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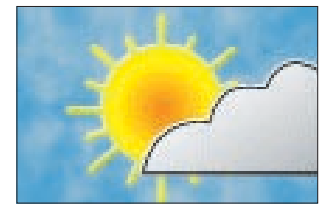
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Early voting begins Monday

□ Election to feature amendment to Texas Constitution. See Page 9A.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Area residents will get the first chance to cast early ballots

in the coming municipal and school district elections Monday, as the Howard County Elections Office prepares to once again open its polls.

According to Sandra Bloom, election administrator for the county, early voting will be held at the Howard County Courthouse for all voters, with

the exception of voters in Coahoma.

"Voters casting their ballots in the Coahoma school district race and the Coahoma city races will vote at the Coahoma Community Center," said Bloom. "Forsan voters will cast their ballots here at the courthouse as well."

Bloom said voters expecting to cast their ballot in the lobby of the courthouse will find things to be a little different this election season.

"The election office has moved to the third floor of the courthouse in order to provide more room for daily operations," said Bloom. "Early vot-

ing will be conducted in the courtroom on the third floor. We hope this won't deter anyone from voting early, as we feel this will provide us with more security and privacy for the voters, as well as a smoother flow for the voters

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PD looking into arrest of local man

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department is currently investigating the Wednesday arrest of a Big Spring man that landed him in the care of Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a struggle with an officer.

Juan Manuel Garcia, 41, of 205 Becker Road, was taken into custody by a BSPD officer at approximately 1:50 a.m. Wednesday following what police officials described as a physical confrontation near the 100 block of N.W. Third Street.

According to BSPD Chief Lonnie Smith, Garcia was wanted in connection with burglary and counterfeiting investigations.

"Upon arrival, a female subject advised that the suspect had seen the officer and had run out the back door," said Smith. "This was the second time on this date the subject had attempted to evade deputies and police."

"After a search of the area, officer (Nathan) Londenberg saw the subject by the rear of 100 N.W. Fourth St. As he again approached the subject, Garcia stumbled and the officer took him to the ground. During this altercation, the subject tried to get up to run but was

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"The police department will gather the facts of this arrest to insure that officers followed police and state law during the arrest."



—Lonnie Smith, chief of police



Melissa Turner puts the finishing grooming touches on Chance, an Australian Shepherd, at the Big Spring Kennel Club's annual Dog Show Saturday morning. About 900 total entries were received for the two-day show, officials said.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Pooch power

Kennel Club Dog Show going on at coliseum

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Dogs and the people who show them made Big Spring the Canine Capital of West Texas, if only for this weekend.

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

became temporary home for more than 900 dogs, as well as assorted handlers, judges, groomers and just your average, every day dog lover as the Big Spring Kennel Club's annual Dog Show was held Saturday and Sunday.

In contrast to past years,

when the show was jointly hosted by the Big Spring and San Angelo kennel clubs, the local club "flew solo" this year. That mean fewer entries than in the past, but not as big a drop-off as officials had

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Architect arbitration on agenda for county

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will meet in a special session Monday morning with ongoing arbitration and a possible settlement with local architect Phil Furqueron on the agenda.



Furqueron, who served as the architect in charge of designing a new county jail for more than two years, had his contract terminated by commissioners earlier this year on a 3-2 vote.

Furqueron, represented by local attorney Tim Yeats, filed for arbitration of approximately \$32,000 the local architect claims the county owes him in termination fees that were a part of his contract.

Commissioners voted in early March to go ahead with an arbitrary counter-suit against Furqueron, in what County Judge Mark Barr described as an attempt to recover county funds. Commissioners Gary Simer and Emma Brown, as well as Barr,

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\$40,000 needed for Pops in the Park

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**
 Managing Editor

With just a couple of months to work with before this year's "Pops in the Park" concert and fireworks display at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation, the event's organizers, have begun the process of raising the approximate \$40,000 needed to stage the event..



Hansen

Letters will be mailed this week to former donors and prospective contributors, according to Foundation President Jan Hansen, who is beginning her second year as head of the organizing committee.

Crowds have packed the amphitheater each year with

between 10,000 and 12,000 attending the concert and fireworks program July 3 and Hansen said organizers expect as big a crowd or even larger this year.

"The committee has managed to expand the show ... making it bigger and better every year," Hansen said. "And over the years, the crowd has continued to grow. And since we're planning on having even more fireworks

than ever before and a very good local band again playing before the symphony takes the stage, I expect we'll have a great overflow audience this year. Hopefully it will be the biggest we've ever had.

"I know, it seems like we say that every year," Hansen added, "but it's true. I think everyone on the committee begins thinking about how

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers open playoffs with win

Big Spring's Lady Steers opened the Class 4A softball playoffs in exactly the fashion they wanted Friday, posting a 3-1 bi-district win over Hereford's Lady Whitefaces.

The Lady Steers qualified for the playoffs as the District 4-4A runner-up. Hereford is the third-place team from District 3-4A.

Kelly Sage improved her record to 9-2, allowing four hits and striking out eight batters.

Kenzie Hunt led the way for the Lady Steers offensively, going 2-for-3 at the plate.

The second game of the best-of-three series was scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday at the Lubbock Monterey softball facility. A third game, if necessary, was to immediately follow Game 2.

A second win for the Lady Steers would allow them to advance to the area round of the playoffs where they would face District 1-4A champion El Paso Chapin.

Dawson earns trip to state track meet

Big Spring's Zack Dawson earned himself a trip to the UIL state track and field meet during the first day of the Region I, Class 4A meet at Angelo State University.

Dawson finished second in the 3,200 meters with a time of 9:34.04, just off the pace of winner Gerzain Valenzuela of Hereford.

Dawson's teammate, Jordan Valles, was sixth with a time of 9:51.16.

Lady Kats thinclads place at II-1A meet

K'Lann Niehues led the way for Garden City in the opening day's events at the Region II, Class 1A track meet at Elmer Gray Stadium in Abilene Friday.

Niehues finished third in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet even.

Teammate Vikki Garza finished sixth in the 3,200 meters with a time of 12:49.77.

Steers suffer loss at Lake View

San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs earned themselves a berth in the Class 4A playoffs Friday, rallying for a 7-3 come-from-behind win over Big Spring's Steers.

The Steers jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but saw that edge evaporate in the bottom of the second when the Chiefs scored five runs.

The Steers would score another run in the third inning, but the Chiefs answered with one in their half of the third and added an insurance run in the

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New-look lineup yields 5-3 win for Rangers

TORONTO (AP) — A new-look lineup paid immediate dividends for the Texas Rangers on Friday night.

Sammy Sosa hit his 595th career home run, Mark Teixeira and Brad Wilkerson both had two-run shots and the Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-3.

Sosa followed Teixeira's two-run drive in the third with a shot to center against Blue Jays starter Josh Towers. It was the

seventh home run of the season for Sosa and his first hit in 11 career at-bats against Towers.

"Like I always say, Sammy has got knowledge," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "He remembers what you did to him."

"He came out of spring training and he made adjustments. He still was a little bit off on the breaking ball but the more they throw it to him, the more he's going to lay off it. And the more

they try something early in the game, it ain't going to work on him late. He's a good student, he really is."

Washington doesn't want to put too much pressure on Sosa to produce.

"If he gets 20 to 25 (home runs), that's fine with me," Washington said. "I'm not looking for Sammy to pop 30 or 40."

But Sosa's early season surge may force Washington to revise

his prediction.

"He said that before I was doing things in spring training," Sosa said. "Now I'm going through the season and making adjustments every day, his mind has got to change."

Sosa is within five of becoming the fifth player in major league history to hit 600 or more home runs. He homered twice at

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Griffin honored by HC fans

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

When Howard College named Bill Griffin to be the college's first head baseball coach, he started with literally nothing and built the program into a national power.

Friday, the school said, "Thank you."

In honor of Griffin being named to the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Hall of Fame, HC rolled out the red carpet for its former coach Friday.

Griffin was honored in ways small and large during ceremonies at Jack Barber Field. Aside from having his jersey number retired and having Mayor Russ McEwen declare Friday Bill Griffin Day in Big Spring, the old coach also got to renew acquaintances with a lot of old friends.

Griffin became the college's baseball coach in 1982 and literally built the program from the ground up.

In his nine years at the helm, the Hawks won 347 games, two Region V

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Former Howard College Hawks baseball coach Bill Griffin receives his framed jersey from current Hawks skipper and Howard College Athletic Director Britt Smith during Friday's Bill Griffin Day ceremonies at Jack Barber Field. Griffin's number was retired by the Hawks after being inducted into the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Hall of Fame.

Hawks complete day with sweep

By ERIC RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

On Bill Griffin Day at Jack Barber Field, the Howard College Hawks made sure the coaching legend would be honored to be back as they swept Western Texas College in a Western Junior College Athletic Conference doubleheader, winning 3-1 and 4-3 in 10 innings.

Prior to the game, Griffin was honored for his induction into the WJAC Hall of Fame as a member of the class of 2007. It was also a time to honor the man that put Hawk baseball on the map by winning the 1991 NJCAA national championship.

Current Hawk skipper Britt Smith said it was fitting the Hawks performed well on the field on such a special day.

"I was happy that on Bill Griffin Day we were able to play two solid baseball games and win them both," Smith said.

In the opener, Hawks ace Ryan Robinson allowed just one run off four hits while walking four and uncharacteristically hitting two batters while striking out two Westerners en route to the 3-1 victory.

"Robo (Robinson) didn't pitch great compared to his normal standards, but both he and (Brett) Hokr don't match up well against a team like this," Smith said. "They pitch real well against aggressive swinging

teams and that's not what these guys are. Those guys really pitched off their fast balls today and that's something they didn't have to do all year, so that was an adjustment. It sounds like it would be easy to do, but they are change up, breaking ball type of guys and they live off of that, similar to what a normal pitcher would use their fastball for."

In the second game, Hokr threw eight solid innings, allowing two runs off nine hits, no walks and four strikeouts, including striking out the side in the second inning.

Leading 3-2, Hawks' relief pitcher Pedro Villarreal issued a walk to open the ninth and with two outs surrendered a single which tied the game at 3-all. Villarreal held Western Texas in the top of the 10th.

With two out in the bottom of the 10th, Jeff Ward ripped a single and stole second. Andrew Femath drew a walk. Then Josh Riley hit a laser down the right field line, to score Ward giving Howard the 4-3 victory.

According to Smith, Howard's bench did a great job when called on to enter the game.

"When the game was on the line, we needed more speed in a couple of situations and it worked out, especially when Femath came up and got a big walk and Riley got the hit to win

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Courtesy photo
Howard College's Ryan Robinson delivers a pitch in the first game of Friday's doubleheader against Western Texas College. Ryan got his eighth win of the season with the Hawks' 3-1 victory.

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Church gathering up treasures

Gathering up treasures? This is what First Baptist Church will be doing on Sunday, May 6, as they honor senior adults. The theme, "You Are a Treasure," will be carried out as two select groups of adults will be honored during the morning worship service which will be followed by a luncheon in their honor. Special recognition will be given to those with long term membership in the church and also to those in the 80-plus age category.

Senior adults are truly the treasures of all churches. It is this group, for the most part, who have made the sacrifices and provided the leadership to make all churches what they are today.

Clayton Bettle holds the distinguished honor of having the longest years of membership in First Baptist Church. He joined during a revival on Nov. 1, 1930. He fondly recalls the teachings of one of his favorite Sunday School teachers, Roy Cornelison.

Finances were difficult during the depression years, and Bettle recalls how his father and other men of the church cleaned the church grounds each Sunday morning prior to the services. Then they hurried home and formally dressed for worship.

F.W. Bettle, Clayton's father, started the FBC library through a memorial to Grace S. Bettle, Clayton's mother. The 200 books

purchased in 1948 have grown to an extensive library/media center over the years and is used by all ages.

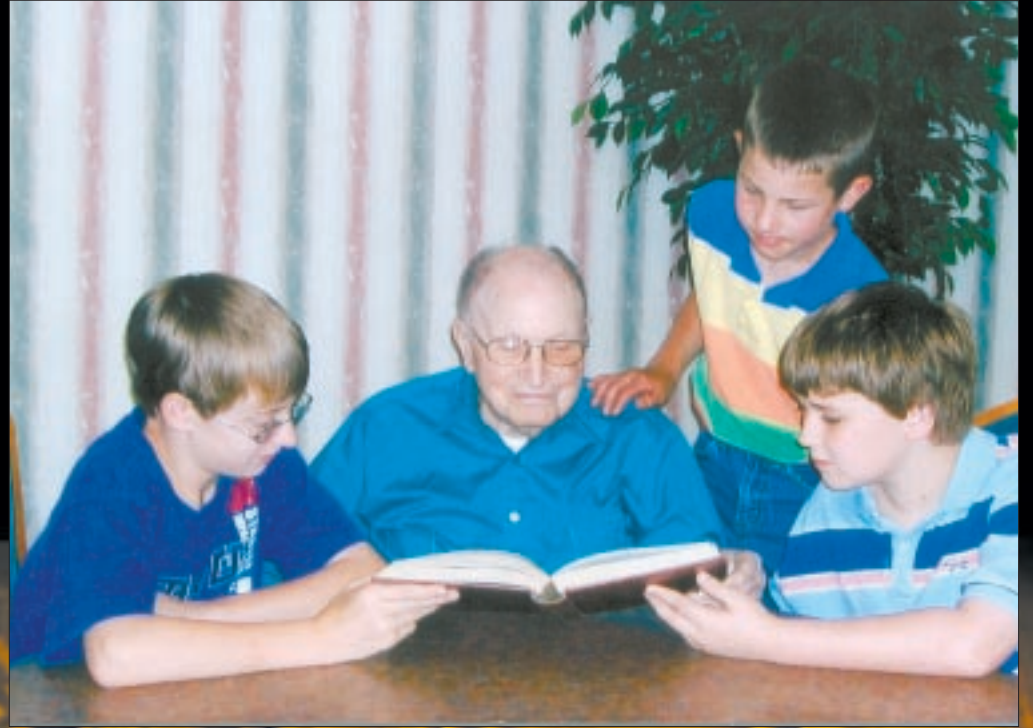
Evlyn Coker married in 1937 and joined FBC two weeks later when the Rev. Clint E. Lancaster was pastor. She recently was recognized for 63 years of Sunday School teaching. Although she enjoyed all ages, the young married people were her favorite group.

Evlyn recalls many happy times in church. Among them were the covered dish suppers at 6th and Main every Wednesday night. Each family took a dish. The children had their own tables and everyone enjoyed visiting prior to prayer meeting.

When FBC sponsored mission churches at Hillcrest and College Baptist, Evlyn and her husband, Lonnie, along with approximately 30 other couples, attended services there. She was the first secretary at College Baptist Church. Her husband and his identical twin took turns teaching Sunday School due to their work schedule. The young people did not know they were twins and thought only one person was teaching.

