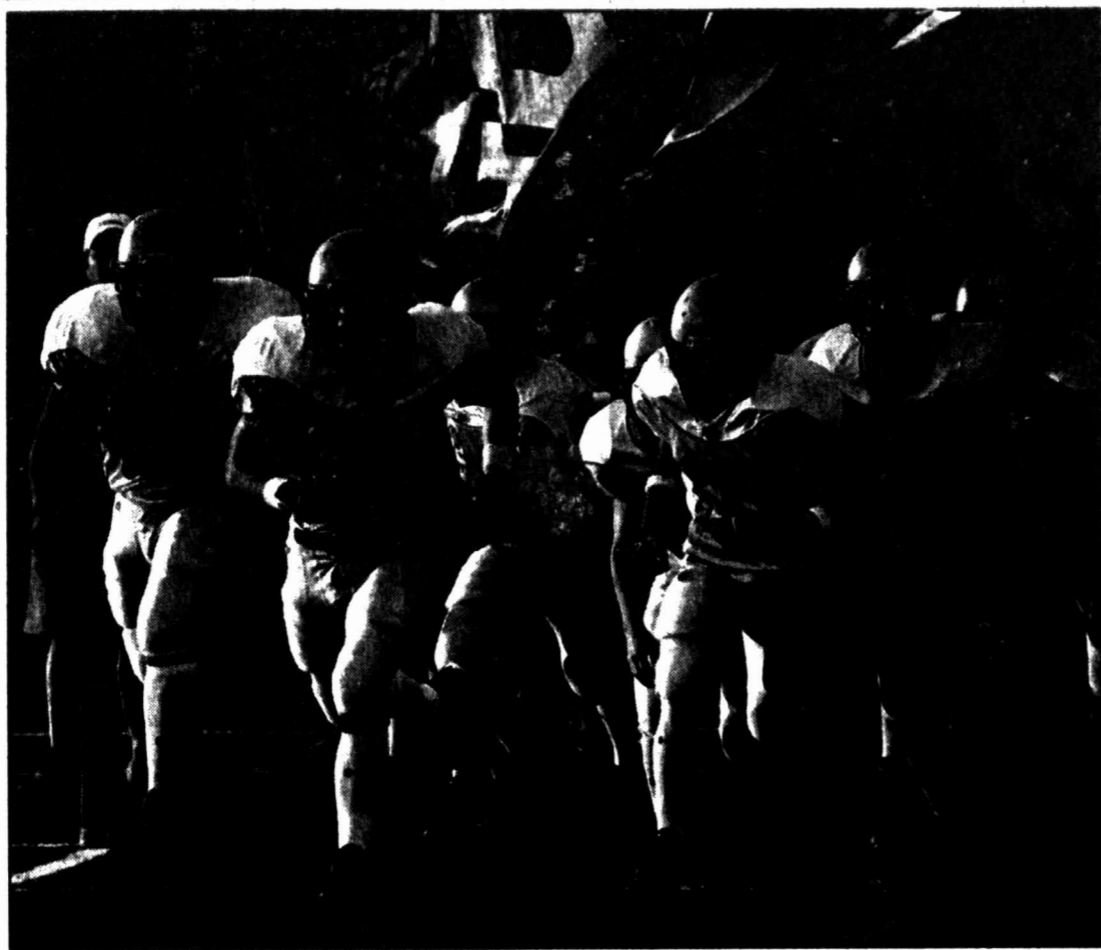
Key contributors to the defense last night included Newcomb, who was in on 15 tackles and had a blocked extra point.

Senior Clint Stanley caused some disruption for the Eagles causing two fumbles and recovering one. Senior Shelby Lefever also recovered a fumble and had a sack.

Junior Derrick Colegrove was in on six tackles, two for loss, and had a sack. Senior Mitchell Murray added nine tackles with two for loss. And senior Josh Paradez joined in with four tackles and added a 20 yard interception.

Thompson added that keys to the Buffs continued improvement will be picking up the blocking assignments more frequently and gaining confidence in the passing game.

One thing is evident. The Buffaloes are a different team than last year. They are a better team than last week. Forsan will travel to Sweetwater next week to challenge Hawley. Game time is at 7:30 p.m. at the Mustang Bowl.



The Big Spring Steers run out onto the field prior to kick-off in Odessa at Ratliff Stadium. Big Spring lost to Permian Friday, 35-0.

STEERS

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back to Permian inside Big Spring territory. Instead of having the ball with a chance to get back

into the game, the Steers cashed in on the mistake by the Panthers.

"We went over that all week long in practice, but for some reason we had too many kids on the field," said Holt. "We played hard in the game, but the guys still don't know where they are supposed to be. Once we get things ironed out we should find ourselves in good shape."

The Steers added to their penalties later on the drive with a 15-yard face mask mark off. Permian scored one play later on a 15 yard touchdown pass from Tate Smith to Josh Stephens.

Big Spring had its best offensive drive on its next possession.

The Steers converted three third down plays into first downs. Seniors Alex Castillo and Andy Lasater and junior Caleb Choate all made first down catches from Tannehill and the junior quarterback also ran his way to another first down.

The Steers were also helped by a 15 yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty called against Permian as they took the ball all the way down to the three yard line.

However, Permian denied Big Spring on four

straight running plays. The Steers' big fullback — junior Lance Tissue — was stopped on fourth and one as the Steers turned the ball back over to Permian on downs as time ticked away in the third quarter.

The Panthers added two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to put the game away. Murry scored on a 25 yard run and then Eric Gonzales capped off the scoring with a seven-yard run with 1:06 to play in the game.

"We hit them hard and played well early and our defense was really good in the first half, but we just didn't finish the game," said Holt. "I don't think it was so much what they did to us, but what we didn't do to help our chances at a victory."

Choate led the running attack with 27 yards on 12 carries. Tannehill was seven-for-17 through the air for 104 yards and one interception.

Tannehill's favorite target Friday was Castillo, who caught four passes for 44 yards.

Senior Matt Hilario caught one pass for 35 yards, while Lasater hauled in two passes for 25 yards in his first game back from a shoulder injury.

The Steers continued to play without the services of starting center Michael Rodriguez and speedster Johnny Williams. Williams should make it back in time for Lubbock High in two weeks.

Big Spring looks to get its first win of the season next Friday at home against Hereford.

The Steers defeated Hereford last season by one point in overtime.

Reagan County upends Stanton

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Stanton dropped to 0-2 Friday after falling to Reagan County in its home opener.

The Buffaloes have struggled to score points offensively in the first two games of the year. They failed to score an offensive touchdown Friday and lost 21-7.

Stanton got its only touchdown of the game in the first quarter as sophomore Mike Carmona returned an interception 38 yards for the score.

Then Reagan County rolled off 21 straight



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points and claimed the win. Josh Ferguson tied the game in the first quarter with a 10-yard run and then

penalties and 107 penalty yards.

Senior Sloan Kelly led the Stanton ground attack with 19 yards on five carries, while senior Matthew Ruiz had four catches for 28 yards. Sophomore quarterback Garrett Fulton went six-for-15 through the air for 66 yards.

Garcia led Reagan County with 109 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

Stanton travels to Seagraves Friday. Seagraves routed Coahoma 41-13 this weekend.

Seagraves takes out old rival in Coahoma

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Coahoma ran into trouble with an old rival Friday night at Bulldog Stadium as now Class 1A Seagraves dominating the Bulldogs on the road, winning 41-13.

Coahoma (1-1) scored all 13 of its points in the second quarter. Donnie Garcia put the Bulldogs on the board with a 47-yard run and then, after a 71 yard run by Seagraves'

Sands suffers loss to state-ranked Grandfalls-Royalty

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Five turnovers and too

much offense from 11th ranked Grandfalls-Royalty led a loss for the Sands Mustangs Friday. Grandfalls-Royalty scored 41 points in the first two quarters and ended the game in the fourth quarter.

Sands and head coach Wayne Henderson lost the game 54-8 due to the 45 point mercy rule

and scored its only touchdown in the third quarter on a 56-yard run by senior Santos Ybarra.

The Mustangs got just three first downs in the game and finished with 112 total yards, including just 13 yards passing. Grandfalls-Royalty finished with 330 yards in the game, including 156 rushing yards.

Bryan Santiago led Grandfalls-Royalty as he went nine-of-11 through the air for 162 yards and seven touchdowns.

The Mustangs will try to get their first win of the year Friday as they host Westbrook at 7:30 p.m. in Ackerly.

Grandfalls-Royalty, after its dramatic win over state-ranked Garden City last week, moves to 2-0 on the young season.



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Serena to meet Venus in fourth round at U.S. Open

• No. 1 Federer survives tough three-set match

By NANCY ARMOUR
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Broadway has "Wicked" and "The Lion King," and the Museum of Modern Art has Cezanne. Coldplay is coming to Madison Square Garden, and the Yankees are back next week.

And the U.S. Open? It has the biggest blockbuster of them all.

"Are you guys ready for the Williams sisters?" Venus Williams asked Open fans Friday night, laughing at the crowd's roar of approval. "Yeah. We'll see you on Sunday."

Venus Williams and little sis Serena both won their third-round matches Friday to set up the meeting everyone has been waiting to see since the draw came out 10 days ago. Everyone but the sisters, that is. If they have to play each other, they'd prefer a little bigger buildup.

Six of their previous eight Grand Slam meetings have been in finals, with Serena winning the last five. But lower-than-usual seedings put them on course for an early matchup here. Serena, hobbled much of the year by ankle and knee injuries, is seeded eighth. Venus won Wimbledon,



KRT PHOTOGRAPH BY J. CONRAD WILLIAMS JR./NEWSDAY
Serena Williams reacts after winning a point against Francesca Schiavone in a third round match at the U.S. Open in New York Friday.

but is No. 10 after the flu knocked her out of two recent tournaments.

This is the earliest they've met at a major since the second round of the 1998 Australian Open, which Venus won in straight sets.

"It's obviously extremely disappointing to have to play my sister in the next round," Serena Williams said. "We'll just have to go from there."

The Williams sisters aren't the only show at the Open. Fabrice Santoro, once dubbed

"The Magician" by Pete Sampras, wowed the late night crowd with some of his patented trick shots, including one flick of the wrist while he was completely turned around.

But it takes more than magic to beat No. 1 Roger Federer, who advanced 7-5, 7-5, 7-6 (2).

