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County makes pact to acquire land for jail

Officials confident bond issue will pass

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners approved a contract Friday that will move forward with the purchase of property in Big Spring's west side that will — voters willing — soon be the home of a new jail facility.

The contract, which would allow the county to purchase two parcels of land located on W. Highway 80 near the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark for a total of

\$45,000, was approved by a unanimous vote.

Final purchase of the property, which is owned by Big Spring resident Tom Land, is contingent upon passage of a \$11.57 million bond by Howard County voters during the November election, said county officials.

According to Commissioner



Crooker



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Crooker, the purchase includes a large lot for \$40,000, a smaller frontage lot for \$5,000, with closing costs expected to be approximately \$10,000 — for a grand total of \$55,000.

"I think it's a good location," said Crooker. "It's as good as the one that we had last year for that

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UNSPOKEN SALUTE



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service personnel stand at the Snyder Highway overpass of Interstate 20 in silent tribute as a procession carrying the body of Odessa Police Department officer Abel Marquez passes through Big Spring Friday afternoon. Marquez and two other OPD officers were killed after responding to a domestic dispute Sept. 8 in Odessa.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Weldon Brookshire looks over a 1914 Metz automobile, one of more than 50 antique cars on display Saturday morning at the College Park Shopping Center parking lot. Vintage car enthusiasts from across West Texas were in Big Spring this weekend for the annual Grand Old Tour, conducted by the Antique Automobile Club of America. For more on the Grand Old Tour, see Page 1C.

Recruiting pays dividends for HC

Enrollment hits record numbers

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Intensified recruiting efforts have paid off in spades for Howard College.

College trustees will hear very good news on HC enrollment when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building's Tumbleweed Room.

HC President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said a record 3,409 students are enrolled in Howard's four campuses this fall.

The majority of those students — 1,844 — are enrolled on the San Angelo campus, while 1,297 are registered in Big Spring.

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf has 120 students enrolled, while 108 registered for courses at the

"I'm really pleased with the strategic efforts we made with regards to recruiting, and its results."



—Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president

Lamesa campus.

The 19 percent increase in San Angelo enrollment is due in large part to the start of a dual-credit enrollment agreement with San Angelo Independent School District, Sparks said.

Under the agreement, SAISD students can now

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Tejano exhibit to be unveiled here Monday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A Tejano — Spanish for "Texan" — is a person of Hispanic descent born and living in Texas, and will be the focus of a special exhibit to be unveiled at Howard College Monday.

Texas Tejano.com, a San Antonio-based Tejano History research and publishing company, is expected to unveil the critically acclaimed A Tejano Son of Texas Traveling Exhibit at the local junior college's Hall Center

for the Arts with a private viewing by community dignitaries at 4:30 p.m. and then introduction of Rudi R. Rodriguez — Texas Tejano.com president and founder — at 5:45 p.m.

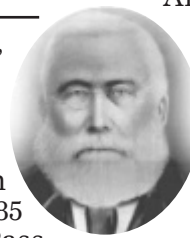
National League of United Latin American Citizens President Rosa Rosales is also expected to make a presentation at 6:30 p.m., with closing remarks from Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen scheduled for 7 p.m.

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'Polly' Rodriguez, trailblazer, lived a full and eventful life

Herald Staff Report

Jose Policarpio "Polly" Rodriguez was born in 1829 in what is present day Zaragoza, Mexico — formerly La Villa de San Fernando de Austria — 35 miles west of Eagle Pass. Polly's family moved to San



Antonio in 1840. His father, Don Jose Antonio Rodriguez, purchased a town lot on the banks of San Pedro Creek and built their first home fronting the Camino Reale to Laredo.

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IN BRIEF

Area high school sports calendar

Here's a look at the area high school varsity sports' calendar:

TUESDAY

Big Spring volleyball vs. Plainview, 7:30 p.m.
Big Spring tennis at Sweetwater, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY

Big Spring football vs. Abilene Wylie, 7:30 p.m.
Sands football vs. Loop, homecoming, 7:30 p.m.
Grady football at Trent, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City football at Abilene Christian, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Big Spring volleyball vs. Kermit, 12:30 p.m.
Big Spring cross country at A&M Invitational at College Station.
Big Spring swimming hosting Black & Gold Duel at YMCA.