A mystery took place each Sunday at FBC from 1942 to 1961. A red rose appeared on the pulpit every Sunday Dr. O'Brien preached. No one knew who sent it. The red rose even followed Dr.

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Billy Smith, longtime church member and leader, reaches out to the younger generation. Left to right: Matthew Mims, Billy Smith, Landon Boeker and Kie Jones.



Beverly Taylor's FBC membership spans 68 years. She joined the church as a young child during a revival.



Clayton Bettle has the longest record of membership in First Baptist Church. Clayton joined FBC in 1930.



Don Priddy's talents are admired by the younger generation. Left to right: Tyler Evans, Matt Evans, Tara Evans, Helen Priddy, Don Priddy and Garrett Evans.



The church's youngest Sunday School members, 7-month-old Koldin Averette (left) and 6-month old Cooper Grigg, are held by their mothers, Carrie Averette and Michelle Grigg, and pose with long time members Evlyn Coker and Edna Faye Smith.



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Obituaries

Jay Cunningham



Jay Cunningham, 80, of The Woodlands, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at his residence. He was born March 2, 1927, the son of Arnison and Eva Cox Cunningham, descendants of pioneer Glasscock County families. Jay graduated from Garden City High School in 1944, attended Draughn's Business School, and then enlisted in the Navy at age 17. He proudly served his country as a Pharmacist Mate 3rd Class, was discharged in 1946, and attended Texas Tech University.

Jay was the proud owner of Jay's Farm & Ranch Store in Big Spring. He retired in 1995 and moved to The Woodlands in 2001. He loved God and his family above all things. Jay was a man of integrity and dealt fairly with everyone. He loved life, was a joyful person and was happiest working in his garden and doing projects. He will be remembered for his sunny outlook on life, his patience, gentleness and kindness to everyone. He was beloved by his family and friends and will be sorely missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents and survived by his wife of 55 years, Milli; children, Mike and Alice Cunningham, Marilyn and Jeff Fortezzo, James and Brenda Cunningham, Lara and Lee Gillen; grandchildren, Erin and Preston Cunningham, Andrew Cunningham, Jason Fortezzo, Alyssa and Graham Fleming, Josh Cunningham, Stephanie Cunningham, Haley and Morgan Wright, Brooke, Mark and Marissa Gillen; one great grandchild, Ellie Cunningham; and siblings, Phin, Phelps, Sara, Dale, Emma and Charlie. He leaves behind many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

There will be a Celebration of Life Service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Crossroads Baptist Church, 6565 Research Forest Dr., The Woodlands 77381.

There will be a visitation from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home, 906 Gregg St. Big Spring 79721. Funeral service will be at 11:30 a.m., Monday, April 30, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Chris Barfield, pastor of Crossroads Baptist Church, The Woodlands, officiating. A graveside service will follow at the Garden City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Jay's honor to Odyssey Health Care, 233 I-45N, Conroe 77301; Crossroads Baptist Church, 6565 Research Forest Dr., The Woodlands 77381 or to your charity of choice.

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

Bob Klingenberg



Bob Klingenberg, 59, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 26, 2007, in a local nursing home. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born March 26, 1948, in Loveland, Colo., and had been a resident of Big Spring for 11 years.

Survivors include his mother, Mary Klingenberg of Odessa; his wife, Sandra Klingenberg of Big Spring; one son,

Vince Klingenberg of Farmington, N.M.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Beth and Cipio Aguilar of Big Spring and Carolyn and Johnny Anchondo of El Paso; two adopted daughters, Becky Terry and Misty Smith both of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Klingenberg.

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

Odie Thompson

Odie Thompson, 102, of Big Spring died Saturday, April 28, 2007, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- **JOSEPH ALTON MURLEY**, 28, 1405 Tucson, was arrested on 3 local citations.
- **SELENA SUE HUNT**, 45, 1319 Harding, was arrested on two local citations.
- **ESTELLA CARILLO JARA**, 57, 701 Creighton, was arrested on a charge of terroristic threats.
- **LORENZO ONTIVEROS**, 26, 1805 Winston, was arrested on two Howard County warrants and a Tom Green County warrant.
- **HENRY HOLGUIN**, 48, no address given, was arrested on four local warrants, two local citations, a Howard County warrant and a charge of possession of marijuana.
- **JOEY HERRERA**, 41, 1001 E. 14th, was arrested on eight local warrants.

Take Note

• **A SPAGHETTI SUPPER**, a Camp Edge fundraiser for Cornerstone Youth will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sunday in the church Fellowship Hall, 12th and Owens streets. For \$5, receive spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, tea and dessert. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Cornerstone Church at 263-3072.

• **COAHOMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** will begin planning for 2007-2008 kindergarten classes Tuesday, May 1. Coahoma ISD will hold kindergarten orientation at the elementary school on Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Registration and testing will take place by appointment May 14-16. A child must be 5 years old before Sept. 1, 2007, to be eligible to enroll in kindergarten. A notarized proof of residency form is required. Also needed are a certified copy of the child's birth certificate, child's original Social Security card, updated immunization record and guardian's driver's license. For more information, call 394-4323.

• **A SENIOR ADULT BIRTHDAY PARTY** will be held at 6:30 p.m. May 4 for seniors 55 and older at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Bring a vegetable or salad (no desserts, please). Cake and ice cream will be served. There will be birthday presents and fun with Dimple the Clown and maybe Mischief too. The event is free, sponsored by the Big Spring Baptist Association.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHT** will be held from 8:30 a.m. until noon, Saturday, May 12, weather permitting. Hangar 25 Air Museum, with the assistance of McMahan-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park, will be supporting the EAA Young Eagles program to offer area children age 8 to 17 the opportunity to experience free of charge the thrill of flight. Each Young Eagles flight takes place in an FFA registered airplane flown by a licensed pilot. Children must be accompanied by their parent or a legal guardian to register. Limited seats are available. Register at the air museum, 1911 Apron Dr. For more information, call 264-1999.

• **A BENEFIT TO DEFRAY EXPENSES** for Clayton Coffman, injured in an accident, will be held at the Ice House, 1612 E. Third St. May 12. Serving of barbecue plates and fish plates at \$7 each will begin at 11 a.m. There will be door prizes, an auction, live music and more.

• **CROSS STITCHERS ARE NEEDED** to stitch a square for the annual Howard County Fair quilt. The quilt theme this year is "Animals of Texas." Stitchers may pick up a pattern kit, containing everything they will need to finish the square, from the Posey Cotton Office, 601 Scurry. Squares need to be completed within the next several weeks to allow time to piece the quilt together and get it quilted. Funds raised through tickets sold on the quilt go to pay the expenses associated with the Howard County Fair. The fair will be Sept. 26-29.

• **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES** Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

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.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

• Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033. Leave a message if you get voice mail.

Bulletin Board

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

MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.

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

TUESDAY

• Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

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

• League of Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 6 p.m. in the board room of the YMCA. For more information, contact Jennifer Patton at 714-4185 or 263-6351 or 816-6962.

• VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

• Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.

• Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.

• Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

Mobile Meal Program

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

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

Pet Patrol

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Sunday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 60.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-16-20-28.

Number matching five of five: 1.

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HAWKS

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it," Smith stated. "We used our whole bench. We had nobody left at the end of the last game. We used every available guy that we had outside of our pitchers."

The Hawks had a total of 22 hits on the day and only committed one error. Collecting hits for Howard were Cameron Monger, three

singles and a home run; Tyler Ladendorf, a single; Nathan Bryan, three singles; Matt Curry, four singles and a double; Keith Martin, two singles; Riley, three singles and a triple; and Barret Lowenstein, a single.

With the pair of victories, Howard improves to 30-20 overall and 9-17 in conference play. The Hawks traveled to Snyder Saturday afternoon for a doubleheader to finish the four-game series with Western Texas.

GRIFFIN

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titles and a state championship. But the jewel in the crown came in 1991, when Griffin led Howard to the National Junior College Athletic Association national title.

That team, anchored by All-American Frank Rodriguez, was talent-laden, but also blessed with some necessary intangibles, Griffin said.

"After every game we played at the World Series, scouts would come up to me and say, 'Those kids really complement each other well,'" he said. "It's all chemistry. That team had it in spades. In fact, I had a more talented team a few years before that, and it didn't win anything."

Oddly enough, winning the national title paved the way for Griffin's exit from

Howard a year later.

"After we won it all, I knew I needed to leave, because you're never going to do better than that," Griffin said. "The best you can ever do is equal it ... and you'll have people coming up to you wondering why you didn't win it all this year ... and I didn't want to deal with that."

But it was obvious Friday that Griffin was glad to be back on campus in Big Spring — and college officials were glad to have him back.

"We're not only proud of his accomplishments on the baseball field, we're equally proud of the many students' lives he touched," College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. "We are grateful for the many contributions he made."

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan Former Howard College baseball coach Bill Griffin receives a hug from Howard College President Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks during Friday's "Bill Griffin Day" ceremonies at Jack Barber Field. Griffin, who guided the Hawks to a national championship in 1991, is a member of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference's Hall of Fame class of 2007.

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FBC

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O'Brien when he went to the Holy Land. On the Sunday prior to his retirement, Dr. O'Brien asked the donor to stand. A hush filled the packed sanctuary. Slowly, Nat Shick, retired postmaster, stood.

Evelyn states, "The church means everything to me. Through good times and bad, church friends have been there. When my daughter, Gloria, died in February, 2005, I didn't think I could handle it. The only way I got through was to turn it over to the Lord."

Edna Faye Smith, a FBC member since 1938, recalls attending services when the church was located at Sixth and Main. During her 69 years of church membership, many changes have occurred. In earlier times, women wore hats, gloves and matching shoes and purses. Young girls wore dresses. The church was definitely a place of reverence. Members were to enter quietly and refrain from talking. If children whispered or wiggled, the Rev. Dr. P.D. O'Brien, pastor from 1942-1961, held up one hand and said, "Quiet."

Members enjoyed

church socials and fellowships. Among the favorite was the annual birthday banquet.

Although very crowded in the fellowship hall and with limited funds, younger and older members enjoyed skits and food.

In 1986, a church centennial committee was formed. Steve Smith, Edna Faye's son, chaired the "Committee for the Future." The result of this committee's work was the establishment of a prayer room at the church's current location. This room continues to offer a place for prayer and meditation today.

Beverly Taylor was a very young child when she joined FBC as a result of the Hyman Appleman revival in 1939. During this revival, 116 came for baptism and 80 others joined the church by letter. Beverly remembers two weeks of Bible School each summer, two-week revivals and BYPU (Baptist Young People Union).

Beverly commented, "Although dress fashions and certain church activities have changed, our church has remained true to preach the word of God that Christ came to serve and save, was condemned, sacrificed and rose again."

Erma Hamilton, an FBC member since 1946, spends much time on the phone ordering floral arrangements for families who furnish them for worship services. At the beginning of each year, she contacts those who have provided floral tributes the past year to see if they will again want their date to remain in their name. Erma added, "Many families have held the same dates for years and have been faithful to grace the sanctuary with beautiful arrangements."

Prior to 1970, Dixie Hogan, Edna Womack and Erma shared this responsibility. Dixie and Edna sought other avenues of service, so Erma took the task as her own. She has continued for 37 years. Each Sunday, worshippers at FBC enjoy beautiful flowers because of her faithfulness.

Billy Smith has an impressive record in and out of FBC: Deacon, Sunday School superintendent, teacher, church treasurer, finance chairman, head usher, World War II veteran, 1987 Kiwanis governor of the Texas/Oklahoma District and lifetime membership with perfect attendance (40 years) in Kiwanis.

Billy and Margaret Smith joined FBC in 1941. He remembers the

church at Sixth and Main and voting to call Dr. O'Brien as minister on Dec. 7, 1941. The congregation went home happy that they had called a preacher. Within minutes, the radio was broadcasting the news: "The Japanese have attacked Pearl Harbor." Billy joined the Army and served his country during the war.

After World War II ended, Billy worked in the credit department of

Cosden Oil and Chemical Co. Mr. Tollett, president, assigned him the job of analyzing and collecting accounts. One account showed a debt of \$1 million. Billy's efforts resulted in all but \$12.07 being repaid. Because of this, he was given a promotion, a new desk and a new adding machine!

Billy's comments present a challenge to each of us today. He said, "I wouldn't change any of my life — my service to

God and church, my service to my country, nor my service to my family."

Each church in Big Spring has its own treasures, and First Baptist Church salutes all of the treasures across our city who are in every church for their dedication and leadership. These are the faithful members who have throughout the years set the example and led the way through difficult times.

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POPS

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we can make the celebration bigger and better the minute we wrap things up the night of the celebration. I know the members have been thinking about this year's show from the minute we finished last year's."

Before Pops in the Park 2007 can happen, however, the organizing committee must raise the money it needs.

Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. What's more, they make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

"This is the community's celebration, that's something we can't stress too strongly," Hansen said. "It's a chance to gather with friends and family at the park and join our neighbors in celebrating the fact that we live in the greatest country on earth.

"But to make that possible, we really need the community's help," she added. "The people and businesses in this community always come through, and it did last year. I was extremely proud of Big Spring and Howard County last year.

"We started the fund raising with a little bit of apprehension last year for a couple of reasons," Hansen continued. "Not only was it my first year to chair the committee, but it had been pretty tough getting donations to come in 2005. But people really responded when we told them about our plans and we were able to raise all the money we needed before the show."

That does not mean the committee can rest on its laurels, however.

"We'll be working just as hard this year as we were last year," Hansen said, noting that the costs of putting on the show haven't decreased.

"We're going to need the community to help us every bit as much as it did last year," she added. "After all, we really believe that nobody celebrates the Fourth of July holiday like Big Spring. In fact, every year the show brings visitors from outside our community and we think it's important to make sure we continue to have a quality show for everyone to enjoy."

Presenters of this year's event already include the *Big Spring Herald*, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the city of Big Spring, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus, KBYG and KBST — each providing dona-

tions of \$5,000 or more in funding or in-kind services.

The Click Ranch was added to that list of presenters last year.

For those unable to serve as "Presenters," Hansen noted that the committee is also seeking support at different levels — "Star and Stripes" sponsors that donate \$3,000 or more, and "Rocket" sponsors, donating \$1,000 or more. Last year, HEB, Fiberglass Systems and Alon USA were Stars and Stripes sponsors for the show, while Duncan Drilling, Partee Drilling, Robinson Drilling, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Wal-Mart and the Worthy Company were Rocket sponsors.

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"We really want to thank those who support us, no matter how much people are able to contribute," Hansen said.

While committee members begin their fund-raising effort, Becky Crane, who co-chairs the organizing committee with Hansen, is coordinating the list of businesses and organizations wanting to operate vendor's booths during the show. She can be contacted at 267-5449 or at 517-0373. She can be e-mailed at rcrane@suddenlink.net. Vendor packets are already available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices.

ARREST

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again taken to the ground. The officer tried to call for assistance but his microphone was jerked away by the subject and then the subject was able to gain control of the officer's portable radio."

Smith said Londenberg was able to regain control of the radio and summon help, with a pair of Howard County Sheriff's deputies and another BSPD officer arriving on the scene.