Venus vs. Serena isn't always the best tennis, but you can't beat its drama. Only 15 months apart, the two are closer than most sisters, and

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schoeler
Coahoma freshman Donnie Garcia forces a fumble by Seagraves' Raul Flores Friday night at Bulldog Stadium. The ball was retained by the Eagles after it went out of bounds. Seagraves won the game 41-13.

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Tony Valenzuela, Coahoma senior quarterback Patrick Croft scored on a 42-yard run.

However, the Eagles scored one more time in the second quarter, twice in the third quarter and added a field goal in the final quarter and won in

a rout. Coahoma was held to 118 yards of total offense —

six of which came through the air. Seagraves compiled 385 yards on the ground on 55 carries. They were not hurt on

110 yards worth of penalties either.

Garcia led the Bulldogs with 50 yards on five carries, while Croft added 33 yards on four carries. Junior Blaine Kerby completed the only pass of the day for Coahoma as he connected with Garcia for six yards.

The Bulldogs' tough non-district schedule continues Friday as they travel to Wall.



CROFT

BEARKATS

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the team's district executive committee ruled him ineligible for the season. Kellner and Ira appealed the decision to the UIL executive committee, but the appeal was upheld at a meeting Thursday.

"As far as we know he is out for the year," said Hoskins. "They have had a tough month."

The Bearkats took control from the start scoring 22 points in the first quarter. Junior quarterback Alex Halfmann found two different receivers in the period for touchdowns. He started the game with a 30-yard touchdown pass to junior Taylor Niehues and then later found senior Cory Multer for another 30 yarder. Garden City scored another touchdown in between the two throws on a 24-yard fumble recovery by Blaine



HALFMANN



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Walker. "The kids don't really care who gets the credit or who does what, they just want to get it done," said Hoskins. "And that attitude is going to win us a lot of games this year."

The Bearkats scored some more in the second quarter as Halfmann found Multer from six yards out. Then, back up quarterback — sophomore Evan Jansa — connected with senior Jared Bradford from 56 yards out.

Garden City led 37-0 at the half. Bradford took over in the second half as the Bearkats ended the game shortly into the fourth quarter.

Bradford scored on a 38-yard run to start the Bearkats' scoring in the final half.

He scored again on a 40-yard pass play from Halfmann and then finished the game on a the fumble return.

Ira had six turnovers in the game and Garden City, which was plagued last week by costly turnovers, took the care of the ball better and had no turnovers in the game. "That was the biggest difference in the game for us," said Hoskins.

Garden City's defense turned two of Ira's turnovers into immediate touchdowns and held the Bulldogs to 123 total yards.

Halfmann finished with 159 yards and four touchdowns through the air and ran four times for 37



yards, as well. Bradford had 42 yards on the ground and one touchdown and also compiled 117 yards on four catches and two touchdowns with his hands.

Niehues finished with two catches for 39 yards and one touchdown, while Multer, who is known more for his defense, scored two touchdowns on two catches and gained 36 yards.

Fifteen players played on both sides of the ball for Garden City as they were able to utilize its depth this week.

"That made a difference, too," said Hoskins. "We needed to use our depth and we were able to find some things out last night."

The Bearkats will prepare for a long road trip Friday as they take on Sanderson, which is about 175 miles away. Sanderson is 1-0 this year as they were off this weekend, but beat El Paso Immanuel Baptist in week zero. Garden City will have a 12:30 p.m. send off pep rally Friday.

"We bounced back well this week," said Hoskins. "We needed some work and we play tough teams to find that out."

Coahoma junior varsity loses to rival Seagraves

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
SEAGRAVES — The Coahoma junior varsity football team dropped to 0-2 on the season after losing to Seagraves Thursday.

Seagraves scored 12 points in the first half and won the game 18-6.

Coahoma scored its lone touchdown in the third quarter. P.J. Daylong scored a touchdown on a 37-yard run, but Seagraves added a touchdown in the fourth.

Besides Daylong, the coaching staff at Coahoma said Colter Monsan, Corey Roberts, Kaegan Hunt, Blaine Henderson and Justin Raw all played well, too.

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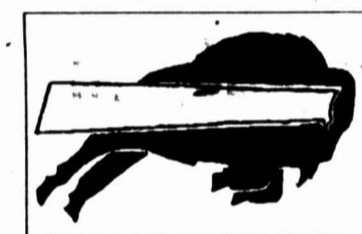
By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald
ELDORADO — The Forsan Buffalo junior varsity squad traveled south Thursday evening to face the Eldorado Eagles.

Despite their best efforts, the Buffaloes were turned away with their second loss of the season, losing 28-20.

Head JV coach Brad Batla said he was very proud of his team's performance.

"The entire team played a great game," said Batla. "We were never out of the game."



It didn't seem like that early on as the Eagles put up two scores.

But a 20-yard scamper to paydirt by Jace Sandridge pulled the Buffs to within 14-6 at halftime.

The 3rd quarter saw the Buffs pull even closer as Sandridge scored his second TD, making the score 14-12.

The Defenses set the tone until the 2:30 mark in the game Eldorado scored to go up 20-12.

But the Buffs weren't out of it yet and on the ensuing kick off Sandridge again found the endzone on a 65 yard return.

The Buffs tied the game at 20-20 on a great catch by Cody Willis.

Again the defenses stood tall for both teams but the Eagles managed to score with :25 left to seal the victory 28-20.

Next week, the Buffaloes will host Hawley at 5:30 pm.

B.S. JH volleyball team loses three out of four

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
The Big Spring junior high volleyball team competed against Snyder recently and got just one win in four matches.

The seventh grade 'A' team lost both games of its match 25-23, while the eighth grade 'B' team lost 25-11 and 25-6. The sev-

enth graders were led by Belle Feaster, Lacy Lawrence and Valerie Ross.

The eighth grade 'A' team lost in three games, but coach Karla Cregar said the Lady Steers played an outstanding defensive game.

They lost 25-27, 25-18 and 15-9. Keona Ward was the top scorer with five

points.

The eighth grade 'B' team got the victory in two games. They won 25-21 and 25-22 in the sweep. Katelyn Villanueva scored nine points in the first game, while Marissa Zavala added five points in the second game.

"Every member of the team exhibited good teamwork," said Cregar.

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everything they say or do before their matchups is dissected for even the slightest hint of tension.

No matter how many times they play, it can never be just another match.

"I think it's a different kind of match in the fact that I'm playing another top player," Venus Williams said. "If Serena was No. 60 in the world, not a huge threat, it would be completely different, and the same for me. The fact that she's very good, great, fantastic, a legend — these are factors and I take the match quite seriously. That's how I see the match.

"It's definitely different because she is my sister."

Though the 25-year-old Venus has been the first to do virtually everything — turn pro, win a title, reach No. 1 — Serena has

the edge when it comes to the Grand Slams. She won her first major title at the 1999 U.S. Open, nine months before Venus got hers at Wimbledon. She's won all four of the Slams while Venus has yet to win at the Australian or French opens. She has seven Slams to Venus' five, and she joked earlier this week that she didn't want her older sister catching up with her.

But Venus is playing the better tennis these days. Her victory at Wimbledon was her first Grand Slam title in four years, and she's 35-9 this season. In her 6-3, 6-3 victory over No. 20 Daniela Hantuchova on Friday night, Venus displayed impressive power and precision. One of her backhand returns was so strong, Hantuchova stood rooted on the baseline, watching it go by like an ace.

Serena rated her fitness at less than 50 percent

earlier this week, but she gets closer with every match she plays. Her 6-3, 6-4 victory over 25th-seeded Francesca Schiavone a couple of hours before Venus took the court looked more like the Serena of old. She had better command with her shots, and moved far more quickly and easily than she had in either of her first two matches.

"I think I'm playing OK. I'm definitely playing better than my first match," she said before going out to the stands to watch Venus. "(But Venus) is playing unbelievable. I'm just going to have to pick it up."

Even if her sister isn't at her best, though, Venus knows it won't be an easy match.

"At the end of the day, it doesn't matter how Serena is playing, because her competitive spirit is so high," Venus said. "You have to go to the ends of the earth to beat her."



Venus Williams hits a serve against Daniela Hantuchova in a third round match at the U.S. Open, Friday.

Astros take down Cardinals, still feeling good about wild card

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — After Orlando Palmeiro got hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the 13th inning to tie the game for Houston, Eric Bruntlett made sure his teammate's pain was worth it.

Bruntlett's RBI single on a full-count pitch with two outs gave the Astros a 6-5 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Friday night.

The Astros had already extended the game with homers in the ninth and 10th innings against closer Jason Isringhausen.

They won it in the 13th against three pitchers.

With the bases loaded, Palmeiro was the only batter Ray King faced. The Astros outfielder gladly showed the still fire-red spot on his right forearm after the game when he was asked what he thought after getting hit.

"Good question. I don't remember," Palmeiro said. "Once I actually did think, I thought, 'Cool, we tied the game.'"

Brad Ausmus then flied out to short right field against Al Reyes. Bruntlett hit a sinking

liner to left that outfielder John Rodriguez couldn't come up with despite a diving attempt.

St. Louis had taken a 5-4 lead when Jim Edmonds led off the 13th with his second homer of the game. It came off Chad Qualls (4-4), who finished the inning and ended up with a victory.

Morgan Ensberg, who homered in the ninth, led off the bottom of the 13th with a single off Julian Tavaraz (2-3) but was retired at second on a call disputed by manager Phil Garner. After Tavaraz bobbled a bunt by pinch-

hitter Raul Chavez, he still threw to second where umpire Angel Hernandez called Ensberg out, though a replay showed clearly that he was safe.

Jason Lane then singled and Jose Vizcaino was intentionally walked to load the bases.

Mark Mulder retired 20 of the last 21 batters he faced, but was denied his 16th victory after Isringhausen took over to start the ninth. Two pitches later, Ensberg hit a 1-0 pitch for his 35th homer to tie the game at 3-3.

The Cardinals regained the lead in the 10th when Albert Pujols had a lead-off double off Dan Wheeler before consecutive bunts, the second, a squeeze by Rodriguez. Pujols was charging home when Rodriguez placed the bunt between the mound and third base.

Isringhausen again couldn't hold the lead, allowing Ausmus' second homer of the season in the 10th.

After skipping his last start because of a stiff neck, Mulder struck out eight and walked two. He didn't allow a runner

after Lance Berkman drew a two-out walk in the third.

Yadier Molina homered for the Cardinals (85-50), who still have the best record in the major leagues. His solo homer came in the second, and Edmonds' 23rd came after Pujols led off the sixth with a single to put St. Louis up 3-2.

