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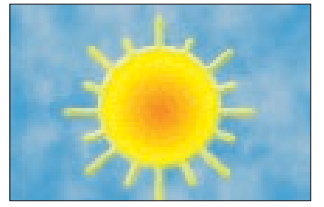
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Cancer research joins up with Health Fair 2007

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Many people manned booths at Saturday's Chamber of Commerce Health Fair to provide screenings or information.

Vicki Stewart was looking for test subjects.

The director of the highly successful Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life fundraiser for cancer research was at the health fair drumming up interest in an upcoming study by the American Cancer Society.



The ACS will be on hand at this year's Relay For Life, scheduled for May 18 at Blankenship Field, looking for volunteers to participate in its third Cancer Prevention Study.

To better understand ways to prevent cancer, the ACS' Department of Epidemiology and Surveillance Research is recruiting 500,000 adults across the United States to participate in the study.

"(The ACS) is doing a research study of healthy people, who have never had cancer, to see what kind of changes occur in their lives that might somehow lead to a cure in the future," said



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Sandra and David Baird talk to Vicki Stewart, foreground, at the American Cancer Society booth at Saturday's Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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Taxes due Tuesday

Deadline approaches to file returns, extensions

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area residents are reminded they have only few extra days to file their 2006 income tax returns, as Tuesday's federal deadline looms on the horizon.

The deadline, traditionally set for April 15, gives taxpayers a two-day reprieve, thanks to some state holidays, according to local AARP Tax Aide coordinator Gloria Hopkins.

"The deadline fell on a Sunday this year, so natu-

rally it would have to be moved to the 16th, which is a Monday," said Hopkins. "However, several states have holidays on that date, so it was bumped an additional day to April 17, which is Tuesday."

And while the new deadline may be more accommodating for last-minute filers, officials at the Big Spring Post Office say Tuesday will be "business as usual," with services available

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Runner cross the start line to begin the Master the Mountain Fun Run/Walk at Big Spring State Park Saturday morning. A large group of runners, joggers and walkers braved chilly conditions to participate in the annual event.

Investigation continues into robbery, shooting that occurred Easter

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The investigation into the Easter morning shooting of a Big Spring man at his home on the west side of the city is ongoing, according to law enforcement officials, as police continue the search for the two assailants believed to be responsible.

According to officials with the Big Spring Police Department, 59-year-old Eddie King remains in stable condition at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following the shooting, which was reported at approxi-

"Right now all we know is it was two black males. We're hoping Mr. King can provide us with a description of them once he's in a condition to talk."

—Det. Phil Whitten, BSPD

mately 6 a.m. Sunday, April 8.

King was shot in one leg, with the bullet passing through, striking his

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Local man dies from injuries in U.S. 87 wreck

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

An 88-year-old Big Spring man died at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room Friday afternoon following a traffic accident on South U.S. Highway 87.

Doke Westerman Pierce, commonly known as D.W., of 1405 E. 18th Street, was pronounced dead at approximately 12:50 p.m., less than

an hour after the GMC mini van he was traveling in was struck by a tractor trailer traveling south on U.S. Highway 87.

"The white Chevrolet van driven by Mr. Pierce was exiting Trinity Memorial Park," said DPS Sgt. Jason Hester. "There was an 18-wheeler hauling fuel traveling south on U.S. 87. Mr. Pierce failed to yield the right-of-way to the 18-wheeler and they collided in the

south bound lane. Mr. Pierce's vehicle was spun around and he was ejected from the vehicle as a result of the collision."

Despite being ejected, Hester said it is believed Pierce was wearing his safety belt at the time of the accident.

"The seat belt was secured and didn't fail as a result of the accident," said Hester. "We're not sure how he was ejected from the vehicle. It's

not uncommon, especially among elderly motorists, for them to lengthen the seat belt out as far as it will go, making it extremely loose. If that's the case here, that could have played a roll in his ejection."

Hester said there were no road conditions that could have played a role in the fatal accident.

"It's a good line of sight.

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IN BRIEF

Bulldogettes roll past Stamford, 19-0

It didn't take long for Coahoma's Bulldogettes to assert themselves Friday in a lopsided win over Stamford in District 5-2A softball action.

The Bulldogettes scored 16 runs in the top of the first inning — more than enough to end the game on the 10-run rule after five innings.

Coahoma pounded out 11 hits and capitalized on four Stamford errors, while limiting the host team to just two hits.

The Bulldogettes added three more runs in the third inning for good measure and coasted from there.

The win improved Coahoma's record to 19-5 on the season and 9-1 in district competition. With the loss, Stamford dropped to 6-16 overall and 1-9 in district play.

Bulldogs post big win over Stamford

Coahoma's Bulldogs took no prisoners when they took on Stamford in District 5-2A baseball action Friday, rolling to a 23-1 win in five innings.

The Bulldogs allowed just one Stamford hit, while racking up 14 of their own and capitalizing on five Stamford errors.

Coahoma scored two runs in the top half of the first inning, taking a 2-1 lead and never looked back. The Bulldogs added four more runs in the second inning, another in the third and then exploded with eight runs in each of the fourth and fifth innings to end the game on the 10-run rule.

The victory leaves the Bulldogs with a 16-7 record overall and 8-2 in district play. Stamford fell to 7-10 overall and 2-7 in league play.

Garden City boys win district tennis crown

Garden City's Bearkats took the championship and the Lady Kats finished as runners-up at the District 9-1A Tennis Tournament.

The Bearkats took the title behind a one-two finish in doubles play, as Alex Halfmann and Taylor Niehues defeated teammates Spencer Plagens and Eric Hirt for the top spot. Nick Sanchez added a second-place finish in boys' singles.

The Lady Kats got a second-place finish in singles play from Lauren Wheeler.

And in mixed doubles, Garden City was again a one-two finisher, as Evan Jansa and Lyza Lopez defeated teammates Juan Zuniga and Julie Hirt for the title.

All first- and second-place finishers advanced to the regional tournament set for April 25-26 at Hardin

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Hawks split twinbill with Odessa

Late error denies HC's bid for sweep

By ERIC RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

Howard College's Hawks baseball team was an out away from earning a sweep over Odessa College's Wranglers Friday afternoon at Jack Barber Field before surrendering a run in the top of the seventh in the first game of a doubleheader which allowed Odessa to steal a 9-6 victory in eight innings despite a great pitching performance from Howard ace Ryan Robinson.

Howard won the nightcap in an 18-12 slugfest.

Howard Assistant Coach J-Bob Thomas felt the Hawks were capable of earning a sweep Friday, but unfortunately an error in the top of the seventh allowed the tying run to score.

"We had the first game, our pitcher threw well, we battled, and we swung the bats really well," Thomas said. "To make an error like that hurts, but overall we feel lucky to come out with a split against a very good Odessa team."

According to Thomas, the Hawks had good pitching in the opener with Robinson throwing 7-1/3 innings before giving way to Pedro Villarreal, who was charged with the loss.

"Robo (Ryan Robinson) has been pitching well for us," Thomas said. "We had two outs (in the top of the seventh) and their best hitter up and unfortunately just couldn't make the play and came up on the short end of the stick."

Howard scored six runs on 14 hits, but committed two errors, while Odessa scored nine runs on 16 hits and committed an error. The Wranglers trailed 6-5 in the top of the seventh before tying the game at 6-all and then

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Howard College left-hander Ryan Robinson delivers a pitch in the opening game of a doubleheader against Odessa College's Wranglers at Jack Barber Field Friday. A seventh-inning error denied Robinson a win, but his teammates rebounded to win the second game and split the twinbill with Odessa.

Hawk women swept by Chaps

By ERIC RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

MIDLAND — The Howard College Hawks dropped a heartbreaker in the nightcap of a doubleheader Friday night in Midland at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex on Muggs Field to lose a pair of games to conference leader Midland College.

In the twinbill's opener, Midland earned a 12-2 victory in just five innings, as the Hawks could only muster two hits.

Howard led the nightcap, 5-2, in the bottom of the seventh inning, before a hit parade, including a two-run homer knot-

ted the game at 5-all.

The Hawks didn't score in the top of the eighth inning, while Midland pushed across the game winning run in the bottom of the eighth, to steal a 6-5 win.

The pair of victories unofficially catapults Midland (31-6-1, 19-5 in the WJCAC) from third to first place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

Midland holds a one game advantage over both Odessa College (34-20-1, 18-6) and Western Texas College (30-11, 19-7), while Howard (26-15-1, 13-13) is in fourth place, six games out of the third-place spot.

Despite a poor overall record,

El Paso Community College (14-28, 11-15) sits fifth in the conference, only two games behind Howard for the critical fourth and final spot to qualify for the Region V West Softball Tournament which Howard College will host May 5-6.

The final spot will most likely be determined in the final weekend of the season, April 27-28, when the Hawks travel to El Paso for a pair of doubleheaders with the Tejanas.

Howard returned to Midland Saturday for another doubleheader date with the Chaparrals that was scheduled to get under way at 1 p.m.

Jazz knock off short-handed Mavs, 104-89

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — The way the Utah Jazz have been playing, they weren't about to discount their 104-89 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Friday night just because Jason Terry, Jerry Stackhouse and Erick Dampier sat out.

"They still have (Dirk) Nowitzki," noted Matt Harpring. "And Josh Howard. That's two All-Stars," added Deron Williams.

Having lost five straight and six of seven, and with time running out on their chances of having home-court advantage for their first-round playoff series against Houston, the Jazz were thrilled with any victory.

"I don't care if it's 5-on-0, as long as we got a win," Derek Fisher said. "We understand and respect the fact Dallas had a couple of guys out. That doesn't take any feel-good away from us."

Carlos Boozer had 32 points, 15 rebounds and seven assists, then came away talking about how well Utah defended. He could've just as easily bragged about their rebounding: a 50-26 advantage, with no Dallas player grabbing more than four.

"We have to try to use this for momentum the last three



Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki drives against the Utah Jazz's Mehmet Okur during their NBA game Friday at the American Airlines Center in Dallas. The Jazz defeated the Mavericks, 104-89.

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Give the daughter-in-law of two of Big Spring State Hospital's most-prolific volunteers an army of painters, the support of her husband and brother-in-law, samples from her interior design firm in Flower Mound and free will to breathe new life into the hospital's Family Lodge and the result beats anything seen on "Top Design."

"(Lea Newsom) called us and asked if she could come out and work on the lodge, and we couldn't say 'yes' fast enough," said Billie Christie-Morgan, the hospital's director of community relations.



Don Newsom

The Marilyn Keaton Newsom Family Lodge — named after Mrs. Newsom — is home-away-from-home for family members who often travel long distances to visit hospital patients.

"We cover such a wide area in Texas, we felt it was essential we provide a place for our visitors," hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon said. Big Spring State Hospital is one of several state hospitals which provide complimentary housing for visitors.

Reservations at the four-bedroom lodge, which includes a shared living area and a kitchen, are scheduled through the patient's social worker, Director of Social Work Services Kathy Salazar said. Each person who stays in the lodge is responsible for their area's upkeep.

"We provide housekeeping but they pick up after themselves in the kitchen and in their bedrooms," Salazar said. "We change the linens after each visit and clean the lodge for the next family."

The family lodge is occupied most weekends.

"Family support is so important for our patients, and we want to make sure we do as much as possible to encourage family members to visit," said Salazar.

"If we can get them better educated, then when the patient is released from the hospital, the family is better prepared to know how to deal with it and helps them cope.

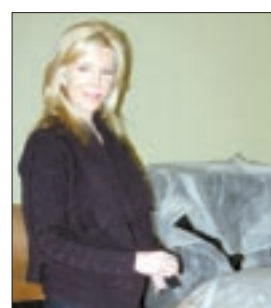
"Many of our families live far away from the hospital. It's difficult for some to make a day trip out here, particularly for those parents who are much older."



Marilyn Newsom

The lodge was dedicated in 1993 when the hospital's volunteers and the Newsom family wanted to honor Marilyn Keaton Newsom, a long-time hospital volunteer who was instrumental in hosting fundraisers in her home and orchestrating album drives to further music therapy for the patients.

"She would come on the units and sing to them," Christie-Morgan said. "One time she hosted a tea in her home to purchase new curtains for the auditorium. And they hosted our Denim and Diamonds fundraiser numerous times in their home."



Lea Newsom

Mrs. Newsom's husband, Don, and the couple's two sons and their wives, Kent and Lea and Dr. Gary Don and Beverly donated the furnishings when the Family Lodge opened in 1993.

"This is something we want to continue," Lea Newsom said in mid-February after unloading new plush couches and chairs the family had purchased while overseeing the selection of paint and its application on the 2,200-square foot lodge.

"It was needing some updating," she said.

Families, many of whom write

thank you notes to the hospital's social work department for offering the lodge have always been grateful for its presence.

But Salazar said the change from a 90s-style décor to a warm, inviting Texas-themed arrangement has made the lodge even more inviting.

"It makes me so proud to offer the family lodge to our families and when I heard from them that they were so comfortable and it just made their visit so much better that warms my heart," she said.

"Coming from a long distance is difficult. Coming to a psychiatric hospital where your loved one is being treated because they have an illness, that is very stressful. If we can offer them something like the family lodge and offer it to them in the state it is now where it is so lovely and so comfortable, that helps them deal with the illness, the symptoms and all of the stressful things."



Courtesy photo

In back are Gary Don Newsom, MD, of Midland and Kent Newsom of Flower Mound, with parents Marilyn and Don Newsom.



The guest house after renovations



The guest house before renovations

Rededication ceremony, open house set Tuesday

Big Spring State Hospital will host a rededication ceremony, an open house and reception for the family of Don and Marilyn Newsom Tuesday, April 17, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the hospital campus.

During the rededication ceremony, the Marilyn Keaton Newsom Family Lodge will be renamed the Don and Marilyn Newsom Family Lodge.

The lodge was dedicated in 1993, a year after Marilyn Newsom passed away. Don Newsom died unexpectedly in 2003, and the hospital wanted the name of the lodge to reflect the couple's contributions to Big Spring State Hospital.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will be on-site at 2 p.m. for an official ribbon cutting.

The couple's two children and their spouses will be in attendance at the reception: Kent and Lea Newsom of Flower Mound and Gary Don, M.D., and Beverly, of

Midland.

The Newsom children and their immediate families have been a huge driving force behind the renovation of the family lodge, said Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon.

The reception is being held immediately following the Volunteer Services Council's yearly volunteer luncheon which recognizes the hospital's volunteers for their contributions to the hospital.

Numerous awards will be presented during the luncheon which begins at noon in the Allred Building Auditorium. The public is invited to the luncheon. Reservations are required by calling 268-7535.

One need not attend the luncheon to attend the reception, said Director of Community Relations Billie Christie-Morgan.

"We want people to come out to the hospital and see what we offer to the community."

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Obituaries

Sam Hardy Barrow



Sam Hardy Barrow, 88, of Big Spring, died Thursday, April 12, 2007, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m., Monday, April 16, 2007, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Augustine Ypina, Hispanic Missiner, officiating.

Sam Hardy Barrow was born in Sweetwater to A. B. and Mary Hardy Barrow. He was raised in northwest Texas and lived with his mother and grandfather, G.S. Hardy, a Methodist minister. He graduated from Clarendon High School when he was 17 and was appointed to West Point by test scores and the recommendation of his U.S. Congressional representative. Upon graduation in the Class of 1941, Sam was posted to Puerto Rico. After that assignment, he went to U. S. Army Infantry School. Sam commanded the 34th Division in combat at the end of World War II. In 1956, he was the Senior KMAC Advisor to the general officers of the 3rd and 9th Korean divisions. Sam also served tours in ROTC staffs at the University of Virginia, as USCONARC at Edgeworth Arsenal and Fort Sam Houston. Sam retired in 1969.

Sam was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Occupation Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Cross di Guerra (Italy), National Defense Service Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster and Cross for War Merit.

