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Police to increase VIPS presence

To assist with handicap zones, vacation watches

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Saving a few steps by illegally parking in a handicapped parking spot could cost you a lot

more in the long run, as the Big Spring Police Department prepares to enlist volunteer help for enforcement of non-criminal violations.

According to BSPD Lt. Terry Chamness, the police department will soon be using its Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program for more than just directing traffic at city events.

"We will be using the volunteers in the VIPS program to assist the patrol division by patrolling for violations in handicap parking zones and checking homes that are on house watch," said Chamness. "The house watch program allows residents of Big Spring to have their home checked by the BSPD several times a day while they are on vacation. By

having VIPS perform these patrol functions we can give officers more time to concentrate on criminal activity."

Chamness said the members of VIPS are trained for the patrol functions they will be assigned.



Chamness

"The program will start with these non-criminal activities, and as other non-criminal activities become available, we will use VIPS to help relieve police officers and give them more time for criminal investigations."

And while this addition to the VIPS program is new,

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BSISD budget process said going smoothly

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

While other taxing entities in Howard County are looking at either severe cuts or significant tax increases this summer, budget time at Big Spring Independent School District is becoming a comparatively sedate affair.

BSISD officials have spent the summer fine-tuning their proposed budget for the coming school year and, unlike in some past years, the process isn't automatically putting a frown on people's faces.

State reforms in school financing and increased

property valuations locally have combined to present a unique situation — the district is in a position to collect more money while, at the same time, drastically cutting the tax rate.

"Because of our 'wealth per student' formula, the state helps us more than they have in past years."



Waggoner

"Because of our 'wealth per student' formula, the state helps us more than they have in past years," BSISD Business Manager Sandra

Waggoner said. "I think that's really made a difference for us."

The proposed budget features \$28 million in expenditures, roughly the same amount as last year,

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VEGETABLES RIPE OFF THE VINE



Danny Kirby of Stanton had fresh produce for sale at the Farmers Market event in Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring Saturday morning.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Local authorities warn of possible jury scam

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

If the prospect of jury duty frightens you, scam artists are turning it into a double threat, according to local law enforcement officials.

Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt, coordinator for Big Spring Area Crimestoppers, said area residents should be on the lookout for a telephone scam that might seem to get them out of hot water, but could make them a victim of identity

theft. "In the scam, the suspect or suspects claim to be a jury coordinator," said Sweatt. "They inform the victim that they were slated for jury duty last week, but they didn't show up. As a result, a warrant was

issued for their arrest. "This is where the scam gets tricky. They tell the victim they can cancel the warrant and straighten everything out if they will provide their Social Security number or driver's license number to verify their

identity." Sweatt said giving up the information over the phone may seem harmless enough, but it can put you at risk for identity theft.

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Farm Bill passes House

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-controlled House passed legislation Friday that combines billions in aid for farmers with money for low-income nutrition programs, defying a veto threat from President Bush over the bill's largesse to crop producers.

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Texas leads nation in hot car deaths

MAYPEARL (AP) — Mikey Terry had seen the stories about children dying after being left in hot cars. He'd look at the photo of the parent or day care worker and say, "What the heck were you thinking?"

He doesn't ask that anymore.

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RAY DAVIES CASE DROPPED AGAIN

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Prosecutors have again dropped charges against a man accused of shooting Ray Davies during a holdup in the French Quarter, and for the same reason: Davies wasn't in court.

The lead singer and co-founder of The Kinks said prosecutors notified him only a few days earlier that trial was scheduled for Thursday. He just didn't have time to get to New Orleans from London.

"I am very disappointed with the way this case has been handled," Davies said Thursday. "I intend to pursue it further." Davies was shot in the leg Jan. 4, 2004, when he chased the man accused of stealing a friend's pocketbook.

It was the second time Orleans Parish District Attorney Eddie Jordan's office dismissed armed robbery and aggravated charges against Jerome Barra, 28, because of Davies' absence from court.



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IN BRIEF

Big Spring youth hits hole in one

Five-year-old Zachary Whitehead of Big Spring hit a hole in one July 17 at the Innsbrook Par 3 Golf Course in Ruidoso, N.M.

The ace occurred on the second hole, measuring 42 yards. He used a 6-iron for the shot.

Whitehead is the son of Danny and Kerri Whitehead. The shot was witnessed by his father and Ron Plumlee.

Big Spring QB Club meeting Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will hold its weekly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the Athletic Training Center.

A meeting will take place on the same day and time for every week following this one.

Lady Steer Booster Club meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster Club will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Lady Steer athletes are encouraged to attend.

Call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 for more information.

Coahoma Athletic Boosters meeting

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will hold a meeting at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in Coach Kim Nichols' classroom in the high school.

They will be meeting to plan homecoming as well as other upcoming events. Anyone interested is

welcome to attend.

For more information, call Paula Buske at 816-4034 or Laura Martin at 267-8660.

Physicals required for some athletes

Big Spring High School is informing all student athletes that a physical is required for all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th graders, as well as any students who are new to the district.

Physicals must be taken care of and on file at the Athletic Training Center before athletes will be allowed to practice, participate or get equipment issued to them.

Call the ATC at 264-3662 with any questions.

Lady Steers v-ball team meeting

Big Spring's Lady Steers volleyball team will hold a parent/athlete meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday at Alan and Della Partee's house at 1600 Kiowa.

The meeting will discuss rules and expectations for the upcoming season since two-a-days begin Aug. 6.

A swim party will be held following the meeting. Parents are asked to bring snacks and drinks.

Call Della Partee at 367-4038 or Coach Amanda Whitaker at (325) 864-1467 with any questions.

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Lofton headed back to Cleveland

TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Kenny Lofton returned for his third stint with Cleveland — and another playoff run — on Friday as the Texas Rangers traded the 40-year-old outfielder to the Indians for minor league catcher Max Ramirez.

Lofton was expected to arrive in Cleveland and be in the lineup for their series opener against

the Minnesota Twins.

The Indians entered the week-end 1 1/2 games behind first-place Detroit in the AL Central and leading the wild card. They've been in the market for a left-handed hitter with speed and had been scouting Lofton the past few weeks with the July 31 non-waiver deadline nearing.

Lofton was a five-time All-Star in nine seasons in Cleveland, the leadoff catalyst for the Indians, who dominated their division

throughout the 1990s but haven't made the playoffs since he left as a free agent following the 2001 season.

Sometimes moody off the field but never a problem on it, Lofton was always one of Cleveland's most popular players and he has not spent more than one season anywhere else. Since getting a 20-game trial with the Houston Astros late in the 1991 season, Lofton has played for 10 other teams.

But although he's near the end of his career, the Indians believe he can help them get back to the postseason. With David Dellucci on the disabled list and Trot Nixon slumping, Cleveland needed another outfielder and Lofton was having a solid season — his 17th in the majors — batting .303 with seven homers and 23 RBIs for the Rangers.

Lofton also has 21 steals, and

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Area athletes shine in Small School Shootout

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

With area high school sports just a few weeks away, Glasscock Independent School District gave a preview Friday and Saturday of what's to come. Both basketball and football players from Sands, Garden City and Grady High Schools were among athletes featured in the Small School Shootout All-Star basketball games and the six-man football Texas Bowl.

The first of the two high school all-star events being hosted by Glasscock ISD occurred Friday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus.

The 6th Annual Small School Shootout featured two all-star basketball games. The layout pitted East All-Stars versus West All-Stars in both boys and girls games. The goal of the event was to attract some of the top players in the state from Class 1A schools.

The friendly competitions featured a second-half comeback by the East All-Stars in the girls' game, who won 62-52, and a dominating performance by the West All-Stars in the boys' game, who ran away with a 81-67 victory.

The East All-Stars started the girls' game by scoring the first six points, as they led by as many as eight points in the early minutes of the first half. However, the West's Brittney Rivas of Grady would fuel a run midway through the half.

The teams would exchange the lead several times until the West hit two 3-pointers late in the half to help pull away



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Jake Baker of Whitharral drives to the basket with Lane Hutchins of Water Valley defending in second-half action Friday in the Small School Shootout at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the campus of Howard College. Baker's 22 points led the West All-Stars to a 81-67 victory over the East All-Stars.

with a 29-20 lead at intermission.

The second half started much like the first with the East coming out hot. The East started the half with a 10-1 run, tying the score at 30 just three minutes into the action.

However, unlike the first half, the East wouldn't cool off, and took the lead with just over 16 minutes left to play. It was a lead that would never be relinquished.

Westbrook's Allison Gray led the attack, getting free inside the paint regularly, always picking up at least a foul.

Bray would make good on her free throw attempts, going nine of 10 from the line as she scored 21 of her 26 points in the second half. Her efforts earned her the games Most Valuable Player award.

The entire East team was phenomenal from the

line in the second half, making 17 of 18 attempts, including seven of eight shots within the last three minutes of the game.

Complimenting Bray's second half heroics was Danielle Bryant of Highland, scoring 10 of her 13 points in the second half. She was named the East's Most Outstanding Player.

Kylee Self of Rankin kept the West close, scoring 16 of her 21 points in

the second half. Unfortunately, the rest of the team went cold and combined for only seven points.

Self was named the West's Most Outstanding Player.

The boys' game featured a West team that was superior in athleticism and quickness to the East squad. The action started off fast paced with both

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T.O. starts training camp healthy and happy

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Guess what Terrell Owens is up to now?

After all his antics over the past few years, it's understandable to be braced for anything. That's why the reality might be a surprise: T.O. is healthy, happy and ready for a calm second season with the Dallas Cowboys.

"I hope so," he said. "I'm feeling good, looking good — so I've got to play good."

Last season was a weird one, even by his standards.

It can't be called a disappointment because Owens led the NFL in touchdown catches and Dallas made the playoffs after missing out for two years. However, Owens constantly was in the news for all the wrong reasons: a preseason hamstring injury, an accidental overdose on painkillers, squabbles

with his position coach, a testy relationship with head coach Bill Parcells, the most dropped passes in the league ... and more.

"I think there was a lack of concentration on my part and I can't fault anybody but myself," Owens said, referring to the drops and the overall season. "I can't really put my finger on it. I just know it wasn't there."

Further probing is useless. With a smile, Owens cites "a memory lapse" when it comes to specifics about the dramas of 2006.

"Anything with reference to last year is a non-issue," he said. "We are trying to really focus on this year. ... We are going to make this a happy season."

In that case, he's off to a good start.

Evidence of a new T.O. began in May, when he caught passes at the team's first offseason minicamp despite having

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MCT photo/Ralph Lauer/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens (81) gets pulled down by Arizona Cardinals defenders Adrian Willson (24) and Eric Green (25) in the second quarter Nov. 12, 2006 at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz.

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1955: Integration arrives

Exhibit chronicles demise of 'separate but equal'

In September 1955, Big Spring residents were preparing for the first day of the new school year. Shoe sales were in progress at Anthony's and you could sign up to win a new Davy Crockett bicycle at Newsom's food center. Boys' denim jeans were on sale for \$1.17 at Montgomery Ward and the Jet Drive In was preparing for the 22nd anniversary of drive-in movies with the production of the "The Magnificent Matador" and "Shane." A new era was about to begin with the call for segregation.

The *Big Spring Herald* reported "Big Spring schools began a new term distinguished chiefly for its smoothness of operation and partial integration. During the morning there were half a dozen Negro students integrated into schools other than Lakeview. Five were at North Ward and one at Central. There were three second graders, two in the sixth and one in the first. At senior high, approximately 20 new students put in their appearance. However, there were some who should have been returning from last year, but were not yet enrolled."

Texas Federal Judge Ewing T h o m a s o n declared that the Texas Constitution calling for segregated schools was unconstitutional. Big Spring became a state and national focal point of interest in August of 1955 in the local District Court order under Charlie Sullivan. The Big Spring School Board had announced plans to desegregate the local schools gradually beginning that school year (Aug. 8, 1955).

The District Court of Judge Sullivan confirmed the earlier ruling of Judge Thomason that the Texas Constitution did indeed make unconstitutional the "separate but equal" policy of education in Texas. Therefore, the Big Spring Independent School District had the distinct honor of being the first school district in Texas to provide for integrated school campuses. During the court battles and legal wrangling, Lakeview continued to graduate students.

Betty Sherman Drew was among the first black students to attend Big Spring High School when the district integrated. She said the transition was a tough challenge and she didn't feel she belonged at the school.

"I was going into my ninth-grade year at Big Spring High. The kids at the high school didn't accept us; there were fights, both the girls and the boys. They'd write 'nigger go home' on the wall, or somebody would call you 'nigger' and the fight was on.

"They'd jab you with a hard lead pencil, or stick their feet out and trip you when you walked down the hall. They'd push you or throw spit balls at



Lizzie Ruth Jackson, front, and Louise Easley look over the exhibits at the Heritage Museum.

you."

The school records of Big Spring High School reported that one black student was enrolled during the 1960-61 school term. Although the local

the bars with their hands.

"The courthouse had two water fountains; one marked colored and one marked white. But there wasn't any difference between them. I drank out of both of them, and they were both hot," Martin said.

Ida Nell Brown Piper recalls, "We weren't allowed in the city park except for one day each year when a white woman took us for a day-long picnic. And even then we could only go as far as the first pavilion."

Piper said she was the first black girl to ever attend school at Runnels Junior High. In 1959, when she began her seventh-grade year, she was granted permission to go to school there. Piper asked to be transferred back to Lakeview at mid-term.

"I missed my friends; nobody wanted to associate with me. They were very rude to me; I was put off into a corner by myself," she said.

On the north side of town, the Banks Edition shared a generosity among its

neighbors.

"One father worked for a bakery and brought the community day-old bread and doughnuts. Another worked for a dairy and brought home milk. We'd use salad dressing jars and shake that sour milk and make a little butter on the top so all the kids had toast and butter," Martin said. "We'd gather in one central house and watch TV. Lula Byrd had a TV, and every evening about 5 we'd walk the track to the Banks Edition and watch 'Two Gun Playhouse'."

Denton Hill, a mound located across the street from Lakeview School, was where buried treasure might be found, they said.

"We thought we could find money buried there. Dimes were big money then," Frances

Sherman said.

"Mr. Waddell (a neighbor) scared the wits out of us kids. And Sister Tootie (Mr. Waddell's wife), she whipped everybody. She'd give you a look that would scare you, and if you sat by her in church, you were in trouble," Clarence Hartfield and Beverly Martin remembered.*

Former Lakeview students and teachers come together every year to celebrate the community and family they shared. More than a hundred people came to the Heritage Museum to share their history Friday, June 15.

Many people continue to view the exhibit, which will remain on display until Sept. 5.

* excerpts from the *Big Spring Herald*



school board had legally voted to integrate the local schools in 1955, the process was not active until the 1961-62 school year.

Until 1962, black residents of the city's Banks Edition were forced to sit in the balcony of local theaters, carry out their food through the back door of restaurants, and attend segregated Lakeview School.

Clarence Hartfield Jr. remembers "We could cross the viaduct, but come 6 o'clock, we had to be back on the other side. If you lived across Gregg Street, that was moving up in the world; you were moving with the rich people."

Hartfield served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1970.

"I was shocked that in other places we could go to the movies and sit downstairs. We could go eat and sit in the restaurant. And the attitude of the people was different," he said.

Beverly Brown Martin said she recalls a segregated jail for the black prisoners in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse. She would walk by the open windows and shout down to the prisoners there, asking who was in jail. She could see into the basement and see the prisoners clasp-



Story and photos courtesy Heritage Museum

Obituaries

Glenna Keith Coffey Moore



On July 27, 2007, Glenna Keith Coffey Moore, age 70, passed away after living the past two years with ALS (more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease). Wife, mother, grandmother, teacher and friend to all, Glenna will be remembered for her radiant smile, contagious laughter, and always-caring heart. Glenna's life began Nov. 22, 1936, in Big Spring as the daughter of John Askew Coffey and Margaretta Sanders Coffey. The Coffeys were schoolteachers and they instilled the teacher traits of patience and grace with their daughter. Glenna graduated from Baylor University in 1959 where she served as president of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

After college, Glenna moved to Dallas and followed in her parents' footsteps as a fourth-grade teacher at George W. Truett Elementary School from 1959 to 1962. She married William Alvin Moore, Jr. (Al) in June 1962.

Glenna was mother to four children: Melana Love Moore (Lana), William Alvin Moore III, (Trip), Margaret Elizabeth Moore (Marty) and John Hardin Moore (John).

The Moore Family settled into their North Dallas home on Tophill Circle where Glenna took care of the kids and Al took care of his young, growing business.

Besides the full-time job of being a mother, Glenna led a very active life. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels and was an active member of Spring Valley Methodist Church and later, Prestonwood Baptist Church and Park Cities Baptist Church.

Glenna developed friendships easily. Some of her most enduring friendships were with her tennis teams, bridge groups and dominoes group. She was fortunate to remain close to her brother, Robert Thomas Coffey, M.D. of Fort Worth. Glenna was also fortunate to enjoy the endearing friendship of Trip's wife, Jacqueline Blair Moore, and their two children, Blair Christian Moore and Hannah Love Moore.

But Glenna's most enduring and endearing friendship was with her husband of 45 years. By the time their kids had grown and moved away, Al and Glenna became the dating couple they used to be and set forth to live and love till eternity. As a couple, they traveled the world enjoying many far-flung adventures.

Unfortunately, the creeping paralysis of the ALS disease put a stop to their worldly travels.

As the disease progressed, Glenna's body became weaker but her bond with Al became stronger. Their unflinching love was on display every day as Al took care of his ailing wife until her passing.

And now, Glenna patiently waits for Al to join her in their most adventurous travels yet — the glorious eternity of Heaven.

The Moore Family will welcome friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. July 30 at Sparkman-Hillcrest Funeral Home (7405 W. Northwest Highway, Dallas). Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. July 31 at Park Cities Baptist Church (3933 Northwest Parkway, Dallas). The Moore Family requests memorials be made in Glenna's name to MDA ALS Division (12750 Merit Drive Suite 1220, Dallas 75251).