"Within a minute of these officers getting to the suspect's location, the subject was in custody and placed in a city vehicle to be transported to the city jail," said Smith. "At the police station, the subject was observed to have a cut to his eyebrow and complained of leg pain. He was also

observed to have stomach pain and was foaming from the mouth.

"Due to past observations, officers believed the subject had ingested some type of narcotic. Emergency medical personnel were notified and Garcia was transported to the hospital for evaluation."

Smith said Garcia's stomach was pumped "due to the ingesting of a narcotic and treated for a cut to his eyebrow, possible fractured leg and cocaine in his system." Garcia was released from the hospital Thursday at

approximately 1 p.m.

Garcia wasn't the only person who sustained an injury in the struggle, according to Smith, who said Londenberg reinjured a hand he had hurt in a previous arrest.

"The officer also had his name tag ripped from his uniform and other assigned equipment scattered at the scene," said Smith. "He will be on light duty for a minimum of one week due to this arrest."

Smith said Garcia remained free as of Friday afternoon, but he expects he will be arrest-

ed again.

"The police department has a warrant for forgery for Juan Garcia and arrangements will be made for his arrest on this charge," said Smith. "The police department will gather the facts of this arrest to insure that

officers followed police and state law during the arrest.

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Warriors bounce back to beat Mavs in Game 3



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Golden State's Baron Davis works inside the key against the Dallas Mavericks during Game 3 of the NBA Western Conference Playoffs in Oakland Friday. The Warriors won, taking a 2-1 lead in the first-round series.

By **GREG BEACHAM**

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Jackson swore he felt the arena shake at times, the sellout crowd swelling to its yellow seams with every basket, blocked shot and improbable turn in the Golden State Warriors' victory.

Every minute of this game seemed worth a 13-year wait for the Warriors' faithful fans who loved their club long before it even dreamed of being halfway to knocking the Dallas Mavericks out of the playoffs.

Jason Richardson had 30 points and eight rebounds, Baron Davis added 24 points and the Warriors steamrolled NBA-leading Dallas for the second time in three games, winning 109-91 Friday night to take a 2-1 lead in their first-round playoff series.

"The place was jumpin'," said Jackson, who had 16 points. "That's a great night."

The Bay Area's first NBA playoff game since May 4, 1994, was a rollicking success for the eighth-seeded Warriors.

And after dominating both ends of the court in another improbably comfortable win over the mighty Mavericks, the Warriors are halfway to what probably would be the biggest first-round upset in NBA playoff history — if Golden State can recapture this marvelous formula two more times.

"We just love playing them," Richardson said. "We get up for them. They're the best team in the NBA. We pretty much know these guys. ... I think they just had a bad game tonight. We can't be overconfident about this game. We've still got another couple of games to try to win."

Game 4 in the best-of-seven series is Sunday night in Oakland, with Game 5 back in Dallas on Tuesday.

The biggest crowd in Warriors history — 20,629 fans wearing yellow T-shirts packed into the rafters of Oracle Arena — rarely sat down during Oakland's biggest party in years. The fans gleefully chanted "Overrated!" at the flustered Mavs and Dirk Nowitzki, who had 20 points and 12 rebounds in another poor performance.

Monta Ellis scored 14 points for the Warriors, who extended their uncanny Mavs mastery with their seventh win in the clubs' last eight meetings overall, including a three-game regular-season sweep.

"I think we caught them off-guard tonight," Davis said. "We just played with an unbelievable confidence, a tenacity on defense. ... Our style of play is hard to guard, because you've got five guys that can penetrate and make plays."

The Warriors led throughout the final 44 minutes, taking an 18-point lead in the first half and going up by 22 in the third quarter before coasting home. Richardson was largely unstoppable, mixing drives with four 3-pointers.

"I knew it was coming," Davis said of Richardson's brilliance. "What better time for him to break out than in his first home game?"

So what's wrong with the Mavs? Not even coach Avery Johnson seems to know. After posting the sixth-best regular season in NBA history, the Mavericks have looked inexplicably ordinary against the Warriors' speed and skill.

Bulls take 3-0 series lead over Heat

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — When it was over, the Chicago Bulls said all the right things.

"We are not as superior as it appears," forward Andres Nocioni said.

"It's only one win," added coach Scott Skiles.

They were just being polite.

By now, the Bulls know that, barring the worst collapse in league history, they're about to end the Miami Heat's reign as NBA champions.

Ben Gordon scored 27 points, Luol Deng added 24 points and 11 rebounds and Chicago used a 15-2

fourth-quarter run to seize control of a 104-96 victory over the Heat in Game 3 of their Eastern Conference first-round series Friday night.

Chicago leads the series 3-0 — a cushion no team has ever wasted — and will go for the sweep in Miami on Sunday.

"This team is a team that could win four games in a row," Gordon said. "So it's not over."

Entering these playoffs, 78 teams had faced 0-3 deficits. The Heat need no one to tell them that all 78 have failed to come back and win series.

"Sunday, we've got to

just come out and play," Miami center Shaquille O'Neal said. "Our backs are definitely against the wall, but we can't give up now. ... It can be done. We just have to believe it."

Making some free throws would help.

Dwyane Wade — who shed the black sleeve he was using to keep his left shoulder, the one he dislocated in February, warm — scored 28 points and O'Neal added 23 points and 13 rebounds for Miami. But Wade was 4-for-10 from the foul line, O'Neal 3-for-12, and the rest of the Heat weren't much better.

Miami finished 16-of-35 from the line — and those misses gave Chicago the opportunity to seize absolute command of the series.

"Maybe this year, the test is the ultimate, ultimate, ultimate test," Heat coach Pat Riley said. "We have to look at it that way."

The Heat led by 12 points late in the third quarter, then trailed by nine points with 2:33 left and got within 99-96 on a jumper by Wade about a minute later, but no closer. Chicago outrebounded Miami by a wide margin (44-33).

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Jarred Layne Rowden and Kara Rane Kingery

Kingery and Rowden

Kara Rane Kingery and Jarred Layne Rowden, both of Lubbock, are pleased to announce their engagement and approaching marriage June, 23, 2007, at Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Anthony L. and Kathy Kingery of Silverton. She is the granddaughter of Ted and La Vern Kingery, also of Silverton and Harry and Helen Denewiler of Lakewood, Colo.

The future groom is the son of Hubert L. and Sherry Rowden of Coahoma. He is the grandson of H.C. Rowden and Patsy Rowden of Big Spring and Ernestine and the late Shannon Boyles of Del Rio.

Kara and Jarred both graduated from Lubbock Christian University. Kara is an accountant for the firm of Tom Waldrap, CPA, and Jarred is an accountant for University Medical Center, both in Lubbock.



Ryan Craig Ward and Julie Ann Cadenhead

Cadenhead and Ward

Julie Ann Cadenhead and Ryan Craig Ward, both of Big Spring, will be united in marriage at 5 p.m. May 5, 2007, at Trinity Baptist Church with Pastor Randy Cotton officiating.

She is the daughter of Joe and Mary Cadenhead of Big Spring. He is the son of Billy and Sheila Ward of Big Spring.

Julie is attending Howard College and plans to earn her associates degree in applied science, radiology. Ryan is employed by Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.

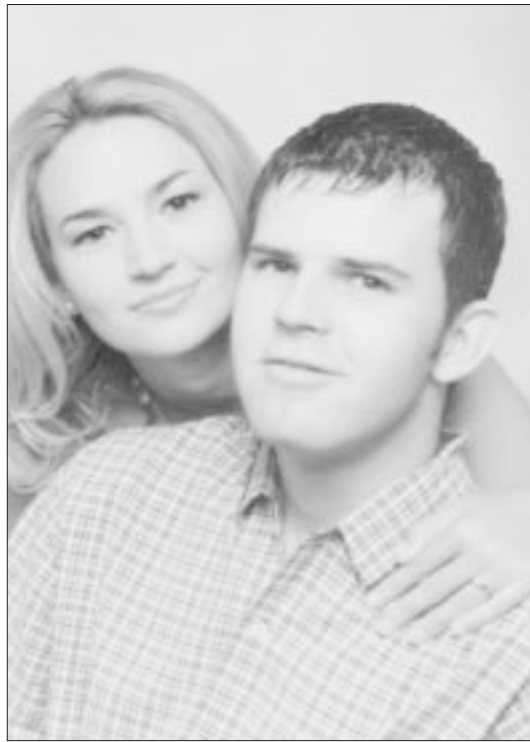


Michael Stafford Vann and Jeanie Michelle Carr

Carr and Vann

Gary and Libby Radford of Ackerly are happy to announce the wedding of their daughter, Jeanie Michelle Carr, to Michael Stafford Vann, son of James and Janie Vann of Dauphin Island, Ala.

The two met at a birthday party thrown for Jeanie in 2004 and were introduced by their mutual friends Kyle and Faith Melgaard. The couple will be exchanging their vows May 12, 2007, on Dauphin Island, Ala., and will return, after their honeymoon, to their home in San Marcos.



Krystal Cline and Brent Walden

Cline and Walden

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cline of Big Spring announce the approaching marriage of their daughter Krystal Cline to Brent Walden.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Hobbs and Clara Cline and the late John W. Cline, all of Big Spring.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Walden of Stockbridge, Ga. He is the grandson of Raymond and Shirley Walden of Stockbridge and the late James and Dorothy Wyman of Perkins, Ill.

The ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, June 2, 2007, at the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park.



Tiffani Rich and Bradlee Evans

Rich and Evans

Tiffani Rich and Bradlee Evans, both of Amarillo, will be married at 3 p.m. June 2, 2007, at West Amarillo Christian Church in Amarillo.

Tiffani is the daughter of Kathy Scott of Amarillo. Bradlee is the son of Richard and Sandra Bloom of Coahoma and the grandson of Norman Sneed of Gail.

► Military News



Pvt. Vanna Carpenter

Vanna Carpenter of Forsan recently completed U.S. Army basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Pvt. Carpenter, who plans to be a petroleum specialist in the Army, received a medal for marksmanship while at basic training.

Upon graduation from basic training, she transferred to Fort Lee, Va., where she will undergo Advanced Infantry Training.

Carpenter is the daughter of Vance Gaston and Tina Johnson of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Van and Susan Gaston of Forsan.

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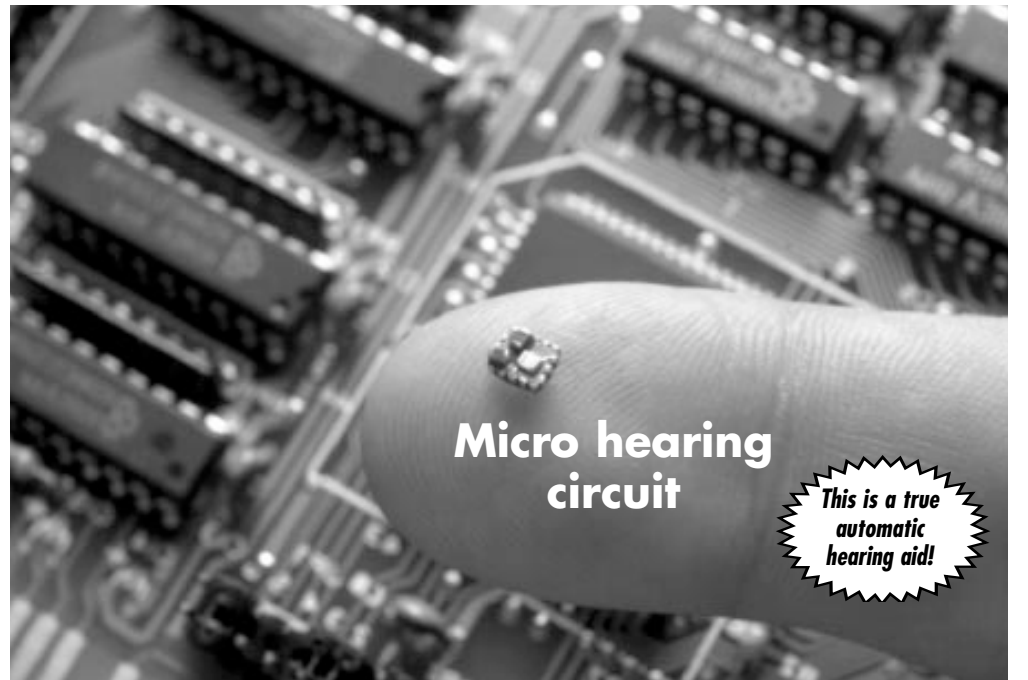
Army Pvt. Jacob R. Braxton has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, in Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, Braxton studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values. He also took part in physical fitness activities and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training; drill and ceremony; marching; rifle marksmanship; armed and unarmed combat; map reading; field tactics; military courtesy; military justice system; basic first aid; foot marches; and field training exercises.

He is the son of Lillie Shoup of Big Spring and a 2003 graduate of Big Spring High School.

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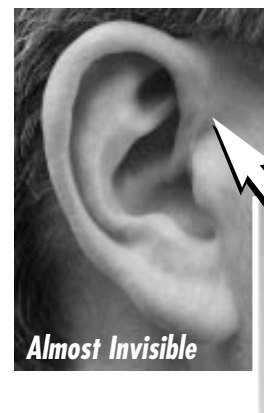
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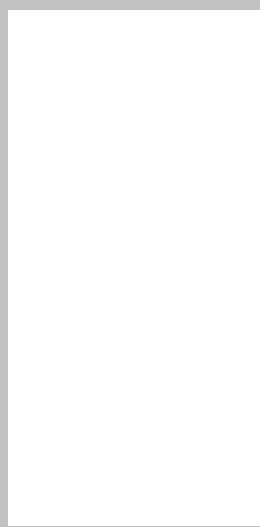
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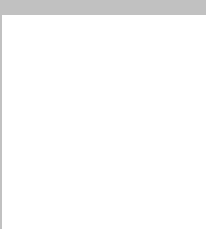
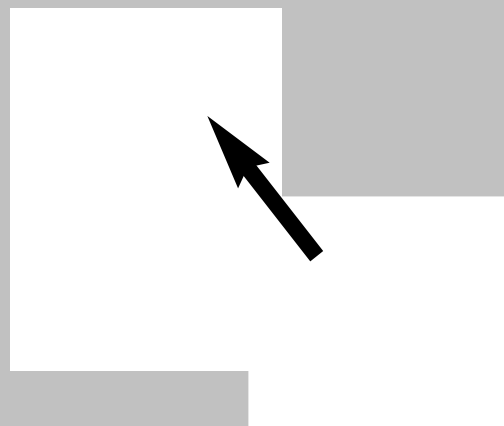


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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to convey my appreciation to our mayor, Russ McEwen. Thanks to him, the crosswalks around Canterbury have been repainted, making that area a little safer for the residents there.

It's a shame that some motorists did not let the paint dry before driving over it.

Also, I wanted to take time to thank Todd Darden for the many things he does for our city. A lot of these things are done without anyone knowing who is responsible.