He earned a master's degree from William & Mary following retirement. Sam then moved to Rockport.

Sam married Mary D'olif in 1958 and had three children, George Michael, Mary Karen and Sam Dennis. After that marriage ended in divorce, Sam married Ruth Causey and had two sons, William Warren and Charles Christopher. He has eight grandchildren. After Ruth's death, Sam married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy "Pete" Powell. The couple moved to Big Spring where they lived until his death.

"This marriage was the highlight of my life", Sam was quoted. "We participated as volunteer in community activities and civic causes. We enjoyed our children and grandchildren and lived our lives as lovers and best friends."

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

Paid obituary

Mary Margaret Cole



Mary Margaret Cole, 80, died Thursday, April 12, 2007, in Big Spring. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church in Panhandle with the Rev. Jeff Matsler, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Panhandle Cemetery under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.

Mrs. Cole was born Dec. 3, 1926, in Farwell. She was a former resident of Panhandle and had lived in Big Spring for the past three years. She was secretary for the Panhandle Elementary School and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Panhandle.

She married Earl Cole on June 26, 1944, in Courtside, Ariz. She was preceded in death by her son, Jimmy Dean Cole.

Her survivors include her husband, Earl Cole of the home, four sons, Larry Cole and wife Jeanne of Big Spring, Glen Cole and Randy Cole and wife Jeanne, all of Horseshoe Bay and Kevin Cole and wife Debbie of Fritch; eight grandchildren, two step grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 6605 W. I-40, Ste A-6, Amarillo 79106

Tena Parker



Tena Parker, 47, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 12, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 5, 1959, in Pryor, Okla., to Bessie and Elmo Taylor. She attended Big Spring schools, Howard College, and was an EMT and a paramedic. She graduated from LVN school in Oklahoma and received an associate's degree in drug and alcohol abuse counseling in Colorado. She worked at Hall-Bennett Clinic, Mountain View Lodge and Comanche Trail Nursing Home.

She is survived by one daughter, Christy Howell and husband Montana of Abilene; one son, Tim Parker of Edmond, Okla.; mother, Bessie Taylor of Odessa; one sister, Rebbecca Taylor of Odessa; a long time special friend, Aaron Armstong; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Elmo Taylor.

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

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Pedro O. Ramos



Pedro O. Ramos, 78, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, April 11, 2007, in Big Spring. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 16, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Carlos Payen officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born May 20, 1928, in Colorado City and married Josefina Ortega on Aug. 14, 1956, in Juarez, Mexico. She preceded him in death on Dec. 28, 2003.

Mr. Ramos moved to Big Spring in 1972. He worked as a foreman for Texas and Pacific Railroad, which later became Union Pacific, for 43 years. He was a past member of Highway 80 Church of Christ and was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include eight sons, Juan Hernandez of San Antonio, Victor Ramos of DeSoto, Luis Ramos of Santa Fe, N.M., Marcos Ramos of Hawaii, Mario Ramos of Duncanville, Andrew Ramos of Korea, Pedro Ramos Jr. of El Paso and Miguel Angel Ramos of San Antonio; seven daughters, Hilda Garibay of Midland, Irma Vincent and Yolanda Booth, both of Big Spring, Veronica Moreline of Oklahoma City, Okla., Maria Ester Ramos and Martha Ramos, both of Kerrville, and Mary Lou Franco of Fresno, Calif.; one brother, Adan Ramos of Santa Rosa, Calif.; two half brothers, Alejandro Ramos and Jose Luis Ramos, both of Ojinaga, Mexico; ten half sisters, Gloria Enriquez of Pecos, Amelia Enriquez and Alicia Enriquez, both of Grandfalls, Amada Enriquez of Odessa, Emelia Enriquez, Chela Enriquez and Lupe Enriquez, all of Ojinaga, Mexico, and Rosario Enriquez, Catalina Enriquez and Lala Enriquez, all of Chihuahua, Mexico; 31 grandchildren; and 30 great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; one half brother; and a great grandson.

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

Doke W. Pierce



Doke W. Pierce, 88, of Big Spring, died Friday, April 13, 2007, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 16, 2007, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating.

He was born Nov. 2, 1918, in Baird and married Ann B. Waters on Oct. 16, 1944, in Weatherford. She preceded him in death on June 22, 2005.

Doke moved to Big Spring and went to work for Texas and Pacific Railroad, retiring in 1983. He was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ and a member of the United Transportation Union.

Survivors include two sons, Donald (Don) Pierce of McKinney and Larry Pierce of Richmond, Va.; one daughter, Barbara Mamoulides of Houston; two sisters, Adell Blakely and Frances Galloway, both of Abilene; four grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Addie Pierce and three brothers, J. C. Pierce, Stanley Pierce and Granville Pierce.

The family suggests memorials be made to 14th and Main Church of Christ Building Fund, 1401 Main Street, Big Spring 79720.

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

Jimmy Hopper

Jimmy Hopper, 69, of Big Spring died Saturday, April 14, 2007, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Trinity Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Luke Warren

Luke Warren, infant son of Matt and Shelly Warren, died Friday, April 13, 2007, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14, 2007, at Trinity Memorial Park with Craig Felty, pastor of Cornerstone Church, officiating.

He was born April 13, 2007, in Big Spring.

In addition to his parents, Luke is survived by four brothers, Samuel Warren, Carey Warren, Aaron Warren and Blaise Warren of the home; his grandparents, Charles and Shirley Warren of Big Spring; his grandmother, Glynda Tunnell of Martin County; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

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Jim Spivey

COLORADO CITY — Jim Spivey, 65, of Colorado City, died Wednesday, April 11, 2007, in a Dallas hospital. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 16, 2007, in the Coahoma Cemetery with the Rev. Dennis Teeters, minister of Spring Creek Fellowship, and Yancey Spivey officiating. Kiker-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Spivey was born May 18, 1941, in Big Spring to Dewey and Faye Brown Smith. He was a retired merchant marine and a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He is survived by three sons, Troy Spivey, Randy Spivey and John Spivey, all of Denver, Colo.; a sister, Lanette Miller of Big Spring; two brothers, Marvin Wilkerson of Glen Rock, Wyo., and Dwayne "Buck" Sprivey of Colorado City; and five grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his adoptive father, Albert Spivey, and a sister, Peggy Shrum.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Colleen Slaughter

Colleen Slaughter, 80, of Big Spring, died Friday, April 13, 2007, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

TUESDAY

• The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

Police blotter

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

- **CHANCELLA PARRISH**, 22, 135 Jonesboro Rd., was arrested on charges of driving under the influence and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **AMADOR RIOS JR.**, 25, 4215 Dixon, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence.
- **CARLOS FLORES JR.**, 29, 1709 Meadow, was arrested on a charge of hindering the official discharge of an officer's duties.
- **BERNANDO RODRIGUEZ**, 49, Leakey, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROSHANNA RICHARDSON**, 22, 704 E. 15th, was arrested on two local warrants.
- **PAUL WILLIAM SCHLIPF**, 44, San Angelo, was arrested on four local warrants.

Weather

Sunday...Sunny. Warmer. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.
Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.
Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.
Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.
Tuesday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.
Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.
Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.
Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.
Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.
Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.
Friday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 11-21-30-34-37.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-7-1

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Lady Steers struggle at district meet; others fare well

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

PLAINVIEW — Big Spring's Lady Steers managed just 39 points and finished fifth in the team standings at the District 4-4A Track and Field Meet.

San Angelo Lake View's Maidens took the team title with 158 points, while Plainview was a close second with 155.5 points. Frenship finished third with 136.5 points, while Lubbock Estacado was fourth with 113.

The Lady Steers were paced by a trio of third-place finishers — Catherine Leubner posting a 2:27.26 clocking in the 800 meters, Ester Tobar finishing the 1,600 meters with a time of 5:42.40 and Mistie Aguilar posting a time of 13:10.58 in the 3,200 meters.

In the boys' division of the

meet, Big Spring's Steers thin-clads scored 138 points to finish third in the team standings. Individual results were not available as the *Herald* went to press Saturday.

Frenship took the boys' team title with 152 points, while Lubbock Estacado was second with 141 points.

District 5-2A Meet

Stanton's Buffaloes and Lady Buffs turned in impressive performances at the District 5-2A track meet Friday at Merkel High School, finishing second and third in the team standings, respectively.

The Buffs piled up 122 points for the second-place spot in the boys' division, but were well off the 200-point pace of Hawley's championship squad. The Lady Buffs had 87 points, while Colorado City took the team

title with 126 points and Merkel's host team was second with 100. Coahoma's Bulldogs scored 45 points in the boys' division to finish sixth, while the Bulldogettes did them one better with a fifth-place finish and 85.5 points.

Laci Luna did most of the damage for the Lady Buffs, taking first-place finishes in both the pole vault and the 3,200 meters, while Eva Dyck added a third-place finish in the triple jump. The Lady Buffs also won the 1,600-meter relay and were third in the 800-meter relay where the points were doubled.

K'Leigh Fowler turned in a top performance for the Bulldogettes, winning both the 800 meters and the 1,600 meters. Teammate Alex Moore was second in the 1,600 and third in the 800. Laci Sterling added a second place finish in the long

jump for Coahoma and was also second in the 100 meters. Kylie Gee chapped in third-place points in the high jump.

The Buffs' top performer was A.J. Lozano, who won the 3,200 meters and finishing second in the 800. Coahoma's Josh Jones was second in the 3,200 and Stanton's Joshua Barboza was third. Jones also added a second-place finish in the 200 meters.

Chase Pinkerton added a first-place finish for the Buffs in the shot put and was third in the discus. Mark Reyna chipped in second-place points in the 110-meter hurdles, while Jarzon Sparks and Zach Anderson were second and third in the high jump, finishing behind Coahoma's Morgan Coker.

The Buffs added third-place finishes in both the 400-meter and 1,600-meter relays.

District 9/10A Area Meet

Garden City's Lady Kats scored 65 points to finish one-point ahead of Highland and take second place in the team standings at the District 9-1A/District 10-1A Area Track Meet, while Bronte streaked to the championship with 124 points.

The Lady Kats were led by K'Lann Niehues, who took first place in both the triple jump and the high jump. She posted a leap of 35-0 feet to take the triple jump title and cleared the 5-foot mark to win the high jump.

Paige Niehues made it a family affair by finishing second in the 400 meters with a time of 1:02.91. Vikki Garza added another second-place finish in the 3,200 meters and the Lady

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Courtesy photo/Cindy Smith

Howard College's Alex Harrison makes contact and comes up with a single in the opening game of the Hawks' doubleheader against Odessa College at Jack Barber Field Friday afternoon.

HAWKS

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scored three runs in the eighth to win 9-6.

In the second game, the wind played a factor in inflating the pitchers' ERAs, as both teams hit four home runs apiece.

"When you have a wind going at 40 knots that happens," Thomas said. "You get the ball up in the air and a fly ball to the shortstop ends up going out."

Hitting home runs for the Hawks in the second game were Nathan Bryan, Josh Riley, Matt Curry and Keith Martin. Curry's was his second on the day and both were towering shots that cleared the men's residence hall beyond the right field fence. All told, Howard scored 18 runs on 17 hits, but did commit four errors.

Odessa scored 12 runs on 12 hits and committed a pair of errors.

In addition to the home runs the Hawks also got hitting in the second game from Bryan, who had two doubles and a single; Riley, two singles and a double; Alex Harrison, two singles; Ryan Pruitt, a double; Cameron Monger, single and double; Martin, a single; and Tyler Ladendorf, a single.

Brett Hokr earned the victory in the nightcap, allowing 10 runs on 10 hits in five innings, while Brad Espino worked the final two innings giving up only two hits to secure the Howard victory.

With the split, Howard is 26-15 overall and 5-13 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference play. The Hawks traveled to Odessa (29-13, 15-7) Saturday for a doubleheader that was set to begin at noon.

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Juliana Marie Summers, a girl, was born at 1:50 p.m. March 27, 2007, weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long.

She is the daughter of David and Megan Summers of Big Spring. Her maternal grandparents are Carol Scott and Armando Reyes, both of Big Spring. Her paternal grandparents are David Summers of Big Spring and Debbie King of San Diego, Calif.

Juliana was welcomed home by sibling Baby Dave.



Juliana Marie Summers



Ashlyn Elizabeth Hipp

Ashlyn Elizabeth Hipp, a girl, was born at 3:59 p.m. Jan. 30, 2007, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20-3/4 inches long.

She is the daughter of Riley and April Hipp of Grand Prairie. Her maternal grandparents are Todd and Jamie Evans of Cleburne. Her paternal grandparents are Barbara Hipp and Gary Hipp of Coahoma.

Alex Julian Cantu, a boy, was born March 27, 2007, at 4:16 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long.

He is the son of Mandy and Jesse Cantu of Big Spring. His maternal grandparents are Carlos and Angela Castaneda of Big Spring and Cindy and Vicente Alvarado of Big Spring.

His paternal grandparents are Alice and Fidencio Alva of Big Spring.

Alex was welcomed home by siblings Gina, Jesse Jr. and Haley.



Alex Julian Cantu

New to Howard County

Steve Howell of Venice, Calif.

Alice Gonzales, daughters, Monique, 15, of Monahans.

Linda Ramos of Tampa, Fla. She is employed by Auto Zone.

Elia Robles, son, Victor, 17, of Fort Collins, Colo. He is employed by Wal-Mart.

Ron Midkiff, wife, Tina, son, Austin, 15, of Waxahachie. He is the publisher of the *Big Spring Herald*.

Jerry Leftwich, wife, Carla, daughters, Jerilynn, 8, Nehria, 9, of Jefferson City, Mo. He is a customer service representative for StarTek.

Tammy Torres, daughter, Tiffany, 20, of Lompoc, Calif.

Winda Wilbert of Cleveland, Ohio. She is the associate director of nursing for the VA Hospital.

Clifford Cooper, wife, Colleen, son, Matthew, 15, daughters, Ashton, 10, Ciera, 9.

Philip Bacon, wife, Sandra, children, Isreal, 21, Krystal, 12, Phillip, 10, Kobe, 4, Bracy, 6. He is a deputy sheriff for the Howard County Sheriff's Department.

Deann Ulm of Fort Worth.

Contact the Herald at 263-7331

Engagement

Porter and Giffords

Mrs. Pat J. Porter of Vealmoor announces the engagement of her daughter, Samantha A. Porter, to Robert S. Giffords of Gig Harbor, Wash.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Borden High School in Gail and Texas Tech University with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. She is employed by CGI, a global technology consulting firm.

Her fiancé is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Albert Orman of Tucson, Ariz. He is a graduate of the University of Arizona in Tucson with degrees in microbiology, journalism and computer science and is employed in the software engineering field.

The couple will marry at 12:34 p.m. May 6, 2007, in Gig Harbor, Wash.

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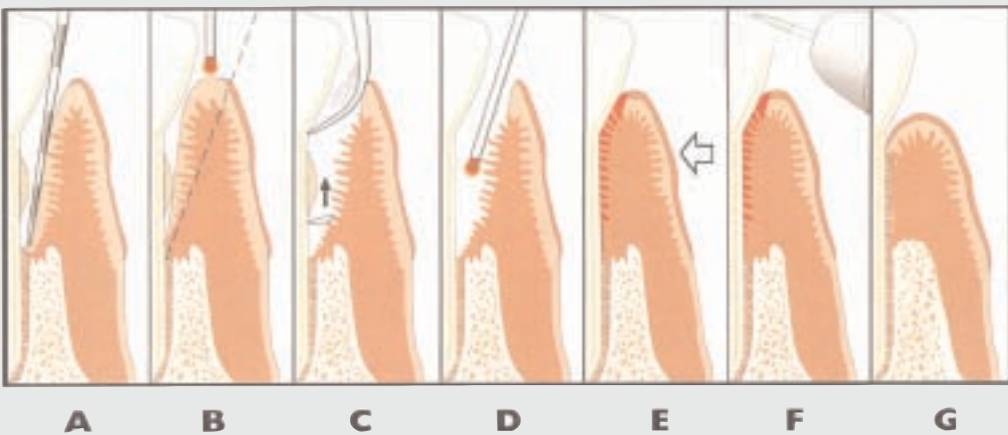
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OLD SOREHEAD TRADE DAYS



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If it seems like Stanton's Old Sorehead Trade Days is going to the birds, it's not a stretch of the imagination, as Helen and Gerald Parker prepare their parakeets for sale during the annual event. The trade days will continue Sunday in from noon until 5 p.m.