Paid obituary

Doyle Ray 'Dee' Miears

Doyle Ray 'Dee' Miears Jr., 61, died July 14, 2007, at his home in Granite Shoals. A funeral service was held Thursday, July 19, 2007, at the First Baptist Church of Granite Shoals with the Rev. David Carrington officiating. Interment followed at Marble Falls Cemetery.

He was born June 12, 1946, in Big Spring to Doyle Ray Miears Sr. and Zoeberta Fay Warren.

He met and married Catherine Dedman Nov. 5, 2006, in Kingsland. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine; daughter Rheadene; father, Doyle Ray Miears Sr. of Wyoming; mother Zoe Forrester of Kempner; stepdaughters Elizabeth Garcia of Los Angeles and Kara Nichols of Madera, Calif.; stepson Jeffrey Nichols of Fort Polk, La.; two grandchildren; sister Rheadene Pedro of Odessa; and brother John Forrester of Kempner.

Arrangements were under the direction of Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home in Marble Falls.

Emzie Woodard

Emzie Woodard, 86, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 27, 2007, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

George Reynolds Brown Sr.

George Reynolds Brown Sr., 90, of Midland, brother of Myra Robinson of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 28, 2007, in a Midland nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Midland.

Police blotter

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

- **CURTIS B. MAXWELL**, 37, 707 Magnolia, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and tampering with physical evidence.
- **HENRY JOHN RAYMOND**, 33, 447 Owens, was arrested on a charge of theft.
- **JOE LUIS RIVERA**, 19, 2401 Morrison, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ALFRED RAY LANG**, 55, no address given, was arrested on a capias warrant.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-12-13-22-28.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$29,112.
Winning ticket sold in: San Antonio.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-3-9.

Take Note

• **HOWARD COLLEGE AND SOUTHWEST COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF** will be honoring Ron Brasel, provost at SWCID for the past 21 years, with a retirement party from noon to 1 p.m., Monday, Aug. 6 in the SWCID Auditorium. Refreshments will be served and a "retirement rocking chair" will be available for all in attendance to sign messages to Ron. Everyone is invited.

• **A FUND HAS BEEN CREATED** to help Garland and Malynda Helmstetler raise the \$25,000 needed for medical treatment that the family's insurance will not cover. Malynda, director of Mobile Meals, has been diagnosed with breast cancer that cannot be treated by radiation and chemotherapy. Doctors have told the family she should begin treatment on Aug. 1 so that the cancer does not spread to other organs. Donations may be made payable to Malynda's Cancer Fund at the Federal Employees Credit Union located on FM 700.

• **A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT COSDEN CREDIT UNION** to help pay medical expenses for Raul Robles. Any assistance would be appreciated. The account is No. 761882.

• **ST. MARY'S AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S ARE HOLDING A LAP BLANKET DRIVE** to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

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 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 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
 - Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

Weather

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may produce heavy rainfall. Highs in the mid 80s. East winds around 10 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds around 10 mph becoming light and variable.

Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may produce heavy rainfall. Highs in the mid 80s. East winds around 10 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs around 90.

Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

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

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Correction

In the Thursday edition of the Herald, it was reported that Charles Burden, 42, was arrested by DPS Wednesday on charges of driving while license invalid, no drivers license and an open alcohol container. The charge should have read: driving while license invalid, no drivers license and driving while intoxicated - open container.

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Texans sign first rounder

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Defensive tackle Amobi Okoye, the youngest player taken in the first round since the AFL merger in 1967, signed with the Houston Texans and was on the field for the first day of training camp Friday.

Okoye, who was 19 on draft day and turned 20 last month, agreed to a six-year deal that can be voided after five years under certain conditions.

The total package is worth \$17.6 million, with \$12.785 million guaranteed, agent Darin Morgan said.

His salary for the first five years and guaranteed money adds up to \$15.4 million, with escalator clauses based on playing time that could earn another \$2.2 million.

"It was good," Okoye said. "I want to be out here with my teammates. I want to be out here the very first day and start this thing off right."

Okoye, the 10th pick in the draft, stressed to his agents that he didn't want

to miss any time, but said he got a bit concerned as the start of camp approached.

"With things like that, you can't sit there and say you weren't worried," he said. "I was worried. I knew they knew that I wanted to get it done before the time came around."

The 6-foot-1, 300-pound Okoye joins a defense that includes last year's No. 1 pick, Mario Williams, and the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year in linebacker DeMeco Ryans.

Among Okoye's many goals is back-to-back defensive rookies of the year for the Texans, who are trying to improve on their No. 27 ranking in sacks last season.

"The most important thing is to get the Defensive Rookie of the Year," he said. "Keep it over here in Houston."

Okoye is undaunted by being the youngest in any situation. He started high school at age 12 and college at 16.

Montoya first to race three series at Indy

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Juan Pablo Montoya navigated his golf cart through the infield at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, zipped into a parking spot and hopped out.

He didn't even make it a full step before a security guard stopped him in his tracks and ordered him to move the cart.

Not even an Indy great gets a break at the Brickyard.

Montoya will become the first driver to race in three series at Indianapolis when he makes his NASCAR debut on Sunday.

He won the Indianapolis 500 in 2000, his only appearance in the storied race, and made six Formula One starts at the Brickyard.

"I think when I'm 50 that's going to be a remarkable thing to remember," he said Friday. "But today, it's (about) getting the job done."

With an extensive and successful open-wheel background, Montoya is still adapting to driving a full-bodied stock car in this first full season of NASCAR. He's had his share of struggles and suf-

fered through a nine-race stretch that saw him fail to finish higher than 20th — and four of them were 31st or lower.

He finally broke through with his first Nextel Cup victory on the road course in Sonoma, Calif., on June 24. But because road racing is his specialty, the pressure is still on for Montoya to win on an oval.

Car owner Chip Ganassi, who also fielded Montoya's Indy 500 entry, thinks his driver is judged against an exaggerated learning curve.

"People have a lot of expectations with someone with the background that he has in racing," Ganassi said. "Juan hasn't been in 50 oval track races yet and most of these guys have run 50 oval track races before they were 14 years old."

"We're still in the process here of coming along and by no means are we there yet."

Although the road ahead is long, Ganassi is also quick to point to the success Montoya has already had this season. He's won three races since making the radical — and sometimes ridiculed — decision to leave Formula One for NASCAR last July, and all three victories came in

different series.

He opened the year by teaming with two other drivers to win the prestigious 24 Hours of Daytona sports car event in January, followed it with a Busch Series win on the road course in Mexico City in March and then his Cup victory last month.

"What better kind of a rookie year can you have?" Ganassi asked. "Our big push now is to get him to win on these ovals, (but) if the year ended tomorrow, I'd say it was a great year."

Yes, but Montoya still longs for an oval victory to prove he's arrived. Although he's got plenty of experience on Indy's historic 2 1/2-mile oval, he said he won't be able to carry any of it into Sunday's race.

"It's pretty hard to compare," he said. "Last time I was here was seven years ago and we were running wide open all the way around. I think it's a little different with the Cup cars, it's pretty hard. "There's a lot of things that I remember from the Indy 500 that I want to try to see what works and what doesn't."

That's led Montoya to seek help from some of the NASCAR veterans on the nuances of the track.

He expects the Cup event to be the hardest of the three series.

"The Formula One circuit was straightforward, and with the IRL cars it was like a fast oval, pretty flat. But that was what I used to drive every week so we knew what we had to do," Montoya said. "Coming here, I've been asking people where do you brake and that kind of thing. I try to ask a lot before going out so I get a different idea."

Although Montoya won as a rookie in his only Indy 500 appearance, he's a long shot to duplicate the feat this weekend. But it's not out of the realm of possibility. After all, he's proved to be a very quick learner throughout his career.

He won the CART title in his rookie season in 1999, and the Indy 500 the next season by leading 167 laps of the 200-lap race. It made him the first rookie to win the 500 since Graham Hill, another Formula One driver, did it in 1966.

That early — and seemingly easy — success made it difficult for Montoya to appreciate the lore of Indianapolis. Now back here seven years later, he's got a better grasp on the significance of Indy.

OWENS

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a doctor's note to be on the sideline because he was coming off two surgeries on his right ring finger. How's that for a first impression on new coach Wade Phillips and the new offensive coaches?

The rest of the summer, quarterback Tony Romo landed on the gossip pages more than Owens. He certainly had his fun, but working out was always a priority.

Fitness may be the one area where Owens' repu-

tation is golden. Still, he stepped things up this summer, spending more time with his trainer, lifting weights and watching his diet as usual.

"What do I look like? I look good," said Owens, his long-sleeve, full-leg tights showing off a 33-year-old body that's as sleek and muscular as ever.

Owens caught 85 passes for 1,180 yards last season, numbers that picked up drastically when Romo replaced Drew Bledsoe.

Should Owens come close to those totals again, he'll easily move into the

top 10 on the NFL career list in both categories. He's already fourth on the career TDs list, with 14 last season putting him at 114. He's years away from Jerry Rice's record (197) but within reach of No. 2 Cris Carter (130), although Indianapolis' Marvin Harrison (122) is closing in, too.

Owens has plenty of reasons to expect a big season, starting with his surgically repaired finger. He said the pain bothered him so much that it was like playing "with 1 1/2 hands."

"I know I can be better,"

he said.

The coaching change should help, too. It's not just that Parcells is gone, but also that Phillips is here.

While defense is Phillips' specialty, he has a track record of getting the most out of his best receivers. The coach proudly noted that Shannon Sharpe's career took off when Phillips became the head coach in Denver and that the same happened with Eric Moulds in Buffalo.

Phillips isn't too involved in the offensive game plan, but he tells his coaches what he wants, even if it's as vague as "get the ball to 81 a lot." That message seems to be getting through. In the first few days of camp, Owens ran routes from both outside receiving spots, something he didn't do last year. Phillips also likes the idea of lining him up in the slot.

"He hasn't played much in the slot, which surprises me," Phillips said. "I

just don't know how you'd play him in there, from a defensive standpoint. Playing against him, we were always glad that he was on one side and staying over there so we could double him."

A coaching staff that's looking for new ways to use him, a quarterback he trusts and an owner that didn't hesitate to pay him a \$3 million roster bonus in June — no wonder Owens is controversy-free and looking to keep it that way.

"If you are having fun playing football, you are going to be happy," Owens said. "There are going to be days where you aren't going to be as happy as others. Overall, you just want to go out there and be fun and be a kid playing a game that you like."

He's counting on the fun lasting into February.

"This is our year," Owens said. "I think we have more than a good opportunity to get this team to the Super Bowl."

Extra points: In case you were having trouble finding Cowboys news, FSN Southwest is ready to fill the void. A deal announced Friday makes the network the place to go for nightly updates from training camp, game night wrapup shows, a weekly Cowboys Insider player's show, regular Cowboys updates from the team's Valley Ranch headquarters and live coverage of coach Wade Phillips' Monday news conferences during the season. ... More news around the dial: The NFL Network will broadcast Sunday's practice as if it's a game. Deion Sanders will be among the broadcasters. ... Punter Mat McBriar sent balls booming toward a scoreboard about 100 feet above the field as part of a test for a group of architects of the new stadium. They're trying to figure out how low they can hang a video screen that will be the largest high-definition monitor ever built.

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LOFTON

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will immediately give Cleveland's lineup a needed boost of speed at the top. The Indians have stolen only 54 bases.

Manager Eric Wedge will likely play Lofton in

either right or left, flanking All-Star center fielder Grady Sizemore.

Lofton is Cleveland's franchise leader in steals (450) and ranks third in club history in runs (951). In nine seasons with the Indians, Lofton batted .300 and won four straight Gold Gloves patrolling

center field.

Since signing with the Chicago White Sox as a free agent in 2002, Lofton, a .299 career hitter, has played for seven teams as he tries to win an elusive World Series ring.

In his final game for the Rangers on Wednesday, Lofton homered and drove in three runs in a 7-6 win over Seattle.

With Texas again in last place in the AL West, there had been plenty of interest from contending teams in Lofton and Mark Teixeira.

The Indians acquired Ramirez last season from the Atlanta Braves in exchange for closer Bob Wickman.

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Porsha D'Ann Yarbar and Cody Lance Bryant

Yarbar and Bryant

Porsha D'Ann Yarbar and Cody Lance Bryant, formerly of Big Spring, were united in marriage at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2007, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Big Spring, with the Rev. Father Richard Regan officiating the ceremony.

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

The groom is the son of Terry Seale of Big Spring. He is the grandson of the late Buddy Seale and the late Carol Seale of Andrews. Billie Sue Chick of Cedar Hill served as his honorary grandmother.

The bride was given away at the alter by her father. She wore an elegant strapless gown with a long train and she wore a short veil handmade by her mother. She also wore her grandmother's pearl necklace. Her bouquet was filled with stargazer lilies, hot pink and light pink roses, carnations

and Stephanotis.

Keisha Yarbar of Forsan, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Holly Price of Midland and Candice Brewer of Lubbock, both best friends of the bride. Abigail Saucedo of Big Spring, a friend of the bride, served as the junior bridesmaid. The flower-girls were Hannah Mae Greer of Lubbock, a friend of the bride, and Aubri Fletcher of Midland, cousin of the groom.

The bridal party colors were chocolate brown and light pink and a western theme was present throughout. The maid of honor wore a pink dress and the bridesmaids wore chocolate brown dresses with a light pink sash tied around their waists. The flower girls wore white tea length dresses with scattered pink bows throughout. The girls in

the bridal party wore pearl necklaces and earrings to match the bride.

Best man was Donny Chick of Mansfield, friend of the groom. The groomsmen were Billy Acosta of Big Spring and Jeremy Renteria of Ackerly, both friends of the groom. Kolby Self of Big Spring, friend of the bride, served as the junior groomsmen. The ring bearers were Chase and Chandler Averette, both of Greenville, friends of the bride. The ushers were Trey Kuykendall, friend of the groom, and Kolten Self, friend of the bride, both of Big Spring.

A reception was held at the Saint Paul Lutheran Church where family and friends enjoyed delicious food and a beautiful wedding cake. The bride's cake was complete with a fountain and topped with fresh stargazer lilies, hot pink roses, light pink roses and carnations. The groom's cake was a chocolate cake and resembled two horseshoes linked

together as their theme was "Lucky in Love."

The bride is a graduate of Forsan High School and Howard College. She recently graduated from Texas Tech University with her bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary agriculture on May 12, 2007. She is planning on pursuing a master's degree in the fall.

The groom is a graduate of Forsan High School and is currently attending Texas Tech University and plans to graduate in December 2008 with a bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science.

The couple honeymooned on a seven-day cruise where they visited Montego Bay, Jamaica, the Cayman Islands and Cozumel, Mexico. The couple has made their home in Lubbock.

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Births

Randy Martinez, a boy, was born at 9:49 a.m. July 18, 2007, weighing 9 pounds and was 21-1/2 inches in length.

He is the son of Rodney and Elizabeth Martinez of Big Spring and the grandson of Sisto and Isabel Herrera and the late Vincente Martinez and

Mary Alice Martinez. He was welcomed home by siblings Rodney Jr. and Rocky Martinez.

Rubin Josiah Gutierrez, a boy, was born at 10:54 a.m. July 23, 2007, weighing 8 pounds, 4-1/2 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

He is the son of Marissa and Ruben Gutierrez of Big Spring and the grandson of Mary Loya and Juan Quiroz and Josifina Gutierrez and Alvino Gutierrez.

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A&M scholarship auction nets record amount for students

Herald Staff Report

The Howard County A&M Club "blew the top off" during its eighth annual scholarship auction at the Big Spring Country Club July 14.

The Aggie Auction raised \$52,000 and was a record-setter in attendance, funds raised, enjoyment and excitement, organizer Diana Newton said.

"It was a total blast!" Newton said.

Those who were honored with the naming of the endowed scholarships were Stan and Sue Partee, Hayes and Dorothy Stripling and Don and Cindy Knight. Those who purchased the \$5,000 naming rights for the endowments were the Partees, the Knights and Michael R. and Jeanne Niklasch for the Stripling Endowment and Kelly Williams of Houston for the Knight scholarship.

Stripling expressed his appreciation for the honor by saying, "It is

"The investments of encouragement and support will also live forever and hopefully be passed on to future generations. We support all of our students, whether they need financial assistance or not."

—Diana Newton

one thing to be honored by your family, but to be honored by your peers is the ultimate."

For the first time in history, the A&M Club endowed two scholarships in one year, giving the club a total of nine endowments that will live in perpetuity. This year the club awarded a total of 15 scholarships — a scholarship for every student who applied.



Courtesy photo

Howard County A&M Club members recently held an auction to finance scholarships for area students attending the university. Members and students who participated in the auction included, from left, front row: Penny Phillips, Diana Newton, Bryan Stokes, Jamie Huckabee, Crystal Wingert, Billy Roper and Don Knight; back row: Dr. Thomas Dawson, Tyler Williams, Jan Foresyth, Lee Gillihan, Jarrod Price and Bobby Price.

"It is not just about the money. The Howard County Aggie Club has a rewarding tradition of (members) returning home to give a portion of our blessings," Newton said. "To whom much is given, much is required."

That sums it up! "The investments of encouragement and support will also live forever and hopefully be passed on to future generations. We support all of our students, whether they need financial assistance or

not. We encourage them to persevere through disappointments and failures," Newton added. Newton also acknowledged the individuals and businesses who supported the auction through donations and attendance.

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Chamness said the men and women who make up the program group are no strangers to working with law enforcement.

"The VIPS members have been assisting the police department by

helping with traffic control at parades, Pops in the Park and other special events throughout the city," said Chamness. "They also help at the county fair by handing out information at the police booth."

"The VIPS members have become an invaluable part of the Big Spring Police Department

and the officers appreciate the assistance they provide."