We are lucky to have both of these men working for all of us to make our city great.

Thanks again for all you do.

ANNABEL BARKER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Yes, you know about all this stuff in Virginia? Well, there was a threat at Big Spring Junior High which was a rumor and not everybody knew.

My mom checked me out and now we can't go to the school dance just because we left.

You would have left too, if there was someone in the school with a gun. So I think we should get to go, but the principal is just mad because no one trusted him.

The kids left home so we don't have a school here in Big Spring.

ALBERT FRANCO
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

This year was different from the past, several events locally took away a good number of our volunteers. However, we picked up some new people. The weather was cold and windy. We had 372 volunteers with 97 of those Adopt-A-Highway groups and 50 from Goliad Intermediate School. We collected 2,280 pounds of trash and from our free landfill gate day they collected 23.27 tons which equals to 46,540 pounds. So, they took advantage of that, perhaps we can have more of

those free gate days and eliminate some of this illegal dumping.

We had some neat last-minute callers wanting to help and all three were in motorized wheel chairs. I suggested an area across from Elrod's and behind Wendy's and did that and elsewhere, they came and had hot dogs with us. We also had a couple come to meet us at the park. I had spoken with them over the phone. They moved to Big Spring in October, coming from California and guess what they did, they Adopted A Highway, the west part of FM 700 from Wasson to Highway 80. Let's welcome Walter and Patricia Ward. Thanks!

Would like to thank the Glad Bag Co. for again furnishing us with their wonderful ForceFlex bags. They not only supply Texas with the bags, but all the other states and communities that are members of Keep America Beautiful. Also, we extend our "thanks" to the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club for providing the hot dogs, Chamber of Commerce, HEB, and Richard Wright of Water Water, also the cookies were provided by KBSB members.

To our faithful volunteers — Big Spring High School Student Council, High School Saturday group, city of Big Spring, Cornell Corrections, Debbie Wegman CVB, Lee and Fran Emerson, Sue Bagwell, Friends of the Library, Goliad Cavaliers and Classics, Freda Hoover, Howard College, 4-H Club, Downtown Lions Club, Lutheran church, Mayor Russ and Laura McEwen, Jim and Georgie Newsom, Charlene and Robert Ragan, Tuesday Rotary Club, Sacred Heart Catholic Church youth, Irene Galan, Kathryn Wiseman, Western Container, the Adopt-A-Highway groups, American Legion, Boys Club Troop 350, Concerned Citizens Council, family of Phillip Guzman Jr., Adult Probation, Monsanto Company, Teen

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You are our new route, Lord, to a heavenly long-term objective.

Amen

Sanctuary in the 'Special City'

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom is opposed to federal law enforcement efforts to apprehend illegal immigrants who are violating deportation orders. Ess Eff, the mayor told a gathering at St. Peter's Church Sunday, is a "sanctuary city" — and has been since 1989. So Newsom assured the audience, "I will not allow any of my department heads or anyone associated with this city to cooperate in any way, shape or form with these raids."



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Illegal immigrants, rejoice.

The folks at Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) are none too happy with the term "raids." Raid implies that agents sweep into homes and businesses trolling for any illegal immigrants upon whom they might happen to stumble, whereas the targets of Operation Return to Sender are "immigration fugitives" named in warrants because they have violated deportation orders or returned to the country after having been deported.

Often, immigrant fugitives have criminal records. ICE official Virginia Kice told me that of the 1,400 people arrested in Northern California over nine recent months, 785 were immigration fugitives and 339 had criminal convictions in America. "We prioritize those cases involving individuals who are not only immigration violators, but also have crimi-

nal convictions, often for serious offenses," said Kice.

In essence, then, Newsom is denouncing immigration officials for enforcing laws passed by democratically elected representatives in Washington. Once again, San Francisco's mayor sends the message that if you don't like a law, then don't work to change it. Just break it. (City taxpayers should take note.)

Why shouldn't ICE officials go after immigration fugitives?

Spokesman Nathan Ballard answered, "What the mayor is saying is that these raids instill fear, these nighttime and early morning raids have left many immigrants feeling fearful and vulnerable."

And, "These raids jeopardize the public health and safety in the city by instilling fear in those who might come forward to report information on a crime or those who are in need of medical treatment."

Note the apparent belief that law enforcement personnel should not arrest lawbreakers, lest the arrest upset the offenders' families. That can't help morale at SFPD.

On the one hand, Newsom's comments are irrelevant because ICE doesn't ask local cops to help apprehend "immigration fugitives."

What is more, the Special City's sanctuary policy includes an exemption that allows city workers to assist ICE when "such assistance is specifically required by federal law." San Francisco Sheriff Mike Hennessey told me that, in accordance with federal law, his office notifies ICE about "hundreds" of jailed illegal immigrants

every year.

On the other hand, Newsom's rhetoric matters because it sends a message that San Francisco supports those who flout not only federal immigration laws, but also deportation orders. If they have criminal records, so be it.

Yes, ICE officials nab other illegal immigrants — those without deportation orders — in the course of arresting warranted fugitive aliens. Last I checked, taxpayers don't pay immigration officials to ignore illegal immigration.

And as Kice noted, "Nobody is going to be removed from the United States without due process." As for the early morning arrests — ICE officials want to catch deportation scofflaws before they go to work.

The sheriff told me, "I think the sanctuary ordinance has distinct positive value in San Francisco." To wit: It assures illegal immigrants that they can report crimes without fear of deportation — and that makes the city safer.

Really? Kice noted that some of the immigration fugitives committed crimes that preyed "on members of the immigrant community."

And how can a city be safer when its own mayor tells the world that residents have a right to break federal immigration law, even to defy a judge's deportation order — because they don't have to adhere to laws they don't like?

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Ginsburg's worldview is extreme

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's dissenting opinion in *Gonzales v. Carhart* illustrates the moral depths and quagmires of irrationality to which the political and cultural left in this country have descended. In *Carhart*, the United States Supreme Court upheld the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003, a limited congressional ban on partial-birth abortion that was shot down by lower federal courts.

What stands out in Ginsburg's opinion is not her condemnatory legal critique of the majority opinion, but her philosophical assertions. While she pays lip service to the supposedly conflicting interests of the government in "safeguarding a woman's health" versus "preserving and promoting fetal life," it is clear that neither of those hold a candle to her interest in promoting "a woman's autonomy to determine her life's course, and thus to enjoy equal citizenship stature."

Much of Ginsburg's opinion reads like a feminist manifesto straight from the National Organization for Women. One gets the sense that she believes what is really at stake in the abortion debate is not the vindication of "some generalized notion of privacy." No, this is purely and simply a power struggle on behalf of women pursuing their presumably unrealized quest for complete equality.

Ginsburg and those of like mind obviously regard any restrictions on abortion as threatening to women. Such restrictions, in their view, proceed from a regressive mindset "when women were regarded as the center of home and family life, with attendant special

responsibilities that precluded full and independent legal status under the Constitution."

That mindset is "no longer consistent with our understanding of the family, the individual, or the Constitution." Women, it is now acknowledged, have the talent, capacity and right to participate equally in the economic and social life of the Nation." In other words, a woman's right to kill a baby in her womb is essential to her being a complete woman, or, to paraphrase Ginsburg, it is central to her life.

Apparently, women's progress in this struggle is so fragile that an open acknowledgment of the unborn's humanity must not even be permitted because it might somehow reverse their gains. No, we can't allow little details like the life of the unborn to encroach on "the destiny of the woman [to] be shaped on her own conception of her spiritual imperatives and her place in society."

So extreme and inflexible is the Ginsburg position on a woman's right to control her own destiny that she writes, "the notion that the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act furthers any legitimate governmental interest is, quite simply, irrational."

Oh? So it is irrational to contend that the government has a legitimate interest in protecting the life of an unborn human being? Talk about the language (and logic) being turned inside out!

Nevertheless, under the Ginsburg worldview, the right to life of the unborn appears completely subordinated to the interest of women in having complete autonomy over their "reproductive decisions."

One has to scratch one's head to think of any other liberty that is so absolute that it permits no restrictions. We don't think that way regarding other liberties.

For example, would anyone seriously argue that my right to swing my fist entitles me to commit battery on another person? Does our right to sexual liberty entitle us to rape? Why do the radical pro-abortionists regard any restriction on abortion, which doesn't just harm another person, but kills him or her, an impermissible encroachment on a woman's liberty?

The only way it is logically possible to couch the abortion debate in terms of a woman's right to her own autonomy is if we accept the premise that the second party in the equation, the unborn, is not a party at all, but a meaningless mass of tissue bereft of human dignity. Sadly for the pro-aborts, it is increasingly clear from any perspective we choose to examine it: scientific, spiritual or otherwise, that the unborn is a human life. If the pro-aborts were not aware of the humanness of the unborn, they wouldn't grudgingly pretend to strive to make abortion "safe, legal and rare." There is no moral imperative to protect a human-less mass of tissue.

If anyone believes I am overstating Ginsburg's extremism, just remember the context. She writes in defense of that most abominable of procedures, "partial-birth abortion."

Can you conceivably wrap your arms around the perverted concept that a woman can't be a real woman unless she has the complete autonomy to direct a doctor to partially deliver her baby for the purpose of killing it? My purpose isn't to offend here, but, truly, I just don't get it.

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Cleveland on Thursday, giving him home runs in a major league-record 44 stadiums.

"The numbers are going to be there," Sosa said. "I'm not really thinking about that. I'm just trying to play every day, trying to fight for my at bats."

Teixeira and Sosa combined for the Rangers' first back-to-back home runs of the season.

Texas scored all of its runs in the third. Ian Kinsler led off with a single and scored on Wilkerson's third homer. "You can't give up five-run innings," Towers said. "It's really hard to bounce back from that."

Akinori Otsuka struck out the side in the ninth

for his third save in as many chances.

The Rangers entered play Friday batting just .234, third-lowest in the major leagues. Washington responded by shaking up the batting order, moving Michael Young to second, Teixeira to third and Sosa to fourth for the first time this season. Hank Blalock batted fifth, just the third time this year he's batted

in that spot.

"It doesn't hurt to switch the lineup up when the team is struggling as bad as we have been," Teixeira said. "It can only be a positive when you switch it up like that. Whatever we can do to get our offense going, to give it a jump start, we're going to try it."

Washington sensed that the switches led to an

improved attitude among his batters.

"It was like kids in a candy store," he said.

Robinson Tejeda (3-1) gave up three runs and five hits in 5 1-3 innings for Texas. He struck out seven and walked one.

"This kid has the stuff to be a pretty good starter in the major leagues," Washington said. "At some point, if he continues to progress the way

he is, he's going to move out of that fourth slot and start pushing his way towards the top."

Toronto's Lyle Overbay hit a solo home run in the fifth, his second, and rookie Adam Lind hit a two-run shot in the sixth, his first, but the Blue Jays still lost for the first time in four games.

Towers (1-3) gave up five runs and five hits over 4 2-3 innings.

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fourthinning.

Lake View now moves on to a bi-district playoff series with Pampa Harvesters.

Coahoma banquet set for Monday

The Coahoma High School Athletic Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the elementary school cafeteria.

Tickets, priced at \$6 each will be available at the door.

All Bulldogs and Bulldogettes fans are encouraged to attend.

Forsan reschedules its all-sports banquet

Forsan High School's All-Sports Banquet has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, May 21, at

the high school.

School officials moved the event's date to accommodate tennis players who will be playing at the state tennis tournament on the originally scheduled date of May 7.

Tickets, priced at \$10 each, are available at the high school office and must now be purchased by Wednesday, May 16.

For more information, contact Debbie Burton at 457-2223.

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 set to start at 11 that morning.

Teenage baseball league to begin

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

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

Guys & Gals Tourney scheduled at BSCC

A Guys & Gals Couples Tournament has been scheduled for May 4-6 at

th Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees for the two-person scramble are \$130 per couple, plus \$40 cart fee per team.

To enter, call the country club at 267-53-54.

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.

Texas Tech schedules summer sports camps

Texas Tech University has scheduled several sports camps for this

summer.

The Tim Siegel Tennis Camps are set for June 2-6 and June 17-21. The overnight camps are for players 8 to 17 of all ability levels.

For more information, call Siegel at 806-742-3355, ext. 277.

The Texas Tech Golf Camp for boys and girls ages 11 to 18 will be June 8-11.

For information on that camp, call 806-742-3355, ext. 272.

The Texas Tech High Altitude Cross Country Camp will be Aug. 6-10 at Cloudercroft, N.M.

For information, call Jon Murray at 806-742-3355, ext. 287.

The Wes Kittley Caampions Track and Field Camp for boys and

girls between the ages of 10 and 18 will be June 17-20.

For information call Joe Walker at 806-742-3355, ext. 249.

Information on all the Tech camps is available at www.texastech.com.

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.

LOCAL BOWLING RESULTS

Men's Caprock for April 23

J-Force over Bob Brock Ford, 8-0
Steamrollerz over BSI, 5-3
Jagerbombs split Parks Agency Inc., 4-4
King Pins over Culligan, 6-2
The Veterans over WTP, 6-2
Four Wisemen over Farm Bureau, 6-2
Legend Operating over D&W Pump, 6-2
Tough As Nails over Dyer Plumbing, 8-0
High Individual Game: Michael Rowden, 269
High Individual Series: Chico Hewty Jr., 698
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2. Farm Bureau Insurance 74-46
3. D&W Pump 72-48
4. Jagerbombs 72-48
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15. The Veterans 48-72
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Men's Wednesday Strikers for April 15

Sharp Image over Parks Road Runners, 6-2
Vagisil over The Crew, 8-0
Pepper & Salt over Wanna B's & Then Some, 6-2
NOCP over Trio Fuels, 6-2
High Individual Game: John Jackson, 255
High Individual Series: Junior Barber, 694
High Handicap Individual Game: Bo Sullivan, 283
High Handicap Individual Series: Junior Barber, 751
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High Handicap Team Game: Sharp Image, 937
High Team Series: Sharp Image, 2326
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4. The Crew 135-137
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Workforce and Walter and Patricia Ward — we also want to say thanks.

It was not a great day, but we did eliminate 2,280 pounds of trash.

Again, thanks to all our participants with a caring spirit. That is what "Makes a Difference" in our community.

PAT SIMMONS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I don't know if you drive down Gregg Street very often, especially from Fourth Street to FM 700, but if you do, you notice how rough the road is.

The speed limit is 40 mph in that section of Gregg and there is no way you can go 40 mph. I have driven down washboard dirt roads that are smoother than (this).

I brought this to the attention of Todd Darden in late 2005 and was informed that the Texas Department of Transportation was going to rework and repave Gregg Street from Fourth to FM 700 in 2007.

Well, we are almost five

months into 2007 and all that has been done is a smoothing of the washed out area in front of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

That being said, there are seven months left of 2007 to get this done. If you want to spill your coffee, or shake up your Vanilla Coke, or knock the front end out of your vehicle, I suggest driving down Gregg. That would sure do it.