TAXES

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between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. With the tax filing deadline so close at hand, the Internal Revenue Service offers some tips for those still working on their paper tax forms. Those are:

- Consider filing electronically instead of using paper tax forms
- Put all required Social Security numbers on the return
- Double-check your figures
- Sign your form
- Attach all required schedules
- Send your return or request an extension by the filing deadline.

According to IRS officials, choosing to e-file tax returns instead of preparing a paper tax form is the best step to ensure tax returns are accurate and complete.

When you file a paper return, the numbers to check most carefully on the tax return are the identification numbers — usually Social Security numbers — for each person listed. This includes the taxpayer, spouse, dependents and persons listed in relation to claims for the Child Care or Earned Income Tax Credits. Missing, incor-

rect or illegible Social Security Numbers can delay or reduce a tax refund.

IRS officials also remind taxpayers an extension of time to file is not an extension of time to pay.

The extension gives taxpayers until Oct. 15 to file the tax return. Those who owe taxes can make a payment when they file the extension either by mailing a check or by several electronic payment methods, such as electronic funds withdrawals from bank accounts and credit card payments.

Taxpayers can get an automatic six-month extension of time to file their tax returns by filing Form 4868, Automatic Extension of Time to File.

Before last year, only a four-month extension was automatic and taxpayers who needed more time had to make a second request.

According to federal officials, the IRS expects to receive 9.9 million extensions during 2007, compared with 9.5 million extensions in 2006. Of the extensions filed last year, 1.8 million were filed electronically.

Forms and publications and helpful information on a variety of tax subjects are available around the clock on the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov.

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

Keep Big Spring Beautiful Golf Tournament
Saturday, April 21, 2007
at the Big Spring Country Club
9:00 a.m. tee time

Four person scramble, entry fee - \$60/person. Please contact the Big Spring Country Club to sign up. Immediately following play, prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place teams, longest drive man and woman and closest to the pin man and woman. Chances for new golf shoes will be available at the sign-up table or contact a member of Keep Big Spring Beautiful at 432.263.9332. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served.

All proceeds go to Keep Big Spring Beautiful

HEALTH

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Stewart, who will direct the local Relay for the second straight year this May. "(Husband) Howard and I are going anywhere and everywhere to spread the word about this."

Participation in the study will be a long-term commitment, she said. Participation is open to adults between the ages of 30 and 65 who have never had cancer and are will-

ing to complete a follow-up questionnaire every few years.

Participation in the study will be confidential, Stewart said.

Relay For Life events in Big Spring and San Angelo were chosen for participation in the study, Stewart said.

"Good Health — Now and For Our Future" was the theme for Saturday's Health Fair, and in following that theme, a great number of health screenings and other preventa-

tive tests were offered to the public, said Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Among the screenings offered were blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, pulse/oxygen, weight, fluoride treats for kids and DNA kits for kids.

SHOOTING

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groin and entering the other leg, according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD.

Det. Phil Whitten, who is currently in charge of the case, said the shooting was a result of a botched robbery.

"The suspects broke into his home and robbed the victim," said Whitten. "They took his wallet, which contained credit cards and an undetermined amount of cash, and fled the scene on foot."

Whitten said King had to undergo surgery following the shooting, but appears to be recovering from his wounds.

"I spoke to him on the phone following his surgery. He was very groggy and in no condition to conduct an interview with at the time, but he seems to be in fairly good condition," said Whitten. "We're expecting to be able to talk to him next week."

Whitten said he's hoping King can provide officers with a better description of the two suspects.

"Right now all we know is it was two black males," said Whitten. "We're hoping Mr. King can provide us with a description of them once he's in a condition to talk. In the meantime, we're developing several suspects, but we don't have anything concrete yet."

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Wanda Wasson, 74, died Tuesday. Funeral Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Tena Parker, 47, died Thursday. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jimmy Hopper, 69, died Saturday. Funeral Services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Trinity Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Gordon gets another chance for victory in Texas

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH — Jeff Gordon is 0-for-Texas, shut out of Victory Lane a dozen times.

There are only two other active tracks where Gordon hasn't won a race, but the 1 1/2-mile, high-banked Texas circuit is the only one where the four-time Cup champion doesn't have any kind of NASCAR victory. He did win Busch races at Phoenix and Homestead.

Gordon gets another chance in the Lone Star State this weekend, and the series points leader will start from the pole for the Samsung 500 after

qualifying was canceled Friday because of severe storms. The field was set by owner points.

"If we've ever had a chance of a Hendrick car winning here, or ourselves winning here, it's the year," Gordon said.

Even though Gordon hasn't won a race this season, Hendrick Motorsports is trying to become the first team since Petty Enterprises in 1971 to win five consecutive races. Jimmie Johnson, who starts third Sunday, has won three of the past four races and Kyle Busch had the other victory in that stretch.

Like Gordon, none of his teammates have won

at Texas. But all finished in the top nine spots there last fall.

"This is a continuation from last year," said Jeff Burton, the Childress driver who starts second. "The 24 (Gordon) and 48 (Johnson) have been really good and no, I don't think you've been making too much of (the Hendrick streak). ... They have put themselves in position to win almost every race."

Gordon has finished second three times this season, twice behind teammate Johnson.

Michael Waltrip will miss his sixth straight race because he didn't have enough season points to get into the 43-

car field. The only of Waltrip's three Toyotas that made it in was Dale Jarrett, who got in on a past champion provision. David Reutimann didn't qualify.

The latest setback for Waltrip comes less than a week after the two-time Daytona 500 winner was charged with reckless driving and failing to report an accident after hitting a telephone pole and rolling his SUV about a mile from his North Carolina home.

Waltrip didn't talk to reporters Friday.

Before failing to qualify for the last five races, Waltrip's team was caught cheating during

preparations for the season-opening Daytona 500.

NASCAR found a fuel additive in his engine, and he was docked a record 100 driver points. His crew chief was fined a record \$100,000 and suspended indefinitely, as was his competition director.

Matt Kenseth, Busch, Mark Martin, Denny Hamlin, Clint Bowyer, Tony Stewart and Carl Edwards rounded out the top 10 starting spots in Texas.

There has never been a repeat winner in the 12 Cup races at Texas. Terry Labonte is the only former winner not racing this weekend — and the only Hendrick driver to win at TMS (1999).

Johnson is at Texas for the eighth time, and is coming off a runner-up finish to Tony Stewart last fall. Johnson's worst finish is 11th.

The best of Busch's four races at Texas was last fall when he finished fourth.

BRIEFS

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Simmons University in Abilene.

CGA schedules

tourney in Stanton

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold a membership tournament on Sunday, April 22, at the Phoenix Golf Course in Stanton.

Players should pick their own teams for the 4-man scramble and must be at the course by 10 a.m. for registration.

For more information, call 263-7741.

Relay for Life ragball tournament slated

The Relay for Life Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for May 12-13 at Big Spring High School's Lady Steers Softball Field.

Teams will consist of five male and five female players. Entry fees are \$10 per player.

Registration is set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, with the first game of the tournament set to start at 11 a.m.

Lady Steers Boosters to meet on Monday

There will be a public meeting of the Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club at 6 p.m. Monday in the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Club officials noted this will be an important meeting regarding nominations for 2007-2008 school year and the upcoming spring banquet slated for May 5.

If you or know someone who would like to hold an office, please be present or contact Carrie Fox 267-6428 or Leslie Whitten 816-6764.

KBSB schedules golf tournament

The Keep Big Spring Beautiful Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday at the BigSpring Country Club.

Play will get under way with 9 a.m. tee times.

Entry fees for the four-person scramble are \$60 per player.

Contact the Big Spring Country Club to sign up.

Immediately following play, prizes will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place teams, longest drive man and woman and closest to the pin man and woman.

Chances for new golf shoes will be available at

the sign-up table or contact a member of Keep Big Spring Beautiful at 263-9332.

Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served. All proceeds go to Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

Howard to host

Region V tourney

Howard College's Foundation Field will be site for the NJCAA Region V Softball Tournament to be held May 5-6.

The top four teams from the WJCAC will qualify for double elimination tournament play, with the winner advancing to the NJCAA National Tournament in Plant City, Fla., May 17-19.

Teenage baseball league to begin

The Big Spring Teen Baseball league is now looking for coaches or anyone willing to help with the league this season.

If anyone is interested, call Randy Phillips at 264-6600 or 517-0399.

Baseball umpires needed for season

The Big Spring Umpires Association is looking for individuals interested in umpiring baseball for the 2007 Little League season.

If interested, call Bradley Garrison at 213-1300.

Cancer scramble set for April 28-29

The 2007 Cancer Scramble has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Players can form their own teams for the 4-per-

son scramble or be assigned to a team. The field will be flighted by first round scores.

Prizes will be awarded to the first-, second- and third-place teams in each flight. Prizes will also be given for the longest

drive and closest to the pin.

Entry fees are \$75 per player, plus a \$20 cart fee. Private carts are welcome.

For more information, call the country club at 267-5354.

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♥ Q 9 8 7
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♣ A 6 3

SOUTH
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♥ K J 6 3
♦ A 9 4
♣ 10 9 5

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Opening lead — five of diamonds.

One habit a declarer must strive to rid himself of is the temptation to treat each play as a separate problem instead of dealing with the hand as a whole.

Take this case where declarer won the diamond lead in dummy and played the K-Q of clubs, hoping the defense would take the ace. But East uncooperatively ducked both clubs,

leaving South with a hopeless task.

When declarer next led the ten of hearts from dummy, East covered with the queen, and the king lost to the ace. Back came a heart, and South could then do no better than cash eight tricks.

Declarer lost the contract on the very first trick. He should have won the diamond lead with the ace instead of the ten rather than rely on the enemy to win the first or second club lead.

By taking the ace of diamonds at trick one, he would have made sure of reaching the dummy later to cash the clubs after the ace was driven out. Thus, in the actual deal, South would play three rounds of clubs after winning the diamond lead in his hand. East would take the ace but could not harm South regardless of what he returned. Sooner or later, declarer would gain entry to dummy with a diamond.

The outcome rests primarily on South's attitude at trick one. He should do more than woodenly win the first trick with the ten. Instead, he must plan the play of the hand as a whole.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Spring Sports Banquet

Lady Steer Athletics

6 p.m. May 5
Big Spring High School Cafeteria

ATTENTION The Lady Steer Booster Club is requesting photos of Lady Steer Athletes participating in the following sports during the 2006-2007 Season: Basketball, Track, Power Lifting, Softball and/or Cheerleading. Please transfer photos to disc and contact Leslie Whitten at 264-2504 or 816-6764 by 4-20-07

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Wright and Ellis

Jessica Elizabeth Wright and Matthee Lynn Ellis of Big Spring will exchange wedding vows at 6 p.m. May 5, 2007, at Brownwood Country Club in Brownwood.

Jessica is the daughter of Wayne and Rhonda Wright of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Coney and Carolyn Clark of Brady.

She graduated Forsan High School in 2006 and is

attending Allied Real Estate School. She is employed as a Mary Kay senior consultant.

Matthee is the son of Ron and Andrea Phillips of Big Spring and the grandson of Bonnie Asbury of Jackson, Ohio, and the late Adam Asbury.

He graduated Forsan High School in 2003 and is employed by Patterson UTI.



Fite and Dockrey

Donna Sue Fite of Big Spring and Charles Brad Dockrey of Colorado City announce their intention to take holy matrimonial vows at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 28, 2007, at College Baptist Church.

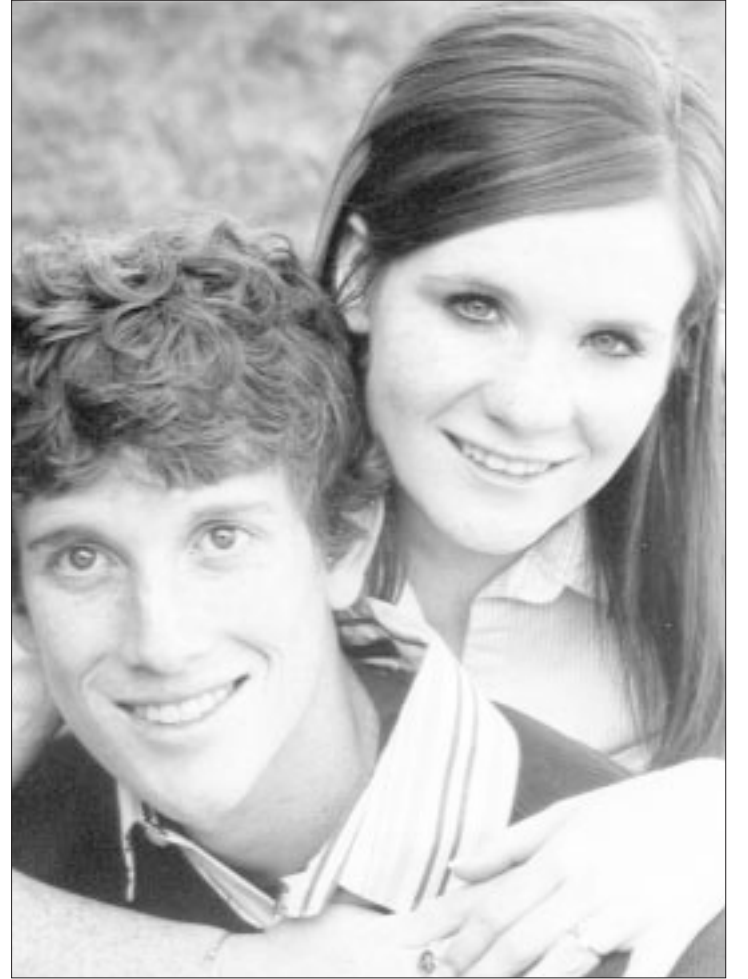
The bride-elect is the daughter of Don and Ann Fite of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Flora Lee Dyer of Big Spring and Curtis Dyer of Manteca, Calif.

The future groom is the son of Bruce and Marsha Dockrey of Colorado City. His grandparents are Charles and Betty Dockrey of Colorado City, Dorothy Armstrong of San Angelo and the late A.M. Beights Jr. of Colorado City.

Donna was home schooled through high school and is a graduate of Midland College Aviation Department with an aircraft mechanics' license. She has a private pilot's license. She is a graduate of Southwest College of Real Estate and

earned a real estate salespersons license. She is a member of the Permian Basin Board of Realtors. She works for Coldwell Banker Ellen Phillips Realtors.

Charles graduated from Colorado City High School and Midland College Aviation Department with an aircraft mechanics' license. He has a commercial pilot's license and is an agricultural pilot.



Clements and Vela

Edwin and Jan Vela of Big Spring announce the engagement of their son Christopher Ryan Vela to Bethany Ann Clements, the daughter of Robert and Rhonda Clements of Snyder.

The couple will marry at 2 p.m. May 19, 2007, at Colonial Hill Baptist Church in Snyder.

Bethany is the grand-

daughter of Mary Clements of Snyder and is an elementary education major at Angelo State University.

Christopher is the grandson of Herbert and Mary McPherson and Eddie and Erika Vela, all of Big Spring and is a biochemistry major at Angelo State University.



Yarbar and Bryant

Porsha D'Ann Yarbar of Lubbock and Cody Lance Bryant, also of Lubbock, announce their intention to marry at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9, 2007, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Big Spring.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dwain and Trisha Yarbar of Forsan. She is the granddaughter of Richard Yarbar and the late Beverly Yarbar, Jonetta Hesson and the late Chuck Hesson, and Jimmy and Dottie Leffler, all of Big Spring.