For more information on the VIPS program, call 264-2550.

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but because of increased state aid, taxpayers will see their tax rate (as it pertains to the school district, at least) drop by more than 30 cents this year.

"The state will make up the difference (in lost tax revenue)," Waggoner said. "That's the only way we're able to (cut the rate)."

The news is not all sweetness and light, however. Because of a significant hike in property values — Waggoner estimates they may increase by \$200 million district-

wide — the tax relief may be diluted somewhat.

"I think they should see some tax relief, although not as much as they would if the values hadn't gone up so much," she said.

The new budget features four significant "big ticket" items:

- More than \$400,000 for the leasing, training and infrastructure connected with laptop computer program at Big Spring High School.
- Raises for teachers and other employees totaling about \$400,000.
- Three new buses, costing \$253,000.
- Installation of lighting systems at the baseball and softball fields, esti-

mated to cost \$300,000.

Because those items are paid through the new-found budget surplus, the new financial package is balanced for 2007-2008, but Waggoner warns things may tighten a bit in the future.

"Because we put so much of the surplus into salaries, we may not be able to finance as many big-ticket items in the future," she said. "Don't get me wrong — the raises are good and they needed to be done, but they are permanent costs."

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SCAM

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"You should never give your identifying information to anyone over the phone," said Sweatt, "no matter who they claim to be."

There have been no reports of the scam in Big Spring at this time, according to Sweatt.

"I received information on this and checked it out with the FBI," said Sweatt. "It's real, and it's happened in more than one state. Of course we hope these scam artists never target this area, but if they do, we want the citizens to be aware of what they are doing."

Sweatt said anyone with information regarding this or any other crime should call Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477) or 264-TIPS (8477).

"You may be eligible for a reward," said Sweatt. "Crimestoppers is authorized to pay up to \$1,000 in cash for information leading to the arrest and

indictment of any person or persons involved in criminal activity.

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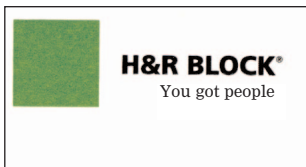
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Barber, Jones-Drew could turn into fantasy stars

By **JOHN McFARLAND**

Associated Press Writer

Jacksonville's Maurice Jones-Drew and Dallas' Marion Barber are both young, powerful running backs who averaged a touchdown a game last season despite sharing time with 1,000-yard runners.

They have another thing in common when it comes to fantasy football: Both are likely to be drafted way too early by owners still wide-eyed over TD totals that trailed only LaDainian Tomlinson and Larry Johnson. Jones-Drew and Barber are nice players, but it's a big mistake to blow a high pick on them. Like most running backs who share time, you shouldn't overvalue them because they just can't produce big yardage and touchdowns every week.

Consider the top part-time employees of 2006.

Jones-Drew, a 5-foot-7 back who's like a really fast cement block, scored 11 times in the final eight games. But he only had more than 10 carries in half those games. Half the time he had fewer than 85 total yards. And half the time he was below 50 yards rushing.

Barber only averaged about 10 touches, and in 10 games he was held below 50 yards rushing. Twice he was in the teens. Once he had a 3-yard game. Once he went

for minus-1 yard. Such regular vanishing acts on the yardage front can kill your team, especially from a high pick.

Still, Jones-Drew or Barber will go quickly simply because of their TD totals, or because owners will reach the seemingly logical conclusion that high-scoring part-timers will be rewarded with more work.

But it doesn't look like either back will get significantly more carries, as their new offensive coordinators both said committees will remain.

The Jaguars brought back the ancient Fred Taylor, who ran 65 more times than Jones-Drew last season. They also got back 255-pound bruiser Greg Jones, who had a couple 100-yard games in 2005 but missed last season with injury. He's sure to scrape up a few carries.

In Dallas, Julius Jones is the starter, replaced by Barber on third down and the goal line. Jones had about twice as many carries as Barber while gaining 1,084 yards last year. He's also in a contract year and jazzed to be in an offense free of Bill Parcells' hollering.

Both backs are extremely long shots to score 16 times with so few carries (10 a game for Jones-Drew, 8 1/2 for Barber). It didn't happen in the 20 seasons before last, so a repeat is unlikely.

Given all those con-

cerns, where do you draft the part-timers?

Typically they shouldn't go until the most promising full-timers are off the board. There are about 20 backs who have 20-25 carry potential, so it's possible to snag a pair of them before looking at committees.

Of course, health and other factors could drastically change a time-share, so monitor them closely during camp. If somebody is limping around or projected to miss time, his counterpart becomes more valuable.

For example, LaMont Jordan's value increased when his time-share partner in Oakland, Dominic Rhodes, was suspended for four games. (OK, so his value went from crummy to kind of bad, but you get the point.)

Here's a brief look at some other time-shares to keep an eye on during camp:

- Reggie Bush and Deuce McAllister are exceptions to the rule that you wait for the part-timers because the Saints have found a way for them to share time and produce stats. McAllister did most of the running and finished with nearly 1,300 total yards and 10 touchdowns. Bush caught about 90 passes and had about 1,300 yards and eight scores. Both should be in your top 20, with



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Dallas Cowboys Marion Barber (24) shown during their game Nov. 5, 2006 against the Washington Redskins played at FedEx Field in Landover, Md.

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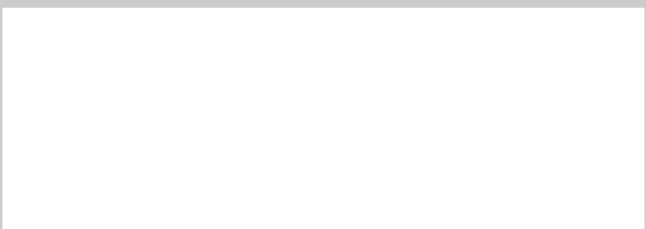
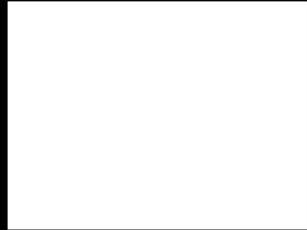
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Weddings



Brent Walden and Krystal Nicole Cline

Cline and Walden

Krystal Nicole Cine of Big Spring and Brent Walden of Stockbridge, Ga., exchanged wedding vows at 5 p.m. Saturday June 2, 2007, at the Dora Roberts Community Center Pavilion. The ceremony overlooked the lake while the Rev. Clark Johnson of Lubbock officiated.

The bride is the daughter of John and Anita Cline of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Faye and Johnnie Hobbs and Clara and the late Johnnie Cline, all of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Brenda and Wesley Walden of Stockbridge, Ga. He is the grandson of

Raymond and Shirley Walden of Stockbridge, Ga., and James and Dorothy Wyman of Peoria, Ill.

The bride was given away by her father. Matron of honor was Kandi Campbell, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Toni Vaughn, aunt of the bride and Kristen Griggs, cousin of the bride, both of Lubbock.

Flower girl was Aubrey Dean of Stockbridge, niece of the groom and ring bearer was Bryson Cline of Big Spring, nephew of the bride.

The bride wore an original ball gown by Justin Alexander. The strapless gown was made of ivory

satin with hand-beaded lace overlay. The matron of honor and bridesmaids wore strapless, tea length, coral satin gowns. The groom, groomsmen and ring bearer wore black Ralph Lauren tuxedos with matching ties and vests.

The reception, dinner and dance were held in the ballroom of Dora Roberts Community Center. The bride's cake was a three-tier white cake with white beading and a silk flower arrangement of deep orange and olive greens cascading down the side. The groom's cake was red velvet shaped as a horseshoe on a table decorated with a saddle, piggin' string and rodeo belt buckles and rodeo pictures.

The bride graduated from Big Spring High School, received an associate's degree in science at Howard College and her bachelor's in elementary education from the West Texas A&M. The groom graduated from Faith Academy in Stockbridge, Ga., and received an associate's degree in science from Howard College.

After returning from honeymooning at the beaches in the Bahamas, the couple will make their home in Stockbridge, Ga. Krystal will be teaching first grade at Woodland Elementary. Brent owns and manages Walden's Total Landscaping and participates in the professional rodeo circuit as a calf roper.

Armstrong and Roberts

Jillery Joy Armstrong and Tyler John Roberts were united in marriage, at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 23, 2007, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Randy Cotton.

Jillery is the daughter of Wayne and Joy Armstrong of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Charley and the late Rachel Dunn of Greenwood.

Tyler is the son of Bryon and Teresa Roberts of Lamesa. He is the grandson of Gerald and Billie Roberts and Lindell and Nina Singleton, all of Lamesa.

The bride was given away by her father, Wayne Armstrong. She wore a beautiful white strapless corset bodice gown with beaded lace appliques, with a organza pick up skirt. The skirt was tulle with flowers.

The back laced up with a chapel train. She wore a tiara of diamond rhinestones with a waist-length veil with matching appliques as the gown. Jillery carried a bouquet of mixed pink roses and flowers made by her mother.

Tyler wore a chocolate brown pin-striped tuxedo with ivory vest and tie. All groomsmen wore chocolate brown tuxedos with pink vests and ties.

All the ladies in the bridal party wore light pink floor-length dresses with brown ribbons for accent. The bride was attended by her matron of honor, Amanda Arguello, sister of the bride from Midland. Serving as maid of honor was Cathy Seil, a college friend from Lubbock. Others bridesmaids were Alicia Campos, a life-long friend from San Antonio and two college friends from

Lubbock, Mandee Boone and Angie Hannaway.

Clayton Roberts, Tyler's brother, from Lubbock served as best man. Serving as groomsmen were all college friends: Aaron Eugenis of Lubbock, Jordan Downing of Fort Worth and Dave Dobbins and Matt Stevens of Lubbock. Will Tatum of Lubbock served as usher along with the groomsmen. Ringbearer was Carter Roberts, nephew to the groom. Elizabeth Kirby served as flowergirl. She is the niece to the groom.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School. She also graduated from Texas Tech University in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in mass communication and public relations. She is now working on a masters at Wayland Baptist University. Jillery is

employed with McDougal Companies in Lubbock.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Lamesa High School. Tyler is currently enrolled in the RN program at South Plains College. He is currently at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

The reception was decorated like a ballroom with pink tablecloths, brown organza table tops, ivory chair covers with brown sashes and pink ribbon accents.

The bride's white cake with light pink icing was four layers with pink roses between each layer. There were also 12 six-inch individual cakes of different flavors on each table. The groom's cake was chocolate Coca-Cola served with Coke floats.

Following the honeymoon to Puerto Vallarta, the couple will reside in Lubbock.



Jillery Joy Armstrong Roberts

Baker attends Lions camp

Medista Baker of Big Spring attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville this summer. She was sponsored by Paul Smith of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club.

The Texas Lions Camp offers camping sessions to children age 7 through 16 who have visual hearing or physical disabilities. The camp offers a wide variety of activities, including arts and crafts, field sports, horse riding, swimming, theater and camping out overnight.

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OUR VIEWS

Governor needs to restore funds lost by colleges

It is almost a certain bet that most West Texans managed to go about their day on Thursday unaware that 47 Texas House Democratic lawmakers called out Gov. Rick Perry, asking him to restore \$154 million cut from the state budget for public community and junior colleges.

It's probably a sure thing the same could be said about those of us living here in Howard County. It is, after all, just another of those tempests in a teapot we always see from Austin, right?

Wrong. Earlier this summer, Perry used his line-item veto authority to strike higher education employees' group insurance contributions for public community and junior colleges from the fiscal year 2009 funding.

Not surprisingly, that veto has drawn harsh criticism from leaders all across the state.

It should. Without those funds, community and junior colleges like Howard College could well be forced to raise local taxes. Or they might raise tuition and fees. Or, they might cut instructional services. And a combination of two or maybe even all three might be in order for some of the state's community colleges.

In a joint-letter to Perry, Democratic House members requested that he use his legal authority to reverse the veto's effect and restore the funds needed by all 50 Texas public community colleges.

The Dems' letter compares Perry's veto to a "tax increase on middle-class Texans who are working hard to build better lives by obtaining a community or junior college education."

We couldn't agree more. If we as Texans truly want to secure a better tomorrow for our children and our grandchildren, then we absolutely must invest in public higher education.

We can help but believe the governor's veto was an unwise decision — one that will harm not just community college districts and the dedicated people who work for them, but in the long term, hard-working Texas families.

We agree with House Democratic Caucus Chair Jim Dunning, who said, "With so many community leaders across Texas calling on him to act responsibly, hopefully Gov. Perry will see the light and correct his mistake."

The governor, in conjunction with the Legislative Budget Board (LBB), has the statutory and constitutional authority to replace the \$154 million taken out of the budget.

House Speaker Tom Craddick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, as the joint-chairs of the LBB, must also agree to restore the funds.

While this may seem a partisan issue, we can't help but disagree.

There is no time like the present for Perry, Craddick and Dewhurst to take action, even though the vetoed funds were appropriated for the 2008-2009 school year.

Community college administrators need to know that money will be available now. While they are only now preparing to send their proposed budgets for the 2007-2008 school year to their boards, they will almost immediately have to begin planning for fiscal 2009.

We don't need the governor and the LBB forcing them into a situation where increasing taxes or cutting educational services are their choices.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

To walk with You, Lord, is a heavenly pleasure.

Amen

Home alone, dreading the future

I drove my daughter to the train station on Saturday, fighting back tears. She is only going for two weeks. She will be home soon. And then she will leave, again.

I know I am lucky. I'm afraid even to say it — the evil eye and all that. Knock on wood. My daughter is going to Mexico, not to Iraq. She is going to a safe place, not a dangerous one. I'm the kind of mother who reads the obituaries every day, about the kids — because that is what they are to me, those who are dying in Iraq — and about the mothers who didn't want them to go. My heart aches. I get the details of the kids who overdose, drive drunk off the road and don't get to go on fun trips or study college catalogs. I know I am blessed. I thank God every day. But I still cry on the way home from the train.

In a year, my daughter will go off to college. Already the search is on for the right fit, and it is not, as it was when I applied, limited to schools on the subway line. But it didn't really matter that I was only two transfers away, when I was my daughter's age, I left home and never went back.

My daughter goes in a year. Then her brother will follow, in two or three. God willing. Thank God. It is nothing to cry about. But I do.

I remember when my children

were little, friends and strangers would look over and tell me to enjoy it, that it would be over in a minute, that they would be gone before I knew it, that the children I was carrying would soon be driving away. I thought I understood, but really I didn't. When your kids are little, time doesn't fly. Some nights are so long, with so little sleep and so much frustration, that you can forget you are living the happiest days of your life.

I thought I knew the important things. After all, I was "old" when I had my kids. I had seen fame, found success, learned it was fleeting, experienced its limits. I thought knowing what mattered would somehow make it last.

And then I blinked. By the time you understand that time is short, it has begun to fly. When I was young I couldn't wait. Time passed slowly. Now I want to hold on to it, and it rushes past me.

The days my children were born were the happiest days of my life. I remember what it felt like, like it was yesterday. But it wasn't.

My friends tell me it is different today, that kids don't leave the way we did, packing up and never coming home. They can't afford to. They don't want to. They aren't as old as we were at their age, aren't as angry. They have homes to come home to, better than the ones they can make themselves, something I never had. When I went to college, my parents broke up, and that was it. Neither of them had a bed for me, much less

a room, in their new places. There was no question of coming home. I didn't have one.

My friend Pam's daughter left for school five years ago. Now she works in New York, while her mother keeps her room for her in Oklahoma City. I ask her advice, and she doesn't really have any. She tells me the truth: that she still gets teary about her daughter being gone.

I know there are some who look forward to the empty nest, to the time for themselves, to the trips they can take and the things they can do. I don't. My children are not yet gone, but already I look back at the mistakes I have made, the time I have wasted worrying about bills and spills, about moving and money, about the bickering and the messes and all the things that don't matter, even as time raced by.

I tell myself that when my daughter comes home, I will make each day count, that the time may be short but it can also be rich, that it's not about how many days before she goes but how we use those days. I try to have faith in the universe, that everything is as it is supposed to be. I hold on to the idea that a little faith is like the salt in the soup, what it needs and what I do. I repeat these things to myself to feel better, but I know something else: I will blink, and she will be packing again. And I will cry all the way home.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Some recent editorials in the Herald have caught my attention. May I comment on one by Colbert King printed Monday, July 16, entitled "Some Things We Don't Need to Know"?

King was commenting on the public's right to know and a political candidate's right to privacy. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton had granted an interview to the New York Times concerning her faith and political life. The interviewer had asked Sen. Clinton about her theological views.

King felt the interviewer had gone too far. The questions put to her went deeper than he felt they should have. She had been asked to answer questions about a more personal side of her faith like does she read the Bible regularly, pray, believe in a personal relationship with God, feed that relationship, believe that the resurrection of Jesus actually happened and that

salvation does come through belief in Christ.

Not having read the original article, I may not be qualified to express an opinion about it. However, it seems to me that Sen. Clinton was generous to be willing to respond to such in-depth questions. She could have declined to answer them.

One's personal relationship with God does have a most important effect on choices and decisions one makes. That does not mean there will always be agreement between people who have that personal relationship with God. Since God is infinite, it seems to me that each person has the freedom to live and grow within their own personal relationship. Therefore, respect is the spiritual response I owe to others.

If any reader likes to communicate with others around spiritual ideas, I am open to dialogue with them in person or on the telephone.

My number is listed in the directory and I welcome the opportunity.

NANCY L. PATRICK
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I hope that this letter will not offend anyone here in Big Spring.

Two weeks ago we left here to go to Florida with our daughter and two grandchildren. We decided to take Interstate 20 instead of Interstate 10. We spent the night in Jackson, Miss.

My granddaughter, Alexia, and grandson, Cody, were attacked with hateful words. They were called white trash and whitties. Alexia became so very upset by the words that I had to take her to the local hospital's emergency room for stomach problems.