I know I cannot be the only one who has noticed the condition of Gregg, so I urge you to contact TxDOT or the city of Big Spring and complain about the condition of our main thoroughfare. First impressions mean a lot and Gregg Street is giving Big Spring a black eye.

CHARLES SMITH
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Soon Big Spring will choose a mayor to lead the community into the year 2010. One doesn't need to look back far or read deep to forecast this city is likely to face a future of mounting opportunity and adversity.

Change holds enormous challenge and struggle, as

globalization continues a relentless and implacable search for the competitive best in talent, education, experience, markets and institutions. It's strongly touching Big Spring this very moment.

This is the place and now is the time for a proven and experienced leader. Mayor Russ McEwen has demonstrated strong vision, an outstanding civic and volunteerism record (care for the community) and courage of leadership in both good and difficult times. He reserved immense commitment and time from family, business, personal activities and invested them in community purposes. His established successful working relationships with U.S. senators and congressmen, as well as state legislators represent a distinct advantage to Big Spring.

I'm not a counselor to the mayor, nor is it a role likely to change. A generational age separates us. We don't share fishing trips or Friday night dining. Historically, we've been on strong opposite sides of an issue. But differences must be laid aside.

Mayor McEwen fits the need of Big Spring for this era. His record is sterling at leading this city away from dark and bleak trends. The dedicated civic group that traveled with the mayor to El Paso, San Angelo and Washington witnessed efforts, planning and an impact which played a key role in the VA Medical Center and Big Spring State Hospital not only remaining in Big Spring, but expanding in our community.

While some lawmakers anticipated and spoke of failure, he embraced the Winston Churchill principle of "never... never... never give up."

Bureaucratic minds bent on closing and relocating those facilities has to be pried open with patience, well chosen words and inserted with the "natural excellence" of our small population and semi-desert terrain.

Has there ever been a Big Spring mayor who faced the contagion and possibility of the potential closure of three major local industries?

After the VA and state hospitals were taken off the hit list, the prison units became another

threat he had to address — with success. Big Spring could have been only a shell of its present self.

As to vision, Big Spring hosts physical and defining examples of the philosophical differences between the mayor and advocates for his recall. Visit, if you will, the downtown block of East Second and South Main Streets. Two buildings — you know which ones — stand out in dramatic contrast.

Mayor McEwen championed downtown revitalization long before it became popular. Thanks in part to his vision and observation of regrowth in other states and Texas communities, Big Spring is following a highly successful Main Street revitalization and recapture of exclusive Big Spring history.

By returning downtown to its productive self, higher values there will shoulder more tax load from the rest of us while presenting a progressive face to investors and business interests. Existing downtown infrastructure is a gift from former generations without costs to the taxpayers of today.

Any elected leader cannot maintain approval from all the community all the time. It just doesn't play out that way. Choose and vote for the mayor of your choice. But remember, if you prefer Mayor McEwen and remain in the easy chair on election day, you might find your community governed by a single purpose recall group.

If we can get these times behind us and Mayor McEwen is re-elected, perhaps recall advocates can be coaxed into a positive energy and resource for this community.

Let's all voice our opinions by casting votes on Saturday, May 12.

BOBBY McDONALD
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

An important constitutional amendment is set for the May 12 election. Senior and disabled homeowners were left out of the property tax reduction granted last year to all other homeowners. If voters approve the proposal on May 12, seniors and disabled homeowners will be included in the tax

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The Junior & Senior Class of Coahoma High School would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their generous donations toward our successful chemical free "After Prom Party".

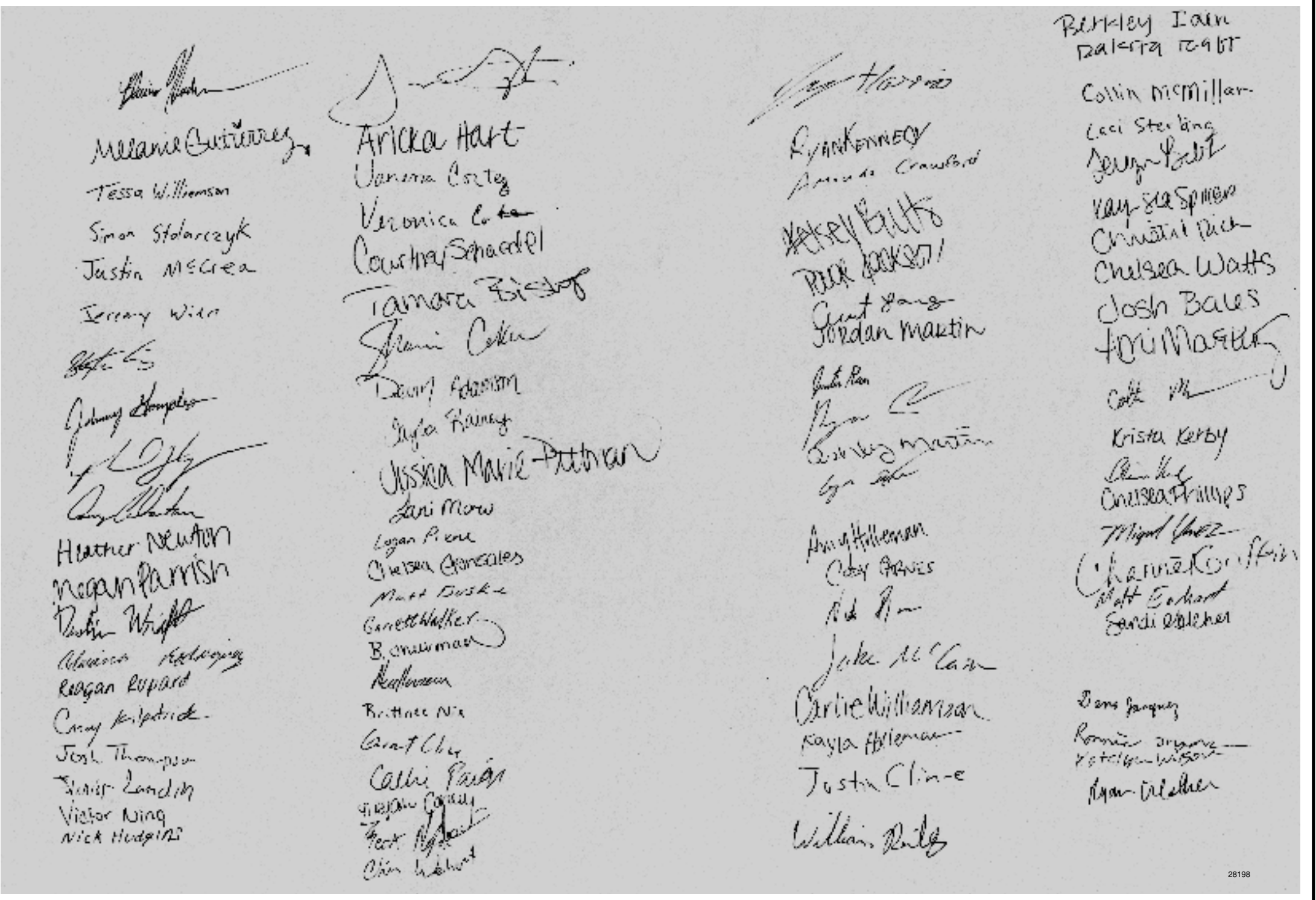
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Sky's the limit

Varied menu, friendly service

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

What's the point of a restaurant if it doesn't have good food and a friendly staff?

That's the idea behind Sky's, at 1513 E. FM 700.

"It's family oriented dining. We try to be fast, but we are not a fast food restaurant," Vickie Fontana, on-site operator of the establishment, said between greeting customers.

"I am having a blast," said Fontana. "I enjoy the public and I enjoy working. I've worked all my life."

Twenty-six and a half years as manager of Gill's Gold-N-Crisp Fried Chicken attest to that. She retired three years ago, but has returned to the workforce to help get the family business going.



Sky's is owned and operated by Fontana and Mike Abusaab. They've reworked the menu and the hours of the establishment, which reopened a little more than a month ago after being closed for awhile.

"We want to be very responsive to the public.

One of the things they've told us is they want a varied menu, so we've got that," Fontana said with a smile.

Varied covers it. Everything from hamburgers and sandwiches to soups, salads and Tex-Mex dishes are on the menu. They offer chicken

fried steak, steak fingers, chicken strips and more with an array of side dishes — fries prepared three ways, onion rings, green beans, mashed potatoes and fried okra for starters. The Tex-Mex menu includes nachos, burritos, quesadillas, flautas, chalupas, tacos,



HERALD photos/Bill McClellan
Vickie Fontana, above, greets customers at Sky's, located at the intersection of Virginia and FM 700 in Big Spring, while at left, waitress Christine Aguilar brings a burger and a sandwich to customers. The recently reopened restaurant features a varied menu and is open Sunday through Friday for lunch and Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings.

refried beans, rice, guacamole and chips with queso or salsa.

They have dessert. Try the cheese cake, apple or cherry crisps, brownies and fresh baked cookies. To drink, there is brewed tea — sweet or unsweet — coffee, cappuccino, fountain drinks,

milk and hot chocolate. Prices won't break the customer. The single highest item on the menu is chicken fried steak at \$5.99. A hamburger is \$2.39.

Sky's owners are still fine tuning the hours of See **SKY'S**, Page 6C

Phil Furqueron joins Parkhill, Smith & Cooper

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc. has announced it is welcoming J. Phillip Furqueron, R.A. of Big Spring, to its firm.

"We are grateful for his contribution to our family," a spokesperson said.

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc. is an architecture, engineering and planners firm located in Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, Amarillo and El Paso.



Furqueron

McMahon-Wrinkle Airport receives TxDOT grant

The Texas Transportation Commission approved approximately \$60,000 for the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airport during its April meeting.

The funds will be used for planned airport improvements, which includes an airport layout plan.

A contract for the project is expected to be awarded this spring.

Project costs will be funded through TxDOT's Aviation Facilities Grant Program which preserves and improves the state's general aviation system, and the city of Big Spring.

This year, TxDOT expects to provide approximately \$60 million in funding for planning, constructing and maintaining community airports. Approximately 275 community airports in Texas are eligible for funding.

Rig count said down 22

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States dipped by 22 this week to 1,747.

Of the rigs running nationwide, 1,460 were exploring for natural gas and 283 for oil, Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday. Four were listed as miscellaneous.

A year ago, the rig count stood at 1,608.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Texas lost 13 rigs, Louisiana lost six and Colorado lost five.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Big Spring Herald Publisher Ron Midkiff, left, signs a membership agreement with Keep Big Spring Beautiful as Tito Drummond, assistant manager with Wal-Mart, KBSB spokesperson Pat Simmons and KBST representative Mike Henry look on. The Herald, KBST and Wal-Mart are the first three local businesses to join KBSB. The organization hopes every business in Big Spring will become a member and pledge to keep their property clean. The cost of membership is \$5. KBSB would like the business have a representative to attend the monthly meetings at noon on the first Monday of the month in the Cactus Room at Howard College. For further information, contact any KBSB member or Pat Simmons at 263-4607.

Senate passes bill to curb cactus rustling

AUSTIN (AP) — Cactus rustlers beware. Texas lawmakers are mobilizing a crackdown on the mass harvesting of the prickly plants from state parks and neighborhoods, many of which are destined for sale in Arizona and California.

Dry Western states have seen an increase in water restrictions and the demand for home xeriscaping, landscaping that requires little water.

Arizona has passed tough laws to regulate the trade of desert plants, making the West

Texas deserts a prime area of illegal harvesting of desert plants.

So-called "cactus rustlers" snatch the cacti and other succulent plants from public lands or from private land without permission.

Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, the El Paso Democrat sponsoring the bill passed by the Senate on Friday to regulate the sale and shipping of the plants, showed reporters photographs of large truck convoys loaded with hundreds, perhaps thousands, of

cacti that can sell for up to \$250 each.

Cactus poachers often work at night, using hundreds of workers at a time, Shapleigh said Friday.

"Whole sections of the Chihuahu Desert are being stripped of these plants," Shapleigh said.

According to a Senate analysis, almost 100,000 desert plants worth up about \$3 million were shipped from Texas to Arizona from 1998-2001, including plants harvested in Texas and illegal

imports from Mexico.

Environmentalists worry that efforts to satisfy huge demand for the plants may soon damage the desert landscape.

"The bottom line is that a number of cactus species are in danger of becoming endangered or threatened," said Ken Kramer, director of the Lone Star chapter of the Sierra Club.

Kramer said the homeowners and businesses seeking the desert plants for their lawns and gardens may have no idea the plants are being poached.

Under Shapleigh's bill, anyone growing or harvesting desert plants for sale to register with the state and include written permission if they would be taking the plants from someone else's property.

Plants for sale would have to be tagged and the state would be allowed to seize a plant or large shipment not properly marked for sale and transport out of state.

Violations could bring fines of up to \$1,000 and up to 180 days in jail.

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reduction. During the special session in 2006, lawmakers voted for a one-third reduction in school property taxes. Although the state constitution caps school property taxes for homeowners 65 and older and those who are disabled, these citizens did not share in this general tax reduction.

A vote for the constitutional amendment will give senior and disabled homeowners the same tax reduction granted last year to all other homeowners.

Why should seniors and the disabled get a tax reduction?

Here's why:
• It's a matter of fairness. All taxpayers should share in any property tax reduction.

• Seniors and the disabled were given some protection against these taxes years ago, so those on fixed incomes would not be "taxed out of their own homes." If they are not included in a general tax reduction, this protection will be eroded. The reason for this protection has not gone away or diminished. If anything, the need for the protection has grown.

• An especially unfair part of being "left out" of this tax reduction is this: Lawmakers increased other kinds of taxes to help pay for the tax reduction given last year. Seniors and the disabled are not exempt for paying for those other higher taxes.

In effect, the seniors and disabled pay more in their total taxes so that everyone else could have a property tax reduction.

Please help get out information about this election. Do it for your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends.

We all need to get the word out, so that voters will take the time to vote.

Early voting will begin April 30. Election day is May 12.

PAT PORTER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

There was once a herd of elephants that lived in a beautiful lush green valley. They roamed about, living the good life. One day a group of small elephants was complaining to the group that the taller elephants could reach the tops of the trees where the more tender and succulent vegetation grew. They were saying how unfair it was, because they were short and could not reach the tops. The council of elephants discussed the problem, and decided to pass an ordinance that no elephant in the group could reach any higher in the trees than the shortest elephant.

Time passed. One day a group of crippled elephants was complaining to the group that the healthy elephants could move faster than they could, and was getting to the fresh food first. The council of elephants discussed the problem. They found that the most crippled elephant had a bad limp in its left hind leg. So they passed an ordinance that the whole group had to limp on their left hind leg when moving to greener pastures.

Time passed. One day a group of not-so-smart elephants was complaining to the group that only the smartest group of elephants got to lead and make decisions. The council again discussed the problem and decided to pass an ordinance that would give the dumbest elephant a chance to lead the herd. This should make everything fair.