The future groom is the son of Terry Seale of Big Spring. He is the grandson of the late Buddy Seale and the late Carol Seale of Andrews.

Porsha is a graduate of Forsan High School and Howard College. She is currently attending Texas Tech University and plans to graduate this May with her bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary agriculture. She is planning on pursuing a master's degree in the fall.

Cody is a graduate of Forsan High School and is currently attending Texas Tech University and plans to graduate May 2008 with a bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science and is employed at the Texas Tech Child Development Research Center.

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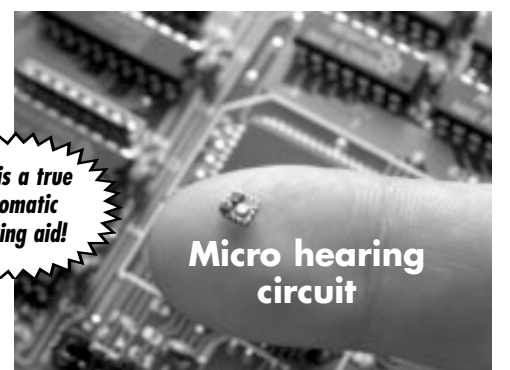
Congratulations Rebecca on receiving employee of the month! Rebecca has been working with us since 2000 - Wow! Rebecca works in the dietary department and we love her for the great work she does. Sometimes people do not get the "thank you" that they deserve, and we just want Rebecca to know that she is appreciated! The residents, families and employees of Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation appreciate all you do! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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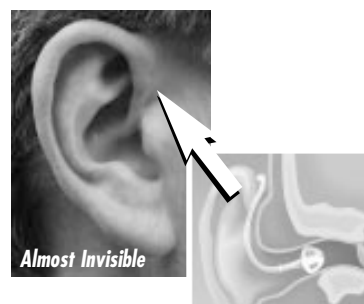
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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Volunteerism
alive and well
in Big Spring

It has been noted here before, but always bears revisiting. There may be no community anywhere better qualified to celebrate this week as National Volunteer Week than Big Spring, Howard County and the surrounding area.

National Volunteer Week was created in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order to establish the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. And every year since that time, each U.S. President, along with many governors, mayors and other elected officials, has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week.

The theme for this year's observance of National Volunteer Week is "Inspire by Example."

Indeed. And as we noted at the outset, few communities anywhere can claim to be better examples.

Simply put, volunteerism is a staple of life in this area.

It's not hard to see the work of volunteers in our community. Nor is it difficult to discern the impact they have had on the lives of countless people.

As a matter of fact, the examples seem almost endless — the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council, CASA of West Texas, Victim Services, Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and the individuals and organizations that volunteer at the VA Medical Center and at Scenic Mountain Medical Center immediately come to mind when the subject is discussed.

There are countless others — those who serve on advisory boards for organizations like the Salvation Army, the Boys Club, YMCA and local units of the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association.

In fact, the list is almost endless and any attempt to name all those who volunteer in one form or another in this community would certainly leave someone out.

That's why the *Herald* wants to take this opportunity today to thank all those in our community who give of themselves, because they make this the place we want to live, work and raise our families.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we ride with You, Lord, in Your vehicle of love.

Amen

The learning curve, remaining teachable

In 40 years of trail, terror, trial and error you tend to pick up a hint here and there.

At least we hope we do. As a husband, dad, preacher, writer, musician and general Renaissance man, I have learned that just because you put your hand in lots of different areas, doesn't mean that you really have a grasp on any of those things.

Learning is a practice that must be passionately exercised and fueled by an aggressive hunger for better things.

Being "well rounded" is more a description of my physique than an actual statement of abilities.

However, the Brewer has picked up tidbits of wisdom as anyone who wants to can.

I would like to share some random jewels of insight as we sip from the Carpenter's cup.

Love Is Blissfully Blindsided

I've learned that you cannot make someone love you. All you can do is love them and hope they panic and finally give in.

I learned this from God himself. He loves, blesses and hopes for a world full of us knuckleheads that in return blame him for everything bad.

Paul declared that He finally fell in love with God because God first loved him.

God doesn't make us love Him; He just makes us wish somebody bigger than us did.

And when we are finally looking, He steps onto our stage and says, "TADA!"

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A Rude Dude In A Crude Mood

Slowly, I have learned that fit throwing will not get you anything but a headache.

You can do a lot more damage by deliberately carrying out a well-planned course of action than you can by flying off the handle and saying stupid things. Whatever hits the fan will never be evenly distributed so it's better to approach life's problems from a position of quiet confidence.

I find that people are upset if I have peace, joy and confidence when they don't think I should have.

I very much like the idea of the enemy being disturbed by my peace. It's some kind of righteous vengeance.

It's kind of a Spirit led way to actually enjoy your insanity instead of suffering from it.

Star Wars and Rumors Of

As a "Jesus Freak," I am learning what not to freak out over. I have noticed that it doesn't take war to mess things up anymore, merely the rumor of one on the horizon.

Jesus said the last days would be like that. It takes years and years to build up trust in things, even people, yet it only takes suspicion to destroy it these days.

Instead of worrying about all the things that we can't do anything about, we should be focusing our attention on the few but amazing things we can transform and take care of.

Our lives make much more of a difference when our priorities are clear. Priorities and purpose help us to know what we should and what we should not take very seriously.

So the Brewer encourages you to not sweat the petty stuff and to

not pet the sweaty stuff, however that saying goes, but to clear your head and try something radical. When no one else is looking, when you are alone in your car or some private place, tell God that you are willing to be teachable and ask God to show you the things that matter.

The Principle Thing

No matter how many gold stars are on your third grade chart or gold teeth in your teenage grill or gold watches on your retired wrist, all of us need an upgrade of God-given wisdom.

For those of us with computers, we already know that artificial intelligence is no match for our natural stupidity.

But a supernatural download of wisdom is available for the asking.

I've learned that there is a fine line between genius and insanity. I am hoping that you will be smart enough to be crazy enough to cry out to God for a real word of wisdom that comes directly from the source Himself.

Go ahead, I double dog dare you.

My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding; Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; Proverbs 1:1-6

Troy Brewer welcomes your comments at
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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

SWCID Provost Dr. Ron Brasel was my supervisor for several years.

I know Dr. Brasel to be a very honest, intelligent and dedicated man. He works diligently toward a united goal to offer the best education available for deaf students.

Ron is a talented, caring individual with a warm sense of humor, having a great affection for red ink.

Howard College and SWCID will have to look long and hard for a provost to fill Dr. Brasel's shoes.

Ron and his gracious wife, Laurel, will be greatly missed. As Dr. Brasel retires, he deserves a warm "Thank You and Congratulations" for all his hard work and accomplishments as provost at SWCID.

DEAN KRAUS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Have you been guilty of telling someone that you "don't have time" to serve on a committee or board? I'm too busy working is my line and I'm guilty. It occurred to me the other day that I should not say that anymore because the truth is, we all have the same 24 hours in a day.

I would like to say how much I appreciate our mayor, Russ McEwen. He takes not only his personal time to serve our community

but also his professional time. Since I am in the same business, I know just how much it cost him while he is working for the city and not for his own business. As our mayor he gets \$400 a month and he puts in a full day most days, some weekends and after hours phone calls for that amount of money. Can you imagine answering a help wanted ad that wanted you to work full time and be on call all the time for \$400 a month? I can't, but our mayor Russ McEwen does so wholeheartedly.

We as a community are fortunate to have Russ McEwen as our mayor. Russ is an effective leader. I have served on committees with him and I have a great deal of respect for his ability to get things done. I don't always agree with him on every issue. Regardless, he holds Big Spring's best interest. He has also been a successful leader in helping to negotiate many of the difficult problems that we have encountered over the last few years. Our state and federal representatives are proud to work with Russ as they have done so successfully in the last few years.

When I look at the progress that Big Spring has made in the last few years, I have to credit Russ for leading many of the efforts. We have talked about cleaning up our town, improving our golf course, improving our downtown area and many other issues that are current-

ly being executed because Russ has championed the efforts. While working on these changes, some people will be upset because it may affect them negatively in the short term, but we must improve our community for the for the long term benefit of all of our citizenry.

In closing, I must also say thanks to Russ' wife Laura. She represents our community with loyalty and pride. Rarely have I been to a function that I did not see her by her husband's side. People who serve the public receive many negative comments but I personally appreciate and admire the efforts that they have made and the success that they have achieved for my hometown, Big Spring.

TOMMY CHURCHWELL
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The news media recently uncovered a serious situation at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington. I am sure you have been affected by stories of neglect, abuse and the consequent overflowing frustrations of our wounded American military heroes that brought their plight so much national focus.

Like many, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), with 1.3 million service-disabled veteran members,

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Gagne gets save in Rangers' 5-2 win

By GREGG BELL

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — Eric Gagne walked onto a major league mound for the first time in more than 10 months and was greeted by a cheesy scoreboard clip trying to inspire a Mariners rally against him.

It didn't work. Gagne pitched a scoreless ninth inning, including a strikeout of Ichiro Suzuki, for his second save in 22 months to help the Texas Rangers beat Seattle 5-2 Friday night.

In the scoreboard clip, Kurt Russell was portraying former Olympic hockey coach Herb Brooks in the movie "Miracle." But in his head, Gagne was replaying the hard rock anthem that used to greet him in the ninth inning when he was the closer in Los Angeles: Guns 'N Roses "Welcome to the Jungle."

"I was trying to stop shaking. I was nervous out there," Gagne said of his first save since last June, before back surgery ended his season. "It's been two frustrating years. Now, I'm back on track."

The bushy haired, bush-

ing bearded Gagne then knocked his hand on the wood shelf of his locker.

"You never know when it's going to end," he said.

He thought it might be over last summer when doctors took out 85 percent of his L-4 and L-5 vertebrae in his lower back. Then came three months without being able to jog, more waiting for a pitching elbow to heal from surgery last April and two weeks of extended spring training with Double-A Frisco that ended when he came off the disabled list Friday morning.

Ian Kinsler hit his third home run in four games and Matt Kata had three hits, including a solo home run in his first major league start in two years.

Opening-day starter Kevin Millwood allowed a run in six innings despite battling a bad cold.

But all of that meant far less to Texas than Gagne's return to relevance.

The Rangers took a \$6 million, one-year flyer on him — with as much as \$5 million more possible based on how many games he finishes.

All that is why Friday's

ninth inning was as glorious for Gagne as any of the 152 games he saved for L.A. from 2002-04. And key for the Rangers, too.

"Finally, we got a chance to see him close a ball game," relieved manager Ron Washington said. "That's what we brought him here to do, get three outs."

Gagne said he was over-anxious while falling behind the first batter he faced, pinch-hitter Ben Broussard. He fell behind 2-0 before Broussard blooped a single off him.

Gagne then threw four consecutive fastballs that hit 93 mph to Ichiro Suzuki. Last year's major league hits leader swung over the fourth one for his eighth strikeout in 22 at-bats, extending his hitless streak to 12 at bats.

Former Dodgers teammate Adrian Beltre, who swore if he ever faced Gagne in a game, he wanted to see a curveball, was next. Beltre told Gagne he know when the closer was about to throw a curve because he could see his fingers spread before the pitch from his position at third base.

Beltre never saw the first-pitch bender coming and froze as the strike

went by. The two former Dodgers then laughed at each other. Gagne even had to step off the mound momentarily to get serious again.

"No, I was expecting that," Beltre said.

Two fastballs later, Beltre grounded into a double play. Game over, just as the L.A. scoreboard used to proclaim.

"I wanted to (mess) him up ... but I'm happy for him," Beltre said. "It would be kind of sad to see that much talent and an arm like that lost to injury."

Gagne punctuated his save with three, short, understated fist pumps. He received hugs from his teammates, and threw the ball they gave him into the stands.

"I've done that 84 times in a row," Gagne said, referring to his major league record for save conversions that ended in 2004.

Notes: Sammy Sosa ended an 0-for-15 skid with a hard single past Beltre in the fourth. In the eighth, he did his familiar skip-hop after he hit what he thought was a home run, but LF Raul Ibanez caught the drive on the warning track.

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Kats' 1,600-meter relay team added a regional qualifying time of 4:25.45 and take second place in the event.

In the boys' division, Garden City's Bearkats finished fourth in the team standings with 49

points behind the lead of Jake Schwarts, who won the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 10 inches. He was his team's only regional qualifier.

District 11/12A Area Meet
Forsan's Buffaloes and Lady Buffaloes managed to advance two athletes to the regional track meet following their participa-

tion in the District 11-1A/District 12-1A Area Track Meet in Abilene Friday.

Tori Cauer posted a time of 1:05.24 to finish second in the 400 meters, leading the way for the Lady Buffs, who managed 24 points and finished 10th in the girls' team standings.

Adam Bailey was

clocked at 16.12 seconds in the 110-meter hurdles, taking second place and the Buffs' best finish in the boys' division, as they finished with 14 points and 20th in the team standings.

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games," Boozer said. "We're not worried about Houston. If we only worry about ourselves, maybe we'll catch them."

Utah hadn't won in Dallas since Dec. 20, 2002, losing seven straight, but this time caught the Mavericks on a night when their top priority was avoiding injuries. Dallas already has the best record in the NBA.

"We kind of walked through the game, slept-walked," coach Avery Johnson said. "They were just much more energized. They played like they had to have the game."

Rebounding was only one example of Dallas' lack of interest. A couple more: Late in the third quarter the Mavs used Nowitzki and Devin Harris alongside Kevin Willis, Austin Croshere and Maurice Ager. Dallas played the last 3:45 with three D-League graduates and 44-year-old Willis.

"We looked confused out there," Devean George said. "We had a lot of different lineups and rotations. But that's no excuse. They beat us on hustle points."

Nowitzki scored 23 points on 9-of-12 shooting after sitting out the previous game. Stackhouse was off for a second straight game and Terry was forced to miss his first game of the season. Dampier sat because of a shoulder problem.

Rookie J.J. Barea keyed a 10-0 rally to start the fourth quarter, getting Dallas within 74-72, but Williams made a 3-pointer off an inbounds play. That started a 15-2 run by the Jazz, resulting in only their second win in 11 games in the American Airlines Center.

The Mavericks remain stuck on 65 wins with three games left. Dallas must win them all to match the fourth-most wins in league history.

Williams had 17 points, nine assists and six rebounds. Fisher scored 15 points and Harpring added 12 in his first start of the season.

"I don't think I started in the preseason, either," Harpring said, both feet submerged in a big ice bucket.

Barea was Dallas' second-leading scorer with 16 points. Howard had 12 and George 11. Willis scored six points, his first since returning as the league's oldest player.

"By the playoffs my legs should be under me," said Willis, who played 13 minutes. "I'm trying to get my wind. When that happens, I like my chances. It's feeling more natural day by day. It's a gradual process."

The most interesting basket of the game was a 35-footer by Fisher to beat the buzzer at the end of the first quarter. On the play, Howard was knocked to the ground at midcourt, his back to the basket, and was feeling his lip for blood when the shot went up.



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Texas rancher locks horns with gas company

Contends steel pipe he got from Forest Oil Co. was radioactive and led to rhino's death

LINN (AP) — A member of one of Texas' oldest ranching families has locked horns with an oil company in a bizarre dispute involving pet rhinos, steel pipe and allegations of radiation poisoning and a corporate vendetta.

Rancher Jimmy McAllen, the 10th generation of his family to work the 70,000-acre ranch in South Texas, says that the old pipe he used to build a corral for two African black rhinoceroses in the mid-1990s proved to be loaded with radioactive material.

He blames the radiation for the mysterious 1995 death of one of his rhinos. And he says he suspects it caused the rare form of cancer that cost him his lower right leg in 2005.