If you remember, a few months back she did a paper on Dr. Martin

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Rate regulation harms consumers

Rate Regulation Harms consumers. The recent decisions by Farmers Insurance and

Allstate Insurance to withdraw their proposed homeowners, insurance rate increases in the face of opposition from the Texas Department of Insurance are an unfortunate turn of events for Texas consumers and taxpayers.

The regulation of homeowners, insurance in Texas has for years produced poor results for consumers.

Remember the mold crisis earlier this decade when rates skyrocketed because 70 percent of all mold claims in the country were filed in Texas?

Two things were behind the high rates: Trial lawyers and a mandate by TDI that all Texas homeowners, policies cover mold and other water-related damage. Once the department removed the mandate, rates began to fall rapidly.

More recently, the state's rate regulation has undermined the ability of insurers to adequately account for costs and risk. The three largest property insurers in the state — State Farm, Allstate and Farmers — are effectively unable to adjust their rates based on market conditions, instead having to seek "prior approval" from TDI for any rate adjustment.

Allstate's filing sought to account for rising construction costs since Hurricane Katrina that have increased the costs of claims. Anyone who has recently built or

remodeled a home could testify to this problem. Yet TDI indicated it would not approve the increase.

At the center of TDI's opposition to Farmers seems to be the company's plan to differentiate the rates paid by homeowners in areas of the state with less risk, including North Texas, and those who live in high risk areas, such as the hurricane-prone Gulf Coast.

"The increases are heavily weighted toward the coast, which may be appropriate because of the risks," said TDI spokesman Ben Gonzales. "But we need to see more documentation."

In fact, the risks along the coast are well documented by the approximately \$125 billion in damages caused during the 2005 hurricane season.

Nowhere is the hesitancy of TDI to allow insurers to adjust for risk more evident than in the case of windstorm insurance.

For years, TDI has kept rates offered by the state's Texas Windstorm Insurance Agency well below the level needed to cover losses from a major storm.

While TWIA is supposed to be a provider of last resort, these below-market rates have resulted in a dramatic increase in policyholders and exposure.

Policyholders at TWIA have gone from 68,756 in 2001 to 173,404 earlier this year.

A Rita-like hurricane strike on Galveston could expose TWIA to \$5 billion in claims, but because TWIA can only cover around \$1 billion in losses, Texas taxpayers would pay the rest.

Besides creating this substantial risk to taxpayers, TDI's rate regulation has forced ratepayers across

the state to subsidize both homeowners, and windstorm policies along the coast.

The focus on rate regulation has also diverted resources from ensuring the solvency of companies.

Much like TWIA, companies forced to offer below market rates may be unable to cover claims against their policies, leaving many homeowners at risk of having no insurance at all.

Ultimately, TDI's regulatory stance has brought about reduced investment and competition in the Texas insurance marketplace.

Insurers assess risk years into the future, but today they can't even predict what their income will be next year. This has a chilling effect on Texas, ability to attract capital and new insurers; over time, the absence of both will keep rates artificially inflated.

In the world of cell phones, electricity deregulation, and e-commerce, Texas consumers are sophisticated shoppers accustomed to making thoughtful decisions about our purchases. Insurance is no different.

The upcoming sunset review of TDI provides the Texas Legislature a great opportunity to end the department's role in rate regulation.

It should take advantage of this. TDI's efforts at consumer protection do more harm than good.

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BRIEFS

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Steers season ticket sales have begun

Big Spring High School have made 2007 Steer football season tickets available for previous season ticket holders at the Athletic Training Center. Season tickets will be made available to the general public Aug. 8

through Aug. 22 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

Magers-Powell camp scheduled

Rose Magers-Powell, the Big Spring High School Hall of Fame volleyball star and 1984 Olympian, will again be conducting a volleyball camp at BSHS this summer. The camp is scheduled

for July 30-Aug. 1 with sessions for middle school players from 9 a.m. to noon. The high school players' session is from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The fee will be \$125 per player.

Players can register online at www.gotrosevolleyballcamps.com.

LULAC golf tourney for scholarship set

The League of United Latin American Citizens will host their First Annual LULAC Scholarship Golf Tournament at Big Spring Country Club Aug. 11.

The event will benefit a scholarship fundraiser for local high school or junior college graduates.

The format is an 18-hole 4-man scramble beginning at 9:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$75 per player.

Registration is due by Aug. 10 with enrollment limited to the first 72 paid entrants.

For entry and sponsor information, contact Anthony Mendoza at 264-0026 or e-mail him at anthonymendoza03@yahoo.com.

Country club hosting over 80 golf tourney

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting an over 80 scramble tournament starting at 1 p.m. Aug. 18. The tournament will conclude Aug. 19.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus a optional golf cart fee. Private carts are welcome. Entry includes a barbecue lunch on the course both days.

The field will be flighted by first round score.

Call the pro shop at 267-5354 for more information or to enter a team.

FANTASY

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Bush ranked higher on potential and youth.

The Minnesota backfield is extremely intriguing. Rookie Adrian Peterson could end up a 1,500-yard back, but for now he's sharing with starter Chester Taylor. Both have injury histories so either could wind up the featured back.

The Giants' enormous duo of Brandon Jacobs and Reuben Droughns will share, with Jacobs probably getting more carries, including all near the goal line. Jacobs could be a solid starter, but Droughns should go much later.

The Packers competition seems destined to end with this speech: "There are no losers here,

guys. You're going to share!" 2007 second round pick Brandon Jackson seems more promising, although Vernand Morency had a couple big games last year. Jackson shined late in his junior season at Nebraska and is a versatile runner with a slashing style.

Atlanta's Jerious Norwood and Warrick Dunn will share, but it isn't clear how many carries each will get. Norwood, a third round selection in 2006, has more breakaway potential and is likely to miss up to four weeks due to recent back surgery. (This decision's probably pretty low on the Falcons' priority list right now.)

Starter DeShaun Foster and DeAngelo Williams will share in Carolina, but neither has

stayed healthy or hit the end zone much. Only get excited if somebody's the clear winner in camp. Williams, a first-round pick in 2006, probably has more potential.

Tennessee has three backs in the mix: rookie Chris Henry from Arizona, plump second-year guy LenDale White and one-time starter Chris Brown. Who will come out on top, if anyone, is a mystery. Henry seems to have the most potential, but has never carried a full load. White has work-ethic questions and Brown is injury and fumble-prone. Vince Young could end up being the team's best rusher.

Tatum Bell could be the clear starter in Detroit. Unless Kevin Jones returns from injury or T.J. Duckett hogs the goal-line carries.

SHOOTOUT

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teams looking to push the ball quickly up the court following rebounds or made shots.

This style of play proved favorable for the West, allowing them to take advantage of several East turnovers for easy fast-break buckets.

The scoring was spread around on the West squad with every player scoring at least two points in the first half. Six of the eight players had at least five points by half-time.

Garden City's first-team all-state forward Taylor Niehues led all players in scoring at the half with nine points. He would finish with 12 points on his way to being named the West's Most Outstanding Player.

Niehues made a large contribution defensively, hustling for loose balls and redirecting several East shots in the paint.

The West led by as many as 17 points in the first half. The deficit could've been worse for the East, but Chase Martin of Aspermont and Chase Coulter of Crowell combined for 17 points too keep their team within 13 points at the half.

However, the West would build upon its 41-28 half-time lead early in the second half. Fueled by Jake Baker of Whitharral, the West built the lead to 19 just five minutes into the half.

Coulter would get hot again midway through the final half, knocking down two 3-pointers and making the most of his charity opportunities. He scored 12 of his 21 points

in the second half, earning him the East's Most Outstanding Player award.

Baker was named Most Valuable Player, leading all scorers with 22 points. Zach Morrow of Meadow finished the game with 15 points for the West and Justin Churchwell had 11 points for the East.

Garden City played host to another all-star event Saturday. The Texas Bowl featured some of the state's top six-man football players. Division I players were pitted against Division II players from smaller schools in the annual all-star event.

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling him at 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing him at sports@bigspringherald.com.

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Shelly Lynnette Webb and Anacleto Lee Casas

Webb and Casas

Shelly Lynnette Webb of Midland and Anacleto Lee Casas of Knott will exchange wedding vows at 6 p.m. Aug. 18, 2007, at the Center for Energy and Economic Development (CEED) building in Midland.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Steve and Sherion Webb of Midland and the granddaughter of John and Melba Webb of

Stanton and Wayne and Jean (deceased) Blue of Midland.

The groom is the son of Anacleto Jr. and Zulema Casas of Knott and the grandson of Anacleto (deceased) and Ester Casas of Rio Grande City and Juan (deceased) and Zulema Villarreal of Agualeguas Nuevo Leon, Mexico.



Benjamin Paul Moses and Anne Elizabeth Crossan

Crossan and Moses

Anne Elizabeth Crossan of Flower Mound and Benjamin Paul Moses of Dallas will exchange wedding vows in September.

Anne is the daughter of Mike and Carol Anne Crossan of Flower Mound. She is the granddaughter of David and Yolanda Borrelli of Avondale, Pa., and Ollie and the late Richard Crossan of West Grove, Pa.

The bride-elect is a 2001

graduate of Marcus High School in Flower Mound. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in marketing and management. She is currently employed with Greystone Communities in Irving.

Ben is the son of Steve and Paula Moses of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Ben and Chris Moses of Abilene and Paul and Betty Whaley of Morristown, Tenn.

He is a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School. He graduated from Howard College in 2001 and from Texas Tech University in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in construction engineering technology. He is the owner of BPM Construction Inc. in Dallas.

The wedding will be Sept. 1, 2007, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Lewisville.



Jonathon Ray Mckinnon and Stevi Nickol Bingham

Bingham and Mckinnon

Stevi Nickol Bingham and Jonathon Ray Mckinnon, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, 2007, at the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring.

Stevi is the daughter of Steve and Debbie Bingham of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Betty Weidler of Big Spring and Bob Weidler (deceased), and June McCracken of Big Spring and Joe Bingham (deceased).

She graduated from Coahoma High School in 2001 and attended Howard

College. Stevi is the owner of The Dance Gallery, where she does what she loves — teaching dance to many children.

Jonathon is the son of Clayton and ReeAnn Mckinnon of Garden City. His grandparents are Ray and Charlene Mckinnon, both deceased, and Felix and Bernice Petrosky of Needville.

Jon graduated from Big Spring High School in 2002 and attended Ranger Junior College and McMurry University on baseball scholarships. He now works at Alon USA.

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5 GENERATIONS — left to right, back row, Stacey Renae (Hodnett) Kushaney of Hurst, Annette (Boykin) Hodnett of Big Spring, Teran Kae (Nix) Hagerich of Bedford, Kenneth David Hagerich of Bedford, and front row, Macy Lauren Nix of Bedford and Louise Boykin of Big Spring. The photo was taken at the 50th wedding anniversary of David and Annette Hodnet.



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Put the important things first

Years ago, during my college days, one of my professors started one of my classes in philosophy with the following question: When things in your lives seem almost too much to handle or when 24 hours in a day are not enough, what should you do?

Without another word, he picked up a very large, empty pickle jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He asked if the jar was full. We all agreed that it was. He



DARRELL RYAN

then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. As he shook the jar lightly the pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls.

He then asked again if the jar was full. Again, we agreed it was.

Then he picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. We responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar filling the empty space between the sand. We all laughed.

"Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to think that this jar repre-

Parent's Corner

sents your life. The golf balls are the important things, your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions. If everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

"The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else, the small stuff of your life. If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have

room for the things that are important to you.

"Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18 holes of golf or another round of Bunko!

"There will always be time to clean the house, do the laundry or fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

At that point one of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The

professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

No more was said and the class was dismissed. Sometimes I need to

remember that lesson and pour another cup while I still have the time.

—Darrell Ryan, is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

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ATM gives out \$20s instead of \$5s; officials say they know who took the extra cash

MANSFIELD, La. (AP) — An ATM at a northwest Louisiana truck stop gave out \$20 bills instead of \$5s, but authorities say they know who took the extra \$7,000 the machine spit out and plan to track them down.

DeSoto Parish sheriff's

Lt. Toni Morris said the automated teller machine has records showing 26 people who received the extra cash during five days in late June and early July.

Annette Parker, a supervisor at Eagle's Truck Stop, said she unplugged

the machine after over-hearing conversations about the excess payments.

"The next morning when we had come back in, someone had plugged it back up," she said.

Morris said someone who did not work at the

truck stop may have rigged the machine, which keeps records of when the money was taken and by whom.

Morris said charges could be brought against the people who got more money than they were debited for.

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Luther King and got a A-plus on it and she believes in him and what he stood for. She bought a rebel bandana and wore it until she was called white trash again and she has not worn it since. She is afraid to wear it for fear that someone will say something to her. My grandson is afraid to walk alone because of those horrible words.

Dr. King stood for freedom for all races and I wonder now what has happened to his dream? I sent a letter to the Jackson newspaper and told whoever said that to them that I would pray for them and the way they believe. I bought a new rebel flag that they are now allowed to fly. I believe in Dr. King's dream and pray that someday in my lifetime that I will see it come true.

MARILLYN MIEARS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
I think that Michael Vick should be immediately suspended from the NFL. Just like O.J., he is guilty until proven innocent (heaven forbid).

Those who engage in dogfighting are barbaric and he should not be representing the league.

If you agree, e-mail www.humanesociety@hs.us.com who will forward your message to the NFL.

I also encourage people to e-mail Nike asking to have his endorsement contract canceled.

AURIEL LAFOND
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
The Big Spring Senior Citizens Center would like to thank the Howard County Sheriff's Office and the inmate work program for the lawn work.

they have done. They have offered to come work on the lawn and shrubs bi-weekly to help us out. We have been short-handed and the grounds were becoming overgrown due to the rain.

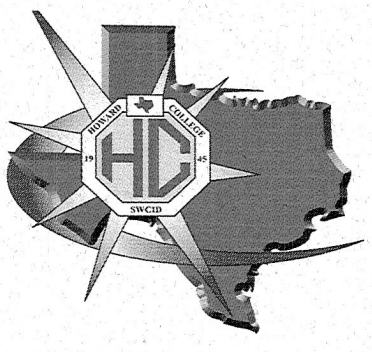
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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees respects the support of taxpayers and major donors through the years to create and maintain the physical plant and overall college operation, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees believes that the Howard County Junior College District must continue to meet the current and future education and workforce needs of our community as originally envisioned, and

WHEREAS, through renovation of our facilities, current and future students are assured of continued quality education and the community is prepared with an economic development tool, and

WHEREAS, through the positive outcome of the recent bond election, citizens of Howard County acknowledged the need for the financing of renovation, construction and equipping of school buildings in the amount of \$21,625,000,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Howard County Junior College District appreciates the support of the citizens of Howard County in these efforts and will utilize these funds wisely in this time of rebirth for the Howard County Junior College District.

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House passes multibillion-dollar farm bill

By **JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-controlled House passed legislation Friday that combines billions in aid for farmers with money for low-income nutrition programs, defying a veto threat from President Bush over the bill's largesse to crop producers.

The measure, passed on a vote of 231-191, devotes

more money to conservation, renewable energy, nutrition and specialty crop programs than in the past but leaves in place — and in some cases increases — subsidies to producers of major crops such as corn and soybeans at a time of record-high prices.

It reflected a delicate straddle for Democrats writing their first farm bill in a decade, who struggled to balance the needs of first-term, farm-state lawmakers against

"More needs to be done, but we have gone in the right direction for change and for reform."

—House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

the demands of liberals seeking more money for environmental and nutrition programs.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said the measure "signals change and shows a new direction in our farm policy," but it fell well short of the changes many in her

party had demanded.

"More needs to be done, but we have gone in the right direction for change and for reform," Pelosi said in a nearly 15-minute speech in which she defended her support for the measure, which has earned her barbs from some environmental and

anti-hunger activists.

Democrats rallied around the bill, however, after debate turned bitterly partisan over a tax measure included to finance some \$4 billion in food stamp and other nutrition programs. The plan would impose new taxes on certain multinational companies with U.S. subsidiaries.

All but 19 Republicans opposed it, leaving Democrats well short of the margin they would need to override a veto.

"This is an unprecedented move to use a farm bill as a vehicle to increase taxes," said Rep. Adam Putnam of Florida, the No. 3 Republican. "We could have put the House imprint on the farm bill, and now it is veto bait, and that is a tragedy."

The legislation aims to ban subsidies to farmers whose income averages more than \$1 million a year, down from the current limit of \$2.5 million.

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Steeped in the past, dedicated to latest in personal health

by **DUSTIN WILSON**

Staff Writer

Warren Chiropractic has been a part of the medical community of Big Spring for a very, very long time.

For the past 57 years, the clinic has gone through many changes and renovations, but has still kept the same spirit of wanting to help people.

"In 1950, Dr. Loren Warren opened his chiropractic service at this location on Lancaster. At the time there were three small separate buildings," said Beverly Warren, who at the moment serves as the office Jill-of-all-trades.

"Originally Dr. J. Warren's father — Loren Warren — operated out of one of the small houses attending to patients in the local area. Many times the patients weren't able to pay with money so he would barter for belt buckles or guns, a lot of different things instead of the usual way."

Taking over the busi-

ness in 1984, J. Warren followed in his father's footsteps, but at the same time felt the need to take the practice in another direction. He not only received his chiropractic degree, he also became a certified nutritionist, both awarded from Texas Chiropractic College.

Warren studied at the accredited Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland, where he earned his master's degree in physical therapy.

"Dr. Warren is constantly bringing new aspects of health to Big Spring. He's always staying on the cutting edge of health," said Beverly.

Not only is the clinic able to help their patients with their chiropractic needs, it also offers a variety of other services, said Beverly.

"We offer natural, alternative services to health care," said Beverly. "The clinic offers ultrasound, microcurrent therapy, and this is one of the first clinics in the area to offer



Trainer Garrett Fulton, right, assists the Stanton Buffalo's Ramsy Fleckenstein with a part of his training offered on the FAST program at Dr. Warren's Clinic located at 1707 Lancaster.