Time passed. One day there was a hush throughout the valley. Not an elephant could be heard or seen. The last time anyone had seen the elephants, they were limping along, grazing on the low branches, being led by the dumb leader over a large cliff into oblivion.

Sometimes the good for the few doesn't always prove to be the best for all.

JEROLD P. SPIVEY
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am the grandmother of five children currently enrolled in the Big Spring Independent School District. I would like to take this opportunity to urge all parents, grandparents, etc., to voice your opinion to the school board concerning our athletic department and teachers in all levels of education.

My first concern is the fact that good coaches have been reassigned to teaching positions and relieved of their coaching duties simply because the athletic director and superintendent have bonded together to say this is the right thing for athletics.

We are risking our children's futures by not providing them with the best coaches and teachers available. I have watched kids grow up playing sports in Little League baseball, football and basketball coached by parents.

We have sent athletes to compete against larger communities in all-stars and do very well. These same athletes are now playing for Big Spring High School and face ridicule by other towns because they lack the ability to complete. The coaches say the kids aren't giving 100 percent but I think we are not utilizing coaches in their

area of expertise. The basketball coach who relocated to join the coaching staff made a huge turnaround in our basketball season and earned the respect of all the athletes. Now he has been reassigned and relieved of his coaching duties.

If coaches think the athletes are not giving 100 percent, maybe they should look in the mirror and ask themselves if they are giving 100 percent or if they are just using their position as a spot on their resume for their future.

I think the athletic director is given too much authority to determine the futures of coaches which in turn determines the future of our children.

My second concern is the fact that good teachers are moving away because of the way they are treated by the superintendent. Do we only want teachers who are willing to compromise their standards to keep their positions or do we want to continue to keep teachers who make a difference in the lives of our children?

I am urging all concerned citizens to attend the next scheduled school board meeting on Thursday, May 10, at 5:15 p.m. In the meantime, please contact one or all of the school board members prior to the meeting with any concerns you may have. Their hands are tied without the support of the community.

The following people serve on your school board, Tony Kennedy, Alan Partee, Irene Galan, Maria Padilla, Mike Dawson, Ricky Robertson and Phil Furqeron.

Citizens of Big Spring banded together to protest the smoking ordinance. I think our children, the future of Big Spring, should be as important to us as any constitutional right we have as citizens of

the United States.

DIANN NELSON
BIG SPRING

To the Editor:

On Jan. 26, 2006, Ellihue Magers was run down by a young lady in Big Spring. Mr. Magers died after fighting for his life for six months. Recently we were informed that no charges were going to be brought against the young lady, due to lack of evidence.

Evidence shows several things that were criminal. To run someone over is criminal. So is leaving the scene of an accident, failure to render aid, driving without a license, driving without insurance, moving evidence from the scene (the car)

which is called tampering with evidence, are all causes to charge her.

The officers that investigated the accident failed to do several things, like run a license check. If they had done their job, they would have known right away she had no license. Or did they know her?

She also didn't have insurance. And they did not check her for substance use.

From their experience, quoting one of the officers, "She was too upset to be under the influence of substance." That seems a poor excuse. Anyone would have been upset over it. Why were they letting this young lady get

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FREE SEMINAR ON SELF-DEFENSE FOR WOMEN AGES 18 TO 80. WHERE: FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE. WHEN: SATURDAY MAY 5TH, 2007 12:30PM - 6:00PM. W.A.T.C.H. Women's Awareness Towards Confronting Harm. WOMEN LEARN WHAT IT TAKES TO BE AWARE OF HARMFUL CIRCUMSTANCES AND LEARN USEFUL SELF-DEFENSE MEASURES.

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Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Ruben James Gonzales, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Terry Alan Collins, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Jacob Ferro, criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Lorenzo Lopez Juarez, accident involving damage to a vehicle, \$250 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Joe Angel Martinez, driving while intoxicated - second offense open container, \$2,500 fine, \$389 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Joe Angel Martinez, accident involving damage to a vehicle, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: James Ray Cogburn, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: James David Boettcher, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$500 fine, \$389 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Jacob Andrew Ferro, criminal trespass, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Jacob Ferro, criminal trespass of a habitation, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Dolly Rebecca Hogan, bail jumping - failure to appear, \$324 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Jacob Andrew Ferro, driving while license suspended, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Able Danny Morelion, failure to identify - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Jessica Blanco, driving while license suspended with a previous conviction, \$1,500 fine, \$274 court costs, 30 days in jail.

District Court Filings:

Natasha Smith vs. Paul Dean Smith Jr., divorce. Jennifer Cervantes vs. Roy

SKY'S

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operations, based on public demand. "We decided to open Wednesday and Sunday nights because the church crowd asked us to," explained Fontana.

"They stop by before or after church and enjoy spending time with each

Cervantes Jr., divorce. Gloria Flores vs. Santiago R. Flores, divorce.

Stacy Elaine Guiette vs. Mark Anthony Guiette, divorce. Deere and Company vs. Jimmy Ramey dba Ramey Farms Inc., accounts, contracts and notes.

Louis Ray Burcham vs. Progressive County Mutual Insurance, accounts, contracts and notes. CACV of Colorado LLC vs. Samantha Horton, accounts, contracts and notes.

Hogg Flying Services Inc. vs. Jimmy Ramey, accounts, contracts and notes. Palino Asset Management vs. Bill Burchett, accounts, contracts and notes.

Marriage Licenses:

Charles Brad Dockrey, 29, of Colorado City, and Donna Sue Kite, 24, of Big Spring. Jason Heath Shifflet, 24, and Amy Leigh Lang, 25, both of Coahoma.

Warranty Deeds:

Grantor: PVP Hotel Inc. Grantee: Western Motels Inc. Property: A 3.6 acre tract out of Lots 1-3, 10-12, Block 35; Lots 4-11 and a portion of Lots 1-3 and 12, Block 34; a portion of Lot 7, Block 33; Douglas Street between Blocks 34-35; Aylford Street between blocks 33-34; and a portion of the alley in Blocks 34-35, Government Heights to Bauer Addition in the city of Big Spring. Date: April 11, 2007

Grantor: Shirley Matthews Grantee: Jonathan Lewis Property: Lots 21-23, Block 3, Original Town of Coahoma Date: April 11, 2007

Grantor: Ignacio Hernandez and Olga Hernandez Grantee: Adrian Hernandez and Maria Hernandez Property: A tract out of Section 34, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: April 12, 2007

Grantor: Consuelo Maria Sanchez Grantee: Maria Lucila Sanchez de Gonzalez Property: Lot 2, Block 112, Original Town of Big Spring Date: April 12, 2007

Grantor: Joshua Ontiveros Grantee: Christie Larson Property: Lot 8, Block 7, Douglass Addition; Lot 1, Block 6, Douglass Addition Date: April 12, 2007

Grantor: Janace M. Scott, Danny E. Kirby and Lynda McDonald Grantee: Kerr Management Inc. Property: Lot 1, Block 1, Belmont Addition Date: April 13, 2007

Grantor: Cheryl Clinton Grantee: Cruz Diaz

Property: A 1.06 acre tract out of Section 19, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: April 13, 2007

Grantor: Cheryl Denise Turner Sparks Grantee: Jerrod P. Beall and Stacy Beall Property: Lots 18 and 19, Block 2, College Park Date: April 16, 2007

Grantor: Mary Alphone Gressett Grantee: Clifford M. Qualls Property: Lot 21, Block 2, Hayden Addition Date: April 17, 2007

Grantor: Rodney E. Mooney Grantee: Beckie Green Property: Two tracts out of Section 43, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: April 18, 2007

Grantor: Sandra Turner Grantee: Jan Teague Property: The W/100 feet of the S/2 of Lot 5 and the W/100 feet of Lot 6, Block 12, McDowell Heights Date: April 18, 2007

Grantor: Joseph A. Conciene and Brenda Conciene Grantee: Terry Pate and Cathy Pate Property: Lot 8, Block 3, Highland Caprock Date: April 18, 2007

Grantor: Ronnie Powers and Vicki Powers Grantee: Edward D. Cole and Vicki Cole Property: Part of Lot 9 and all of Lot 10, Block 17, Brennand Addition Date: April 18, 2007

Grantor: Glenda Coker Grantee: Dillard E. Teal dba Teal Carpets Property: Lot 1, Block 1, Harris Subdivision Date: April 18, 2007

Grantor: Angie Anderson Grantee: Jamie Valdez Property: Lots 9 and 10, Block 10, Earles Addition Date: April 19, 2007

Grantor: Julie T. Chau Grantee: Larry Lestikow and Juanita Lestikow Property: Lot 1, Block 4, Stanford Park Date: April 23, 2007

Grantor: Dr. P.V. Patel Grantee: Suman V. Patel and Dilipkumar K. Patel Property: A tract out of Section 26, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: April 24, 2007

Grantor: Merelyn Ann Downs and Barbara Luane Shaffer Grantee: Lindsay Shaffer Property: Lot 21, Block 13, Douglass Addition Date: April 24, 2007

Warranty Deeds With Vendor's Lien:

Grantor: Bud Romine and Darcy Romine Grantee: Robert David Anderson Property: A 6-acre tract out of Section 46, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: April 11, 2007

Grantor: Charles Ray McKinney Grantee: J.C. Wall Property: Lot 19, Block 29, College Park Date: April 12, 2007

Grantor: Ida Marie Cochrane, Melvenia LaVerne Heith Grantee: Aaron Duane Bullock and Melanie Bullock Property: The S/2 of Section 34, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: April 13, 2007

Grantor: Jean Broughton Grantee: Lee Erich Byerly and Angela Byerly Property: Lot 15, Block 8, Highland South Date: April 13, 2007

Grantor: Peyton Sedberry Grantee: Vergil H. Garcia Property: Lot 12, Block 2, Hayden Addition Date: April 17, 2007

Grantor: Larry J. Smith Grantee: Jake Smith Property: Lot 7, Block 5, Mittel Acres Date: April 17, 2007

Grantor: Martha Geneva Turner Grantee: Angelica Ortiz Property: Lot 2 and part of Lot 3, Block 6, Wasson Place Date: April 17, 2007

Grantor: L.O. Blakeney and Pattie Blakeney Grantee: Emma Bermea Property: A 1-acre tract out of Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: April 17, 2007

Grantor: Melva Cooper Grantee: Sherry L. Richards Property: Lot 7, Block 29, College Park Date: April 18, 2007

Grantor: Dillard E. Teal dba

Teal Carpets Grantee: J. Hopper Homes Inc. Property: Lot 1, Block 1, Harris Subdivision Date: April 18, 2007

Grantor: Hayes Stripling Jr. and Dorothy Stripling Grantee: Oscar Enriquez and Michelle Enriquez Property: A 9.1 acre tract out of Section 41, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: April 19, 2007

Grantor: Terry D. Smith and Rhonda Smith Grantee: Robin Cisneros and Laura Cisneros Property: Lot 10, Block 15, North Parkhill Date: April 20, 2007

Grantor: Joshua Hamby and Nancy Fields Grantee: Albert Eugene Kelley Property: Lot 2, block 1, Bill Crane Addition Date: April 20, 2007

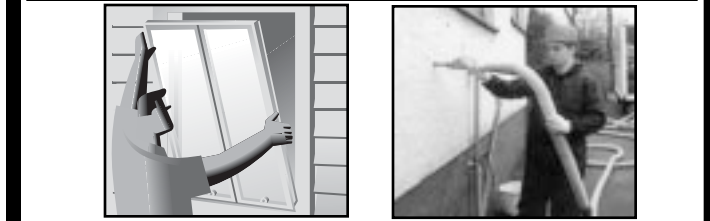
Grantor: Nancy Nelson Grantee: Norma J. Reagan Property: Lot 9, Block 2, Parkhill Addition Date: April 20, 2007

Grantor: Swartz & Brough Inc. Grantee: Michael Rivera and Amanda Hart Property: Lot 14, Block 3, Muir Heights Date: April 23, 2007

Grantor: Larry Miller and Anna Marie Miller Grantee: Carolyn Fielder Property: Two tracts out of Section 31, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: April 23, 2007

Grantor: Julia Joanne McGettes Grantee: C.J. Fowler Properties Property: The E/2 and the SW/4 of Lot 2, Block 22, Saunders Addition Date: April 24, 2007

Grantor: Javier Flores and Christy Flores Grantee: Duane McNutt and Mamie McNutt Property: Lot 20, Block 3, Kentwood Unit No. 1 Date: April 24, 2007



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8 Clinks
15 Property of matter
16 Typically
17 Russian vessel
18 Enchanting
19 Emmy actress, '80 and '82
20 It means "trillion"
22 It bites the dust
23 <i>The Bonesetter's Daughter</i> author
24 Commanded
25 Manx tongue
27 Gets rid of
29 Exactly
31 Kit and caboodle
32 Imminent risk
33 First Physics Nobelist
35 Land on the Pacific and Caribbean
37 It may be hostile
39 Beatrice, to Charles
43 Knoxville athlete
44 Struggles
45 Motion detector
46 Up
48 Body art, familiarly
50 Spike's former name
51 Ancient mariner
52 Inst. on the Hudson</p> | <p>53 Going ___
54 Pump parts
57 Late news
59 Unproductive
60 Mild and pleasant
61 Inexpensive digs
62 Maintains
DOWN
1 Make a false move
2 In the dark
3 Advanced course
4 Quick pace
5 Dune-buggy kin
6 Dogie catchers
7 Was fearless enough
8 Drs.' mag
9 Rose-rose link
10 Emulate
11 Laundry challenge
12 B.B. King's guitar
13 Thrill
14 Take
21 Starts another canopy
24 Feel
25 Crew
26 Gets that syncing feeling?
28 Invest, so to speak
30 Cornwall's father-in-law
33 Show approval, or disapproval</p> | <p>34 Progress
36 Cupronickel creation
37 NBA city
38 Rap-sheet info
40 Properties, in law
41 Makeup
42 2006 hurricane
43 Become invisible
45 Flour or sugar
47 Not quite enough
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52 Spends
53 Accelerate, with "up"
55 Go beyond embroidery
56 Bracket type
58 Scottish river to the North Sea</p> |
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Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT
PREMIER NATURAL RESOURCES, 5727 S. LEWIS AVE., SUITE 200, TULSA, OK 74105 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres W.P. Edwards "E" Lease, Well Number 1E. The proposed disposal well is located 14 Miles N. of Garden City in the Howard Glasscock Field, in the Howard Glasscock Field, in Glasscock County, Texas. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2128 to 2230 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/445-1373). #5339 April 18, 2007

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE
GLASSCOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT of Glasscock County in regular session, May 14, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.. will accept bids for depository contracts of county funds for two years beginning May 15, 2007. The bid should include all county funds and trust funds as provided by law. The Court may reject any or all bids submitted. For more information contact, Alan Dierschke, County Treasurer. 432-354-2415. Monday through Friday 8:30a.m.-4:00p.m. #5357 April 29, 2007

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Legals

REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS
DESCRIPTION: Big Spring Independent School District will receive sealed proposals for General Construction Work, including interior renovations to Steer Gym including demolition, ceramic tile and painting, and minor plumbing and electrical work in the existing boy's and girl's locker rooms. Work to Goliad Intermediate School includes replacement of a concrete ramp and new steel canopy.
BASIS OF PROPOSALS: Big Spring Independent School District will be utilizing the competitive sealed proposals procurement method as authorized by the Texas Legislature in Senate Bill 1 and further defined by Senate Bill 583 and Texas Education Code, Chapter 44, Subchapter b.
Selection of the Contractor will be based on a combination of the listed selection criteria determined to provide the best value to the school district.
Address to:
Big Spring Independent School District
708 11th Place
Big Spring, Texas 79720
Attn: Mr. Tommy Gibson
Proposal Opening Location:
Big Spring Independent School District
Administration Offices - Conference Room
708 11th Place
Big Spring, Texas 79720
Proposal Date:
May 8, 2007
Proposal Time:
2:00 p.m. Local Time
Proposal Documents will be available beginning April 24, 2007. Proposal Documents may be examined at the Architect's office and at the following plan rooms:
Associated General Contractors
3525 Andrews Highway, Suite 19
Midland, Texas 79701
(915)520-2220
Associated General Contractors
1326 S. 14th Street, Suite G
Arlene, Texas 79602
(325)676-7447
#5350 April 22 & 29, 2007

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GENERAL PERMIT TO REMOVE SEDIMENTARY MATERIAL
Chevron U.S.A. Incorporated, PO Box 36366, Houston, TX 77236 has applied to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for a general permit to remove less than 100 cubic yards of sand and gravel from the bed of the Wolf Creek in Borden County to replace the existing creek crossing to prevent any potential for pipe deterioration. This material will be used to maintain roads. The location of the removal operation will be fifteen (15) miles southwest of Gail, TX. Written comments on this application may be made by mail to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Executive Director, care of Mr. Bob Sweeney, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, TX 78744, or by calling Mr. Sweeney at 512-389-4433, or by emailing robert.sweeney@tpwd.state.tx.us #5355 April 27 & 29, 2007

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Venus and Neptune clash, challenging our sense of appropriateness.