Moreover, he says the Forest Oil Co. — which holds a lease to drill for gas on his property and gave him the old pipe for the corral and other projects

around the ranch — deliberately poisoned his land in retaliation for a dispute the two sides had over gas payments.

"It's like giving someone a poison apple on Halloween," the 69-year-old said.

McAllen is suing Forest Oil, accusing it of aggravated assault and trickery, among other things. He is seeking a cleanup, as well as an unspecified amount in damages.

Geoffrey Harrison, an attorney for Denver-based Forest Oil, vehemently disputed the allegations.

"None of that pipe that was donated by Forest Oil to McAllen is now or has ever been even remotely dangerous in any way," he said.

While radioactive material naturally occurs underground and adheres to pipes when oil and gas are pumped from the earth, Harrison said there was no evidence anyone on the ranch had inhaled radioactive material.

He called McAllen "delusional" and "hyperbolic" and said the man who first suggested to McAllen that the pipes were loaded with radioactive material is a "disgruntled former employee" with little knowledge of the facts.

The McAllen name is legend in South Texas. McAllen's

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HERALD file photo

Bealls will hold a six-day celebration beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday to present its "new look" to Big Spring Mall customers.

Bealls sets six-day celebration

Herald Staff Report

Bealls, completing a new expansion, will hold a six-day Bigger & Better-than-Ever Celebration beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

The first 150 customers, age 16 and older, to arrive at the store that day and Thursday will receive free gifts. Shoppers can also register to win one of three \$250 Bealls gift cards.

In addition to these events, customers are encouraged to check the

Herald for special, shopping pass savings, good through Monday, April 23.

"With the April 18 celebration of the newly expanded Bealls store at 1801 East FM 700, Big Spring area residents will have their very own Family Fashion Store with So Much to Love, and easier access to name-brand fashions than ever before," a Bealls spokesperson said.

"The expansion will increase both square footage and merchandise selection, including the addition of Estee Lauder and Clinique cosmetics and fragrances, as well as an extended assortment in Bealls' big, new shoe department."

Bealls, which is owned by Stage Stores Inc., announced in January that it would be expanding the Big Spring store by approximately 8,000 square feet. Renovations began in mid-February.

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Turbines will power Tierra wind projects in Texas and Wyoming

Special to the Herald

Suzlon has signed a contract with Tierra Energy of Austin to provide 42 wind turbines for projects in Wyoming and Texas.

The agreement includes the supply of 28 model S88, 2.1-megawatt wind turbines for the Ocotillo Windpower Project near Big Spring.

Representing Suzlon's westward expansion and the first wind power project for Suzlon in Wyoming, the remaining 14 turbines are designated for the Happy Jack Windpower Project located near Cheyenne.

Suzlon will also ensure the effective operations, maintenance and service of the wind turbines for a period of five years.

"We are expanding our base in three ways — by signing with a new wind partner, by extending our project locations westward and, equally important, by working towards project-based financing for Suzlon turbines," said Andris Cukurs, CEO of Suzlon Wind Energy Corporation, the Chicago-based sales and service subsidiary of Suzlon Energy A/S of Arhus, Denmark.

"We are thrilled to extend our customer base and welcome Tierra

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Energy to the Suzlon family," said Per Hornung Pedersen, CEO of Suzlon Energy A/S.

Tierra is focused on the development of more than 1,000 MW of both wind power and natural gas-fired power projects in California, Idaho, Texas, Wyoming and other locations.

"Tierra is excited to join Suzlon in bringing two new wind projects to the market," David Marks, president of Tierra Energy, said. "These projects demonstrate Tierra's commitment to renewable energy and to the continued build-out of our development pipeline."

Both projects will take delivery of S88 wind turbines in Spring 2008.

"These are very exciting projects for us," said Leif Andersen, vice president of sales for Suzlon Wind Energy Corp.

Pecan workshop coming

MIDLAND — A pecan management workshop is set from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, April 23 in the Midland Extension Meeting Room, 2445 E. Highway 80.

John Begnaud, CEA-Horticulture, will speak on variety selection, fertilizing pecans, water management and freeze damage concerns.

Dr. Mark Muegge, Extension entomologist, will address the pecan nut casebearer, hickory



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shuckwork, pecan weevil, pecan aphid and other insect pests.

Danny Boggs of Pecan International will discuss pecan marketing. Lindy Tefteller, CEA-FCS, and Kodie Hoover, CEA-4H, will discuss pecan nutrition and give a snack demonstration.

A budding and grafting clinic will be held by John Begnaud at the Boyd Reece Orchard.

Registration fee is \$5 per person.

Two continuing education credits will be awarded toward a TDA applicator license.

For more information, contact Sam Field, CEA-Agriculture, Midland County at (432) 686-4700.

CRP meeting set Thursday

Howard County Farm Service Agency will conduct a producer meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday regarding maintenance and compliance of the Conservation Reserve Program acres.

The meeting will be at the Howard County FSA Office, 302 W. Interstate 20 in Big Spring.

All CRP participants are encouraged to attend this meeting. FSA's expectations and CRP participants responsibilities will be thoroughly discussed.

Those who attend should leave with a good understanding of what needs to be done to comply with terms of their CRP contract(s).

CRP maintenance vendors and suppliers have been invited to the meeting and should be on hand to respond to technical questions regarding their products and services.

For additional information, contact the Howard County FSA Office at (432) 267-2557.



Courtesy photo

Pictured left to right are state FFA officers Isaac Serna, Paddon Holt, Sands FFA members Crystal Ybarra, Junior Lucio, and Mary Rogers, and state FFA officer Tyler Treptow.

Sands FFA participates in judging contests

Sands FFA participated at several judging contests the past week.

Thirteen agriculture students attended the West Texas A&M Contest on March 30 and

Clarendon College Judging Contest on March 31.

At the West Texas A&M Contest the Cotton Team placed second.

Junior Lucio was fifth

high individual, Crystal Ybarra was eighth high individual, and Mary Rogers was 10th high individual.

The Wool Team placed eighth and the Meats

placed 19th.

At the Clarendon Contest, the Cotton Team placed second again. The Wool Team was ninth, and the Meat Team was 23rd.

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was appalled and demanded that the Department of Defense immediately correct these deplorable conditions at its premier medical treatment facility.

A nation at war cannot tolerate bureaucratic delays, substandard housing and less than compassionate treatment of its soldiers and marines who have sacrificed so much while serving their country.

While media reports of the Walter Reed scandal have cast a shadow on military and veterans' medicine, I want to reassure the men and women who work at the Big Spring VA Medical Center that DAV is very proud of you and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care system.

Problems arise from time to time in any system that provides for the needs of large populations, but, at its root, VA health care is a constant and shining emblem of how to reform a system for excellence.

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new generations of health care professionals and advancing the standard of care through its renowned biomedical research and development programs.

We, the members of DAV, want you to know that we consider VA to be a national treasure. While we may have experience a momentary controversy brought about because of one military medical treatment facility let down our disabled service members, we hold the Veterans Health Administration — and the work each of you do every day for sick and disabled veterans — in the highest regard. On behalf of DAV, I salute you.

BRADLEY BARTON
DAV NATIONAL
COMMANDER
WASHINGTON, D.C.

TO THE EDITOR:

I think the thing some people do best is complain. This is certainly not a complaint. I think the recent articles about the VA Hospital in Big Spring and the VA Clinic in Odessa were exceptional articles.

I would like to say this about Big Spring Veterans Administration Hospital and the Veterans' Clinic. Dr. Meera Kodityal is a wonderful caring physician. I have been under her care for 10 years with my service connected disabilities. She made sure after my surgery that I was not in need of anything.

Nurse Margie at the VA Clinic in Odessa is the best. Dr. Wade Graham with the Veterans Eye Care Clinic is another caring professional as well as the staff.

The pharmacy staff and Larry Thompson are very knowledgeable professionals. He checks your medication, advises you on the medication and insures that you are not

having any reaction to the prescription.

The dental clinic at the Big Spring VA is outstanding. Dr. Shelton and Dr. Kimery are excellent dentists. Sally, Kelly and Marilyn, the dental tech, are very helpful and always follow up after surgery. I had two dental surgeries last year and Dr. Kimery called both times to make sure I was not having any problems.

To all the personnel at the VA Medical Center Big Spring, VA Clinic in Odessa and the VA system in our area, I salute you for the fine care you provide for the veterans and disabled veterans in our area. Thank you personally from all the Catholic War Veterans, Chapter of West Texas.

The people who say bad things about veterans care and complain about everything are the kind of people that think Catholics don't believe in the Bible, because they do not know any better.

Thank you for the care provided to the American veterans in West Texas. We are truly blessed for the caring, understanding and professional medical service.

DENNIS WALLACE
MIDLAND

TO THE EDITOR:

On March 31, my husband, daughter and I left San Angelo for what we thought would be a fun exhibition game between the San Angelo Stampede Express and the Odessa Roughnecks in Big Spring.

An hour and a half later we were seated at the 25-yard line with the rest of the Stampede supporters. Little did we know that we had entered hostile territory.

During the pregame activities, members of the Big Spring Police Department, acting as honor guards, were booed

by the Roughneck fans as they marched to the center of the field displaying the United States and Texas flags. We should have known it would be all downhill from there.

The first two quarters were hard fought and ended with the Stampede trailing by a small margin. As we entered the second half, the San Angelo group thought we would see a good game that ended with a Stampede victory.

We were horribly wrong. At the end of one play, a Stampede player was down clutching his knee. This type of occurrence, usually met with solemn concern by all players, staff and fans, was apparently humorous to the entire Roughneck organization.

The Roughnecks on the other hand, led by the game announcer, laughed at what might be a very serious situation. This man led Odessa fans on two rounds of the wave which were accompanied by loud, festive music.

The San Angelo owners and fans were frantically signaling to the offending parties that there was a man down on the field. This was met with laughter and gawking gazes through binoculars at the injured Stampede player on the field.

At one point the announcer suggested something fun for the fans to do "during the wait," as if this player's injury was something that merely delayed fan enjoyment.

Thankfully, our player was able, with assistance, to leave the field under his own power. Had the disrespect ended? Oh, no! One Roughneck fan and his "posse" decided to sit in the section next to ours and continuously belittle and berate the Stampede team and their fans. This exhibit ended when our new "friend" was escorted

out of his seat by Big Spring's finest. I hope this lovely fellow enjoyed his parting gift of a complimentary handcuffing in the hallway.

As a family and as sports fans, we were shocked. Our daughter's fifth-grade basketball team (and their opponents) sit still and quiet until an injured player is helped off the field. No one laughs, gets our their binoculars or suggests that fans "do the wave."

When we left the game, we were very aware that we were surrounded by a hostile group and could be targeted just because we came to cheer for our team.

We traveled to Big Spring naively thinking that we would be treated as loyal fans, not besieged by a group of belligerent individuals who were hell bent on acting as animalistic as possible.

Odessa may have the best record in the league,

but it does not deserve the title of "champion." The San Angelo Stampede is further down the list of wins and losses, but his organization carries itself as all champions do, with dignity, grace and respect for their opponents and fellow man.

It is sad to see that in this day and time the league "champions" are more concerned with winning the game than honoring the human element that is involved.

Even though we lost, the fans, owners, coaches and players left Big Spring with dignity and grace. My family and I are proud to say that we are from San Angelo and that the Stampede Express is our team.

Maybe next year, the Roughnecks will travel to San Angelo to witness how a true exhibition game is conducted.

TATINA MAHANAY
SAN ANGELO

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County Court Decisions:
 Judgment and Sentence: Joel Perez, evading arrest, \$1,500 fine, \$274 court costs, 30 days in jail.
 Judgment and Sentence: Joel Perez, failure to identify - giving false information, \$1,500 fine, \$274 court costs, 30 days in jail.
 Probated Judgment: Jamie Lee Atkinson, harassment, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended - 24 months probation).
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 Probated Judgment: Jamie Lee Atkinson, harassment, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended - 24 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Jesse Paul Silva, violation of a protective order, \$1,500 fine, \$249 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Jamie Lee Atkinson, terroristic threat, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Sackie Robert Brito Jr., driving while license suspended with a previous conviction, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
 Judgment and Sentence: Benardo Jacinto Hilario, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 30 days in jail.
 Judgment and Sentence: Anselmo Hilario, failure to identify - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 30 days in jail.
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 Judgment and Sentence: David Arguello Jr., possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 30 days in jail.
 Probated Judgment: Larry H. Ramirez, driving while intoxicated - open container, \$1,500 fine, \$389 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Jesus C. Hernandez Jr., possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
District Court Filings:
 Paula Ann Reese vs. Richard Thomas Reese, divorce.
 Doris Jean Neighbors vs. Ross A. Neighbors, divorce.
 Demetria Rebeca Magalanes vs. Gerardo Magalanes, divorce.
 Cassie Anderson vs. Alan Anderson, divorce.
 Melissa Jane Barrioz vs. Benito Barrioz, divorce.
 Jose Angeo Negrete vs. Alexia Dawn Negrete, divorce.

Carmen S. Burris vs. Christy L. Burris, divorce.
 Tiffany Dawn Miller vs. Jeremy John Miller, divorce.
 National Credit Acceptance Inc. vs. Melissa Nieves, accounts, notes and contracts.
 In Re: Jennifer Lynn Larue, accounts, notes and contracts.
 Melissa Puga vs. Jamie Lee Atkinson, family protective order.
 Marcia Goodblanket vs. Scott Goodblanket, family protective order.
 Roy Gomez Jr. and Ray Anne Gomez, in the interest of Gabriela Gomez vs. Jose Alfred Melendez, injury or damages not involving a motor vehicle.
Marriage Licenses:
 Alex M. Rodriguez, 26, and K. Michelle Floyd, 33, both of Big Spring.
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 Grantee: Juan Manuel Martinez
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 Grantor: Gary Don Reeder
 Grantee: Joshua Hamby
 Property: Lot 4, Block 10, Earles Addition
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Warranty Deeds With Vendor's Lien:
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 Date: April 10, 2007

RANCH

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grandfather donated the land for what is now McAllen, a city of 106,000 people near the Mexican border.

His ranch dates back to an 18th-century Spanish land grant.

The stone-and-mortar ranch office has a case full of artifacts from Civil War soldiers on both sides.

The ranch house still has bullet holes from a 1915 attack by Mexican bandits. Bing Crosby used to hunt there.

In the 1950s, prospectors found a vast store of natural gas under the land, creating a huge source of revenue.

A few years ago, McAllen sued Denver-based Forest Oil in an accounting dispute. The lawsuit was eventually settled.

According to court papers, McAllen had experts test the pipes on his ranch and found that the highest level of radiation was 150 microrems. That is about three times what state oil and gas regulators say is safe.

But the state health department says the material is harmless unless swallowed or inhaled.

"Where it does create a health issue I'm told is when it gets in the air. You don't want to get the material airborne," said Joseph Dancy, who teaches oil and gas law at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. "You don't want to be grinding it off when you shovel it out and bury it. Obviously, you'll get dust. And then you get that Texas wind."

The McAllens say that is what happened: They cut, blew air through and welded the pipe for projects all over the ranch, releasing the material into the air.

A barn full of the allegedly "hot" pipe and the vineyard where McAllen's son, James Jr., made trellises and fences

from the scrap metal are now off-limits.

"We're ranchers. We really don't know if this

is correct. What do we know?" said the younger McAllen. He pulled a hand-held radiation meter

from the back seat of his truck: "Like my lasso, I've got my Geiger counter."

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House approves moving election date

AUSTIN (AP) — The House gave final approval Friday to moving the state's primary elections from March to February to give Texas more clout in choosing presidential nominees.

Republicans and Democrats endorsed the proposal, which would make the 2008 primary elections Feb. 5. Under current law, primary elections are held on the first Tuesday of March.

The bill now goes to the Senate.

Several other big states also are considering moving their primaries to Feb. 5 in 2008. The effect could be replacing the old Super Tuesday in March with a new slate of impact primaries a month earlier.