Houston remained a half-game behind Philadelphia, which beat Washington, in the wild-card standings. The Astros are 12 1/2 games behind the first-place Cardinals.

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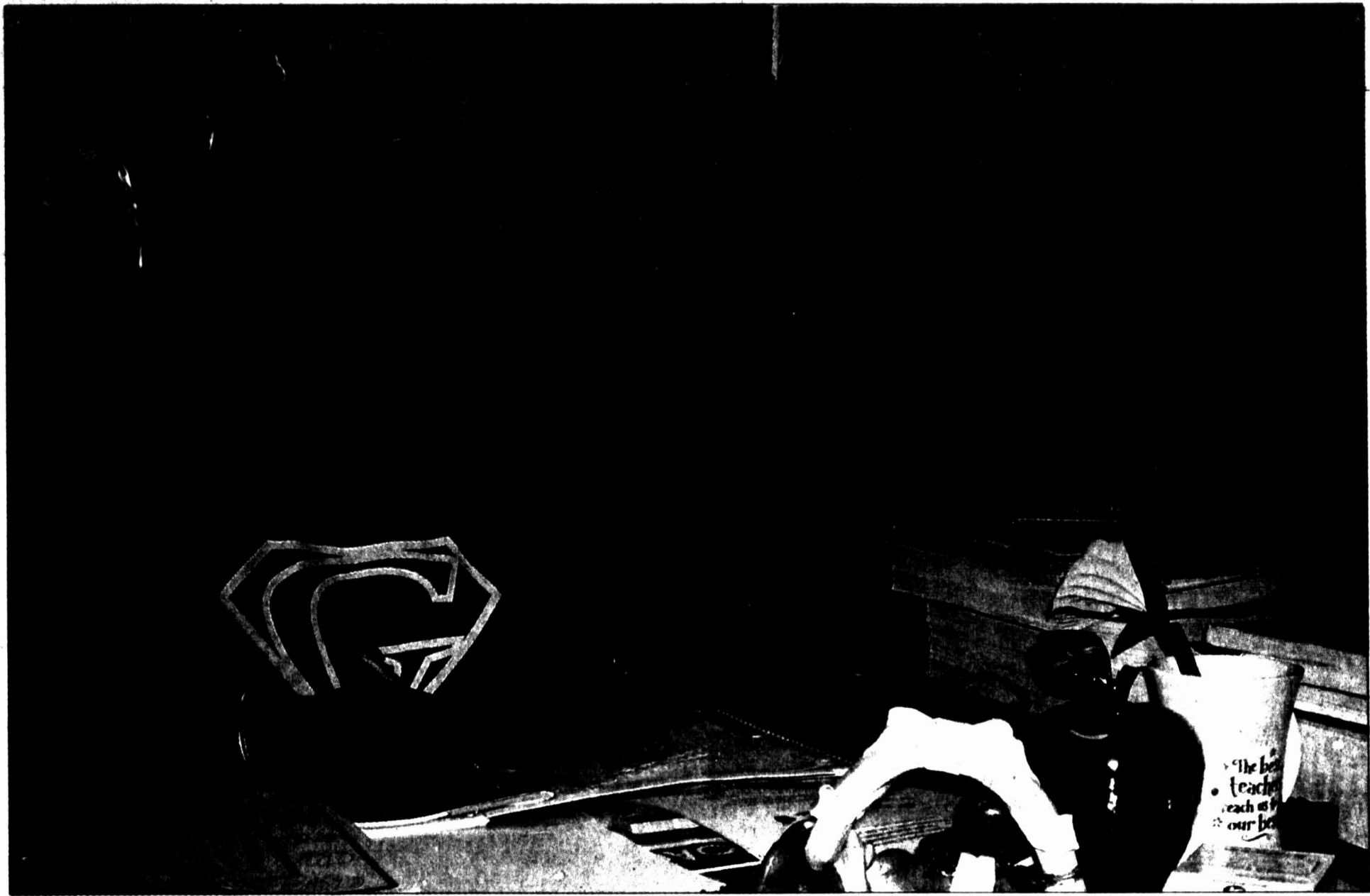
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For instructor Lelia Renteria, the start of the school year Aug. 22 brought about the realization of a life-long dream



New Marcy Elementary teacher Lelia Renteria

Teacher's first day of school

Lelia Renteria was just like anyone facing their first day of class when Big Spring public schools opened for a new school year Aug. 22.

She was excited. She was nervous. She was hoping to make a good impression in class. What set her apart from most newcomers, however, is that she wasn't a student.

Renteria's first day of class at Marcy Elementary was spent introducing herself to students as their new teacher. New, as in brand new. As in first day on the job. As in having never done this sort of thing before.

Being a teacher — being responsible for the educational needs of 20 or so youngsters — has to be a daunting task. Being a rookie teacher, on the other hand, has to be daunting squared.

Renteria had been preparing for this day for years. She had dreamed of being a teacher, taken the necessary coursework, secured her teaching certificate, had applied for and been accepted to a position with the Big Spring Independent School District.

In the days leading up to the first day of school, she had undergone a week of strenuous in-service training — sort of like putting the final touches on a race car before it hits the track. Additional help and support came from her colleagues at Marcy.

Despite all that, Renteria felt a certain kinship with her new students when the first bell of the school year rang.

Like them, she still had a lot to learn.

The Rookie, Part I

Lots of kids play-pretend. Some play cowboy, some play policeman or fireman. Some pretend to be a nurse or a doctor.

Lelia Renteria played teacher. Growing up in Presidio, she would hurry home from school, go to her room and line up her stuffed animal toys in little rows. Then, standing in front of a chalkboard her father had nailed to the wall, she would teach the lessons she had learned that day to her unblinking, ever-attentive audience.

But the little girl teaching addition and spelling to her stuffed animals eventually grew into a high school graduate who admittedly didn't know what she wanted to do with her life.

"I felt like my parents expected me to go to collegg," she said. "They didn't exactly push me, but I could tell that's what they wanted."

So Renteria enrolled in college and a few years later, became the first person

in her immediate family to graduate from college when she received a business degree from Angelo State University.

She still wasn't 100 percent sure what she wanted to do with her life, but that soon changed.

"My first job after college was being a teacher's aide in pre-kindergarten," she said. "I just fell in love with the children and decided I wanted to be a teacher."

Renteria, 25, enrolled in the Teacher Certification Program offered by the Region 18 Educational Service Center in Midland, which allows interested college graduates to earn their teaching certificates.

"After I got into the program, I was searching for a job — I was willing to go anywhere — and I ended up looking on the Big Spring (ISD) web site," she said. "I saw that they had an opening, so I applied."

That application led to an interview with Rey Villarreal — and a move east.

The Administrator

Villarreal, the assistant superintendent for Big Spring ISD, has interviewed thousands of potential teachers over the years. So it stands to reason that he has developed a keen sense of who might or might not be right for employment at the school district.

"We want people who want to be teachers, who want to work with children, young adults or whatever their field of interest is in," he said. "A passion for learning and teaching is Number One."

Renteria, he decided, fit the bill. "The first thing was, she was certified in bilingual education, an area which is very difficult to fill," Villarreal said. "Second, I always ask for references, and all of her references were just glowing ... She did a great job in her interview with me."

But Renteria had one more hurdle to clear before she was hired: She had to pass muster with her future boss.

The Principal

Like Villarreal, Marcy Elementary Principal Carrie Dunnam has very strong ideas about who will — or won't — make a good teacher.

To Dunnam, technical qualifications and proficiencies are fine and dandy, but a strong desire to teach is a must.

"I look for (someone with) energy and enthusiasm and a passion for children and teaching," she said. "Even though Lelia is inexperienced, she's very excited and enthusiastic, and it was clear in the interview that she loved children and had a strong desire to teach."

An offer was made and accepted: Renteria was hired to teach fourth-grade bilingual classes at Marcy.

Dollars and Cents

As an elementary teacher, you are responsible for addressing the educational needs of up to 22 impressionable youngsters each school year. You must spend countless hours assigning tasks, grading papers, counseling parents, answering questions, instilling discipline in the classroom, preparing students for tests and handling a myriad of other details.

For accomplishing all these tasks, first-year teachers at Big Spring are paid less than \$28,000 a year.

District Business Manager Sandra Waggoner said first-year teachers in Big Spring receive a salary of \$26,740, which is \$2,500 more than the State of Texas mandates.

On top of that, teachers receive an extra \$500 from the state to help defray insurance costs, and can earn an extra \$600 for perfect attendance during the school year, bringing Renteria's potential salary this year to \$27,840.

The Roadblocks

It is not surprising that first-year teachers face many potential hazards — hazards which force many of them out of the profession.

The career-killing hazards, however, may come as a surprise.

What forces many people out of teaching isn't unruly students, unreasonable parents, increased pressure to conform to state and federal requirements, the pay scale or fears about violence and drugs in school.

What floors most novice teachers? Organization — or the lack thereof.

"In the first few weeks, (new teachers) all struggle with classroom management issues," Dunnam said. "They're busy setting seating arrangements, procedures for turning papers in — a million details like that ...

Teaching, and teaching effectively to state standards, is stressful enough. If you can't organize your classroom, it's almost impossible.

"In college, they give you tips, and other teachers can tell you how to get it done, but once you're actually leading a class, it's a whole new ball game," she added. "You are just overwhelmed by all of it."

Fortunately, a support system for Renteria is in place. Dunnam will constantly monitor her progress, she will have a paraprofessional helping her in the classroom and other district personnel are available to lend assistance.

But Renteria's biggest potential source of support is only a few classrooms away.

The Mentor

Take Renteria's excitement and enthusiasm, leaven it with eight years of classroom experience, and you have Nikki Michulka.

Michulka, a third-grade teacher at Marcy, knows only too well the problems Renteria will face this year, which is one of the reasons they have been paired in the district's teacher mentor program.

The program, new to Big Spring this year, teams an experienced teacher with a novice instructor in the hopes that the "old pro" can help guide the newcomer around the inevitable pitfalls that first-year teachers encounter.