The line between funny and shameful, witty and embarrassing, or tasteful and god-awful is a fine one. Of course, the moon void dissolves the boundaries further. When at a loss, the most creative choice is to be accepting. Don't take offense or worry about being offensive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'd love to shout what you're feeling! However, contained enthusiasm is better in certain circumstances where unbridled passion can make you seem, well, crazy. Be as expressive as is allowed anyway.

TAURUS (April 20-May

20). A boring scene comes to life when the troublemaker strolls in. Do you dare take on the role? It's liberating to get in touch with your bad self. And you attract an admirer in the process.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your gift of gab is well-known. A family member with a tough decision to make could use some of your insight and wit. Make the call, and be a hero. It's as easy as telling your loved one that his or her instincts are right.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In unfamiliar situations, everyone is a stranger until you introduce yourself. At times, you can find this to be intimidating, but you didn't get where you are today by waiting for things to happen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Helping others is the main event. The downside is minor — a little time out of your day. The upside: When you do nice things, people want to return the favor. Looks like you win two times over.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's rather easy to stay on track. For one thing,

the truth just sounds right. What's good for you feels good. And all around you, there is evidence meant to show you how beautiful you really are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Cosmic forces coalesce to bring you fiscal gains — that is if you prove you are a capable manager of the money you already have. If you don't have a financial plan, make one now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It seems people are going out of their way to be aggravating. Make a call to a like-minded individual for a brief gripe session this afternoon. Better to talk out your aggression than be involved in a road rage incident.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll see tangible results for the rather ethereal personal work that you've been doing. Some aspect of your persona will be traded in for a shiny new model — one that fits your new image of yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's normal to feel vulnerable when in the midst of transition.

Know that this willingness to be just yourself — no more, no less — is terribly attractive. You'll meet someone new.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Life brings you people to teach and to learn from. Singles: A new relationship is going better than you could have ever expected. Neither one of you likes cooked carrots, and if that's not a good sign, what is?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may share work, home life and other responsibilities with a loved one. But the most romantic thing you can share is play. So remain engaged in a mundane or serious process.

If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Glasscock County Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing on May 7, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the district courtroom of the courthouse in Garden City, Texas to receive public input concerning adoption of a resolution designating an investment zone. The proposed areas in part or in whole of:
Block 31 Township 4 South T&P RR Co. Section 1
Block 32 Township 3 South T&P RR Co. Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 14
Block 32 Township 4 South T&P RR Co. Sections 1, 3, 9, 11, and 13
Block 33 Township 2 South T&P RR Co. Sections 27, 34, 35, 40, 45, and 47
Block 33 Township 3 South T&P RR Co. Sections 4, 9, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 29, and 30
Block 34 Township 3 South T&P RR Co. Sections 12, 14, and 15
A map including the proposed zone is located in the county courthouse. W.E. Bednar
Glasscock County Judge
April 26, 2007
#5356 April 29, 2007

Answer to previous puzzle
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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I am 22 and recently got engaged. My fiancé is Catholic, and I am Baptist. As a Catholic, my fiancé is required to get married in a Catholic church. I don't mind doing this for him.

My parents, who were planning to help me with the wedding, refused to pay for a Catholic ceremony, so my fiancé and I decided to have two ceremonies — one Baptist and one Catholic. However, after telling my mom, she said two weddings would be a humiliation. She said if we had any kind of Catholic ceremony, she and my dad were not going to pay, plan or participate in our wedding at all.

I don't mind paying for my own wedding, but I want my parents to be a part of it. Having a Baptist wedding instead of a Catholic one is not

an option. I don't know how to keep everyone happy. What can I do? — Engaged and Alone

Dear Engaged: You cannot keep everyone happy, so decide whose happiness means the most to you. We think it should be your fiancé's. It would be wonderful if your parents decided to participate in some way, but if not, please understand that when you choose to marry, it means putting your future husband before all others.

Dear Annie: I am a truck driver and would like to take a moment to list some of the DOs and DON'Ts for people driving automobiles.

1) Please do NOT tailgate a truck. If you can't see our mirrors, we can't see you.
2) Stay out of our blind spots. We average 73 feet

long, and have many more, not to mention longer, blind spots than an automobile.

3) Do not cut a truck off when changing lanes or entering into traffic. We can be as heavy as 80,000 pounds and cannot make quick stops. An automobile will NOT win in this situation.

4) A truck cannot accelerate quickly. Please use caution when trying to pass, and don't linger while passing. Also, do not pass on the right, and never pass on the shoulder.

5) Women are becoming major contributors in the trucking industry. Please, when you see one of us driving a truck, don't gawk. We are doing our job, which is delivering the goods that you buy in the store every day. — Female Trucker

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802	Shave Kit	69	65
671	Shag Bag	49	45
804	Makeup Case	79	75
821	Joe Duffle	149	139
560	Daytripper	149	139
701	Grande	29	25

TRUNK SHOW!!
Friday, May 4th ~ 12:00-4:00 pm
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DOG SHOW

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feared.
“We had 486 entries for Saturday and 491 entries for Sunday,” said show chairman Treasa Wells. “That’s only 60 below what we had for a four-day show last year, so we’re really, really happy.”
In fact, just about everything was conspiring to put Wells and show hosts in a good mood Saturday. “It’s going really, really well,” she said. “The weather’s been nice ...

handlers have been complimenting the facility — even the judges are happy.”
Dog breeders from across Texas and surrounding states were expected to show their dogs at this year’s event, but Wells said the show can also appeal to the casual dog lover.
“If you’re thinking about getting a dog, you can come up here, look at all the different breeds and see what kinds you like,” she said. “You can talk to some of the handlers and they can answer questions about what kind of special care the

breeds might need.”
Dog owners interested in learning obedience tips also would benefit from visiting the show, Wells said, noting that obedience classes and competitions were scheduled for both days of the show.
The show continues Sunday beginning at 8:30 p.m. and is expected to conclude around 4 p.m., Wells said.
Admission is free.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

COUNTY

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voted in favor of the countersuit — which was expected to cost the county approximately \$5,000 in fees and arbitration deposits — while Commissioners Jerry Kilgore and Bill Crooker opposed the move.
According to County Attorney Mike Thomas, the court would attempt to recover more than \$187,000 from Furqueron.
“After reviewing the contract between him (Furqueron) and the county, it appears to me there was a contract for one phase one drawing,” Thomas told commissioners Friday. “We should

have paid \$138,000, instead of the \$326,000 we paid.”
Also on Monday’s agenda, commissioners are expected to adopt a county road map, while County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom is to meet with the court regarding the renaming of voting precincts.
Discussion regarding ongoing repairs at the county’s existing jail, as well as talks concerning the design and construction of a new jail facility, are also on the agenda.
Monday’s meeting is to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners’ courtroom, located on the second floor of the courthouse.

Upcoming blood drives

United Blood Services is asking Howard County residents to consider donating blood. Upcoming drives in this area include the following:
— Tuesday, May 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Big Spring High School.
— Monday, May 21, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home.
— Tuesday, May 29, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Howard College.

LETTERS

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away with possibly killing a man?
On the police report she said she was going only 5 mph. That would not kill anybody. She broke both his legs, crushing one. There was also head trauma, because his head through her car window.
He was thrown off and left him there in the street and she went home.
Again the officers did not do their jobs that day. They let her keep the vehicle at her house, never taking it to do a proper investigation.
She hit him so hard his keys, glasses, teeth and can stick were in the car with her. Technology today can re-enact the situation to get a true picture.
Was any of this done? No! Again, why did the officers fail to do their job, and why have the courts allowed this to happen?
Then we are told the officers didn’t have the experience to do that kind of investigation, but they have the experience to say, “she was to upset.” Why didn’t they call in more experienced investigators?
Due to an incomplete investigation — a rather

lazy, pitiful investigation — one would say, the officers that investigated this incident should be asked why they allowed this to happen.
Doctors at Lubbock Memorial, said 5 mph could not cause this kind of damage. Striking someone at 15 mph can be deadly, but from the extent of his injuries, they said he was hit at the speed of 30 and above.
Did the officers talk to any expert doctors? Probably not. They just took her word that he walked out in front of the her.
If he did walk out in front of her at 5 mph, he could have rolled on top of the car. Pedestrians have the right to cross the street and if she came to a complete stop, she would have seen him and he her. He could have gotten out of the way if she was going 5 mph.
Again my questions is did the officers know her or is there a cover up? If they don’t have the experience to see right through her story, then they knew her and they are just as guilty of killing him as she is.
I hate to think that the message stated years ago about Big Spring, that “If you want to kill someone and get away with it, go to Big Spring, Texas” is true.

How can the courts, the law, the police department allow this to happen? Criminal acts have been made and we have turned our backs on them and are allowing this to happen.
The city of Big Spring should be appalled that this has been allowed to happen. That an incomplete investigation, is allowing a young lady to take part in killing a man and walking away with it.
The officers will gain more experience with time, but that day the ball was dropped, which means they did not do a sufficient job.
I am totally disappointed in the way this has been and still is being handled. I never thought the law in Big Spring would allow this to happen. It has.
Yes, I am hurt and still hurting from the loss of my father in this manner. It is clear to everyone that leaving the scene, failure to render aid, hitting a man and causing him to lose his life is a crime.
I would hope that they would have looked closer at the facts, asked expert doctors and investigation teams and hope they never let something like this happen again.

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Menus

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center
Monday: smothered chicken, macaroni and cheese, Tuscan vegetables, fruit salad and whole-wheat rolls.

Big Spring ISD
Monday: Breakfast, cereal, sausage links, grape juice, milk; Lunch, pepporeni pizza, Rosy applesauce, pear halves, milk (high school second choice, deli sandwiches).
Tuesday: Breakfast, pancake-on-stick, fruit cup, milk; Lunch, corn dog, potato rounds, cucumbers w/ranch, mandaria oranges, milk, (high school second choice, meatloaf).
Wednesday: Breakfast, grilled cheese uncrustables, orange smiles, milk; Lunch, popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple Jello, wheat rolls, milk, (high school second choice, ham/cheese pockets).
Thursday: Breakfast, cereal, cheese bites, fruit punch, milk; Lunch, spaghetti w/meat sauce, garden salad, glazed carrots, kiwi, garlic rolls, milk (high school second choice, tuna sandwiches).
Friday: Breakfast, sausage biscuits, apple juice, milk; Lunch, beef quero soft taco, Spanish rice, corn, cinco de mayo treat, milk (high school second choice, crispy chicken patties).

Stanton ISD
Monday: Breakfast, waffles, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburgers, hamburgers, French fries, hamburger salad, pears, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch, chicken wrap, beef wrap, western beans, lettuce & tomatoes salad, pineapples, milk, salsa,

Coahoma ISD
Monday: Breakfast, Pop

Tarts, ham, grape juice, milk; Lunch, fried-chicken, gravy, corn, creamed potatoes, rolls, milk, burritos.

Forsan ISD
Monday: Lunch, burritos, tossed salad, corn, orange smiles, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast, egg, sausage & cheese on a bun, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken taco casserole, corn, tossed salad, fresh fruit, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, Mandarin orange salad, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast, eggs, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, pears, milk.
Friday: Breakfast, donuts, juice, milk; Lunch, — Cinco De Mayo — beef tacos, lettuce and tomatoes, pinto beans, orange smiles, milk.

Coahoma ISD
Monday: Breakfast, Pop

American cheese.
Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuits, sausage, cream gravy, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, green beans, garden salad, applesauce, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast, blueberry muffin, yogurt, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, baked chicken, manager’s choice, mashed potatoes, spinach, peaches, hot rolls, milk.
Friday, Breakfast, breakfast burritos, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch, sloppy Joe/bun, grilled ham/cheese, potato chips, buttered corn, pears, milk, ketchup.

Sands CISD
Monday: Breakfast, pizza, juice & milk; Lunch, steak sandwiches, macaroni & cheese, lettuce, tomatoes & pickles, fruit cup, milk.
New Hope Christian School
Monday: Lunch, barbecue sausage, green beans, bread, peaches, milk.
Tuesday: Lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, milk.
Wednesday: Lunch, ravioli, mixed vegetables, garlic bread, pears, milk.
Thursday: Lunch, glazed ham, mashed potatoes, corn, milk.
Friday: Lunch, beef stew w/mixed vegetables, corn bread, pineapple tidbits, milk.