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the Triton decompression table.

"We also have the very unique David Back System which is in most major hospitals as well as the Texas Back Institute.

It was designed in Finland, and the developer flew here to Big Spring to train our staff in its operations. We were the very first clinic in the U.S. to have the system in

use for our patients."

The clinic also offers a special training system for local area athletes, utilized by the 2007 Coahoma Softball Bulldogettes and a few members of the cur-

rent Stanton Buffaloes football team, according to Warren.

"We call it the FAST program, and it utilizes

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Dr. Brooks joins Americot as director of quality assurance and assistant breeder

LUBBOCK — Americot Inc. is pleased to announce that Dr. Thomas Brooks has joined Americot as director of quality assurance and assistant breeder at Americot's Seminole research and breeding facility. In his new role, Brooks is responsible for testing the quality of Americot cotton seed and he will be heavily involved with the cotton breeding program.



Brooks

According to Americot cotton breeder Dr. David Bush, Brooks' experience in molecular biology will make a huge impact on their cotton breeding program.

"Brooks is going to shift our cotton breeding efforts into high gear," said Brooks. "We are going to be able to look at marker-assisted selection, which is something we have never been able to do in the past."

"Additionally, he will act as laboratory director in our quality assurance program. Brooks

will supervise all technicians testing the quality and genetic purity of bulk and bagged seed."

Brooks previously worked for the USDA's Agricultural Research Service, where as research geneticist he managed a molecular breeding program for the past six years.

"I am looking forward to directly serving cotton producers and seeing the impact of what we accomplish," Brooks said.

"We want to continue to improve results from the lab

and make our product reliable for the producers. It is exciting to be part of Americot, particularly in light of its recent germplasm acquisitions and licensing agreements, including NexGen and GENETEX."

The native of Bells, Tenn., earned a B.S. in crop science/agronomy and a M.S. in plant breeding from Mississippi State University and a Ph.D. in Genetics from Texas A&M University.

He and his wife, Janet, now reside in Seminole and have three children.



Owner Jeanie Coor is surrounded by her friends and representatives of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce as she celebrates the grand opening of her boutique, J.Mkai, located at 123 Main Street.

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Flight academy sets open house

□ 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 4. The public is invited.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The U.S. Flight Academy will be celebrating 19 years in Big Spring Saturday, Aug. 4, with an open house at the facility's office located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Jarlie Boe, owner and operator of the flight school, said there's plenty of celebrate within the aeronautics community during August.

"There's so much going on," said Boe. "We recently signed up with the Adopt an Airport program through TxDOT, and that morning we'll be picking up trash around the airport as part of that program.

"Also, Aug. 19 is National Aviation Day," Boe added. "Finally, on Aug. 22, the school will be celebrating 19 years here in Big Spring, which we feel like is quite an accomplishment. We're very proud of that."

Boe said the academy staff and students will be celebrating the month with the open house, which is open to the public.

"We're going to have hot dogs and hamburgers and refreshments for everyone," said Boe. "We want to invite everyone in the community to come out and see our school, and learn more about what we do here at U.S. Flight Academy."

U.S. Flight Academy became the 13th in the state to become part of the Adopt an Airport program earlier this month

during a ceremony featuring several prominent politicians and TxDOT District Engineer Russel Lenz.

As provided by the program, Boe and his students will be responsible for cleanup of the airport grounds.

National Aviation Day is a national observation that celebrates the development of human flight. The holiday was established by a presidential proclamation in 1939, which designated the anniversary of Orville Wright's birthday to be National Aviation Day.

For more information on the open house, contact Boe at 264-7335.

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

Odessa group believes area top choice for plant

By **BETSY BLANEY**

Associated Press Writer

ODESSA (AP) — To hear those pushing to bring a one-of-a-kind coal power plant to this Permian Basin city, FutureGen is nearly a slam dunk.

They boast of the international airport, infrastructure of needed pipelines and energy expertise from decades of oil production.

The only thing Odessa doesn't have — which the other Texas site and the two in Illinois do — is coal. Odessa would have to bring coal in by train.

But even without a nearby fuel source for the 275-megawatt, cutting-edge power plant, people working to bring it to West Texas are confident.

"I think we're at the top of the list," said Hoxie Smith, a geologist and regional coordinator of FutureGen Texas.

The other sites are Jewett, a town of 860 about 135 miles northwest of Houston, Tuscola, Ill., and Mattoon, Ill., two towns 20 miles apart in east Illinois.

The proposed West Texas plant site is in Penwell, about 15 miles southwest of Odessa, a former oil boomtown with 74 residents. State officials said spin-off jobs would add to the economies of Odessa and smaller, nearby cities and increase their populations.

Since the 1980s, West Texas has seen population dwindle and economy shrivel as production costs rose. But the Permian Basin and other areas in the region are aiming to become an energy center again, including alternative and renewable sources. Odessa, where hotel rooms are nearly impossible to book during the week because of the region's resurgent oil business, is exploring wind and geothermal energy.

All four prospective sites must submit their final offers to the department by Wednesday. Odessa supporters declined to divulge all the incentives included in its offer, but the state is committed to throwing \$20 million to the project; the city's industrial development corporation has pledged to buy a 600-acre site for the plant for \$375,000 and give it to the FutureGen Alliance, the consortium of coal and power companies that is developing the \$1.5 billion project with the Energy Department. The site will be chosen in November.

FutureGen promises about 1,300 jobs during its construction and another 150 permanent jobs once it's built.

"It just goes off the chart with that many construction workers," said Neil McDonald Jr., director of economic development for the Odessa Chamber of Commerce. "There's a world of opportunity associated with this plant."

The plant will conduct research and convert coal into hydrogen for fuel cell technology and electricity — enough to power 150,000 homes.

Once operational, the prototype will be the world's cleanest fossil fuel fired power plant, according to the energy department's Web site. Carbon dioxide will be injected deep underground, meaning no greenhouse gases will enter the atmosphere as with coal-fired plants.

FutureGen coal-plant project at a glance

WHAT: FutureGen is a \$1.5 billion prototype coal-fired power plant that its developers — a group of 12 coal power companies in the U.S., United Kingdom, China and Australia working with the federal government — say will produce nearly no air pollution. Carbon dioxide will be injected into the ground, rather than released to the air. The plant is expected to be running by 2012.

POSSIBLE SITES: Jewett; Odessa; Mattoon, Ill.; and Tuscola, Ill.

WHAT'S NEXT? The two states have until Wednesday to finalize incentive offers to the developers. The site is expected to be announced in November.

The Energy Department hopes the plant will lead to large-scale commercialization.

Though the near-zero emissions plant moves energy production in the right direction environmentally, the coal mining does not, said Neil Carman with the Lone Star chapter of the Sierra Club.

"The environmental devastation from the coal mining alone is very, very huge ... and that's just surface mining," he said, referring to acid wastes from coal extraction that hurts groundwater and surface water.

Environmentalists have been skeptical of the plant's need for government help — two-thirds of the cost will be covered by the Energy Department — and its ability to keep carbon dioxide underground.

The sequestered carbon dioxide could benefit the region's oil industry. Seventy percent of all the Permian Basin's oil — about 31 billion barrels — remains trapped in reservoirs. Injecting the carbon dioxide into oil reservoirs, which oil companies have already done in the region, makes it eas-

er to extract the oil, supporters said.

"It is the way to get out the remaining oil in Permian Basin reservoirs," Smith said.

Jewett, though, is no different, said Tom Wilkinson, East Texas' regional coordinator for FutureGen Texas.

"The market here doesn't exist but there are oil fields, too," he said. "We have thousands and thousands and thousands of wells out here."

Both have power plants nearby that can use the electricity generated by the plant; Jewett's site is on a reclaimed coal mine, while Odessa would need to bring coal to the plant by rail. The power would go on the Ercot grid, which serves Texas customers.

The Illinois sites also are "very viable competition," Kipper said.

"I call it a coin toss right now," he said. "Illinois is very good competitor here. It's going to be a heck of a race all the way down to the end."

Wilkinson said Odessa's certainty is shared by those working to bring the plant to East Texas.



Chuck Liddy/Raleigh News & Observer/MCT

A firefighter looks over the smoldering wreckage of a horrific accident that closed Interstate 40 Raleigh, N.C. Friday. A tractor-trailer crossed over the guardrail from the westbound lane into the eastbound lanes and collided with several vehicles.

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County Court Decisions:
Judgment and Sentence: Mark Anthony Molina, driving while license suspended, \$100 fine, \$274 court costs, 92 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Sandra Gusman, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$250 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Stephen Kyle Gay, accident involving damage to a vehicle, \$324 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Shannon Noel Ignezci, accident involving damages to a vehicle, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Stephen Kyle Gay, driving while license suspended, \$100 fine, \$324 court costs,

90 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Eligio Viasana, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,000 fine, \$389 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Tammie Horn, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$750 fine, \$439 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Joshua Hernandez, duty on striking an unattended vehicle, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Allen Darden, fictitious/counterfeit inspection/insurance document for display, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Sterling McIntosh, driving while license suspended with a previous conviction, \$1,500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Angela D. McMullen, driving while license suspended, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Stephen Kyle Gay, bail jumping and failure to appear, \$324 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Eric Uranga, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$389 court costs, 45 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Edgar Moreno, purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Brian Glenn Davis, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Charles Wesley Ellison, driving while license suspended with a previous conviction, \$1,500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Kristina Escamilla, driving while license sus-

pending, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Angel Edieberto Torres, driving while license suspended with a previous conviction, \$1,500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: George Kostelaz, criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Tammy Lockhart Coker, bail jumping and failure to appear, \$324 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Betty Louise Friday, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: James Curtis Hayes, failure to identify - giving false information, \$250 fine, \$274 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Cedric Ray Jefferson, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 30 days in jail.

District Court Filings:
Walton Lyte vs. Linda Lyte, divorce.
Antonio Joe Flores Jr. vs. Toni Jeanette Flores, divorce.
Rosa Maria Oliva vs. Ricardo Oliva, divorce.
Melissa Ann Morales vs. David Grijalba Morales, divorce.
Tempest Recovery Service Inc. vs. Dora Quintero and David Quintero, accounts, notes and contracts.

Marriage Licenses:
Jesse Adam Hernandez, 29, and Maria Christine Ramos, 23, both of Big Spring.
Clifton Ray Nix, 41, and Dana Marie Blair, 38, both of Big Spring.
Matthew Victor Garcia, 20, and Claudia Lizbeth Duran, 20, both of Big Spring.
Brandon Lee Marine, 26, and Ashley Nicole Miller, 21, both of Big Spring.
Jackie Reymond Moore, 19, and Destinee Le Lucas, 20, both of Big Spring.
Franklin Eugene Conklin, 30, and Victoria Dawn Greentree, 22, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: Charles Ingram
Grantee: Thomas A. Land
Property: A 2.85 acre tract out of Section 31, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 19, 2007

Grantor: Gary Morgan
Grantee: Billy Clemons
Property: A 1.97 acre tract out of Section 24, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 19, 2007

Grantor: Sharon Ann Wilkinson
Grantee: Clay Harris
Property: The W/10 feet of Lot 6 and all of Lot 7 and the E/15 feet of Lot 8, Block 12, Edward Heights
Date: July 20, 2007

Grantor: Aubrey McClure
Grantee: Christy Wilhite Rogers and Michael J. Logsdon
Property: A 0.4 acre tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 20, 2007

Grantor: Bettye Gainus
Grantee: Aubrey McClure
Property: Lot 12, Block 2, Hillcrest Terrace
Date: July 20, 2007

Grantor: Carl D. Herron and Frances G. Herron
Grantee: Tony Castillo and Dillard E. Teal
Property: The E/30 feet of Lot 2 and all of Lot 1, Block 20, Washington Place
Date: July 20, 2007

Grantor: Lee Harris
Grantee: Sharp Image Energy
Property: An 8 acre tract out of Section 7, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
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Grantor: Elizabeth Montoya
Grantee: Elizabeth Vega
Property: Lot 3, Block 19, Bauer Addition
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Grantor: R.L. Pope
Grantee: Travis Hipp and Paige Hipp
Property: A 12 acre tract out of Section 33, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
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Grantor: Mark Patten
Grantee: Paul William Schlipf Jr.
Property: A tract out of Section 2, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 23, 2007

Grantor: Doyle C. McClain and Virginia McClain
Grantee: Arvel M. Berry and Wanda Berry
Property: Lot 11, Block 2, La Loma Addition
Date: July 23, 2007

Grantor: Jarod Wells and Suzanna Wood Wells

Grantee: James Russell Hall
Property: Two tracts out of Section 46, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 24, 2007

Grantor: Clyde McMahon and Beverly McMahon
Grantee: Kyhooya Partnership
Property: Lots 15 and 16, Block 4, Original Town of Big Spring
Date: July 24, 2007

Grantor: Carlton House Apartments
Grantee: Robert Galan and Shannon Galan
Property: Lot 24, Block 7, Wasson Place
Date: July 25, 2007

Grantor: Clay Grizzle
Grantee: Ronnie Osburn
Property: Lot 17, Block 1, Hillcrest Terrace
Date: July 25, 2007

Grantor: Thomas L. Collins and Beverly Collins
Grantee: Charles Campanella
Property: Lot 2, Block 7, Parkhill Addition
Date: July 25, 2007

Warranty Deeds With Vendor's Lien:
Grantor: Terry Smith and Rhonda Smith
Grantee: Frank Rivera and Nina Rivera
Property: Two tracts out of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 19, 2007

Grantor: Machel Williams
Grantee: Romel Stevens
Property: Lot 17, Block 17, Stanford Park
Date: July 23, 2007

Grantor: Thomas H. Ament Sr. and Helen Ament
Grantee: Frank Garza
Property: Lot 6, Block 29, College Park
Date: July 25, 2007

Grantor: Stephanie Dawn Bissonette (Jones)
Grantee: Jeffrey Denton
Property: Lots 5 and 6, Block 6, Fairview Heights
Date: July 25, 2007

Grantor: Robert Castillo
Grantee: Mark Anthony Torres and Nancy Torres
Property: Lot 3, Block 3, Amended Piner Heights
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FARM BILL





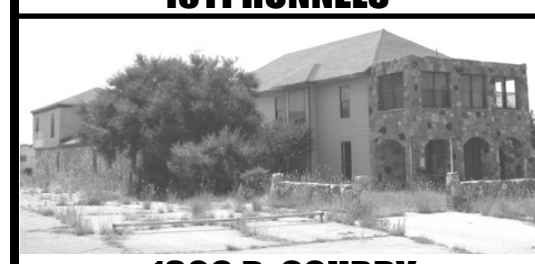
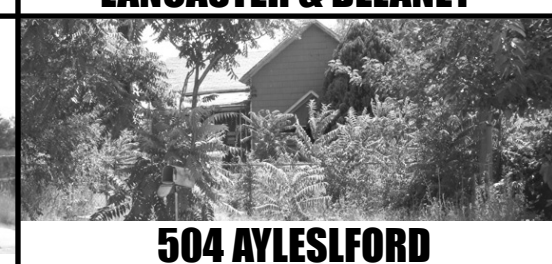

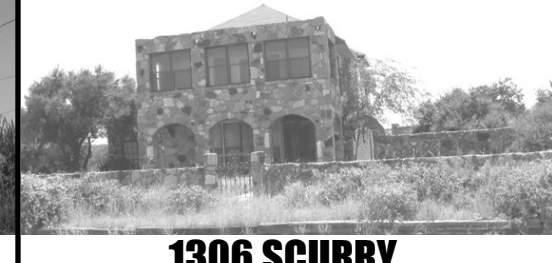

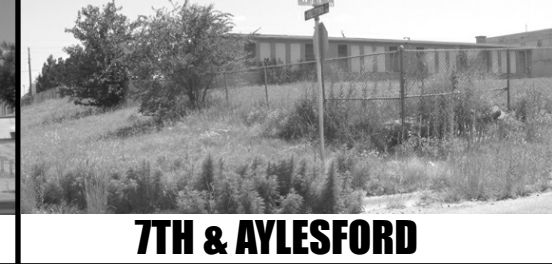
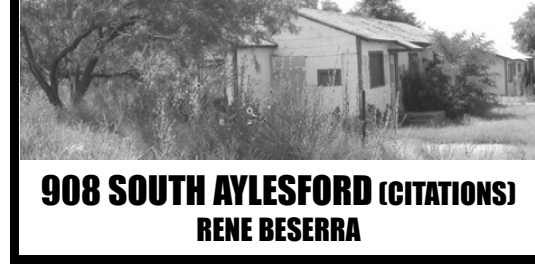

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It also would stop farmers from collecting payments for multiple farm businesses. Still, it includes about \$42 billion in assistance to farmers.
It came after Democrats quashed a rebellion from one of their own, Rep. Ron Kind, D-Wis., who teamed with conservative GOP budget hawks and urban and suburban Democrats on an amendment to wean farmers from government payments. It would have imposed stricter income limits on farmers, barring subsidies to those making an average of \$250,000 or more annually, and would have steered more money to conservation, nutrition, specialty crop and rural development programs.
The amendment lost on a lopsided vote, but Pelosi credited it with creating

the pressure to invest more farm bill resources in nontraditional programs.
"I had high hopes that this Congress - given market conditions and our commitment to a new direction for this country - would have the stomach to reform these outdated and unfair policies," Kind said in a statement. But he said his efforts had prompted increases for conservation and nutrition programs, and made "some modest inroads" on curbing subsidies.
It wasn't enough for some Democrats - 14 of them joined Republicans in voting against the bill - but that was a strong showing reflecting a last-minute scramble by party leaders to sweeten the measure for waverers.
They shored up nutrition funding and added \$840 million for an international food aid program to earn the votes of anti-

hunger activists including Rep. James P. McGovern, D-Mass. Black lawmakers including Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., were swayed by the inclusion of \$100 million for settlement of Clinton administration racial discrimination claims by black farmers.
The overall measure was a huge victory for farmers, who got much of what they asked for in a year when they sometimes feared their priorities would be trumped by Democrats' talk of overhauling the way agricultural money is allocated.
It includes a long-sought deal to require country-of-origin labeling for meats and other foods, breathing new life into a five-year-old law that has been delayed repeatedly by opposition from food retailers and meatpackers. The bill would soften penalties for violating the rule, which is to go into effect next year.