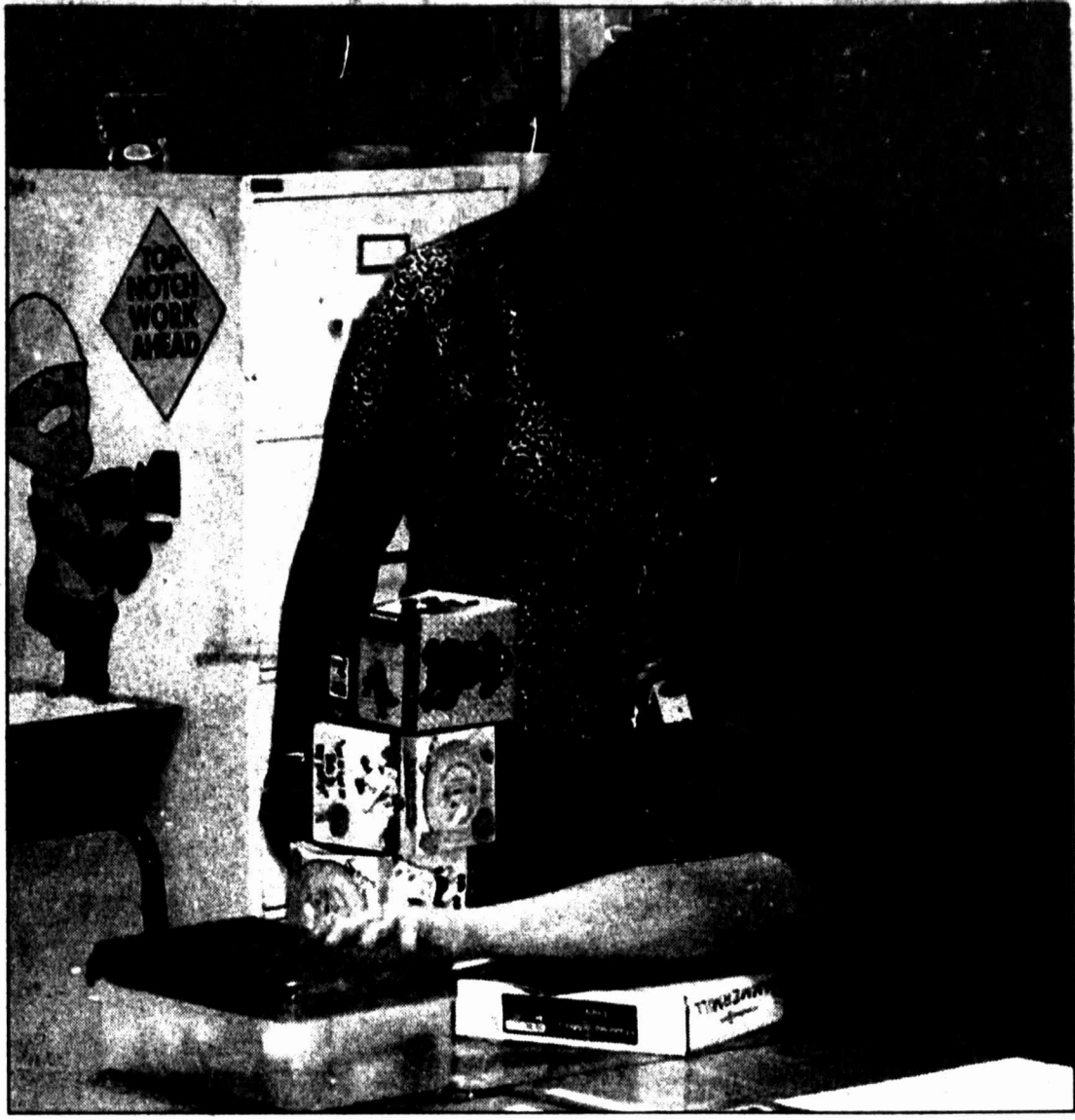
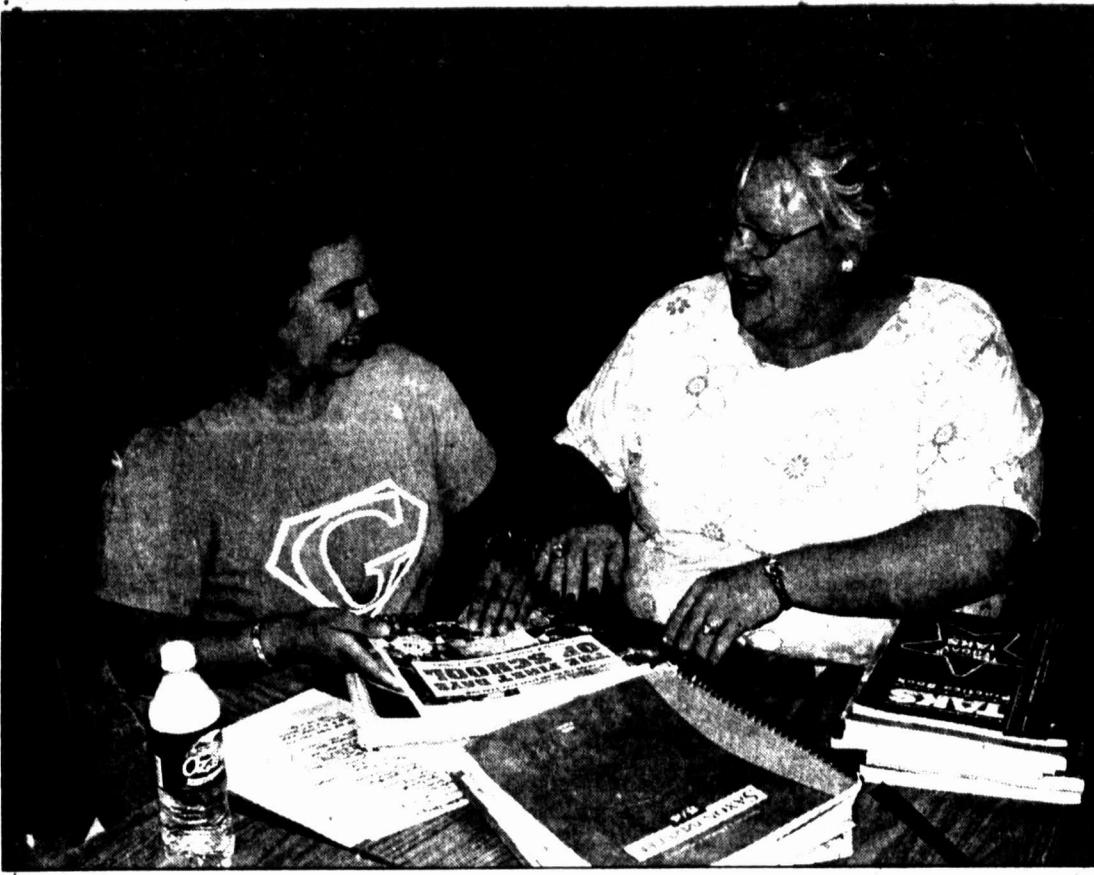
"Experienced teachers always try to help the new ones because we remember those first days," Michulka said. "Planning and classroom management are things you learn about in school but you don't really understand until you actually start teaching."

The two will meet on at least a weekly basis to discuss problems and their solutions, or just to allow Renteria a chance to vent her frustrations. While Michulka expects to address plenty of problems, she has full confidence in her protégé's ability to handle them.

"I think she's very intelligent, I think she's very organized, and she's open to suggestions," Michulka said. "She has a love for learning and teaching, and she always has a smile on her face. When you look at her, you see the building of a professional educator. She has the heart and the desire to do well."

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Story and photos by Steve Reagan



Herald photos/Steve Reagan
Lella Renteria, top left, with her mentor, with a student the first day of school, top right, greeting parents left and during Teacher Inservice, above.

Teacher

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The Rookie, Part II

On the Friday afternoon before school started, Renteria, with the help of her assistant Teresa Anderson, was busy getting Room 124 ready for the first day of class.

Her classroom. Hello, reality. "When I woke up this morning, I had this awful feeling in my stomach," she said. "I haven't had lunch yet, and I'm not even hungry. I'm nervous and scared, but I'm excited. I can't wait."

Renteria also reflected on how her parents would feel if they could see her in her slightly disorganized classroom.

"My dad passed away

four years ago ... so he wasn't able to see me graduate," she said. "But when I did, one of his old golfing friends wrote me a letter telling me how proud he was and how he knew I'd be the first one in my family to graduate from college. And my mom is so excited. She's so happy for me and she's very proud."

The First Day

At 7:30 a.m. Aug. 22, while students began gathering outside, Renteria was making last-minute preparations. Although she's usually easy-going, she looked almost ready to jump out of her skin.

"I'm just trying to calm down a little bit," she admitted.

Soon enough, her 16 students began arriving. She greeted them and their

parents, showed them to their assigned desks, and began getting things organized.

These students apparently didn't know that Renteria was as new to this business as they were. And, if they did know, it is doubtful they would have cared. For all they cared, she was just their teacher.

The school year began.

The Teacher

After two weeks on the job, Renteria doesn't mind admitting that teaching is just a bit harder than she imagined. The "million and one details" that Dunnam talked about were making their presence felt.

"I just want to say that the teaching profession is very hard work," Renteria said. "For those who think teachers have

it easy, they don't." Difficult, however, isn't the same as discouraging — at least, not in Renteria's book.

"I was one of those people who thought it would be easy," she said. "It's been more than I could have imagined — but it's paid off, especially when you see the look on the children's faces when they're learning something."

In other words, Renteria believes she's exactly where she should be.

"I think I'm starting to get the hang of it," she said. "It's still a lot of hard work, but it's fun, too."

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Wednesday: Breakfast, Pop tarts, ham, apple juice, milk; Lunch, taco salad, strawberries, corn dog, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast, biscuits, gravy, sausage, jelly, grape juice, milk; Lunch, McRib, potato salad, pinto beans, bread, milk, Sloppy Jo.
Friday: Breakfast, oatmeal, ham, juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, salad, oranges, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Holiday.
Tuesday: Breakfast, cereal, yogurt, juice, milk; Lunch, tacos w/grated cheese, Spanish rice, pinto beans, lettuce and tomatos, assorted fresh fruit, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast, muffins, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, fancy gelatin, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast, sausage-on-a-stick, juice, milk; Lunch, spaghetti w/meat sauce, corn, tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit cobbler, milk.
Friday: Breakfast, donuts, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken patty sandwich, southwest beans, tater tots, apples, milk.

Sands ISD

Monday: Holiday.
Tuesday: Breakfast, biscuits and sausage; Lunch, chicken nuggets, rolls, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, cake, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast,

pancake and sausage; Lunch, Frito pie, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, peas, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast, Pop Tarts; Lunch, stir-fry chicken, broccoli and carrots, rice, apples, milk.
Friday: Breakfast, cereal; Lunch, pizza, corn, broccoli, carrots, peaches, milk.