"The House has moved Texas one step closer to becoming a real proving ground on the road to the White House," said Boyd Richie, chairman of the Texas Democratic Party.

Bill to cut electric rates passes House

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill to cut electric rates 15 percent for some residential customers paying the highest prices and to give state regulators the power to reject futures sales of some electric utilities won final approval from the House on Friday.

The bill would not affect the pending \$32 billion sale of TXU Corp.

The bill now goes back to the Senate, which passed a different version last month.

The rate-cut provision would apply to more than 2 million Texans who are still paying the so-called price-to-beat — the basic rate charged by former monopolies such as TXU and Reliant Energy Inc.

Many customers have gotten lower rates by changing electric companies or signing up for long-term contracts with the former monopolies. They would not be helped by Friday's vote.

The House also voted to give the Public Utility Commission more power to review the sale of regulated electric-distribution companies.

Storms kill at least one in Dallas area

DALLAS (AP) — A storm moving across North Texas on Friday killed at least one person, injured at least five others and caused significant damage to buildings in and around Fort Worth, authorities said.

A man was killed in Fort Worth after a pile of lumber that he was unloading from his truck fell on top of him when the storm passed through, Fort Worth fire spokesman Lt. Kent Worley said. He was pulled out from beneath the debris but died before paramedics could get him to a hospital.

Five others suffered minor injuries at a grocery store, mainly from flying glass, authorities said. They declined to be transported to area hospitals.

The storm also damaged some businesses in an industrial park area, Fort Worth police spokesman Lt. Dean Sullivan said.

Television news footage showed storm damage in an industrial park in Haltom City that knocked about a dozen tractor-trailers on their sides. The Valley Missionary Baptist Church there was destroyed.

A National Weather Service meteorologist said there was almost certainly one tornado that touched down in Tarrant County. Trained storm spotters saw what was likely another tornado in northern Dallas County. "There is some scattered damage and some of it is rather significant," meteorologist Alan Moller said.

A residential neighborhood in Haltom City suffered a direct hit. The storm tore roofs off houses and destroyed porches and garages.

Border agent convicted of sexual assault

McALLEN (AP) — A 42-year-old Border Patrol agent was convicted Friday of taking a 23-year-old detainee to a motel and sexually assaulting her.

A federal jury deliberated about eight hours before convicting Scott Anthony Sullivan of Premont of violating the civil rights of a young woman by sexually assaulting her and causing bodily injury.

He faces up to life in prison at his June 27 sentencing. He was taken into custody pending the sentencing.

The woman is a U.S. citizen by birth who has grown up in Mexico and was traveling with family members to live with a relative in Dallas.

Testimony during the five-day trial showed Sullivan separated the woman from her family at the Falfurrias checkpoint on March 21, 2003, and took her birth certificate. He then arranged for her to be brought to the bus station in Falfurrias, where he said he would later return her birth certificate.

Sullivan finished his shift and drove to the bus station, but instead of returning the document took the woman to a motel and sexually assaulted her.

Marriage, divorce subject of conservatives' proposals

AUSTIN (AP) — Deep in the heart of Texas, some state legislators are trying to lay down the law about affairs of the heart.

Proposals that would encourage couples to undergo premarital education, extend the waiting period for a divorce and provide the option of creating a "covenant marriage" are up for consideration at the Capitol.

Social conservatives pushing the measures say they want everyone who enters marriage — or who tries to get out of it — to think about the seriousness the union, especially for the sake of children who could grow up impoverished because of divorce.

"Divorce is what keeps many of our people in poverty. I am trying to do something to raise people out of poverty," said Rep. Warren Chisum, a Pampa Republican and sponsor of several marriage bills.

Critics say Texans, known for their fierce sense of independence, shouldn't be subjected to state intervention in their relationships.

One of Chisum's proposals approved by the House on Thursday would waive the \$30 marriage license fee for couples who take premarital instruction courses. Opposition from members of both political parties forced Chisum to back off of his attempt to boost the marriage license fee to \$100 for those who don't take the eight-hour course.

Opponents said that would have amounted to a marriage tax and would have discouraged marriage. Some said they like the idea of premarital counseling, but only if the couple chooses it on their own, not because the state forces it.

"It appears that government is growing under this scenario to become the marriage counselor to Texas," said Rep. Garnet Coleman, a Houston Democrat. "A lot of peo-

Bills at a glance

Proposed legislation potentially affecting Texans getting married or divorced are:

—House Bill 180, by Rep. William Zedler, R-Arlington: Allows couples applying for a marriage license or couples already married to designate theirs a "covenant marriage," declaring it is to last for life and making divorce more difficult.

—House Bill 1704, by Rep. William Zedler, R-Arlington: Moves the marriage waiting period from 72 hours to 120 hours.

—HB 2684, by Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa: Encourages couples filing for divorce to attend a 10-hour crisis marriage counseling course. The instruction must include conflict management and forgiveness skills.

—SB 583, by Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston: Requires a 180-day, or six-month, waiting period for couples seeking a no-fault divorce, up from the current two months. The waiting time would be three months if the couple undergoes 10 hours of marital counseling.

—House Bill 2685, by Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa: Waives the \$30 marriage license fee and 72-hour marriage waiting period for couples who take premarital instruction courses. An accompanying bill would make some federal money allocated to the state available for courses.

counseling.

That legislation hasn't made it out of a Senate committee.

Chisum has another bill coming before the House on Tuesday that encourages couples filing for divorce to attend a 10-hour crisis marriage counseling course, where the instruction would include conflict management and forgiveness skills.

Other lawmakers' proposals would make a "covenant marriage" available to those planning to marry or couples who are already married. Supporters describe a covenant marriage as one that lasts for the rest of the couple's lives. The couple would agree to take part in marriage counseling and take all reasonable efforts to preserve the marriage if there are difficulties.

A small number of states provide for covenant marriages that make divorce more difficult, but it's not clear that they've had any impact.

The conservative Texas Free Market Foundation, which lobbies for bills it says strengthens families, doesn't support the covenant marriage plan because the group contends all marriages should adhere to a strong contract, not just some.

"It (marriage) is the only contract currently in the state of Texas that you can breach with impunity," said Kelly Shackelford, foundation president.

"It's the least respected contract by the state. That should be completely opposite."

The foundation does support state-encouraged premarital counseling and a longer divorce waiting period.

"Anything that makes marriage more treasured, we're for," Shackelford said. "It should be harder to get in and harder to get out so that it's elevated and treasured."

ple don't want government interfering in the family."

The fate of Chisum's bill is uncertain in the Senate.

Also uncertain are the prospects for a bill by Sen. Dan Patrick, a Houston Republican, who wants to extend the waiting period for a no-fault divorce in Texas to six months, from the current two months. The waiting time would be three months if the divorcing couple undergoes 10 hours of marital

Bush: Democrats' plan gives enemies victory they want

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Saturday that a Democratic plan to set an end date for the war gives "our enemies the victory they desperately want."

Bush and Democratic congressional leaders are trying to bolster their positions on the Iraq war before a scheduled White House meeting.

At Bush's invitation, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi are due at the White House on Wednesday to discuss the war, particularly a bill funding the military mission through

September.

In both the House and Senate, Democrats have attached timelines for withdrawing troops to the bill containing \$96 billion in military funding.

Bush says the meeting will be about his non-negotiable stance on a timeline.

"Instead of approving this funding, Democrats in Congress have spent the past 68 days pushing legislation that would undercut our troops," he said in his weekly radio address.

"They passed bills that would impose restrictions on our military command-

ers and set an arbitrary date for withdrawal from Iraq, giving our enemies the victory they desperately want."

In a statement, Reid, D-Nev., responded: "Democrats are continuing to fight to fully fund our troops and give them a strategy for success worthy of their sacrifices. President Bush continues to insist that we follow his same failed strategy that has drawn our troops further into an intractable civil war."

Bush chided Democrats for taking a spring break without finishing work on the bills, and said

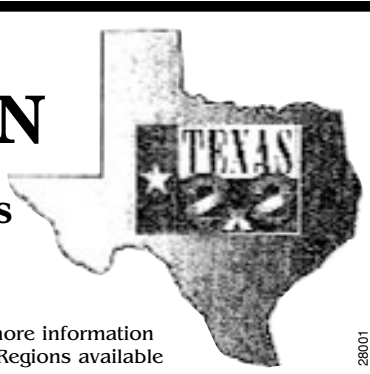
they'll be to blame if troops have to go without necessities as a result of the standoff.

"The longer Congress delays the worse the impact on the men and women of the armed forces will be," Bush said. "I recognize that Republicans and Democrats in Washington have differences over the best course in Iraq, and we should vigorously debate those differences. But our troops should not be trapped in the middle."

Democrats, however, say next week's session must be a two-way discussion.

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Irons relocates from Pentagon to Laura Bush's office

Kate Irons of Midland, granddaughter of Kate Irons of Big Spring, went to work April 1 in the office of Laura Bush in Washington, D.C.

A graduate of Texas A&M, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Irons and Marsha Irons of Midland.

She had worked for the past year at the Pentagon.

County court jury panel has been canceled

The jury panel called for 9 a.m. Friday, April 20, in Howard County Court, presided over by County Judge Mark Barr, has been canceled. Anyone having received a jury summons for this date and time can disregard the summons.



Big Spring resident Doke Westerman Pierce was pronounced dead at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after the GMC mini van he was driving was struck by a tractor trailer on South U.S. Highway 87 Friday afternoon.

WRECK

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There's wind today, but that didn't play a part in the accident," said Hester. "I'm not sure if it was just complacency, or if he stopped and looked before pulling out."

Hester said the driver of the tractor trailer did not report any injuries as a result of the accident, but the tanker truck had to be towed from the scene due to damage sustained in the accident.

The 18-wheeler is owned by Regal Oil out of San Angelo.

Graveside funeral services for Mr. Pierce will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

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

Menus

Coahoma ISD
Monday: Breakfast, French toast, ham, grape juice; Lunch, smothered steak, creamed potatoes, green beans, bread, milk, corn dogs.

Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, sausage, orange juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, salad, peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuits, jelly, gravy, sausage, grape juice, milk; Lunch, spaghetti, corn-on-cob, pears, bread, milk, Sloppy Joes, pickle spears.

Thursday: Breakfast, biscuits, jelly, gravy, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, homemade burritos, salad, pears, milk, corn dogs.

Friday: Breakfast, pancakes, ham, fruit, milk; Lunch, chicken and dumplings, sweet peas, grilled cheese, pickle spears, chips, apple turnovers, milk.

Forsan ISD
Monday: Breakfast, cereal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chili-cheese dogs, French fries, apple and orange smiles, sherbet cups, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, French toast sticks, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fajitas, tossed salad, pinto beans, pears, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, breakfast burritos, juice, milk; Lunch, turkey subs, lettuce/tomato/pickles, chips, assorted fresh fruit, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, sausage, eggs and cheese on a bun, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, mixed fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk; Lunch, meat and bean chalupe, lettuce and tomato, corn, Rosie applesauce, milk.

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Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, baked

chicken, corn dog, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, pears, bread sticks, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuits, sausage, cream of gravy, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, green beans, garden salad, peaches, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, cinnamon French toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, nacho grande, baked potato, refried beans, lettuce & tomato salad, pineapple, cornbread, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, breakfast burrito, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburger, hamburger, potato puffs, hamburger salad, apples, milk, pudding cups.

Sands ISD
Monday: Breakfast, scrambled eggs, bacon & biscuits, juice & milk; Lunch, hamburger, lettuce, tomato & pickles, tater tots, baby carrots w/ranch, pudding cups, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, pancake & sausage, fresh fruit, juice & milk; Lunch, fried-chicken, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, fruit cups, hot rolls & milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuits & gravy, fruit cups, juice & milk; Lunch, Carne Guisada, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, flour tortilla, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, breakfast burritos, juice & milk; Lunch, steak fingers, green beans, fruited gelatin, Texas toast, ice cream, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, cereal & graham crackers, juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, tossed salad, seasoned corn, cookies, milk.

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Monday: Breakfast, cereal, sausage links, orange juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fajitas, refried beans w/cheese, Spanish rice, pear halves, tortillas, milk (high school second choice, Sloppy Joe).

Tuesday: Breakfast, cheese omelets, pear cups, milk; Lunch, pig-in-blanket, green beans, mac &

cheese, orange wedges, milk (high school second choice, pizza pocket).

Wednesday: Breakfast, breakfast pocket, pineapple juice, milk; Lunch, chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, English peas, apricot halves, rolls, milk (high school second choice, chalupa).

Thursday: Breakfast, peanut butter treat, banana, milk; Lunch, corn chip pie, ranch-style beans, baby carrots, mixed fruit, milk, (high school second choice, grilled ham and cheese).

Friday: Breakfast, cheese sticks, grape juice, milk; Lunch, beef & bean burritos, oven fries, Mexican corn, sliced peaches, salsa, milk (high school second choice, chicken parmesan).

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Tuesday: Lunch, beef & bean burritos, tossed salad, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday: Lunch, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, bread, mixed fruit, milk.

Thursday: Lunch, baked ham, sweet potatoes, corn, bread, milk.

Friday: Lunch, corn dogs, French fries, green beans, milk.

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Legals

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S) Dist/Div: Abilene Contract 6159-75-001 for PICNIC AREA MAINTENANCE in MITCHELL County, etc will be opened on May 15, 2007 at 1:30 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$33,960.00

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Legals

Public Notice Forsan ISD Notice of Election TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 12, 2007, for the purpose of:

Electing (2) two trustees Location of polling places: Forsan Elbow Elementary School and Forsan Junior/Senior High School Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each week-day at Howard County Courthouse between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM beginning on April 30, 2007, and ending on May 8, 2007. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Saundra Bloom, PO Box 1069, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 4, 2007. Additional early voting will be held as follows: Location Howard County Courthouse Date May 1, 2007 Hours 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Location Howard County Courthouse Date May 3, 2007 Hours 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Issued this 12th day of April, 2007 Notice Publica Distrito Escolar de Forsan Anuncio de Eleccion PARA LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE FORSAN: Se ordena una eleccion el 12 de mayo del 2007 con el proposito de: Elegir dos (2) representantes Sitios de votar: Forsan Elbow Elementary School y Forsan Junior/ Senior High School Se puede votar temprano en persona cada dia de la semana en Howard County Courthouse desde las ocho de la mañana hasta las cinco de la tarde desde el 30 de abril del 2007 hasta el 8 de mayo del 2007. Se debe enviar aplicaciones de votar por correo a: Saundra Bloom P.O. Box 1069 Big Spring, TX 79720. Debemos recibir las aplicaciones de votar por correo antes de las cinco de la tarde el 4 de mayo del 2007. El votar temprano va a tomar lugar: Sitio Howard County Courthouse Fecha 1 de mayo del 2007 Horas 7:00AM -7:00 PM Sitio Howard County Courthouse Fecha 3 de mayo del 2007 Horas 7:00AM-7:00PM Publicado el doce de abril del 2007. #5333 April 15, 2007