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Start Immediately. No experience necessary. easywork-greatpay.com	HELP WANTED Earn Extra Income assembling CD cases from anywhere.	BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY \$700.-\$800,000+ FREE GRANTS/PROGRAMS! 2007! NEVER REPAY! Personal/Medical Bills, School, New Business- As seen on T.V. NO CREDIT CHECK! Live Operators! 1-800-270-1213 ext. 20 (NOT VALID IN TN)
1-800-267-3944 Ext. 2020	1-800-267-3944 Ext. 2020	Or Call: Mark Weingarten 1-800-821-8139 ext 210
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Real Estate for Sale

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday
1:30-3:00 p.m.

2714 Larry Drive

(Kentwood Area)
4 Bedroom
2 Bath

COLDWELL BANKER Ellen Phillips
Realtors

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:00

4051 Vicky

\$65K OPEN House Everyday!
3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,200 sq. ft.
everything all new inside, new
carpet/ cabinets, 1108 Lloyd.
Call Ellen @ 1-432-213-0521
anytime.

2 Thru 6 Bedroom Brick
Homes. No Down Payment.
Owner Financing. Bad Credit
OK. 6 Month warranty.
Call Maria (432)263-3461.

3221 EAST 11th Street. New
carpet & paint. 3 Bedroom, 2
bath, large living room & din-
ing, den, laundry room. CH/A.
\$59,900.00. (432)263-6902 or
267-7032.

6-1/2 ACRES CISD, with water
well, duplex rentals, double-
wide mobile home, " will sell
mobile home separate, to be
moved." Call 432-517-0642 for
more info.

BEAUTIFUL 4/5 bdrm, 3.5
bath country home on 9 acres.
This large 2002 home includes
inground pool, 4 car
garage/storage, horse stalls
and more! 432-213-6301.



Cute 3/1
\$59,900
All New Interior
505-440-2851
1108 Lloyd

FOR SALE by owner. Acre-
age, house, shop, & water well,
near Big Spring. Call
(432)816-8970.

IF YOU are interested in buy-
ing or selling a home, I would
be glad to help. Call Kim at
South Mountain Realty
432-213-2842 or e-mail me at
kimkp2003@yahoo.com

I'M MAD...AT BANKS WHO
DON'T GIVE HOUSE LOANS
BECAUSE OF BAD CREDIT,
PROBLEMS OR NEW EM-
PLOYMENT. I DO, CALL L.D.
KIRK, HOMELAND MORT-
GAGES, (254)947-4475.
www.homeland46.com

JUST REDUCED \$49,500.00
3702 Boulder Drive, 3/1. New
CH/A, carpet, tile, metal roof,
sewer and gas lines. Seller will
help with closing cost. Call
(432)213-5091 for more info.

NEW ON Market, FSBO, For-
san ISD, 3/2/2 1600sq. ft.
manufactured home on .68
acres, detached garage, stor-
age building, new laminate
wood floor, fenced. Call
432-816-6579.

OWNER FINANCE. 2 Bed-
room, 1 bath with garage.
\$395. Monthly. Call
(512)321-3333, 512-940-5200
or 432-631-8100.

OWNER FINANCED Houses
for Sale. 605 Abrams, 1902 E.
Settles, 1505 E. Cherokee and
1518 Wood. Easy Terms. Call
Reagan at 432-634-6818.

Vehicles

**Several New 2006 Models
To Choose From
Huge Discounts!**

Bob Brock Ford
500 W. 4th 267-7424

1966 INTERNATIONAL
Pick-up w/307 Oldsmobile mo-
tor & auto trans mission. Runs
& body straight. 1962 Interna-
tional Pick-up for parts. Com-
plete w/straight body & glass
etc. 18' Flatbed trailer, tandem
axle, 2 horse trailer, tandem
axle. Call (432)267-1271 or
935-2391.

1970 CHEVY Impala, 4 door,
350 2- barrel engine, 350 Tur-
bohydramatic Auto Transmis-
sion. 68,000 original miles. Su-
per condition. 432-263-4372 or
432-557-3831.

1994 DODGE Diesel RAM
2500 Pick-up. Single cab, long
bed, automatic transmission,
A/C, radio, tape player. Call
(432)263-1738 or
(432)935-3456.

Legals

**CITY OF BIG SPRING
PUBLIC NOTICE**
July 16, 2007
THE PLANNING & ZONING
BOARD OF THE CITY OF BIG
SPRING WILL HOLD A PUBLIC
HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., TUES-
DAY, AUGUST 7, 2007 IN THE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307
EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS
TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOW-
ING:
A Zone Change from Retail (R) to
Heavy Commercial (HC), described
as a 0.13 acre less S/40 S/Corner
of Block 14-1504, Howard County,
Texas.
#5451 July 22 & 29, 2007.

**CITY OF BIG SPRING
PUBLIC NOTICE**
July 16, 2007
THE PLANNING & ZONING
BOARD OF THE CITY OF BIG
SPRING WILL HOLD A PUBLIC
HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., TUES-
DAY, AUGUST 7, 2007 IN THE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307
EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS
TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOW-
ING:
A Zone Change from Agriculture
(A) to Planned Development (PD),
described as Block 1, Units 1-5,
Lots 1-18, within 4.80 acres of and
part of the Southwest part of sec-
tion 7, Blk 32, T-1-S, T&P RY Co.
Survey, Howard County, Texas.
#5452 July 22 & 29, 2007.

**CITY OF BIG SPRING
PUBLIC NOTICE**
July 16, 2007
THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL
WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING
AT 5:30 P.M., TUESDAY,
AUGUST 14, 2007 IN THE CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST
4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO
CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:
A Zone Change from Agriculture
(A) to Planned Development (PD),
described as Block 1, Units 1-5,
Lots 1-18, within 4.80 acres of and
part of the Southwest part of sec-
tion 7, Blk 32, T-1-S, T&P RY Co.
Survey, Howard County, Texas.
#5453 July 22 & 29, 2007.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG
SPRING, TEXAS, AMENDING
CHAPTER 18 OF THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF
BIG SPRING BY AMENDING AR-
TICLE 5, ENTITLED "STOP IN-
TERSECTIONS", ADDING SEC-
TION 18-133 (1) ENTITLED "ONE
WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS",
WITH INSTALLATION OF A STOP
SIGN AT CARL STREET YIELD-
ING TO CONNALLY PROVIDING
A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION
NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00;
PROVING A SEVERABILITY
CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUB-
LICATION; AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.
TAMI DAVIS
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY
#5465 July 27 & 29, 2007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG
SPRING, TEXAS AMENDING
CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 3 OF THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE
CITY OF BIG SPRING BY
AMENDING SECTIONS 6-46 AND
6-47; CHANGING RENTAL FEES
AND CLEANING DEPOSITS FOR
DORA ROBERTS COMMUNITY
CENTER. ADDING AND DELET-
ING FEES TO THE SPECIAL
SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT
RENTALS FOR DORA ROBERTS
COMMUNITY CENTER; PROVID-
ING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE;
AND PROVIDING FOR AN EF-
FECTIVE DATE AND FOR PUB-
LICATION.
TAMI DAVIS
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY
#5463 July 27 & 29, 2007

Legals

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF
PROPOSED TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT)
CONTRACTS**
Sealed proposals for contracts
listed below will be received by
TxDOT until the date(s) shown be-
low, and then publicly read.
CONSTRUCTION/
MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING
FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6160-92-001 for BRIDGE
RAIL REPAIR in MITCHELL
County, etc will be opened on
August 21, 2007 at 2:00 pm at the
District Office for an estimate of
\$140,790.00.

Plans and specifications are avail-
able for inspection, along with bid-
ding proposals, and applications for
the TxDOT Prequalified Contrac-
tor's list, at the applicable State
and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below.
If applicable, bidders must submit
prequalification information to
TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the
bid date to be eligible to bid on a
project. Prequalification materials
may be requested from the State
Office listed below. Plans for the
above contract(s) are available
from TxDOT's website at
www.dot.state.tx.us and from re-
production companies at the ex-
pense of the contractor.
NPO: 24179

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in
bidding documents and the rates
will be part of the contract. TxDOT
ensures that bidders will not be dis-
criminated against on the grounds
of race, color, sex, or national ori-
gin.
#5458 July 29 & 30, 2007

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original
Letters of Administration for the
Estate of Robbie Fuqua, de-
ceased, were issued on July 19,
2007, in Cause No. P-13512,
pending in the County Court of
Howard County, Texas to Christo-
pher Lee Fuqua, Administrator.
The address to which claims
should be presented is as follows:
Christopher Lee Fuqua
2604 Richmondell
Big Spring, Texas 79720
All persons having claims against
this Estate which is currently being
administered are required to pre-
sent them within the time and in
manner prescribed by law, in care
of the representative at the address
above set out.
Dated this the 23rd day of July,
2007.
**LAW OFFICE OF TIMOTHY D.
YEATS, P.C.**
P.O. Box 2830
Big Spring, Texas 79721-2830
432/267-5211
432/267-1907 (Fax)
By: Timothy D. Yeats
State Bar No. 22151200
#5459 July 29, 2007

Mandatory Public Notification
Language
Notice of Drinking Water
Monitoring and Reporting
Violations

The Texas Commission on Envi-
ronment Quality (TCEQ) has noti-
fied the CITY OF COAHOMA that
we have violated the monitoring
and reporting requirements set
forth in Chapter 30, Section 290,
Subchapter F. We are required to
properly disinfect water before dis-
tribution, maintain acceptable disin-
fection residuals within the distribu-
tion system, monitor the disinfec-
tant residual at various locations
throughout the distribution system,
and report the results of that moni-
toring to the TCEQ on a quarterly
basis. Results or regular monitoring
are an indicator of whether or not
your drinking water is safe from mi-
crobial contamination. During the
period beginning January 1, 2004
through June 30, 2007, we did not
complete all monitoring and/or re-
porting for Disinfectant Residual
Monitoring & Reporting, and there-
fore cannot be sure of the safety of
your drinking water during that
time.
We are working to correct
the problem (1)
By sending in reports
Please share this information with
all the other people who drink this
water, especially those who may
not have received this notice di-
rectly (for example, people in apart-
ments, nursing homes, schools,
and businesses.) You can do this
by posting this notice in a public
place or distributing copies by mail.
For further information contact: (2)
John Wayne Metcalf
432/394-4287
Public Water System ID# 1140002
#5461 July 29, 2007

Legals

Mandatory Public Notification
Language
Notice of Drinking Water
Monitoring and Reporting
Violations

The Texas Commission on Envi-
ronment Quality (TCEQ) has noti-
fied the HOWARD COUNTY WCID
1 that we have violated the moni-
toring and reporting requirements
set forth in Chapter 30, Section
290, Subchapter F. We are re-
quired to properly disinfect water
before distribution, maintain ac-
ceptable disinfection residuals
within the distribution system,
monitor the disinfectant residual at
various locations throughout the
distribution system, and report the
results of that monitoring to the
TCEQ on a quarterly basis. Results
or regular monitoring are an indi-
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rectly (for example, people in apart-
ments, nursing homes, schools,
and businesses.) You can do this
by posting this notice in a public
place or distributing copies by mail.
For further information contact: (2)
Jimmy Earnest
432-393-5233
7917 North Service RD.
Big Spring, TX
Public Water System ID# 1140030
#5460 July 29, 2007

No. P-13,559
ESTATE OF DORIS E. GOOD,
DECEASED IN THE COUNTY
COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY,
TEXAS
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that origi-
nal Letters of Independent Admin-
istration for the Estate of DORIS E.
GOOD, Deceased were issued on
the 24th day of July, 2007, under
Docket No. P-13,559, pending in
the County Court of Howard
County, Texas, to L.C. UNDER-
WOOD.
Claims may be presented in care
of to the estate addressed as fol-
lows: L.C. UNDERWOOD to the
estate addressed as follows:
Estate of Doris E. Good
c/o L.C. Underwood
2922 Melrose Lane
Big Spring, TX 79720
All persons having claims against
this Estate which is currently being
administered are required to pre-
sent them within the time and in
manner prescribed by law.
DATED this 24th day of July,
2007.
L.C. UNDERWOOD, Independent
Executor of the Estate of Doris E.
Good, Deceased.
#5467 July 29, 2007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG
SPRING, TEXAS, AMENDING
CHAPTER 18 OF THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF
BIG SPRING BY AMENDING AR-
TICLE 5, ENTITLED "STOP IN-
TERSECTIONS", BY ADDING
SECTION 18-133, STOP AT WAR-
REN YIELDING TO CONNALLY,
REPEALING PREVIOUS ORDI-
NANCE 11-2006, PROVIDING A
PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; PRO-
VIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE;
PROVIDING FOR PUB-
LICATION; PROVIDING FOR RE-
PEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDI-
NANCES; PROVIDING AN EF-
FECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING
FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EX-
CEED \$200.00.
TAMI DAVIS
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY
#5464 July 27 & 29, 2007

THE STATE OF TEXAS
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You
have been sued. You may employ
an attorney. If you or your attorney
do not file a written answer with the
clerk who issued this citation by
10:00 a.m. on the Monday next fol-
lowing the expiration of twenty
days after you were served this ci-
tation and petition a default judg-
ment may be taken against you."
To: MARK ANTHONY GUIETTE,
Defendant, Greating:
You are hereby commanded to
appear by filing a written answer to
the Plaintiff's Petition at or before
ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday
next after the expiration of 42 days
after the date of issuance of this ci-
tation the same being Monday 31
day of August, 2007, before the
Honorable 118th District Court of
Howard County, Texas at the Court
House of said County in Big
Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Peti-
tion was filed in said court on the
04/25/2007, in this case, numbered
45346, on the docket of said court,
and styled,
STACY ELAINE GUIETTE vs.
MARK ANTHONY GUIETTE
A brief statement of the nature of
this suit is as follows, to wit: DI-
VORCE, as is more fully shown by
Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
The officer executing this writ
shall promptly serve the same ac-
cording to requirements of law, and
the mandates thereof, and make
due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand
and the Seal of said Court, at office
in Big Spring, Texas this the
07/20/2007.
COLLEEN BARTON,
District Clerk
118th District Court,
Howard County, Texas
#5468 July 29 and August 5, 12 &
19, 2007

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Is it easier to love a
person or a cause?
Revolutionaries and
freedom fighters know the
personal heart pays a price
for the global heart's
cause. But romantic love,
disconnected from world
events, may be a love
without a future.
Whichever your answer,
the full moon in Aquarius
helps us hold our global
vision and our heart's
desire.

ARIES (March 21-April
19). Afternoon events
cause you to do a double
take. It's now strikingly
apparent that your life is
no solo act. It's a
collaboration between you
and the universe. And the
less you do, the better.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20). In spite of the fact that
friends and loved ones
aren't getting with your
program, you find it
rather easy to make
yourself comfortable.
When you really think
about it, this is a sort of
paradise.

GEMINI (May 21-June
21). Knowing what you
have is extremely
important to proceedings.
Otherwise, you risk
wasting money or falling
into a "lack" mentality.
Get organized and do an
inventory.

CANCER (June 22-July
22). It's your party. You
pick the food and drink.
You put on the music and
dance to the groove you've
set. If you make fun, feel-
good choices, the rest of
the world just might dance
along.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
There are a few minor

qualities you happen to
possess that are starting to
have a major impact on
your self-esteem. Change
can only happen after
you've completely accepted
what is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).
The poignant vulnerability
of humans is made
apparent in today's plot
twist. Interdependence
works at its beautiful best
when all involved are
truly independent.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).
You've seen this one
before. There's family
tension, having to do with
an age-old issue. Your
complete commitment to
changing the outcome
once and for all will
succeed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). If you're
uncomfortable, consider
yourself among the lucky
ones. Satisfied needs
cannot motivate a person,
which is the main thing
that unsatisfied needs
have going for them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21). It's always a
fabulous moment when
you start to believe the
thing you've been talking
about in the abstract. It's
the whisper in your mind
that can cause a
monumental difference in
your identity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). Hungry for a
certain person's attention?
You'll finally get it — the
minute you take care of
that hunger some other
way. Admit it. It never
really was about that
person anyway. Rather, it
was what he or she
represented.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18). Without the correct
diagnosis, the prescription
can't be correct. Take as
much unhurried time as
you need to assess where
you are emotionally,
physically and mentally
before you decide what to
do next.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20). It's safe to spend
money to fix what is
broken — especially
because going the cheap
route only backfires later.
A Taurus or Virgo person
trusts you with her
innermost feelings.

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CREATORS SYNDICATE,
INC.

Legals

Advertisement for Bids
Sealed Bids for the construction of
Asphalt Surface (Seal Coat) of
County Road 170 and County
Road 125; Two Course Asphalt
Surface Treatment of approxi-
mately 1000 linear feet of County
Road 125, will be received by the
Glasscock County Judge, Glass-
cock County Courthouse, Garden
City, Texas until 9:00 a.m., August
13, 2007, at which time the bids
will be publicly opened, read aloud,
tabulated and considered for award
by the Commissioners Court at that
time.
Bidders are expected to inspect the
sites of the work and to inform
themselves regarding the scope of
work and all local conditions. Any
questions may be addressed to the
County's Engineer: Don Bonifay,
Bonifay & Associates, 1709 Bon-
ham Avenue, Odessa, Texas
79761 (432)230-6815. Bidders are
also expected to understand and
comply with legislation concerning
the wage rates and payment of the
prevailing wage rates.
The Bid/Contract Documents may
be examined at the following loca-
tions: Bonifay & Associates - Engi-
neer, 1709 Bonham Ave., Odessa,
Texas. (432)230-6815. Bidders are
also expected to understand and
comply with legislation concerning
the wage rates and payment of the
prevailing wage rates.
Each Bid must be submitted in a
sealed envelope addressed to
Glasscock County. The envelope
should have the name of the Bid-
der and the name of the project for
which the bid is submitted on the
outside of the envelope. If submit-
ted by mail, the sealed envelope
containing the bid must be en-
closed in another envelope ad-
dressed to the Glasscock County
Judge, P.O. Box 67, Garden City,
Texas.