Westbrook ISD

Monday: Holiday.
Tuesday: Breakfast, scrambled eggs, toast, jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, fish, tarter sauce, macaroni and cheese, sweet peas, fruit cup, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast, sausage-n-blanket, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, nachos w/meat and cheese, peppers, salsa, Spanish rice, tossed salad, pineapple chunks, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast, oatmeal, toast, jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, oven fried chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced bread, peaches milk.
Friday: Breakfast, sausage, biscuits, gravy, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue ribs on a bun, onions, pickle spears, French fries, cherry cups, milk.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center

Monday: Holiday.
Tuesday: Lunch, hamburger steak, potatoes, broccoli and cheese, salad, milk, fruit.
Wednesday: Lunch, beef tips and rice, mixed vegetables, salad, milk, rolls, fruited gelatin.
Thursday: Lunch, baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, milk, rolls, apple sauce.
Friday: Lunch, chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, salad, milk, fruit.

Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Carrasco

Orban, Carrasco wed

Barbara Jane Orban and Phillip Carrasco were married at 2:20 p.m. Aug. 22, 2005, in the Howard County Courthouse. Justice of the Peace Bennie Green performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter

of Gabe and Rose Orban of Calgary, Alberta Canada. She is a nurse in Okotoks, Alberta Canada. The groom is the son of Osvaldo and Hemetinda Carrasco of Andrews. He works for G&L Tools in Big Spring.

Senior Center drivers safety course scheduled

A senior citizen driver safety course will be taught at the Big Spring senior center Thursday and Friday, Sept. 15-16, starting at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. each day with a half-hour off for lunch.

There is a \$10 dollar fee for the books. Most auto insurance companies give a discount on insurance premiums when one completes this course. To register, call the Senior Center at 267-1628. Class size is limited to 35.

This course is the nation's first and largest classroom refresher for motorists age 50 and older. It deals with the physical changes of the mature driver and identifies ways that such drivers may compensate for said changes. The course material is based on

research about what is needed by this age group to update driver knowledge and skills.

Since 1979 when this course was first offered, more than ten million have completed this course. This represents about 3 percent of those eligible to take it.

Jessica McClure rescue leaves legacy of tragedy

Type the name "Jessica McClure" into about any Internet search engine and you'll be rewarded with a quarter million or so "hits."

Jessica, the toddler plucked from a Midland water well 18 years ago, became for a time "Everybody's Baby."

Her rescue was broadcast live and in prime time.

Clean-cut firemen and no-name, shaggy oil field roughnecks, who dropped what they were doing to lend a hand to save a life, carried out the "made for television" moment.

It was also an event that, sadly, led to the eventual destruction of lives and careers.

And it tore at least one segment of Midland—the "Tall City" — into fragments.

Jessica dropped into an uncovered well shaft in October 1987.

For 58 hours, firemen, police and drilling crews labored through nearly 35 feet of solid rock to bring her to safety.

Cheers erupted around the world as the bandage-swathed toddler popped to the surface.

But, over time, the

cheering stopped and the rescuer's grip on the spotlight slowly slipped away. For some, despair and tragedy followed.

A new book, "The Rainbow's Shadow," examines the life-changing experience the rescuers suffered through.

Bristol Publishing Company of Lubbock is releasing the book written by D. Lance Lunsford.

Lunsford, a Midland native and former Midland newspaper reporter, spent two years gathering facts, interviews and researching the story.

He follows up on all major players: From the all-American fireman hero, Robert O'Donnell, who lathered Jessica in surgical jelly and plucked her from her entombment "like a squashed plum" to Andy Glasscock, the career-track police detective sergeant, who sang children's songs to Jessica from the rim of the well.

O'Donnell fell into depression and prescription medication-induced madness, later taking his own life. Glasscock was a

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Births

Jeremy James and Jordan Ray Balios, twin boys, were born August 25, 2005, at 6 p.m. at Odessa Children's Hospital.

Jeremy James weighed 1 pound, 15 ounces while Jordan Ray weighed 1 pound, 13 ounces.

They are the sons of Jeremy Balios and Misty Mayo. They're grandparents are Mark Balios, Brenda Balios and Diane Mayo, all of Big Spring.

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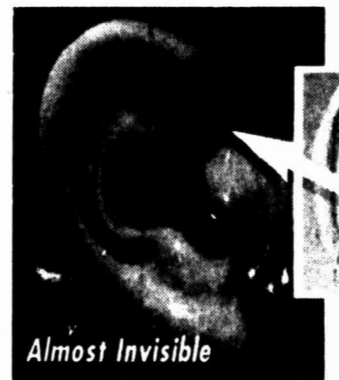
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\$50 to complete the study."

And interestingly enough, the popularity of this new product has spread quickly – not by what they look like, because they are practically impossible to see when being worn—but by good reviews, word of mouth and a remarkable hi-fi sound. This On-The-Ear product markets itself with very little effort because it solves a really big problem in an innova-

tively cool way: namely, it corrects high-frequency hearing loss without plugging-up the ear canal. It lets natural sounds just pass through the ear canal unamplified and gives a hi-fidelity boost only to soft speech sounds. The silicon brain of the product is about the size of a paper clip and is worn in the crease just behind-the-ear. Digitally processed sound is transmitted into the ear canal through a transparent tube, which is virtually unnoticeable.

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Focus on healthy, happy customers

They've been doing just that at the Health Food Store for 40 years

Herald Staff Report

For 40 years, the Big Spring Health Food Store has been steadfast in providing healthy alternatives and education about nutrition to the community.

Saturday, Aug. 27, owners Rebecca and Ernest Thomas held an open house to celebrate the store's anniversary, providing refreshments and offering give-aways to their customers. And, of course, the girls — Mindy Sedberry, Faye Steward and Morgan Broyles — were there to greet customers and provide any needed assistance.

"Now this has cream cheese in it," Sedberry, the store manager, warns one of her regular customers, as she spreads a little dip on a cracker for the woman.

Personal service has always been a staple at the health food

store since Eva Nall, the original owner, first open the doors in August of 1965.

"We still get customers in who say, 'Mrs. Nall used to give me so and so,'" long-time employee Steward said with a laugh. "I'll ask them 'can you give me a brand name?' and they say 'I don't know but it was some brown tea' or something like that."

It was a need for the community that drove Nall to quit her job of 22 years at the local drug store, Cunningham & Phillips, and open a new business at the age of 55

behind her home at 1305 Scurry St.

"It was the first health food center in Big Spring," said Betty Ray Coffee, Nall's daughter, who ran the health food store for six years after Nall retired.

Healthy living was always important to Nall's family and for years, Nall would have to

"They want to know exactly what's in the product. If there is one thing that I've learned is that you are personally responsible for everything you put into your body."



From right, Mindy Sedberry, Big Spring Health Food Store manager, Morgan Broyles and Faye Steward, employees, discuss the advantages of a certain product during the store's 40th anniversary open house celebration Aug. 27.

seek natural, unprocessed food out of town.

"Grandfather, (Owen Walker, a farmer in the Lamesa and Knott area in the early 1990s) was very conscious of erosion," recalled Coffee. "He was always rotating crops and planting rows in a curve."

Coffee said the family owned their own beef, raised their own

chicken and had their own milk, butter and eggs.

Nall had a great interest in the subject, Coffee said, and decided to use her knowledge to help educate the public.

"When she first started, she had a lending library for a few years before she started selling the books. She also subscribed to a health magazine which she

gave away to her customers." Coffee said. "She was also asked to give talks at the Webb Air Force Base."

For the first few years of existence, the store struggled economically, Coffee admits.

"It was a brand new business in Big Spring," she said. "She

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NEW DOC IN TOWN



Dr. Kimberly Saenz talks with a visitor at a reception, in her honor at Family Medical Center earlier this week. Dr. Saenz, a pediatrician, recently opened a practice in Big Spring.

Experience Works helps find jobs for Crossroads area senior citizens

Special to the Herald

Senior citizens looking for part-time employment might want to look to Experience Works.

Experience Works is a Department of Labor-funded Older Worker Training and Employment Program offering eligible participants training to prepare them for unsubsidized employment in the private sector. To qualify for the program, individuals must be unemployed, age 55 or older and meet Department of Labor income guidelines.

Once enrolled in the program, participants are placed in city, county, state or federal agencies or selected non-profit organizations. They are paid minimum wage for approximately 24 hours a week by Experience Works. The training site agency provides day to day instruction and supervision to prepare the participant for an eventual job with a private employer. Some agencies hire their Experience Works participant themselves.

The location and training each participant receives depends on what type of training is needed for that individual. On what their interests, aptitudes are and what training is needed to for them to reach their individual employment goals.

In Big Spring, participants are assigned to Social Security office, Texas Workforce Network, Howard County Welfare, Big Spring State Hospital's The Chalet Resale Shop,



During this past week's visit to Big Spring, U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer met several participants and staff of the Experience Works Program. Pictured are, from left, Wendy Brown, Experience Works coordinator; Nina Glametta, field assistant; Congressman Randy Neugebauer; and Betty Earl and Shirley White, Experience Works participants. National Older Worker Week is Sept. 19-24, a time when older workers across America are recognized for their contributions to today's work force.

Department of Aging and Disability Services and Howard County Courthouse. However, many other local agencies are eligible to utilize the program.

Participants perform all kinds of duties — clerical, custodial, customer service and more.

Many seniors are finding with the rising cost of living — their retirement benefit is not enough to live on — and need a job to supple-

ment their income. Some seniors need to update their skills in order to get hired. Experience Works can help individuals acquire the skills and confidence needed.

In addition to Big Spring, Experience Works operates in a wide surrounding area.

Individuals or agencies interested in learning more about Experience Works can reach a representative at 432-263-8373.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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Russell Burt, 4613 Storey, Midland
Paul D. Calhoun, P.O. Box 842, Plains
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Naomi Gozales, 1209 Runnels, Big Spring
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Renee Perez, 2133 Glenwood Dr., Abilene
Margarita Olivarez Ramirez, 538 Westover, Apt. 223, Big Spring
Sierra Ramos, 200 M. Estes Ave., Midland
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Jessie Robles, 1417 Millspaugh,

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County Court Decisions:
Probated Judgment: Malinda Gonzalez, driving while intoxicated.
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How to find the gold in a niche business

By JAN NORMAN

Knight Ridder/Tribune

One of the favorite claims of novice small-business owners is that everyone can use their product or service.