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DR. SMITH WILL BE RELOCATING & CLOSING HIS MIDLAND PRACTICE ON JUNE 1, 2007.
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FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2007
Registration begins at 6 p.m. at First National Bank parking lot, I-20 & Hickory, Colorado City, TX
Cruise and “Poker Run” from 7-9 p.m. - Plaques and prizes at Sonic at 9 p.m.
“CC Riders Car Show”
SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2007
Inside and Outside the Railhead building in downtown Colorado City
Registration: 8 a.m. until 12 Noon Award at 3 p.m.
T-Shirts and Dash Plaques for show entries. Food and drinks available at show.
For more information, call Scott Free 325-728-2122 or 325-242-0929
Deacon Magill 325-728-3118 or Mike Ratliff at mfratliff@sbcglobal.net
Colorado City VFD Annual Burn Out - Sat., 1:30 p.m.
Entry Fee \$15.00 for Burn-Out. Contact Rick Goodney at 728-3972
4-H Mud Bog Sunday, May 13 at the Old Rodeo Grounds
CC Riders is a non-profit organization. All proceeds from our annual car show and cruise go into our scholarship fund for local high school seniors. CC Riders members do not enter the show.

ARC schedules bingo blowout

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Howard County ARC (Association of Retarded Citizens) and the Big Spring Eagles Lodge will celebrate the 10th anniversary of its bingo fundraising project Monday and Tuesday, as the organizations prepare to kick their game up a notch.

"We're going to have maximum payouts both nights, as well as computer and paper specials," said Billy Light, operator for both local organizations. "This is our way of saying thank you to all of the local citizens who have supported us and kept us going over the years."

Light said the bingo project opened in Big Spring May 1, 1997, and has accomplished much for the ARC program and

the citizens of Howard County.

"Through these 10 years we've managed — through ARC, West Texas Centers for MHMR and all the surrounding counties — to collect \$1 million for the mentally handicapped. That's for the Hoops program, the Special Olympics and others. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have come in through bingo and back into our community."

Light said doors will open both nights at 5 p.m. with the first number called at 6:30 p.m. The bingo facility is located at 806 E. Third Street.

For more information, call 264-0674.

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The driver of this pickup received minor injuries when he lost control of his vehicle and collided with a sign at Budget Inns on West Business 20 and FM 700 late Saturday morning.

Officials: Health Fair another big success

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

More than 25 years after the first Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair graced the Crossroads city, the annual event is still going strong according to local coordinators.



ValVerde

Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said the 2007 fair, which was held April 14 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, was a tremendous success.

"The health fair was a great success," said ValVerde proudly. "All of our vendors and corporate sponsors were very excited with the turnout. Even though we had a lot of different events going on in Big Spring on that day, it was all a very good thing."

"We had 63 booths. Scenic Mountain Medical Center did 99 PSA (prostate-specific antigen) tests during the fair. They had 100 tests available and only one left at the end of the day, so we were very pleased to see that. We also had more than 100 glucose and cholesterol screenings, as well."

ValVerde said the health fair managed to dodge the long lines for various tests and screenings this year, a fact that made everyone — from sponsors to fair goers — very happy.

"Our corporate sponsors were very happy with the health fair," said ValVerde. "One of the things they were impressed with was the lines for the different tests and screenings weren't as long this year. There was a steady flow of people during the fair, a very steady flow. I just want to thank everyone that came out, as well as our corporate sponsors and everyone else that helped to make it such an incredible success. This is our 25th year for the health fair, and we're hoping it will go for 25 more."

Corporate sponsors for the fair were Alon USA, Caring Hearts Home Health, H-E-B, Interim Healthcare, St. Joseph's Home Health, Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation, Parkplace Retirement Living, Scenic Mountain Medical

Center, Warren Chiropractic, embroideryco.com, Big Spring Physical Therapy, Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home, Mountain View Lodge, the Big Spring Herald and radio stations KBST and KBYG.

And while now might seem like the opportune time to sit back and admire their work on the 2007 fair, ValVerde said the chamber is already hard at work organizing the 2008 health fair.

"We've already begun working on next year's fair," said ValVerde. "The date for next year's fair will be April 12, 2008. So be sure to save that date and plan to attend. Many of the people out there will be getting save-the-date cards in the mail for this, so please mark it down."

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Contract Bridge

To Hold Up or Not to Hold Up

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 10 5
♥ K 8 7 3
♦ Q 9 7 4
♣ A 8

WEST
♠ A 7
♥ J 9 5
♦ 6 3 2
♣ Q J 10 7 4

EAST
♠ 8 6 4 3 2
♥ Q 6 4 2
♦ 8 5
♣ K 3

SOUTH
♠ K J 9
♥ A 10
♦ A K J 10
♣ 9 6 5 2

The bidding:
East 1NT South Pass West 3NT North Pass

Opening lead — queen of clubs.
One of declarer's best weapons at notrump is the holdup play. But when and when not to hold up is a problem declarer has to solve for himself, depending on the situation he's facing.

Consider this deal where West leads the club queen against three notrump. Should declarer win with dummy's ace, or should he play low from dummy?

It is not hard to prove that taking the ace is the right play. Probably the best way to demonstrate this is by assuming that declarer plays the eight from dummy. Whether East

simply follows low, or overtakes the queen with the king and returns the three of clubs, South eventually goes down one, losing four club tricks and the ace of spades.

But if South plays the ace of clubs at trick one, he makes the contract regardless of how the East-West cards are divided. All he has to do to score nine tricks is force out the ace of spades. His 9-6-5-2 of clubs, in conjunction with dummy's A-8, make it impossible for the enemy to cash more than three club tricks — and possibly only two — depending on how their clubs are divided.

This conclusion is based on the assumption that West's queen-of-clubs lead indicates he also has the jack, but not the king. Once this is granted, it no longer matters whether West led from a five-card suit, a four-card suit or even a three-card suit.

If West has only three or four clubs, East-West can never score more than three club tricks and a spade. If West has five clubs, as in the actual deal, the defenders are in equally bad shape. East cannot salvage the situation by dropping his king on the ace at trick one, nor can he accomplish anything worthwhile by playing his three on the ace (thereby blocking the suit).

As happens so often, the outcome depends on what declarer does or does not do at trick one.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Ky Hofacket, Skylier Sandridge and Curtis Gaston found a way to beat rising gasoline prices Thursday by riding their horses to school. Students and faculty at Forsan High School are required to display a parking permit in their vehicle while parked on campus. The boys made sure they were following school policy and had their permits attached to the reins on their horses.

Courtesy photo

Amendment would allow 65 and over to get tax reduction

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Area residents will have more to decide than just the outcome of local elections May 12, as a proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution will also be on the ballot, according to local election officials.

Spurred by Senate Joint Resolution 13, voters can expect to see the following amendment on the May 12 ballot.

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

According to local election officials, the amendment is meant to address Texas taxpayers over the age of 65 or who are disabled, and were unable to

benefit from last year's state-mandated reduction in school district taxes.

"Currently under Texas law, homeowners who are 65 years of age or older, or have a disability, are eligible to receive a ceiling on the amount of school property taxes they will owe on their residence homestead based on the amount they owed the year the qualified for the ceiling," said Sandra Bloom, election administrator for Howard County.

"When the 79th Legislature passed school property tax cuts in their third called session in 2006, those elderly and disabled Texans whose property taxes were already frozen did not receive a corresponding reduction in their school property taxes... This amendment would provide such a reduction for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

Early voting for the May 12 election will be held from April 30 until May 8.

Big Spring and Forsan voters can cast early ballots at the Howard County Courthouse, while Coahoma voters can vote early at the Coahoma Community Center.

Early voting hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for May 1 and May 3, when ballots can be cast from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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VOTE

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and poll workers.

"We want to remind everyone that if it is an inconvenience for you to vote early or on Election Day, there is a provision for those voters who are over 65, disabled or who will be out of town, to vote by mail. Simply contact us for more information on voting by mail."

Bloom said her office will also provide "curbside voting" for the elderly and the handicapped if they feel they need the service, where an election worker will bring a ballot to voters "curbside."

In the city of Big Spring,

a three-way race for the mayoral seat has taken shape, as incumbent Russ McEwen prepares to defend his seat against challengers Shannon Thomason and James "Jim" Hicks.

The District 5 seat on the Big Spring City Council has also drawn a trio of candidates, as Troy Tompkins, Woody Jumper and David Scott vie for the position. Long-time District 5 representative Joann Knox is not running for re-election.

In the city of Coahoma, all three incumbents have filed to run for re-election — David Elmore, Ricky Stone and Mayor Bill Read.

Read is being challenged by retired city employee Billy Sullivan, while Odis Franklin filed his candidacy for one of the two at-large seats on the council.

Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton school districts will also hold contested elections this year.

In Big Spring, two of the three trustee seats up for election this year will be contested. Terri Myrick will challenge incumbent Mike Dawson in District 5, while mechanical engineer Jeff Brorman and Tom Ralston will contest incumbent Ricky Robertson for the District 6 post.

District 7 incumbent Phil Furqueron is unopposed for re-election.

Coahoma ISD will feature three candidates vying for two at-large positions on its school board. Danny Martin will join incumbents Sissy Franklin and James White on the ballot.

Forsan ISD voters will decide between four candidates for two at-large positions. Incumbent Tom Bill Kuykendall will vie with Chris Evans, Nancy Raney and Glenn Graves.

Dr. Pablo Teveni and Darren Patrick will vie for the District 5 trustee position on the Stanton ISD school board.

Daniel Ramos was the

only candidate for Stanton's District 1 election, officials said.

Glasscock County and Grady school districts will not hold trustee elections until November.

Voters in the Howard County Junior College District will decide whether to approve a \$21.6 bond issue on May 12. The bond would finance renovation and construction across Howard College's Big Spring campus.

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Early voting for the Stanton ISD election begins Monday at the

On the ballot

City Government Big Spring

Mayor: James "Jim" Hicks, Russ McEwen (I), Shannon Thomason
District 5: Woody Jumper, David Scott, Troy Tompkins

Coahoma

Mayor: Bill Read (I), Billy Sullivan
Two at-large council seats: David Elmore (I), Odis Franklin, Ricky Stone (I)

School Boards Big Spring ISD

District 5: Mike Dawson (I), Terri Myrick
District 6: Jeff Brorman, Tom Ralston, Ricky Robertson (I)
District 7: Phil Furqueron (I)

Coahoma ISD

Two at-large seats: Sissy Franklin (I), Danny Martin, James White (I)

Forsan ISD

Two at-large seats: Chris Evans, Glenn Graves, Tom Bill Kuykendall (I), Nancy Raney

Stanton ISD

District 1: Daniel Ramos
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TWC offers tips for employers, teens as summer hiring nears

AUSTIN — Thousands of jobs will soon become available for teenagers hoping to gain valuable work experience as employers begin hiring for the busy summer months. The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) reminds employers, workers and parents to familiarize themselves with state and federal laws, as well as safety regulations that address child labor issues.

"Texas employers rely on teen workers each summer and recognize youth as integral to their success," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "The experience young workers gain will help them determine which work opportunities enable them to better develop and showcase their strengths."

"The most effective way for employers to establish and meet their business goals and heighten their productivity is to educate themselves about child labor law, and also ensure they are within the constraints of applicable laws," Rath said.

Any person under the age of 18 is considered a child when employed in the workplace. Federal and state child labor

laws protect youth against potentially detrimental occupational settings or working conditions that could interfere with a child's safety, health or well-being.

Different laws apply to different age groups. For example, workers who are age 16 or 17 can engage in any task for any number of hours, as long as it is not deemed hazardous by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). Children 14 or 15 may perform a job beyond traditional school hours in some nonmanufacturing, nonmining, nonhazardous jobs, but only under certain conditions. Because operating power-driven lawnmowers is considered dangerous, 14- and 15-year-olds are prohibited from that activity, but children ages 16 or 17 are permitted to do so.

Federal laws restrict teens who are age 14 and 15 from working more than three hours on any given school day or more than 18 hours within a school week. They also may not work more than eight hours on a non-school day or more than the standard 40 hours during a week when school is out. A standard workday

for children who are 14 or 15 must be between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., except between June 1 and Labor Day, when they can work no later than 9 p.m.

Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman identifies how teen workers contribute to greater productivity for employers and recognizes the importance of adhering to child labor regulations.

"The teen workforce is a definite asset to employers at a time of year when business traffic is traditionally high," Lehman said. "It is imperative that employers understand the types of work activities young workers can perform safely and legally to benefit the most from the experience."

Job-related functions prohibited by law and considered inappropriate or unsafe for teens include:

- Driving a motor vehicle and being an outside helper on a motor vehicle (Absolutely prohibited for youth under 17; subject to certain conditions for youth age 17)
- Any operations on or about a roof
- Excavating operations

- Power-driven wood-working machines
- Power-driven bakery machines
- Power-driven paper-products machines
- Power-driven hoisting equipment
- Power-driven metal-forming, punching and shearing machines
- Power-driven circular saws, band saws and guillotine shears
- Meat-packing or processing machines (including power-driven meat slicing)
- Manufacturing brick, tile and related products
- Wrecking, demolition and ship-breaking operations
- Logging and sawmilling
- Exposure to radioactive substances and ionizing radiation
- Manufacturing or storing explosives
- Coal mining and mining other than coal

A few exemptions for apprentices and student learner programs under specified standards for some hazardous occupations do exist. For more information, visit <http://youthrules.dol.gov/jobs.htm>.

AT&T CEO Whitacre will retire unexpectedly June 3

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Edward Whitacre Jr., who led AT&T Inc.'s expansion into the largest telecommunications company in the nation, announced unexpectedly Friday that he will retire as chairman and chief executive in June.

Whitacre, 65, also announced at the company's annual meeting that the board has elected Chief Operating Officer Randall Stephenson, 47, to replace him on June 3.

Whitacre, an outspoken Texan known for blunt remarks on industry topics, worked for AT&T and its predecessor companies for 44 years.

In his 17 years at the helm, he presided over the company's growth from a regional telephone provider to the

nation's largest provider of wireless, broadband and traditional phone service through an aggressive string of acquisitions, most recently the \$86 billion purchase of BellSouth.

Whitacre's contract doesn't expire for another year, and it wasn't immediately clear what spurred his decision to step down now.

Though AT&T's stock rallied sharply last year, Whitacre has been criticized for his pay and retirement package. For 2006, he received compensation that the company valued at \$31.77 million.

Whitacre stands poised to receive a total of \$158.5 million, according to a calculation by The Corporate Library, The Wall Street Journal reported on Friday.

The company, formerly named Southwestern Bell and then SBC Communications, was actually the smallest of the seven "Baby Bells" spun off in 1984's government-ordered breakup of the national AT&T monopoly.

Toyota names new president of Texas operations

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Toyota Motor Corp. has named a 20-year company veteran and former plant general manager in Japan as president of Toyota Manufacturing Texas Inc.

Kenji Fukuta will oversee Toyota's San Antonio manufacturing plant, a 2.2 million-square foot facility that opened in November and produces Tundra full-

size pickup trucks. He will start May 1, the company said.

Fukuta replaces Hidehiko "T.J." Tajima, who led Toyota's Texas operations during the construction of the plant and production of the first Tundras.

Local officials said Tajima was a popular figure as the public face of Toyota in San Antonio.

"T.J. is a rock star," Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff said. "It would be hard for this guy to match up to T.J.'s image in the community. But he wouldn't be coming here if he wasn't well thought of in the company."

The city will welcome Fukuta to the community, Mayor Phil Hardberger said.

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