All bids must be made on the re-
quired Bid form. All blank spaces
for bid prices must be filled in
(typewritten or in ink), and the Bid
form must be fully completed and
executed when submitted.
Each bid must be accompanied by
a Bid Bond, certified check or cash-
ier's check, in the amount of five
percent (5%) of the total amount of
the bid submitted, made payable to
Glasscock County, as a guarantee
that the bidder will enter into a con-
tract (including executed bonds)
within 10 days after notice of award
of contract. The County will return
the bonds (or checks) of all except
the three lowest responsible bid-
ders. When the Contract is exe-
cuted, the bonds (or checks) of the
two remaining unsuccessful bid-
ders will be returned. The Bid Bond
of the successful bidder will be re-
tained until the Payment Bond and
Performance Bond have been exe-
cuted and approved, after which it
will be returned.
Glasscock County reserves the
right to reject any or all bids, to
waive any technicalities, informal-
ties or minor defects, or to accept
the proposal it deems to be in the
best interest of the County.
Any bid received after the time and
date specified shall not be consid-
ered.
#5469 July 29, 2007

Legals

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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG
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NANCES; AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.
TAMI DAVIS
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY
#5466 July 27 & 29, 2007

This is an invitation to anyone inter-
ested in becoming a training pro-
vider for the Permian Basin area.
Applications are accepted on an
ongoing basis. For more informa-
tion on becoming a training pro-
vider, please contact the Permian
Basin Workforce Development
Board at 1-877-563-2580.
#5456 July 29 & August 5, 2007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG
SPRING, TEXAS, AP-
PROVING A PRELIMINARY/FINAL
PLAT OF AVALON SUBDIVISION,
4-826 ACRE TRACT OUT OF A
45.23 ACRE TRACT IN THE SW
PART OF SECTION 7, BLOCK 32,
T-1-S, T&P RR. CO. SURVEY,
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS;
PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABIL-
ITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR
PUBLICATION; AND FINDING
AND DETERMINING THAT THE
MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDI-
NANCE WAS DISCUSSED WAS
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS RE-
QUIRED BY LAW.
TAMI DAVIS
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY
#5462 July 27 & 29, 2007

Answer to previous puzzle

S	T	A	R	E	P	A	P	A	L	K	E
T	A	T	E	R	O	H	A	R	A	E	R
O	L	I	V	E	B	R	A	N	C	H	L
M	I	L	E	L	E	S	T	A	L	L	E
P	A	T	A	K	I	E	D	I	F	I	F
L	I	M	E	A	D	E	I	R	A	S	
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News in brief

Man pleads guilty in Texas abortion clinic bomb case

AUSTIN (AP) — A 27-year-old man pleaded guilty Friday to attempting to use an explosive earlier this year at an Austin clinic that performs abortions.

Paul Ross Evans faces up to 40 years in federal prison under the agreement. He pleaded guilty to attempted use of a destructive device. A sentencing date has not been set, and Evans remains in federal custody.

Evans was arrested in April after a makeshift bomb was found in the parking lot of the Austin Women's Health Center. A bomb squad disposed of the incendiary device, which contained two pounds of nails. There were no injuries.

"Mr. Evans placed a live bomb packed with nails in a place where he knew people would be hurt or killed when it went off. Through good police work and a little luck Mr. Evans' plan was prevented," said U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton.

Evans' attorney did not immediately return a call to The Associated Press for comment Friday.

As part of the guilty plea, Evans admitted that on April 24 he bought materials for the bomb at a hardware store in Lufkin and at another store in Austin. The next day, he placed the bomb in the parking lot near the women's clinic entrance and activated the timer, Sutton said.

The homemade bomb did not detonate because the triggering wire did not make contact with the explosive material, investigators determined.

Police confiscated the device after receiving a call about a suspicious package.

The Joint Terrorism Task Force, made up of state,

local and federal law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, arrested Evans two days after the bomb was discovered.

Evans was indicted on multiple charges by a federal grand jury in May and could have faced a maximum of life in prison if convicted on all counts.

Lawton Williams, writer of 'Fraulein,' dies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Lawton Williams, who wrote the 1957 hit "Fraulein" recorded by Bobby Helms, has died in Fort Worth, Texas. He had just turned 85.

Williams also wrote "Geisha Girl," recorded by Hank Locklin in 1957, and "Color of the Blues," recorded by George Jones in 1958.

He recorded himself in the early 1960s for Mercury and RCA. His "Anywhere There's People" was a hit in 1961.

"He was always very, very nice and a real talent," Jones told The Tennessean on Friday.

Williams was a native of Troy, Tenn. He died Thursday of respiratory failure.

"He would just get an idea about something and then write a song around the idea," daughter Janet Steen told the newspaper. "He was writing while he was in the hospital. He was saying words to himself; you could see his mouth moving."

Man admits to highway attack, sentenced to life

WACO (AP) — A man accused of raping and assaulting an 18-year-old woman after forcing her car off a country road last year has pleaded guilty days before

going to trial.

Noel Darwin Hernandez pleaded guilty Friday to charges of attempted capital murder, aggravated kidnapping and three counts of aggravated sexual assault, Limestone County Sheriff Dennis Wilson said.

District Judge H.D. Black sentenced Hernandez to five life sentences, to be served concurrently, and a \$10,000 fine for each count, defense co-counsel Stan Schweiger said.

If Hernandez, who is in the country illegally, is granted parole when he becomes eligible after 30 years, he will be deported. Hernandez, 22 at the time of the attack, is a native of Honduras.

As part of the plea agreement, an aggravated robbery charge was dropped, Schweiger said.

Jury selection been scheduled to begin Monday.

Hernandez's former co-worker, Javier Guzman Martinez, 19, pleaded guilty in May to charges of attempted capital murder, aggravated kidnapping, aggravated robbery and two counts of aggravated sexual assault in the attack.

Martinez, a Mexico native in the country illegally, was sentenced to life in prison.

Limestone County officials say Hernandez and Martinez forced the Tehuacana woman's car off the road on June 28, 2006, and then repeatedly raped, beat and cut her before leaving her on the side of the road.

She staggered and crawled to a trailer house about a quarter-mile down the desolate country road near Coolidge. She was hospitalized for a week after the attack.

South Texas man says he didn't know wife's body was in home

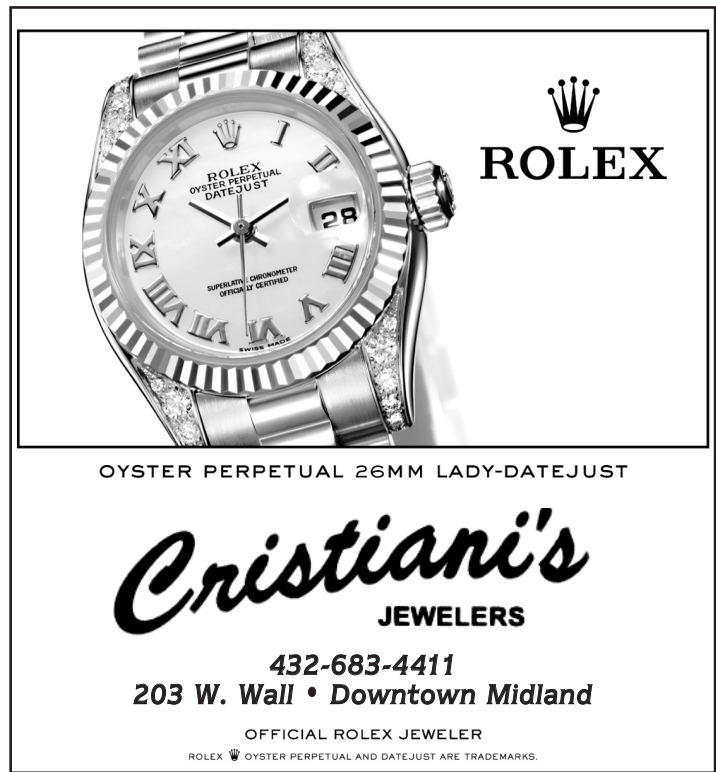
HARLINGEN (AP) — A man whose wife's decomposing body was found in a storage room of their home said he thought she had left him.

Eugene Pilow, who said that diabetes have damaged the nerves in his nose, said he noticed his wife was missing on July 12. Three days later, his daughter found his wife's body in storage room in the back area of the home.

"I never smelled anything and I still don't smell anything," he said. "I thought she had run away from home again — especially after I noticed an envelope with \$250 was missing."


Harlingen police expect to get toxicology test results Monday that will help them determine 50-year-old Alicia Pilow's cause of death, police spokesman David Osborne said. He said that initial autopsy results were inconclusive.

Her body was in a back area of their home in a storage room filled with household items including large kitchenware, rolls of toilet paper and paper towels, Pilow said.



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Dear Annie: I have been married for five years. My husband, "Bart," is in his 70s, and I am in my 60s. We love each other very much. Bart is physically ill and does not get out of the house much. The problem is, every night he goes on the computer for hours. He says it's his way to relax and forget about the pain in his body. He enjoys talking to other people. What that really means is he enjoys talking to women.

Bart's online profile says he is single, and he tells the ladies he is 66. He looks at porn and has cyber sex with some of the women. He doesn't think this is wrong because he tells me all about it. He says the women don't mean anything to him, but they are a little more exciting than looking at porn, because they are more real. Some of these women have sent him explicit pictures of themselves, and he has sent them nude pictures of himself taken years ago.

I do not know how to cope with this problem. It makes me so jealous — particularly since I love



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in the Persian Gulf. He is adopted, and has been looking for a way to find his biological mother for a long time. For whatever reason, his adoptive parents refuse to share any information with him. His wife (our granddaughter) is pregnant, and now, more than ever, he is on a mission to find his mother.

Do you know the name of an agency that will help him? — California Grandma

Dear Grandma: We believe all adopted children should have as complete a record of their medical history as possible. Of course, not all adoptive parents are eager for their child to search for biological parents, and we know many biological parents do not want to be found. We hope your granddaughter's husband will be sensitive to these issues. Try the International Soundex Reunion Registry (isrr.net), P.O. Box 2312, Carson City, NV 89702.

Dear Annie: I am very surprised you let "The Husband" off the hook that easily. If his wife is "the perfect partner," he

should be thankful and complimentary. When he looks at her, he should see his beautiful love mate and not her belly. I wonder what HE looks like.

I grow tired of my husband looking me over as though I don't quite meet his approval. I work full time, keep a spotless house, dress well (a size 8), do all of the cooking and baking, and give 100 percent to supporting his career. Yes, I've grown a bit thicker through the middle after four kids, but just once, I would like him to look at me lovingly, without checking my belly bulge.

That husband should take his wife on long romantic walks or a row on the lake after a picnic. He should investigate healthy foods and do some of the cooking, while being lovingly supportive, as she has been for 25 years. He should put her on a pedestal, and she will want to look good on it for him. — Better

Than a Bit of Bulge

Dear Better: A lot of readers thought we weren't hard enough on "The Husband," but it was clear to us that he loves his wife. We agree the healthy approach is the way to go.

Dear Annie: My son, age 12, enjoys playing with younger kids. Sometimes the parents send him packing for no specific reason. May I take a minute to say something to them?

I understand your concern when my 12-year-old son wants to play with your 4-, 5- and 6-year-old kids. I pay attention to all the horror stories about molestations, murders, etc. But before you dismiss my son as odd or strange, you should ask me why he feels drawn to younger kids.

You see, my son has a mild form of autism, called Asperger Syndrome. He sometimes has difficulty with kids his own age. He's less mature than his twin

brother. Yes, he looks as if he's almost a teenager, and his IQ is that of a normal 12-year-old child, but his emotional maturity is, and probably always will be, younger than his age.

There are many forms of autism, and I don't mind explaining things. I'd much rather do that than have my son snubbed. — Asperger Mom in Indianapolis

Dear Mom: It might help if you explain in advance. Parents do not realize your son has Asperger's and simply are protecting their children. If you let them know what is going on, they will be much more accepting.

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The community has a lengthy history of cooperation with governmental agencies, as it is home to the Big Spring VA Medical Center, Big Spring State Hospital, and the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home.

Big Spring and Howard County have a strong economy with low unemployment rate with plenty of room for growth, both industrially and agriculturally, and a friendly, hometown attitude ideal for raising families.

Those living in our community are also

well known for their willingness to support worthy causes, including the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County which helps fund 15 local agencies and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life that annually ranks among the nation's leaders for communities our size.

Big Spring, Coahoma, and Forsan take tremendous pride in their public school systems, as well as two community colleges — Howard College and its companion school, the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. Howard College provides a wide range of academic and technical programs designed not only to serve the student planning to transfer to the university level, but those wanting to hone skills needed by local industry or seeking other technical skills. And SWCID, is the nation's only community college for the deaf, and boasts a student body made up of students from throughout the United States and several foreign countries.

Arts and entertainment also play an important role in the life of those in our community. The Heritage Museum in downtown Big Spring boasts a number of rotating displays and exhibits, ranging from ranching and Texas longhorns to

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Big Spring has a 2 percent sales tax along with 6.25 percent levied by the state for a total of 8.25 percent.

The city tax rate is 71.63 cents per \$100 valuation.

The city council is made up of Mayor Russ McEwen, Councilwoman Stephanie Horton, District 1; Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr., District 2; Councilwoman JoAnn Staulcup, District 3; Councilwoman Gloria McDonald, District 4; Councilwoman Troy Tompkins, District 5; and Councilman Greg Biddison, District 6. Horton serves as the city's mayor pro-tem.

Regular meetings of the city council are held each second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

Gary Fuqua is the city manager and supervises all municipal employees either directly or through department heads.

Big Spring has five fire stations which employ 46 people, including firefighters and administrative staff. Emergency medical service is also operated by the Big Spring Fire Department and employs approximately 18 people. The police station employs 61 people, including many civilians.

In all, the city employs 267 people, including 13 who have acquired bachelor degrees and 25 associates degrees. Two have post graduate degrees.

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City of Coahoma

The City of Coahoma's population is approximately 1,133 (approximately 440 families).

The city council is made up of Mayor Bill Read and five council members elected to at-large seats — Paulette Lindsey, Dan Shelburne, Ronnie Dodson, Ricky Stone, and David Elmore.

The city's ad valorem tax rate is 60.902 cents per \$100 valuation.

For more information, call Coahoma City Hall at 432-394-4287.

City of Forsan

The City of Forsan's population is approximately 256 — approximately 102 families call it home.

The city council is made up of Mayor Roger Hudgins and five council members elected to at-large seats — Jim Alexander, Rusty Baker, Allie Lansford, Mary Gressett, and Fred Holguin.

The city's ad valorem tax rate is 28.0 cents per \$100 valuation.

To call Forsan City Hall, dial 432-457-2355.

Howard County

Like all Texas counties, Howard County is administered by a commissioners court. It is made up of County Judge Mark Barr and Commissioners Emma Brown (Precinct 1), Jerry Kilgore (Precinct 2), Bill Crooker (Precinct 3), and Gary Simer (Precinct 4).

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Cotton is king and coming off two solid years

Say agriculture in Howard County and for all intents and purposes, you're talking about cotton farming. In West Texas' dry climate that than be a hit-or-miss proposition. While 2007 has been a very wet season, thus far, the area's farmers are coming off a couple of solid crop years.

The 2006 cotton crop wasn't anything like that the area's farmers enjoyed a year earlier, but 2005 was a record year — the best anyone can remember.

In fact, it took the area's ginners deep into 2006 just to get that year's cotton crop ginned. Initially thinking a large crop would keep them busy through February, some ginners were still hard at work in April.

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Garden City, gins were running constantly, and happily. When all was said and done virtually everyone in the business said the crop was probably the best ever.

On average dryland cotton farmers can expect to get between a half a bale to a bale per acre. But in some areas, farmers got four and five bales per acre.

"I always said if you make a bale for each acre, you've made a big crop," one longtime farmer said. "I just don't know what to say about last year, except that it was almost unbelievable."

And good cotton crops mean good things for the rest of Howard County, because those farmers spend their money here at home for the most part. So it shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone that Crossroads area residents, regardless of their business, are always praying for timely rains and good growing weather.

While cotton dominates, there is some limited truck farming of fruits and vegetables in the area. Much of that produce finds its way to the Big Spring Farmers Market from its opening in early July through its close at the end of October each year. The Farmers Market is held each Tuesday and Saturday during the season at Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring.



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Education

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The Big Spring Independent School District is composed of five elementaries, one fifth- and sixth-grade center, one junior high, and one Class 4A high school.

Serving more than 3,000 students, BSISD is the largest school district in Howard County and is under the direction of James Michael Downes, superintendent since 2002.

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Serving on the school trustees are President Alan Partee, Vice President Irene Galan, Secretary Mike Dawson and board members Phil Furqueron, Maria Padilla, Jeff Bromman, and Tony Kennedy.