Nelson and Lisa Neyer don't say that. Neither do Bob and Gail Pogue. Nor Reni Churchill and Joanna Giangardella.

The Neyers own a Bark Busters dog obedience franchise. The Pogues own Wild Birds Unlimited stores in Yorba Linda, Calif., and Mission Viejo, Calif. Churchill and Giangardella sell Renita Bella Dance Collection shirts and tote bags decorated with nostalgic images of dancers.

Finding a niche is standard advice for small businesses seeking to make the most effective use of marketing money and efforts. But these six owners say plenty of skill is needed to market within a niche.

The Neyers, rather than try to figure out how to reach every owner of a feisty dog, spend a lot of time marketing to veterinarians, pet sitters, dog groomers and pet stores to encourage referrals.

"It doesn't matter if it's Bark Busters or Ace Hardware," said Pete Beinetti with the Colorado franchiser. "If you understand who your referral sources are — people in complementary businesses — and develop the relationship ... you'll get a lot of business."

The Neyers contacted every veterinarian, veterinary-office manager



Nelson and Lisa Neyer work with Tux, owned by Aida Kilgole, left, in San Clemente, Calif. The Neyers own Bark Busters, a home dog training business.

and pet hospital in their area. They offered free lessons to the doctors and multimedia training sessions for their staffs to show the effectiveness of Bark Buster training.

The Neyers share with the referring veterinarian feedback from questionnaires that customers fill out after the training.

Another target referral market for Bark Busters are U.S. Postal Service letter carriers and animal control officers. The Neyers do free dog-bite prevention presentations for these groups. In addition, Lisa, a former teacher, has developed a dog-bite prevention program for schoolchildren.

"It's fun for the kids," she said. "They get a (temporary) Bark Busters tattoo for their hands that their parents obviously see."

Wild Birds Unlimited also depends heavily on

word of mouth, Bob Pogue said.

"That is the No. 1 way new customers find us," he said. Customers frequently say they learned of the store from a friend or a relative, most often mothers telling their grown daughters.

The majority of Wild Birds Unlimited customers are women, he added.

The Pogues also market heavily to existing customers in order to encourage them to come back more often and spend more money. They distribute a four-page newsletter with bird-feeding tips plus sales specials on seed, feeders and birdbaths.

"We also send postcards to existing customers," Pogue said. "These are people already interested in the hobby. These mailings don't bring in new customers." However, it

costs less to persuade existing and previous customers to buy from a small business than to lure new ones.

"At certain times during the year, we also do (commercials on) local cable television," Pogue said. "We place our commercials on HGTV (Home and Garden Television) and Animal Planet shows to go toward our core customers."

While the Neyers can boast 65 million dog owners in America and the Pogues can point to 70 million bird watchers (the hobby is second only to gardening in popularity), Churchill and Giangardella are less certain of the full potential of their niche market.

The pair, formerly partners in a beauty salon/art gallery, are targeting dancers with their Renita Bella line of cotton shirts and tote bags.

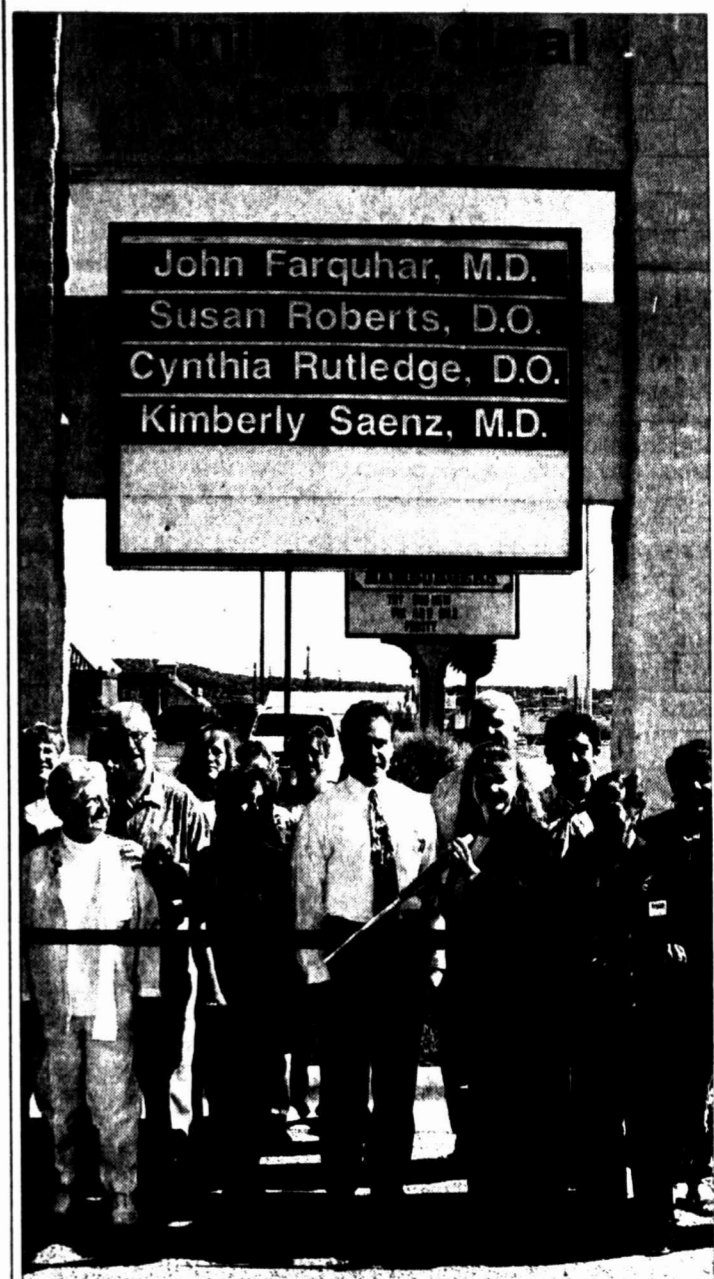
The clothing appeals to many nondancers who love nostalgia and unusual clothing, but a limited budget has kept the Renita Bella marketing carefully focused.

Churchill's parents were professional dancers in the 1930s. She has screen printed onto clothing photographs of them and of vintage art from her mother's collection of dance magazines.

Three years ago, she started by calling dance studios to find out if they sold merchandise, which many did.

"Stores are very receptive to the line once they see it," she said.

RIBBON CUTTING



Dr. Kimberly Saenz, with scissors, is joined by friends, family and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce officials at a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the opening of her pediatric practice at the Family Medical Center on Gregg Street earlier this week.

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had it hard for about two to three years but she had a very astute business mind."

Some of Nall's suppliers lent a hand to help her set up the store, Coffee said. In fact, the store today continues to stock several product lines it carried back in 1965, including Arrow Head Mills items.

"We loved the work because it helps people maintain good health," Coffee said in a 2000 *Big Spring Herald* article. "She

had good products for people." Eva Nall retired at age 83 and lived 10 more years before dying in 2003.

And although they sold the store in 2000 to the new owners, Coffee admits she still receives a few phone calls from long-time clients requesting advice.

"I always refer them to Mindy," Coffee said. "She started working there at 18 years old, and she is smart as a whip. If she doesn't have the answer, she'll try to find out."

Coffee misses the customers but has been very satisfied with the new owners.

"I think it's because they believe in it," she said. "You can have someone who will take your money and put the product in the sack, but I think it's because they believe in it and in this industry that makes all the difference."

Rebecca Thomas said education and providing the highest quality of products still remain the strength of the store.

"Most vitamins you find in grocery stores have fillers (such as petroleum) that are used to hold the them together," Thomas said. "We don't have any products with fillers or

preservatives."

The store carries a plethora of items, including vitamins, beauty products, frozen and canned foods, tooth paste made with natural fluoride, mouth wash and teas, to list a just a few. And employees can special order certain items the store doesn't carry regularly, Sedberry said.

Pamphlets and brochures on diabetes, vegetarian diets, heart problems and other health-related issues are available for free at the store, along with several health-related books that are for sale, Sedberry men-

tioned.

Customers of all ages are becoming much more knowledgeable and curious about the products they purchase, something Steward said she's noticed during her years of employment.

"They want to know exactly what's in the product," Steward said. "If there is one thing that I've learned is that you are personally responsible for everything you put into your body."

The Big Spring Health Food Store is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

RECORDS

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\$750 fine, \$376 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

Probated Judgment: David A. Reinert, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,500 fine, \$376 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Betty Jean Muniz, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$426 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Marcus Theon Gray, failure to identify - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Felicia Leone Ulrich, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$361 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Nannie Sherie Lydia, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, no fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Elizabeth Larez, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Daniel Forrest Oyler, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Michial James Sheridan, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,975 fine, \$236 court costs.

Judgment and Sentence: Terry Diaz, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Roman Avila, driving while license invalid, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Jimmy Anthony Cantu, failure to identify - giving false information, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 90 days in jail.

District Court Filings:
Steven Guy Grigg vs. Cheryl Lynn Grigg, divorce.
The state of Texas vs. Omar Tercero, forfeit.
The state of Texas vs. Tony Bernal, forfeit.
Valerie Priscilla Martinez vs. Eric Anthony Valencia, family protective order.
Barcelona Associates vs. Howard County Appraisal District, accounts, notes and contracts.
General Motors Acceptance vs. Benigno DeLaRosa, accounts, notes and contracts.
Credigy Receivables Inc. vs. Nancy J. George, accounts, notes and contracts.

Marriage Licenses:
John David Barker, 23, and Jennifer Marie Baldwin, 23, both of Big Spring.
Casey James Henry, 27, and Dorie Lynn Hilliger, 24, both of Big Spring.
Daniel Paul Lopez, 26, and Beverly Hinojosa Moreno, 21, both of Big Spring.
Manuel Robert Baeza, 24, and Natasha Antonia Ramirez, 19, both of Big Spring.

Gregory Aguilar Jr., 37, and Krystle Saldana, 22, both of Big Spring.