PUBLIC NOTICE State of Texas County of Howard

Earnesto and Lily Olivas 200 & 202 N. Main Coahoma, Texas Lot #s 1, 2, 3 of Block 9 Saunders Addition. Dear Property Owner: CURRENT TAX RECORDS OF THE CITY OF COAHOMA INDICATE THAT YOU ARE THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY AT THE ABOVE STREET ADDRESS. THIS STRUCTURE IS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 46 OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COAHOMA, TEXAS, WHICH PROHIBITS THE OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY FROM ALLOWING THE ACCUMULATION OF UNSIGHTLY MATTER ON THEIR PREMISES; PRESCRIBING THE MANNER NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN TO SUCH PROPERTY OWNERS TO CORRECT, REMEDY OR REMOVE ANY SUCH CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PROCEDURE WHEREBY THE CITY MAY CORRECT ANY SUCH CONDITIONS AND CHARGE THE EXPENSES INCURRED THEREBY TO THE OWNER OF THE REAL PROPERTY UPON WHICH THE WORK WAS DONE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; AND CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE. WHEREAS, there exist unsightly objectionable and unsanitary conditions within the city limits of the City of Coahoma; and WHEREAS, the existence of such conditions constitutes a hazard to the public health, safety and general welfare; and WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen is of the opinion that the enactment of this ordinance will promote the health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Coahoma. Therefore, by the authority invested in my office by the Coahoma Code, I have declared this structure of portions thereof unsafe, dilapidated substandard or unfit for human habitation, and have determined it or portions thereof poses a hazard to public health, safety and public welfare. The City of Coahoma Ordinance No 46 provides that all buildings which are unsafe, unsanitary, or not provided with adequate ingress or adequate egress or which constitutes a fire hazard or are otherwise dangerous to human life or which in relation to existing use constitutes a fire hazard to the safety or health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence or abandonment, are severally in contemplation of this ordinance. All unsafe buildings are hereby declared illegal and shall be abated by repair and rehabilitation or by demolition in accordance with the provision of the Ordinance for the Elimination or Repair of Unsafe Buildings. You are hereby notified that the Coahoma City Council will meet on Tuesday, April 17th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 122 N 1st, Coahoma, Texas, to determine whether the subject structure(s) complies with the standards set out in the code. Further be advised that the Council may in its findings provide for any of the following: 1) Vacation of premises 2) Relocation of occupants 3) Securing of the premises 4) Repair of the premises 5) Removal or demolition of the premises 6) Removal of trash, weeds and/ or fire hazard materials or structure, or 7) Any combination of the above Should you desire to make a presentation to the Council, the following information shall be submitted in writing to the Coahoma City Council in original and six (6) copies: A) Identification of the building or structure concerned by street and legal description. B) A statement identifying the legal interest of each appellant C) A statement identifying the specific order or section being appealed D) A statement detailing the issues on which the appellant desires to be heard E) The legal signature(s) of appellant and their official mailing addresses Failure to appeal in the time specified shall constitute a waiver of all rights to an administrative hearing. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. John Wayne Metcalf Code Enforcement Inspector #5309 April 11 & 15, 2007.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
 TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in said District as provided in an election order duly passed by the Board of Trustees of said District, which order is substantially as follows:

ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Howard County Junior College District (the "District") deems it advisable to call the bond election hereinafter ordered (the "Election"); and

WHEREAS, the District will contract in accordance with the terms of an interlocal election services agreement (the "Election Services Agreement") between the District and Howard County, Texas, acting through the Howard County Elections Administrator (the "Elections Administrator"), to provide for the administration of the Election; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT:

1. A bond election shall be held between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on May 12, 2007, in the District at the designated polling places for the Howard County Precincts that overlap the District, as set forth in Exhibit A hereto. Early voting shall be conducted for all voters by personal appearance and mail at the designated early voting polling places administered by the Elections Administrator, as set forth in Exhibit B hereto.

2. The appointment of the presiding election judges, alternate judges, early voting clerks, the presiding judge of the early ballot board and other election officials for the Election shall be made in accordance with the Election Services Agreement. The Elections Administrator may employ other personnel necessary for the proper administration of the Election, including such part-time help as is necessary to prepare for the Election, to ensure the timely delivery of supplies during early voting and on election day, and for the efficient tabulation of ballots at the central counting station, which will be established in accordance with the Election Services Agreement.

3. The Elections Administrator shall serve as the early voting clerk in accordance with the terms of the Election Services Agreement. During the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being April 30, 2007 through May 8, 2007, the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be as set forth in Exhibit B hereto. The early voting clerk shall keep the early voting place open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance. The main early voting polling location for the Election shall be as follows:

Office of the Howard County Elections Administrator
 Howard County Courthouse
 300 S. Main Street
 Big Spring, Texas 79721

4. As early voting clerk, the Elections Administrator shall receive applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail. An early voting ballot board ("EVBB") and signature verification committee shall be created to process early voting results from the Election. The County shall appoint the EVBB in accordance with the Election Services Agreement to process early voting results from the Election. The presiding judge of the EVBB, with the assistance of the Elections Administrator, shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the EVBB. The Elections Administrator shall determine the number of EVBB members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

5. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be entitled to vote at the Election.

6. A substantial copy of this Order shall serve as proper Notice of the Election, and the President of the Board of Trustees shall cause the Notice to be published one time, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District or, if none is published in the District, in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. In addition, not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the Election, the President of the Board of Trustees shall cause the Notice to be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board of Trustees.

7. At the Election the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION
 Shall the Board of Trustees of Howard County Junior College District be authorized to issue bonds of the District as authorized by law at the time of the issuance thereof, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$21,625,000, for the renovation, construction and equipment of school buildings in said District, and to levy, pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes on all property in said District sufficient to pay the principal of, and interest on said bonds, within the limit prescribed by law?

8. The official ballots for the election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the

ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION
FOR _____
AGAINST _____

THE ISSUANCE OF \$21,625,000 OF BONDS TO RENOVATE, CONSTRUCT AND EQUIP SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT, AND LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF.

9. In all respects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code (the "Code"). Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") and the Code, at each polling place there shall be at least one voting system that is equipped for disabled individuals, and each such voting system shall be a system that has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State as compliant with HAVA and the Code.

Exhibit A
Polling Places on Election Day

The following polling places will be used on May 12, 2007, when polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., in the Howard County Junior College District Bond Election by residents of the District who reside in the Howard County Voting Precincts shown below:

Howard County Precinct No(s), Polling Place and Address
 104 and 105 Prairie View Baptist Church
 1004 W. Farm-to-Market Road 2230 Big Spring, Texas

103, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 202, 203, 204, 205 (the part that is in the Big Spring ISD), 302, 303, 305, 401, 402, 403, 404 (the part that is in Big Spring ISD), 405, 406, 410 Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Kentucky Way and Birdwell Lane Big Spring, Texas

207, 205, (the part that is in Coahoma ISD), 404 (the part that is in Coahoma ISD), 407, 408, 409 Coahoma Community Center 306 North Avenue Coahoma, Texas

304, 205 (the part that is in Forsan ISD), 208 Elbow Elementary School 5001 Nichols Road Big Spring, Texas

Exhibit B
Early Voting Polling Places

The following early voting polling places will be used in the Howard County Junior College District Bond Election to be held on May 12, 2007. The period for early voting is April 30, 2007 through May 8, 2007. Polling places for early voting will be kept open during the early voting period. The hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on each day except Saturdays, Sundays and legal state holidays and on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 and on Thursday, May 3, 2007, when the hours for early voting will be from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

To request a ballot by mail application shall be made no later than May 4, 2007 to:
 Saundra Bloom
 Howard County Elections Administrator
 Howard County Courthouse
 300 S. Main Street
 Big Spring, Texas 79720

To vote early by personal appearance:
Howard County Precinct No(s), Polling Place and Address
 207, 205 (the part in Coahoma ISD), 404 (the part in Coahoma ISD), 407, 408, 409 Coahoma Community Center 306 North Avenue Coahoma, Texas

All other Howard County precincts Howard County Courthouse 300 S. Main Street Big Spring, Texas

Howard County Junior College District Bond Election (Distrito de Howard County Junior College Eleccion de Bonos)
 May 12, 2007
 (12 de mayo de 2007)
OFFICIAL BALLOT (BALOTA OFICIAL)

Place an "x" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote. (Marque con una "x" el cuadro al lado de la frase que indica la manera en que quiere usted votar).

PROPOSITION (PROPOSICION)
 [] FOR (A FAVOR)
 [] AGAINST (EN CONTRA)

THE ISSUANCE OF \$21,625,000 OF BONDS TO RENOVATE, CONSTRUCT AND EQUIP SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT, AND LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF. (LA EMISION DE BONOS POR \$21,625,000 PARA LA RENOVACION, CONSTRUCCION Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES EN EL DISTRITO DE HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE Y LA IMPOSICION DE UN IMPUESTO AD VALOREM PARA PAGAR LOS MISMOS.)

AVISO DE ELECCION
 AL RESIDENTE, ELECTOR CALIFICADO DEL DISTRITO DE HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE:

SE LES HACE SABER que se llevara a cabo una eleccion en dicho Distrito como se estipula en una ordenanza de eleccion debidamente aprobada por la Junta de Directores de dicho Distrito, cuya ordenanza es substancialmente como sigue:

ORDEN DE CONVOCATORIA A ELECCION
POR CUANTO, EL CONSEJO DE ADMINISTRACION DEL DISTRITO DE HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE (el "Distrito") considera que es conveniente convocar a una eleccion de bonos que se ordena a continuacion (la "Eleccion"); y

POR CUANTO, el Distrito celebrara un contrato de acuerdo con los terminos de un acuerdo de servicios para una eleccion interlocal (el "Contrato de Servicios Electorales") entre el Distrito y el Condado de Howard, Texas, que actua a traves del Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Howard (el "Administrador de Elecciones") para suministrar la administracion de la Eleccion; y

POR CUANTO, por este medio se ha encontrado y determinado oficialmente que la reunion donde se adopto esta Orden estaba abierta al publico y se dio aviso publico de la hora, el lugar y el proposito de la reunion, todo de acuerdo con el Codigo Gubernamental de Texas, Capitulo 551.

POR TANTO, EL CONSEJO DE ADMINISTRACION DEL DISTRITO DE HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE ORDENA:

1. Se celebrara una eleccion de bonos entre las horas de 7:00 a.m. y 7:00 p.m., el 12 de mayo de 2007, en el Distrito en los centros electorales designados por los distritos electorales del Condado de Howard que coincide en parte con el Distrito que se consigna en el Anexo A a esta orden. Se llevara a cabo una votacion anticipada en persona y por correo postal para todos los votantes en los centros electorales designados para votacion anticipada administrados por el Administrador de Elecciones, segun se consigna en el Anexo B a esta orden.

2. La nominacion de los jueces presidentes de eleccion, los jueces suplentes, los secretarios de votacion anticipada, el juez presidente de la junta de votacion anticipada y otros funcionarios electorales para la Eleccion se hara de acuerdo con el Contrato de Servicios Electorales. El Administrador de Elecciones puede emplear otro personal necesario para la administracion debida de la Eleccion, incluyendo la ayuda a tiempo parcial que sea necesaria para preparar la Eleccion, para asegurar la entrega oportuna de suministros durante la votacion anticipada y en el dia de la eleccion y para la tabulacion eficiente de boletas en la estacion central de conteo que se establecera de acuerdo con el Contrato de Servicios Electorales.

3. El Administrador de Elecciones sera el secretario de votacion anticipada de acuerdo con los terminos del Contrato de Servicios Electorales. Durante el periodo, se requiere o permite por ley la votacion anticipada. Dicho periodo es desde el 30 de abril de 2007 hasta el 8 de mayo de 2007. Las horas designadas para la votacion anticipada en persona sera segun se consigna en el Anexo B a esta orden. El secretario de votacion anticipada mantendra el centro de votacion anticipada abierto durante dichas

horas para la votacion anticipada en persona. La ubicacion principal para la votacion anticipada para la Eleccion sera la siguiente:

Oficina del Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Howard
 Howard County Courthouse
 300 S. Main Street
 Big Spring, Texas 79721

4. Como secretario de votacion anticipada, el Administrador de Elecciones recibira solicitudes para boletas de anticipacion anticipada por correo. Se creara una junta de boletas de votacion anticipada (EVBB, por sus siglas en ingles) y un comite de verificacion de firmas para procesar los resultados de la votacion anticipada de la Eleccion. El Condado nombrara la EVBB de acuerdo con el Contrato de Servicios Electorales para procesar los resultados de la votacion anticipada de la Eleccion. El juez presidente de la EVBB, con la ayuda del Administrador de Elecciones, nombrara dos o mas miembros adicionales para formar la EVBB. El Administrador de Elecciones determinara el numero de miembros de la EVBB necesarios para procesar eficientemente las boletas de votacion anticipada.

5. Todos los residentes que sean electores calificados del Distrito tendran derecho a votar en la Eleccion.

6. Una copia sustancial de esta Orden servira como Aviso apropiado de la Eleccion, y el Presidente del Consejo de Administracion hara que el Aviso se publique una vez, no antes de 30 dias ni mas tarde del decimo dia antes de la fecha fijada para la Eleccion en un periodico publicado en el Distrito o, si no se publica ninguno en el Distrito, en un periodico de circulacion general en el Distrito. Ademas, a mas tardar el dia 21 antes de la fecha fijada para la Eleccion, el Presidente del Consejo de Administracion hara que se publique el Aviso en el tablero de anuncios usado para publicar avisos de reuniones del Consejo de Administracion.

7. En la Eleccion, se sometera la siguiente PROPOSICION de acuerdo con la ley:

PROPOSICION
 ¿Se autorizara al Consejo de Administracion del Distrito de Howard County Junior College para emitir bonos del Distrito como ha autorizado la ley al momento de la emision de los mismos, en una o mas series, por un importe total de capital no mayor de \$21,625,000 para la renovacion, construcion y equipamiento de los edificios escolares en dicho Distrito y para gravar, avalar y hacer que se valuen y recauden impuestos ad valorem anuales sobre todas las propiedades en dicho Distrito suficientes para pagar el capital y el interes sobre dichos bonos dentro de los limites que fija la ley?

8. Las boletas oficiales para la eleccion se prepararan de acuerdo con el Codigo Electoral de Texas a fin de permitir a los electores a vo-

tar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de la PROPOSICION, y las boletas deben contener las disposiciones, marcas y lenguaje conforme a la ley, y dicha PROPOSICION debiera redactarse sustancialmente como sigue:

PROPOSICION
A FAVOR _____
EN CONTRA _____

LA EMISION DE BONOS POR \$21,625,000 PARA LA RENOVACION, CONSTRUCCION Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES EN EL DISTRITO DE HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE Y LA IMPOSICION DE UN IMPUESTO AD VALOREM PARA PAGAR LOS MISMOS.

9. En todos los aspectos, la Eleccion se llevara a cabo de acuerdo con el Codigo Electoral de Texas (el "Codigo"). Segun la ley federal Ayude a America a Votar (HAVA, por sus siglas en ingles), en cada centro electoral habra por lo menos un sistema de votacion equipado para individuos con discapacidades, y cada uno de dichos sistemas de votacion sera un sistema certificado por el Secretario de Estado de Texas como que cumple con HAVA y el Codigo.

Anexo A
Centros de Votacion el Dia de las Elecciones

Los siguientes centros de votacion se usaran el 12 de mayo de 2007, cuando se abra la votacion desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., en la Eleccion de Bonos del Distrito de Howard County Junior College para los residentes del Distrito que residen en los distritos electorales del Condado de Howard que se muestran a continuacion:

Distrito Electoral del Condado No(s) de Howard No(s), Centro de votacion y direccion
 104 and 105 Prairie View Baptist Church
 1004 W Farm-to-Market Road 2230 Big Spring, Texas

103, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 202, 203, 204, 205 (la parte que esta en Big Spring ISD), 302, 303, 305, 401, 402, 403, 404 (la parte que esta en Big Spring ISD), 405, 406, 410 Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Kentucky Way and Birdwell Lane Big Spring, Texas

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Anexo B
Centros de Votacion Anticipada

Los siguientes centros de votacion anticipada se usaran el 12 de mayo de 2007, en la Eleccion de Bonos del Distrito de Howard County Junior College. El periodo

de votacion anticipada es desde el 30 de abril de 2007, hasta el 8 de mayo de 2007. Los centros de votacion anticipada se mantendran abiertos durante el periodo de votacion anticipada. Las horas designadas para la votacion anticipada en persona seran desde las 8:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m., cada dia excepto los sabados, domingos y dias feriados legales y el martes, 1 de mayo de 2007, y el jueves, 3 de mayo de 2007, cuando las horas de votacion anticipada seran desde las 8:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m.