School addresses and phone numbers are:

- Administrative office, 708 11th Place, 264-3600.
- Big Spring High School, 707 E. 11th Place, 264-3641. Principal is Bruce Wilson and the assistant principal is Tanya Sorrells. Athletic Director is Mike Ritchey.
- Big Spring Junior High School, 624 E. Sixth, 264-4135. Principal is Coby Norman and assistant the principal is Riley Armstrong.
- Goliad Intermediate, 2000 S. Goliad, 264-4111. Principal is Tim Tannehill and assistant principal Todd Patterson.
- Bauer Elementary, 108 NW Ninth, 264-4121. Principal is Wenda Christopher.
- Kentwood Elementary, 2500 Merrily, 264-4130. Principal is Dana Rodriguez.
- Marcy Elementary, 2101 Wasson, 264-4144. Principal is Michele Soria.
- Moss Elementary, 3200 Fordham, 264-4148. Principal is George Martin.
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Coahoma Independent School District consists of a Class 2A high school, a junior high and an elementary school and serves 787 students.

The school district is under the leadership of Superintendent Jerry Johnson.

Elected members serving on the school board are President Jody Reid, Vice President Sissy Franklin, Secretary Mike Blissary and board members John Wayne Metcalf, James White, Alan Wright, and Dale Coates.

School addresses and phone numbers are:

- Administrative office, 600 North Main, 394-4290.
- Coahoma High School, 700 North Main, 394-4535.

Secondary principal is John Massey.

• Robert "Rob" Ethridge Junior High, 411 High School Drive, 394-4615. The principal Dean Richters.

• Coahoma Elementary School, 400 Ramsey Avenue, 394-4323. The principal is Patricia Bennett.

School resumes Aug. 27.

The Internet address for Coahoma ISD is www.coahomaisd.com.

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Forsan Independent School District is composed of a Class A high school/junior high and an elementary school and serves more than 650 students.

The district administration officers includes second-year Superintendent Randy Johnson and Business Manager Dianna Walker.

School board trustees are Board President Tom Kuykendall, Vice President Marty Whetsel, Secretary/Treasurer Beckie Wash, Lewis Boeker, Misty Rhoton, Dale Humphreys, and Chris Evans.

School addresses and phone numbers are:

• Administrative office can be reached by dialing 457-2223, ext. 222.

• Forsan High School-Junior High, 411 W. Sixth, 457-2223, ext. 321. The principal is Keith Stone and assistant principal is Madge Patterson.

• Elbow Elementary, Nichols Road, 398-5444. The principal is Steve Osborn.

School begins Aug. 27.

The Internet address for Forsan ISD is www.forsan.esc18.net.

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Big Spring is also home to two private Christian schools — Maranatha Baptist Academy and New Hope Christian School.

• Maranatha, at 903 Johnson, 263-7696. The school is headed by Dr. Lillian Bohannon, serving students kindergarten through 12th grade since 1980. The school provides tutoring services through college and assists with home school programs. Maranatha is an Accelerated Christian Education accredited school.

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Technological fields include kinesiology, computer information, emergency medical, data entry and more.

Student organizations are important at Howard College. They

include the Mexican-American Student Organization, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Howard College Diplomats and Baptist Student Ministries.

Howard County voters approved a bond issue of more than \$20 million in May that will allow the college to make numerous facilities improvements to the Big Spring campus.

Howard College also has campuses in San Angelo and Lamesa. The San Angelo campus along with Angelo State University and San Angelo Independent School District have come together in the West Texas Training Center.

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The board of trustees is chaired by Dr. Charles Warren. Other members are Harold Davis, vice chairman, Marie Ethridge, secretary, Michael Flores, John Freeman, Don McKinney and Murray Murphy.

For more information, contact the college at 264-5000.

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SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf

Located at 3200 Ave. C in Big Spring, SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf is the largest community college dedicated to deaf and hard of hearing students in the world.

Funded almost entirely through state appropriations, SWCID was created as part of the Howard County Junior College District in 1980.

SWCID provides educational programs that serve the deaf and hard of hearing as well as providing education for paraprofessionals for the deaf and hearing impaired.

SWCID offers a variety of academic and workforce-training courses.

Dr. Ron Brasel recently retired as provost and Edward Tagge is dean of student services.

Among the programs having seen the most growth are graphic arts technology, dental laboratory technology and construc-



tion and building technology.

The interpreter training program and paraprofessional for the deaf and hard of hearing programs remain popular with those individuals who choose to work within the deaf community.

SWCID has been established on approximately 57 acres at the site of the former Webb Air Force Base. This property contains buildings and improvements including the 66,000 square foot administration/classroom complex, dormitories for men and women, a student union building, an activity center with gymnasium, racquetball court, and weight room and a residential maintenance building.

The Burke-Mehan Residence complex can house 92 students in a dormitory setting and 18 students in apartments.

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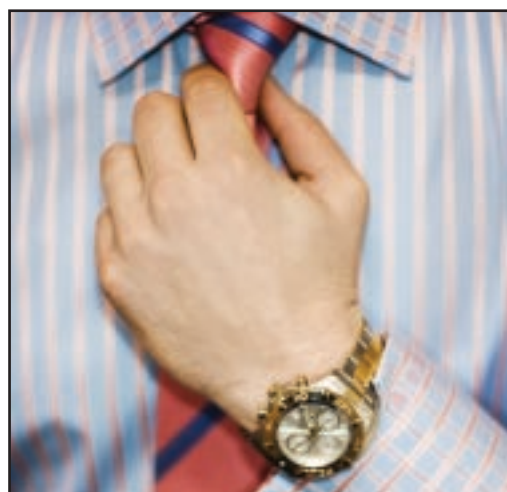
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Information about the city, various civic groups and businesses can be obtained at the office, located at 215 W. Third.

The chamber currently boasts a membership of approximately 400 local businesses and groups, and with the help of its board of directors and many different committees, strives to improve the quality of life and business climate in the Big Spring area.

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The chamber of commerce sponsors many different activities and events throughout the year, including the Business After Hours program, designed to bring local merchants together for socializing and networking at different locations.

Annually, the chamber hosts a banquet designed to recognize chamber members for their hard work throughout the year, and presentation of the Man and Woman of the Year awards.

The chamber also sponsors such events as the annual Pops In The Park, Health Fair and the West Texas Ag Expo and Luncheon.

Leadership Big Spring, Junior Leadership and Senior Leadership are also sponsored and hosted through the chamber of commerce.

The chamber has a Discount Card Club available for chamber members only. Local merchants involved in the club give various discounts to other club members.

For information on any of the chamber's activities or services, call 263-7641.

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Moore Development for Big Spring

Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. is a not-for-profit 4A economic development corporation whose goal is to increase job opportunities by assisting with the expansion of local businesses and attracting new businesses to Big Spring and Howard County.

In May of 1990, Big Spring citizens called for spending through a 1/2-cent hike to city sales tax to promote economic development activities in their community.

On Sept. 4 of that year, the Secretary of State issued the certificate of incorporation for Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. Operations began that October with an executive director employed shortly thereafter.

Overseeing the corporation is a five-member board of directors appointed by Big Spring City Council.

There are currently three standing committees involved in the workings of the Moore Board: The Business Retention and Expansion Committee; the New Business Attraction and Recruitment Committee; and the Agriculture Committee.

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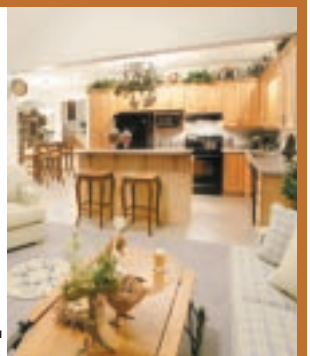
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The Big Spring Refinery employs 220 company employees and 10 to 300 contract workers depending on construction and maintenance requirements. Salary and wages for the Alon USA Refinery are approximately \$15 million per year.

A&M COMPOSITES, CORP.

Mike Niklasch, owner of A&M Composites Corp., trumpets Big Spring as a good place to manufacture his company's products.

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A&M Composites was founded March 1992 in Houston in approximately 1,500 square feet of working and office space. In 1994 the company moved to Coahoma and occupied a 10,000-square-foot facility. After two years the building was not large enough for the growth the company experienced.



In February 1997, the company moved to its present facility in Big Spring. The 52,000-square-foot building was expanded in 2002 by 8,000 square feet to house a new winding area.

Niklasch said A&M Composites was started to fill a void in the filament winding industry. It was lacking in a customer oriented company. That thinking is what has made the company successful with an average of a 20 percent annually.

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SMMC is home to 45 permanent and temporary physicians specializing in anesthesiology, cardiology, family practice, gastroenterology, general surgery, gynecology, internal medicine, obstetrics, orthopedics, pediatrics, podiatry, psychiatry, pulmonology, radiology, urology, and vascular surgery.



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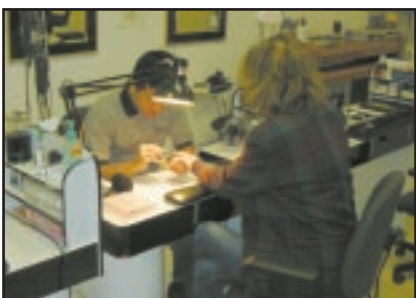
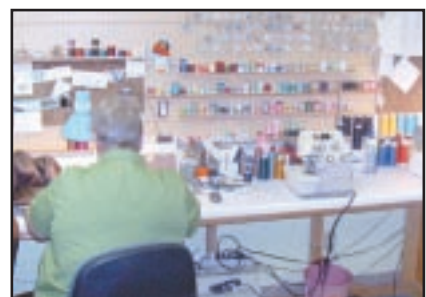
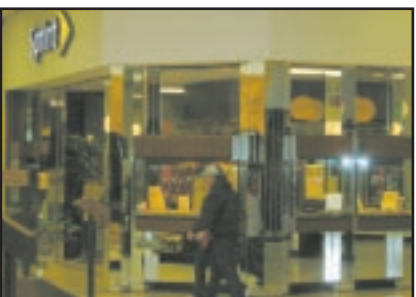
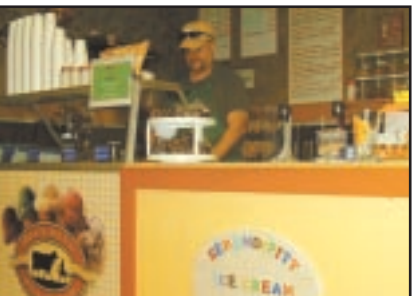


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Following the Department of Veterans Affairs' CARES hearings, it was announced that the Big Spring VAMC, unlike others, would not be closing.

In fact, VA officials announced that services offered at the local

hospital will continue to be expanded.

Big Spring State Hospital

The Big Spring State Hospital is a 170-bed psychiatric hospital serving people in a 58 county area in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle.

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For more information, call 268-8387.

Those needing 24-hour care for chronic or disabling illnesses can find it at two locations in Big Spring. Comanche Trail Nursing Home Center, 3200 Parkway, can be reached by calling 263-4041; Mountain View Lodge is located at 2009 Virginia and can be reached at 263-1271.

Assisted-living centers offering varying degrees of care include: Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th Street, 267-1353, and Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road, 268-9041. Both facilities offer pri-

vate apartments, regular meals and medical care as needed.

Two retirement centers that serve those on a limited income, without nursing care include the St. Mary's Episcopal Retirement Homes, Inc. known locally as Canterbury North, 401 W. 17th Street, 263-1238, and Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster, 263-1265.

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Couple affordable housing with there being no state income tax in Texas, and it's easy to understand by the cost of living in Big Spring and Howard County is so low.

And while Texans have always been noted for their friendliness, West Texans are the friendliest of them all.

That means every member of our community is considered important and numerous clubs and organizations have been formed that meet the needs the young and the old. For a list of local clubs and organizations, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641.

The Spring City Senior Citizens Center (432-267-1628) is located at 1901 Simler and serves as one of the hubs for those 60 and older, and Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Senior Circle program provides activities and discounts for members.

Committing thousands of volunteer hours each year, members of the city-sponsored Big Spring Retired and Senior Volunteer Program provide an invaluable service to the community.

RSVP's primary goals are to involve America's seniors (age 55 and over) in service to the community. Nancy Jones is the project director. For more information about the program, call Jones at 264-2397 or visit the office at the Polly Mays Annex, 501 Runnels.

Youth sports programs for boys and girls run the spectrum in Howard County — baseball, softball, football, soccer, basketball, tennis and golf.

New Texas residents have 30 days to get a Texas driver's license. Those licenses are available at the Texas Department of Public Safety's offices (432-267-5671) located at 5725 W. I-20. Proof of insurance must be presented to renew or to obtain a new license.

In addition, all vehicles must be registered in Texas within 30 days of taking up residence in the state. An inspection is required and can be obtained at most service stations and auto dealerships. Inspection costs vary depending on location. A copy of the inspection sticker must be provided along with proof of insurance to register a vehicle.

You can do that by going to the Howard County Tax Assessor's Office in the Courthouse Annex, located on the east side of the downtown square. While you're there, be sure to take the time and register to vote.

Dogs and cats must be registered in Big Spring, and dogs must be vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian. The fee for licenses is \$15 for an unaltered dog or cat, but only \$4 for animals that have been spayed or neutered.

Big Spring also has a leash law, but does not allow the tethering or chaining of dogs. A dog confined with a fenced yard or run must have at least 100 square feet of space per dog and each enclosure must include an enclosure providing the animal with shade and protection from the elements.

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For a list of those local churches, see Page 33.



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- Just a few blocks away is the Potton House, open daily from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. but closed on Sundays and Mondays, is restored exactly as it was when the Joseph Potton family lived there in 1901. It is a Victorian structure entered in the National Register of Historic Places.

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- The Hangar 25 Museum is a community funded restoration project of a World War ii flight hangar. Centrally located in the McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park on the far west side of the city, the museum includes a number of displays recalling the importance Webb Air Force Base played in the community's history.

- Leisure time can also be spent at the Big Spring State Park watching prairie dogs in the established prairie dog colony, picnicking, jogging or walking its trails. A favorite feature of the park is Scenic Mountain which provides a high, scenic drive offering a spectacular view of the countryside, night lights and West Texas' dramatically beautiful sunsets.

- The Sandhill Crane Feeding Area, located off

Interstate 20 west of Big Spring, is a site where cranes winter on Red Lake, one of the saltiest lakes in the Western Hemisphere. Huge flocks of sandhill cranes numbering up to 80,000 can be seen during the season.

- And just outside of Big Spring are Moss Creek Lake and Signal Mountain. The lake, located 10 miles east of the community, is owned and maintained by the city of Big Spring and offers swimming, boating, fishing, camping and picnicking. Signal Mountain, is a historical landmark. Indians used its flat top to build fires to send smoke signals. it can be easily viewed from I-20 just west of Coahoma or from Moss Creek Lake.


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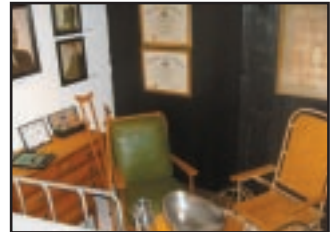
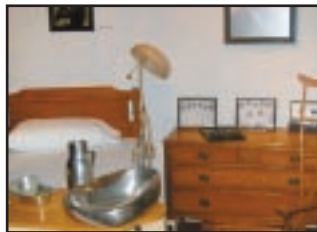
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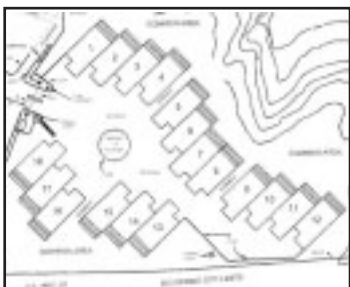
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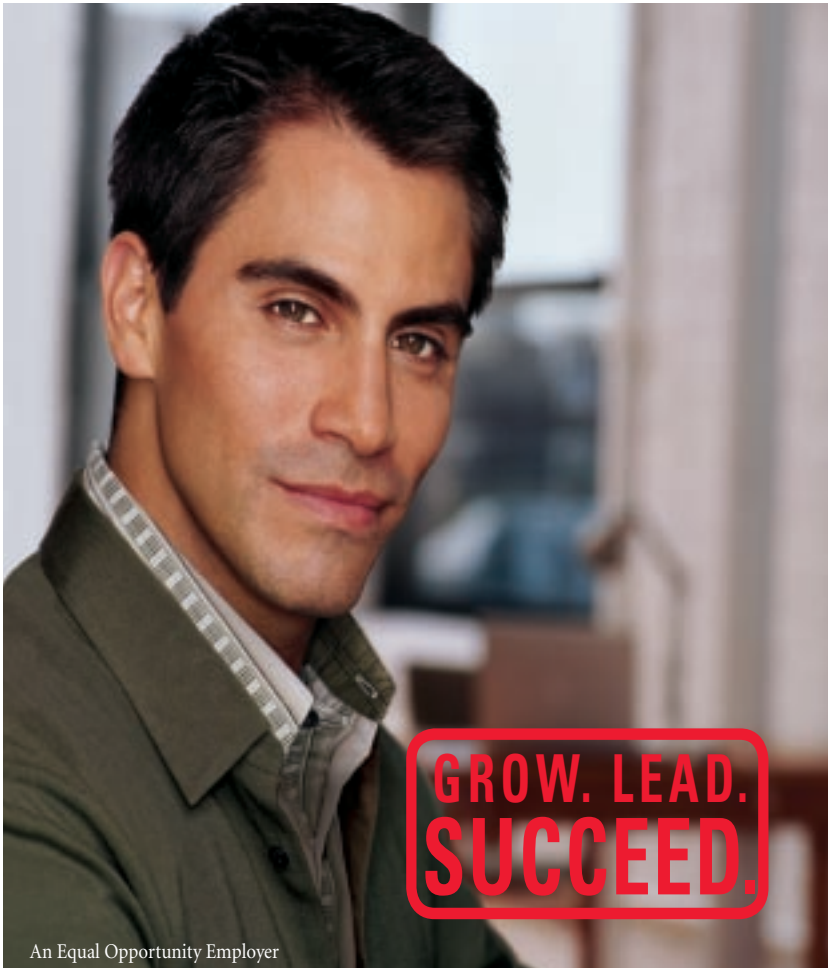
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