Warranty deeds:
Grantor: Patricia Ann Stasey Aylor and Maribeth Stasey Scott
Grantee: Wendell Stasey
Property: The N/2 of Section 21, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Aug. 25, 2005

Grantor: Carol Jo Scott
Grantee: Billy Lackey and Deborah Lackey
Property: Lot 4, Block 23, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
Date Filed: Aug. 26, 2005

Grantor: Gibson S. Feagins and Eveleta L. Feagins
Grantee: Jimmy Bailey
Property: A 4.7 acre tract out of Section 30, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Aug. 26, 2005

Grantor: James Suggs and Marjorie Suggs
Grantee: Thearl J. Kinard and Melva J. Savage
Property: Lot 7, Block 16, Cedar

Crest Addition
Date Filed: Aug. 26, 2005

Grantor: Polly Speaker
Grantee: Janet Avant
Property: The N/50 feet and S/100 feet of the SW/4 of Block 26, College Heights Addition
Date Filed: Aug. 29, 2005

Grantor: Jon W. Amos
Grantee: P.B. Enfield
Property: A portion of Lot 5, Block 2, Lockhart Addition
Date Filed: Aug. 29, 2005

Grantor: Johnny Rodriguez
Grantee: Diann Martinez
Property: Lot 3, Block 1, Avion Village
Date Filed: Aug. 29, 2005

Grantor: William Earl Read
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Legals

0010-INVITATION FOR BIDS
Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, until 2:00 pm, Thursday, September 22, 2005 for the following work:
Preparation & Painting 2-420,000 gal. Water Storage Tanks Inside & Outside
55-ft. dia. x 24-ft. high
In Martin County Texas

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Specifications are on file and may be examined without charge in the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, telephone 432-267/6341. A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Colorado River Municipal Water District in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if bid is selected, the Bidder will, comply with the terms set forth in the Proposal and Special Conditions. CONTRACTOR awarded contract will be required to provide Performance and Payment Bonds.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the Colorado River Municipal Water District reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, to reject any or all bids, and to waive formalities. The District anticipates that it will notify the successful bidder (s) by awarding a contract within thirty (30) days after the bid date. No bid may be withdrawn within one hundred twenty (120) days after date on which bids are opened.

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
John W. Grant, General Manager
#4673 August 21 & September 4, 2005.

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One (1) 8-inch, Diesel Driven, Self Priming, Skid Mounted Trash Pump which will pump 2300 gpm at 80-ft of Discharge Head with 15-ft. of Suction Lift, & will handle 3" Solids

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Specifications are on file and may be examined without charge in the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, telephone 432-267-6341. Inquiries regarding the specifications or this work in general are to be directed to Jim Coley, at that number.

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Colorado River Municipal Water District in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if bid is selected, the Bidder will, comply with the terms set forth in the Proposal and Special Conditions. Performance and Payment Bonds will also be required of Bid winner.

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COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
John W. Grant, General Manager
#4674 August 21 & September 4, 2005.

Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Coahoma ISD's State Financial Accounting Rating
Coahoma ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on September 15, 2005 in the Administration Building Board Room at 600 North Main Street, Coahoma, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Coahoma ISD's rating on the state's financial accounting system. #4692 September 4, 2005.

Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Forsan Independent School District's State Financial Accounting Rating
Forsan ISD will hold a public meeting at the beginning of their regularly scheduled Board Meeting at 7:00 PM on September 19, 2005 at the Administration Office located at 411 W. 6th Street in Forsan, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Forsan ISD's rating on the state's financial accounting system. #4694 September 4, 2005

COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAM
Public Notice
Effective September 1, 2005
The Howard County Indigent Health Care Program is based on the rules and procedures mandated by the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act.
An application Form can be obtained from the County Indigent Health Care Office located at:
Howard County Courthouse
300 Main Street, Room 310
Big Spring, TX
Phone: (432)264-2219

Howard County complies with rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Department of State Health Services. The following is required by verification to meet the criteria for the County Indigent Health Care Program: residency, resources, household compensation and income.
Howard County will only accept and pay the Standard Payment rates as determined by the Department of State Health Services. Howard County will pay all inpatient hospital bills by interim percentage rate.
Sincerely,
Irene Dominguez, Director
County Indigent Health Care
#4693 September 4, 2005.

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: Viola C. Maldonado and Roman Maldonado
and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit:
Lot 1, Block 25, Monticello Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,226.93, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Viola Maldonado and Roman Maldonado, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the 17th DAY OF JUNE, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. VIOLA C. MALDONADO AND ROMAN MALDONADO, 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 T-4937 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded, to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 3th day of October, 2005 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 cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

#4680 August 28 & September 4, 2005

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING
Forsan ISD will hold a public meeting at the beginning of their regularly scheduled Board Meeting at 7:00 PM on September 19, 2005 at the Administration Office located at 411 W. 6th Street in Forsan, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Forsan ISD's rating on the state's financial accounting system. #4694 September 4, 2005

CITATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
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CITATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: CLARE
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Big Spring, TX
Phone: (432)264-2219

Howard County complies with rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Department of State Health Services. The following is required by verification to meet the criteria for the County Indigent Health Care Program: residency, resources, household compensation and income.
Howard County will only accept and pay the Standard Payment rates as determined by the Department of State Health Services. Howard County will pay all inpatient hospital bills by interim percentage rate.
Sincerely,
Irene Dominguez, Director
County Indigent Health Care
#4693 September 4, 2005.

CITATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: CLARE
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TO: CLARENCE FRANKS, Trustee for Matthew Shane Franks and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit:
E/40' of Lot 9 and the W/15' of Lot 10, Block 13, Douglas Addition #2, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$5,578.85, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Matthew Shane Franks, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 17th DAY OF AUGUST, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MATTHEW SHANE FRANKS, 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 T-4732 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(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 3rd day of October, 2005 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 cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
#4681 August 28 & September 4, 2005

Legals

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

TO: Starla Mendoza
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs 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 7 and 8, Block 7, Boydston Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$2,171.68, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Starla Mendoza, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 17th day of November, 2004, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. STARLA MENDOZA, 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 T-4784 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(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 3rd day of October, 2005 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 cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
#4682 August 28 & September 4, 2005

Legals

No. P-13,323 ESTATE OF INEZ SALAZAR DECEASED, IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS, NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of Inez Salazar, Deceased, were issued on the 31st day of August, 2005, under Docket No. P-13,323, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Flora Salazar. Claims may be presented in care of Flora Salazar to the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Inez Salazar c/o Flora Salazar 700 N. Scurry Big Spring, Texas 79720

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 31st day of August, 2005.

FLORA SALAZAR, Independent Administratrix of the Estate of Inez Salazar, Deceased #4691 September 4, 2005.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors will meet in the district office at 132 N. Main, Garden City, Texas on September 15, 2005 at 9:00 AM. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a public hearing and consider adopting a proposed budget for FY 2006 and to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for 2005 of .025473 per \$100 property valuation to fund the budget. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District by 2.99%. #4688 September 4, 2005.

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

TO: Joe Hernandez
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 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 Four, Block Ten, Government Heights to Bauer Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,125.38, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Joe Hernandez, as Defendant(s), by First Amended Original Petition filed on the 16th DAY OF AUGUST, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOE HERNANDEZ, 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 T-4705 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.

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Mercury, the fleet-footed messenger governing our day-to-day activities, enters the sign where it's exalted

Virgo — Finally, pesky technical aspects of life can be sorted out. With orderly systems in place, life flows in a more organized, and thus beautiful, fashion. Most people won't be able to resist doing a little bit of labor on this Labor Day weekend!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If interacting with others is a basic human need, you're feeling more bear-like today. Social plans leave you feeling a touch resentful, which is



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a sign that you need more cave time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your life is a three-ring circus — everyone is running around with different agendas, and YOU are the ringmaster. If you can sort through the confusion, you'll find that friends really do contribute worthwhile ideas.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're depending on an authority figure in your life to get the bad guy! Is that too much to ask? Though you deserve to be protected, the only surefire way to do this is to protect yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The excitement of attraction is in the air. This is also a fine time to renew love. So for goodness' sake, avoid all bickering! This is when you should be building emotional bridges instead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You think you are clearly communicating your feelings, so whose fault is it that a loved one is still so confused? Communication is a two-way street, and it flows a lot better during non-traffic hours. Timing is key.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). You get along beautifully with loved ones, especially when talking about the future. Postulate brilliance and sunshine ahead. Wish happiness for your kin, and try to put the disharmony (it's in every family) behind you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What you want to give might not be what others want to receive. Make adjustments. Don't be afraid to ask loved ones what they need from you. The result is a feeling of real contribution followed by bolstered self-esteem.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Being nice is overrated. Keep everyone accountable for their actions. If you don't do it, projects dear to your heart will suffer the consequences of neglect. You want results more than you need approval.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Friends have much to share — maybe too much. Limit phone time, or it takes over the p.m. hours. The social scene is hopping tonight and more fun than you've had in ages. It's definitely worth hiring a babysitter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The stars indicate a shift in family dynamics. This comes in the form of an addition to the household or some information that allows you to see someone in a different light. Prepare by getting things organized.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Juggling multiple groups of friends can be difficult but necessary. To avoid conflict, some people should simply not be brought together. Fortunately, there's time for everyone with proper scheduling.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Logical decision making just doesn't appeal to you right now. Despite advice from multiple sources, you'll do your own thing, and no one can fault you for that. Leo and Aries are jealous of you!

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Fresh off the new moon, it's not how much you know when you start that matters but rather what you learn once you've opened your doors. Mercury enters Virgo and starts pointing out what needs work right away. Look at problems from all angles. You'll likely find that troubles only occur to show you that you need better systems in place to handle the day-to-day flow of activities. The early week is ideal for designing such systems. Whether it's a new way of paying bills, a hook for your car keys or getting computer software to help you do your job right, whatever you work out will have lasting benefits. The Libra moon suggests that anything worth doing is worth doing with someone you love — or at least like a lot. There are occasions for casual yet meaningful connections in the early week. Things get deeper fast when the Scorpio moon takes over Wednesday. The weekend is ideal for traveling. Leaving your corner of the world has benefits beyond the immediate experience. In the months to come, you'll still be applying your experience to the task of making money, doing your job better, and being generally more sophisticated and interesting.

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Legals

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

TO: Dwayne Key and Anestacia R. Key
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 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:

The North Half (N/2) of Lot Seven, Block 111, Original Town, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,695.62, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Dwayne Key and Anestacia R. Key, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 16th DAY OF AUGUST, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. DWAYNE KEY AND ANESTACIA R. KEY, 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 T-4713 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.

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LC MEETING FORSAN SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL RATING
A public meeting of their regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. on September 19, 2005 at the office located at Forsan, Texas.

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Poetic View

High Shoals
By Louise Burgess



LOUISE BURGESS

The log house sat on a grassy knoll overlooking the creek below. Grandpa built it for his bride-to-be a long, long time ago. They raised their little family there in this rugged, remote retreat. And together they carved an empire right there on Beaver Creek.