Para pedir una boleta por correo, debe hacerse la solicitud a mas tardar el 4 de mayo de 2007 a:
 Saundra Bloom
 Howard County Elections Administrator
 Howard County Courthouse
 300 S. Main Street
 Big Spring, Texas 79720

Para la votacion anticipada en persona
Distrito Electoral del Condado de Howard No(s).
Centro de votacion y direccion
 207, 205 (the part in Coahoma ISD), 404 (the part in Coahoma ISD), 407, 408, 409 Coahoma Community Center 306 North Avenue Coahoma, Texas

Todos los otros distritos electorales Howard County Courthouse 300 S. Main Street Big Spring, Texas #5323 April 15, 2007

Legals

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 A Public Sale to satisfy a landlord's lien will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2007 at 2:00 PM at Park-N-Lock Storage, 711 West 4th Street, Big Spring, TX. Sale is by sealed bids on entire content of each unit. Seller reserves right to not accept any bid or withdraw property from sale. Property in each unit will be sold by unit. Property being sold includes contents of storage units:
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 #5330 April 15 & 22, 2007

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Take the morning slow. Sleep in. Linger over morning coffee. When the juice of the Aries moon hits your system, you'll know it's time to move. The Ram is a solitary animal, yet he longs for someone with whom to share his castle. Busyness and motion are fulfilling in their own right, but at the end of the day sharing with loved ones is cheering.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's a new day and a new chance to feel healthy and alive. Instead of shutting a partnership out, ask for the space to focus on your newest goals. Once you've started tapping the well, you're up all night sharing your ideas.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What you might've otherwise missed, a per-

ceptive friend catches. So your success depends on your being able to converse with someone who knows that conversation at its best is an exercise in intense listening.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Use your foresight. You'll make an executive decision — after all, you're the CEO of your life. On a side note: To accomplish anything in life, you need Twin groupies and fans. Get out and meet other Geminis.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't have to keep up with the Joneses to keep on the up and up. Comparing yourself to others is futile. A quick phone call from a family member or personal friend is an instant pick-me-up.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your higher self is the best business partner you've got. By asking the enlightened part of your being for advice, you can't go wrong. Imagine what the world would be like if everyone used this spot-on affirmation.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). The emotional reverberations you're feeling aren't all in your head. Take all the time you need to process. The satisfaction you get from deeply listening to yourself is invaluable.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you have any tendency to lose faith in a relationship, usually right before major turning points, check it. Even if you've got it all figured out, you're not the only hero/heroine in this love story.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you were a carpenter, you'd nail out a really great piece of work today. If you were a laundress, you'd get a lot of laundry done — and well. Not all great accomplishments are big. The small stuff can be magnificent.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Remember when you did all sorts of daring kid stuff? You didn't think twice about throwing caution to the wind. Put on your rollerblades, or go-go dance to old tunes. Today you're wiser about your antics, but no

less a kid.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Every household has a division of labor, and the challenge is not treating your family as your serfs. Your abode is your love nest, not your fiefdom (an inheritable, exclusive land). Make a list of chores, and make 'em fun.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Take a Sunday drive to a nearby town or museum. It's not so much where you go, just go. Think of it as a way to let all those ideas in your mind percolate. Release them. They'll come back, but this time, better.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). They say time is money. You say time is precious. If you could make your money work for you so you have more of both, what would that look like? A website or home-based business is worth exploring.
FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This week brings the Warrior's new moon. The new moon isn't till Tuesday, but Aries arrives early every

time. Aries energy is typified by the battle between ego and super-ego, a breakfast of champions! But Mars in Pisces teaches us to be less Herculean and more spiritual warrior in our approach to our desires. In Dan Millman's book "Way of the Peaceful Warrior," the main character, Dan, has met defeat and needs a new way of being in the world. When he meets a wily character named Socrates at a gas station, he receives playful teachings on paradox, humor and change. Socrates disillusions Dan. Paradox reminds us that we're in the mystery and will never know how it all ends. Humor keeps our touch light and our mind from thinking it can all be figured out. Change is the core of life, keeping the spiritual warrior on his toes. Does being a spiritual warrior mean relinquishing our personal wants and desires? Resoundingly no! We achieve them more gracefully. During the sun's final days through Aries,

the warrior in everyone is called out. How does this figure into your latest life missive? Advice from the thousands-years-old sage here: "Know thyself."
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Often Hollywood's leading men age with "dignity," while leading women get grace and memories of youth. Not so for Brit Emma Thompson, whose sparkling Aries vitality is matched by youthful Venus in Gemini, as her appeal in children's movies like "Nanny McPhee" attests. Writing is also a joy for Thompson — she wrote the "McPhee" script and starred in it with her own mum!
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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married 20 years. She has been obese most of her life, and the consequences have caught up with her in the form of hypertension, diabetes, sleep apnea, etc. She has difficulty moving around, and as a result, she does not leave the house unless it is absolutely necessary.



KATHY MITCHELL
 MARCY SUGAR

My kids and I wait on her hand and foot. I do the driving, carpooling and grocery shopping. When I suggest she try to lose weight or talk to her doctor about her health, she becomes angry and defensive and says I'm being mean. So I say nothing, and endure mixed feelings of pity, resentment and anger.

We rarely go out. Most nights we just watch TV. We have not taken a family vacation in several years. She and I are rather distant — we don't touch, hug or kiss very often, and we are rarely intimate. I'm sure she is profoundly depressed and probably feels hopeless.

I love my wife, but I'm not sure I can stay in this marriage once the kids are grown. The tension is putting a strain on us all. I think family counseling would be a good idea, even if she refuses to participate. What do you say? — Treading Water in the Sea of Marriage

Dear Treading: Yes, counseling would be a good idea. Your wife is too sensitive about her weight to be receptive to your comments, which she interprets as criticism. A counselor can help her see that her unwillingness to deal with her health is affecting every member of the family. She may need a referral to a therapist who can prescribe medication. If your wife won't go, a counselor will work with you and your children on coping mechanisms and solutions.

Dear Annie: My husband, "Bob," was diagnosed with HIV a few years ago, and the disease is now turning into full-blown AIDS. We don't have much money, and the insurance won't cover all the medications.

Bob wants to ask his family and mine for donations to offset the cost of treatment, but I disagree. We've made several large purchases in the past year (including a backyard swimming pool), and I'm worried we will appear

greedy. Bob says family members should always be willing to help one another out. I've suggested he speak to our religious organization about getting some help, but he's reluctant to spread the news of his condition. Any ideas? — Worried Wife in the Northeast
 Dear Wife: Family members are not obligated to help you out of your financial difficulties, especially if you haven't exactly been frugal. However, we're sure they love you, and many of them will want to help. You should approach your parents, and Bob can talk to his, explaining the change in your circumstances. Admit that you regret not saving when you could, and ask if you can come to them if and when the need arises. Your religious organization might be able to help when Bob reaches the point where the costs of his care outweigh his personal concerns.

Dear Annie: I can relate to "Unwilling Inmate," whose wife spends a lot of time visiting her mother in a nursing home. I hope he remains patient and supportive. I dealt with my father in a care center for six years. My brother would visit periodically, and, out of four grandchildren, only one came by. I always felt I needed to compensate for everyone else's neglect.

I put a strain on our marriage, but my husband was understanding, and I know I was there for my dad until the end. "Unwilling's" wife needs her husband's support. After all, one day it could be him waiting in the home for visitors. — Been There, Done That in the Midwest

Dear Been There: Thanks for putting things in perspective.

Dear Annie: A year ago, my husband and I ran into a financial roadblock

when he lost his job and I went back to college. We had to move in with "Ryan's" parents. Two months later, we found out we were expecting. The day we told his mother, she began treating us like children, saying we had no business having a child. She also told Ryan that I tricked him into getting me pregnant and suggested a paternity test.

After two months of this, my mother-in-law decided our child belonged to her and she would raise him. She told me my car is not good enough for "her child." She even said it was her responsibility to wake up at night when the baby gets up.

Ryan knows his mother says these things, but insists I take them the wrong way. I can't say anything to Ryan about his mother or he gets angry. I've tried ignoring her, leaving the room and sticking up for myself. I have never done anything to offend this woman, but she has belittled me since the day I met her.

I understand this is her first grandchild and she is excited, but it feels as if she is trying to steal my baby from me. Please help. — Pregnant and Angry

Dear Pregnant: We cannot stress enough how important it is for you and Ryan to get out of your in-laws' home and find your own place, even if it means postponing your college degree in order to get a full-time job. Your mother-in-law will not respect you until you gain some distance from her and prove you are a competent adult. The fact that Ryan will not stand up to his mother makes things infinitely worse. The future of your marriage is at stake.

Dear Annie: I'm a 60-year-old man whose wife is disabled. The problem is her attitude. "Linda" gets angry over the littlest thing, yet doesn't understand why no one wants to visit her. This has been going on for years.

I'm healthy and active, but Linda is smothering me. She wants me to be at her beck and call. I can deal with her disability, but not her controlling nature. She doesn't like me to see my oldest and closest friends. She complains when I go to work. There are times I'll stop off at a coffee shop, just so I won't have to go home.

I want more out of what's left of my life. My kids are grown, so I think it's my time now. I have fallen in love with another woman, but feel guilty about it. I can't bring myself to tell Linda I want to leave. Even if the other woman does not work out, I want my freedom. I'm not the assertive type and try to avoid conflict. Any suggestions? — Wanting to Get On

Dear Wanting: Does Linda know how unhappy you are? Before you give up, suggest that she see her doctor and ask about being put on anti-depressants. She sounds just as miserable as you. You also should consider marriage counseling. At the very least, give Linda an opportunity to address the issue before simply walking out the door.

That's cowardly and your children may never forgive you.

Dear Annie: You were way off base on your answer to "Isadora's Husband," whose wife is in a dance class and wears leotards. No woman who has been married for 33 years is "a trim, attractive, blonde bombshell" in anyone's eyes except her husband's. To everyone else, she is a deranged old lady walking around in ridiculous outfits. If she truly were "religious," she would not flaunt herself in this manner. — Know Better

Dear Know: If "Isadora" married at 20, she'd now be 53, and could easily be a trim, attractive blonde bombshell. We don't believe she is flaunting herself. She is wearing




sensible workout clothes, and her husband is overly concerned. But thanks for making 50-something women everywhere feel like deranged old ladies.

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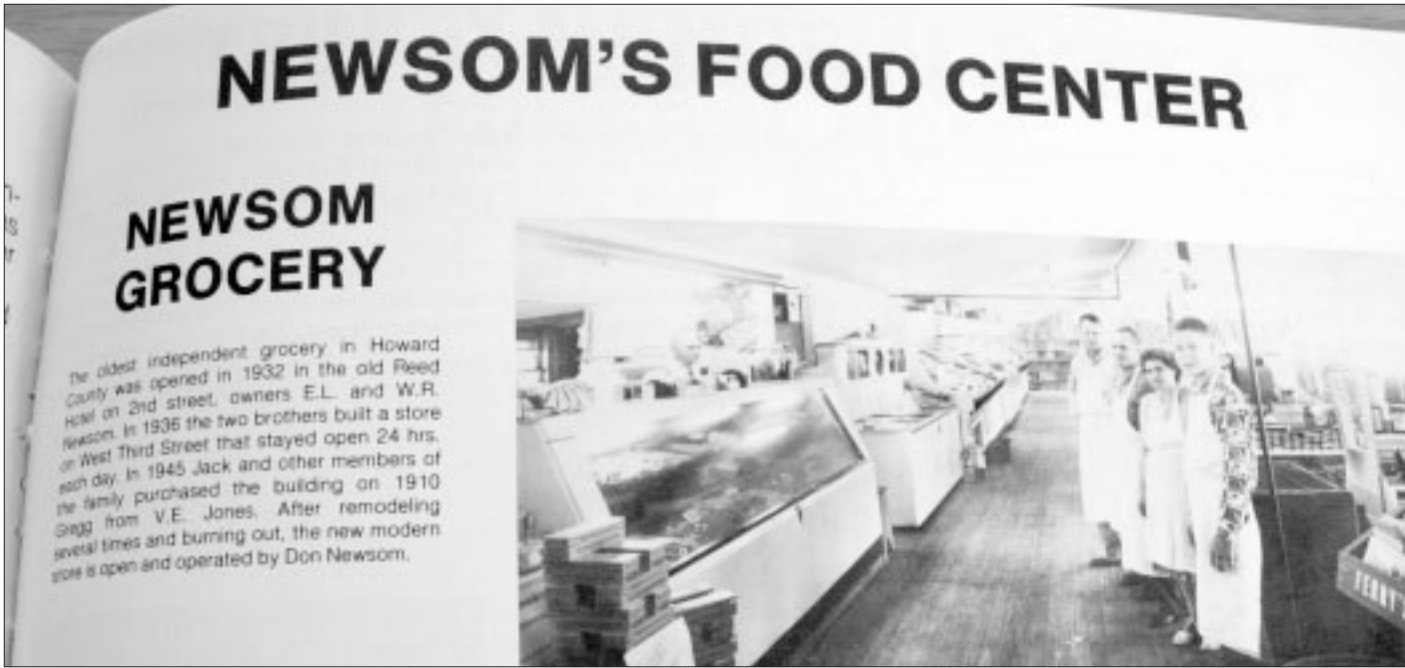
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At left, a historical publication gives some information about Newsom Grocery, founded in 1932. At right, Don and Marilyn pose for their wedding picture. On Tuesday, the guest house at Big Spring State Hospital will be rededicated as the Don and Marilyn Newsom Family Lodge. See Page 1C.



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Newsom Grocery was teaching tool for boys; family benefited BSSH

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Newsom's Grocery Store fed hundreds of thousands of families during its more than 50 years of operation in Big Spring.

But the store also served another purpose: an onsite teaching tool for the owner's sons — Kent and Gary Don Newsom — to learn the value of hard work and altruism.

"The store was the focal point of our daily lives," said Kent Newsom, the son of Don and Marilyn Newsom. "Both were extremely hard workers and they used the store to teach us about work ethic as well as community involvement."

While the Newsom family involved themselves in many community activities, none was as important as Big Spring State Hospital, Kent said.

Don and Marilyn — the daughter of a prominent farmer and businessman — met at a dance when the two were home from college, he from Texas A&M and she from TCU.

They married and made their home in Big Spring and raised their two boys. The family was involved in their activities, mainly football and baseball. Don coached many of the teams while Marilyn ran the concession stands.

Newsom's Grocery often served as the team's sponsor. But Marilyn saw another need outside the immediate interests of her two young sons, Kent said. Her interest in one of the major economic forces in Howard County left a lasting impression on the three men in her life and on Big Spring State Hospital.

Marilyn was the first person in the family to volunteer at the hospital, remembers Director of Community Relations Billie Christie-Morgan. Marilyn contributed greatly to the hospital, particularly in the music therapy department where she combined her nursing degree with her love for music.

"She was such a gracious, kind woman who opened up her home time after time hosting fund-raisers or various guests for the hospital," Billie said.

One of the most lasting traditions Marilyn began was the Denim and

Diamonds fund-raiser, which continues to this day.

"Marilyn was the catalyst for getting Don involved in Big Spring State Hospital," Kent said. "She served on the volunteer services council for many years while Don supported her efforts through donations and efforts through the grocery store."

Marilyn served as president of the Volunteer Services Council and later, Kent served on the board, too. When Don retired from the store, he became more involved. Don received a statewide award as one of the most active volunteers in Texas.

"Anyone who remembers much about my parents recalls that they were very active community volunteers and economic contributors to numerous causes," Kent said. "The hospital, though, was special for both of them because their efforts allowed them to serve not only the needs of the folks being treated, but support one of the most important economic and social engines in Big Spring and West Texas."

"Few volunteer opportunities in our city allow the opportunity to contribute to the needy (in this case the mentally ill) and also help the local economy and people."

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