They started off with a country store, then added a blacksmith shop. Then came an old grist mill with a water wheel that seemed to run non-stop. I loved to spend my summers there and life was never a bore. I loved the roar of the waterfall as I played in the country store.

Grandpa called the place High Shoals, named for the high waterfall. And the water cascading over the slippery rocks was a sight enjoyed by all. People would come from the nearby town with all their kids in tow. To dive and swim and have some fun in the icy pool below.

Farmers in wagons with their families would come from miles around. With sacks of corn and bushels of wheat they'd brought there to be ground. I spent a good part of the day beside the water wheel. And I'd watch in fascination as it turned the corn to meal.

Sometimes I'd play so hard I'd fall asleep beside the firewood shed. But no matter where I fell asleep, I'd wake up in Granny's bed. Faintly conscious of strong arms lifting me and a soft kiss on the cheek. And being placed on Granny's feather bed for a much more comfortable sleep.

On the limb of a tree hung an old tire swing that came from a Model T Ford. And many a kid got the thrill of his life as through the air he soared. They ate candy Grandpa gave them, which to them was always a treat. Then, since all of them could dive and swim, they'd head for Beaver Creek.

The farmers would gather on the porch of the store, a break from turning the sod. They'd chew tobacco and play dominoes while their horses were being shod. Women in gingham dresses would wander through Grandpa's store. They'd buy high top

shoes and stockings and fruit jars by the score.

The farmer's made a day of it, they stayed 'til nearly night. Then load their wagons and head for home, sometimes by lantern light. The ruts in the road that the wagon wheels made were a country kids delight. We played in the puddles and made mud balls when it rained for days and nights.

The rooster's crow would wake us up before he saw the sun. As if to say get out of bed, there's much work to be done. Grandpa was the busiest man I think I ever knew. Before he opened the country store, he had some horses to shoe.

Breakfast in Granny's kitchen was always a happy time. We ate buttered biscuits dripping with honey or jam from muscadines. I loved my Granny's cooking, it had that special touch. And Grandpa used to laugh a lot because I ate so much.

The years sped by, I was no longer a child and my grandparents passed away. And there was always, in the back of my mind, I'd live there again some day. Last year I went back to where it all began, but I was in for a shock. For the house and the store was there no more, nor was the blacksmith shop.

But the huge granite stone was still intact that supported the old water wheel. And I could almost hear it creak and groan as it ground the flour and meal. As I pressed my face against the old water wheel there came a sound from the wild. And I could have sworn it was the same whippoorwill I used to hear as a child.

I took one last look at Beaver Creek where I'd learned to swim as a child. And I picked a golden daffodil and held it for a while. I stood by the tree where the gourd dipper hung we'd used at the nearby spring. And as I turned and walked away, I heard a blue bird sing.

I sat in my car a long, long time and slowly looked around. And I really and truly believed that I was treading on holy ground. With a heavy heart and tear-filled eyes, I quietly drove away. I'd pretend that it was all like it used to be and today was yesterday.

Book

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good cop, gone bad, who is serving long stretches in prison for rape, child pornography and holding a garage full of bombs and hand grenades. The story is "one for the ages," says Clayton Williams, a Texas oilman who authored the foreword to the book.

The "Baby Jessica" story still ranks among the most followed stories in Pew Research polling. More people, in fact, closely followed Jessica's rescue than did the death of Princess Diana, several years later, Pew says. The "Rainbow's Shadow" will soon be available nationwide or through the publisher's Web site www.bristolpublish.com.

Pint-Sized Flavorologist Will Put Her Flavor to the Test in Nestle Ice Cream's Top Secret Lab

Texas girl dreams up a flavorful idea for the world's coolest frozen popsicle

OAKLAND, Calif. — Shannon L. of Cypress has been selected as one of 10 winning flavorologists after dreaming up a sweet idea for a new frozen pop flavor.

Earlier this year, Nestle Ice Cream invited kids throughout the U.S. to try out for a chance to be a "Frozen Pop Flavorologist" by inventing the world's coolest frozen pop.

After considering more than 4,000 unique submissions, a panel of Nestle Judges selected the 10 most creative flavors.

This October, Shannon and nine other flavorologists will enjoy an all-expenses paid trip to visit the top secret flavor lab (never before open to the public!) at the Nestle Ice Cream factory in Southern California where they will sample one of the tastiest jobs in America.

In addition to a behind-the-scenes tour, Shannon and her fellow flavorologists will have an opportunity to learn the cool science behind frozen pops, put their taste buds to the test on a variety of outlandish frozen pop flavors currently in "development" (including hot bubble gum and macaroni & cheese) and sample the 10 winning flavor creations.

In addition to dreaming up a cool flavor idea, Shannon also explained why she was qualified to

be a flavorologist.

According to Shannon, "I would be a good flavorologist because I am very good at tasting food and knowing what tastes good or bad!"

Nestle Ice Cream's team of top flavorologists is putting in extra hours at the flavor lab to produce a special batch of all 10 frozen pop flavors just in time for the October event.

Each child will take a lick at the following kid-friendly inventions:

Banana Split On a Stick (Shannon L., 10 years old, Cypress) — This banana-shaped treat has all the yummy ingredients that made the banana split famous. Lick up layers of creamy banana, rich chocolate and sweet strawberry.

Sparkling Jewels Pop (Hailey M., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 7 years old) — Make your taste buds sparkle with this glittery flavored pop. A runway-worth bubble gum flavored pop decked out with edible pink glitter makes this perfect pop almost too pretty to eat.

Stop Pop (Haley H., 8 years old, Thousand Oaks, Calif.) — Stop traffic with your very own fruit-flavored frozen stoplight. Tiers of sweet cherry, zippy lemon and luscious lime are sure to cause a traffic jam.

Strawberry Lime Slime (Ivanna S., 7 years old, Greenland, N.H.) — A

splash of red slime (strawberries) and a cup of green ooze (orange juice and limeade), mixed together for a crazy frozen pop concoction that's out of this world.

PB&J Pop (Emma B., 10 years old, Martinez, Ga.) — The sweet, gooey, kid-friendly flavor of a PB&J moves from the lunchbox to the frozen pop. The tart flavor of raspberry jam sandwiched between two layers of smooth, creamy peanut butter definitely makes this snack a chilly classic.

Fruit Confusion (Amber B., 12 years old, Silvis, Ill.) — Half of this pop is purple, but tastes like pineapple. The other half is yellow and looks like lemon, but when you take a lick it is actually green apple. This confusing mystery pop will keep you guessing!

Blueberry Syrup Breakfast Waffle (Raymond D., 11 years old, Monroe, Mich.) — Hot off the griddle and right into your freezer, get the taste of breakfast any time with this wild waffle-flavored combo.

Big Blueberries swirled with the taste of syrup make this frozen pop a great snack all day long.

Hip Hop Butterscotch (Dylan R., 11 years old, Wodbury, Conn.) — Bebop with a frozen pop that mixes the creamy candy taste of butterscotch with the smooth sweet flavor of

vanilla.

Cherry Cherry Bang Bang (Brian H., 8 years old, Jackson, N.J.) — Terrifically sweet and undoubtedly crunchy, this pop certainly packs a mega cherry punch. One bite through the crunchy, candy coating into the cherry sherbet center will make your mouth cheer.

Caramel Apple Carnival Pop (Rhiannon T., 10 years old, Abbeville, S.C.) — From the fairground to your freezer, this frozen pop has a juicy apple core surrounded by a smooth caramel coating.

"Our pint-sized flavorologists froze out the competition and licked the other contestants by coming up with unique flavor ideas that combine clever names and imaginative flavors," said John Harrison, official taster for Nestle Ice Cream. "It will be a pleasure to tempt my million dollar taste buds on Shannon's unique frozen pop this October."

In addition to creating one-of-a-kind frozen pops, each pint-sized flavorologist will scoop up a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond and a year's supply of Nestle Kids frozen snacks.

They will also receive a special box of their winning frozen pop flavor (made especially for them in Nestle's Lab to share with family and friends after the event).

Scenic Mountain Medical Center

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September 2005 Activities

September 1 • Thursday

- Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall - walk together)
- Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 a.m.

September 5 • Monday

- LABOR DAY!
- Senior Circle Office Closed

September 6 • Tuesday

- Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together)
- Coffee @ PRL - 10:00 am
- Supper Club "Greg's Grill" - 5:30 pm

September 7 • Wednesday

- Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
- Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 am (Chair Exercise)

Senior Citizens Activity Room

September 8 • Thursday

- Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall and walk together)
- Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 a.m.

September 9 • Friday

- Midland Shopping - 9:00 am (Lunch @ Cattleman's)

September 12 • Monday

- Lunch Bunch & Birthdays 11:30 am "Gale's"
- GAMES - 2:00 pm

September 13 • Tuesday

- Mall Walking - 8:30 am (Meet at the Mall and walk together)
- Supper Club - "La Posada" - 5:30 pm

September 14 • Wednesday

- Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
- Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 am (Chair Exercise)

Senior Citizens Activity Room

September 15 • Thursday

- Mall Walking - 8:30 am (Meet at the Mall and walk together)
- Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

September 16 • Friday

- POT LUCK & BINGO - 11:30 am

September 18 • Sunday

- "I LOVE YOU, YOUR PERFECT NOW CHANGE!" (Musical Comedy) - 1:00 pm

Midland Community Theatre

September 20 • Tuesday

- Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together)
- Supper Club - "Red Mesa" 5:30 pm

September 21 • Wednesday

- Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
- Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 am (Chair Exercise)

Senior Citizens Activity Room

September 22 • Thursday

- Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together)
- Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
- Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 am

September 24 • Saturday

- ALZHEIMER'S MEMORY WALK City Park - 9:00 am

September 26 • Monday

- NEW MEXICO CASINO & HORSE RACING - 9:00 am

September 27 • Tuesday

- Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together)
- GAMES - 2:00 pm
- Supper Club - "Cowboys" - 5:30 pm

September 28 • Wednesday

- Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
- Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 am (Chair Exercise)

Senior Citizens Activity Room

September 29 • Thursday

- Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together)
- Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA

How about 2 nights/3 days in Albuquerque at the Balloon Festival - Pack your bag - Senior Circle is going! Friday, Oct. 7th - 9th Cost estimated @\$350.00 per person/double occupancy (This includes the plane flight/hotel room & ground transportation - flight will fill up fast rates may vary as I process each flight)

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