AUG. 25

Big Spring volleyball at Frenship, 7:30 p.m.
Big Spring tennis vs. Abilene Wylie in Sweetwater, 4 p.m.

AUG. 28

Big Spring football at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m.
Forsan football vs. Irion Co., 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma football at Merkel, 7:30 p.m.
Stanton football at Anson, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City football vs. Lorenzo, 7:30 p.m.
Grady football vs. Water Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Sands football at Klondike, 7:30 p.m.

Disc golf tourney set for Sept. 30

The 15th Ever DiscOver Big Spring Disc Golf Tournament has been set for Sept. 30 at Birdwell Park.

Registration is from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. before the tournament. It is limited to the first 90 players and two rounds of 18 holes will be played.

Fees vary from \$15 to \$45 depending on division.

Contact Greg Brooks at (432) 528-5076 or e-mail him at gbrooks@apex2000.net for more information.

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Big Spring football players from junior high to varsity are encouraged to attend and help support the Steers' football program.

Submit briefs to the Herald by calling 263-7331, ext. 237.

Area roundup: Westbrook upsets Sands, 41-32

Herald Staff Report

WESTBROOK — The Sands Mustangs key to victory against Wilson last week was committing no turnovers. Unfortunately, that theory didn't work for a second consecutive week.

Despite committing no turnovers, the Mustangs fell to Westbrook's Wildcats, 41-32.

Sands led for a majority of the game, but Westbrook stole the momentum midway through the third quarter, scoring 22 points and taking the lead for good.

The Mustangs opened up with a 14-0 lead in the first with quarterback Johnny Rogers scoring on runs of 44 and 9 yards.

However, Westbrook responded with 12 unanswered points before halftime, courtesy of two touchdown passes by Tate Burleson to Colton Nobles and Josh Solko. The Wildcats couldn't convert either point-after attempts, leaving them down by two heading into the break.

Sands looked to have the momentum heading into the third quarter when Thomas Pena returned the opening kickoff 75 yards for a score.

Down 20-12, Westbrook responded with 22 straight points. Senior running back Josh Fernandez scored two touchdowns — a 1-yard run and a 23-yard pass from Burleson — to lead the Wildcats' third-quarter scoring attack.

The Mustangs trimmed the lead to two in the fourth quarter with Rogers throwing two touchdown passes within a minute of each other. His first score was a 23-yard strike to Ethan Zant and he bombed a 40-yard run to Jesus Gomez exactly a minute later. However, Sands failed to tie the score with the extra point, leaving them down, 34-32.

Westbrook put the game away

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Herald photo/Bruce Schooler
Sands' Johnny Rogers (left) runs away from Westbrook's Ross Andrews (22) and Josh Solko in action from Westbrook Friday night. Westbrook defeated Sands 41-32.



Herald photo/Ken Hollandsworth
Big Spring Steers' quarterback Nathan Doporto scrambles as he looks downfield for an open receiver during the Steers' 35-13 loss to Hereford's Whitefaces at Memorial Stadium Friday night.

Steers lose to Hereford in cattle battle

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

In football, penalties can kill. They kill drives, momentum and composure.

The Big Spring Steers have found this to be true several times already this season.

"Penalties have hurt us all season long," said Steers' Head Coach Mike Ritchey. "The problem is the penalties we're getting are taking away some huge plays for us. We're having a tough time consistently executing big plays

without having them called back on penalties."

Friday wasn't any different with the Steers racking up 47 penalty yards as Hereford's Whitefaces defeated Big Spring, 35-13.

"We just didn't click as a team like we had been," said Ritchey. "We made too many mistakes. We had the momentum going our way in the second quarter, but a turnover sucked the life out of us. We had too many penalties that cost us some big plays, too."

The Steers did, however, finally find some big plays of their own. Down 7-0, it took Big Spring just 13 seconds into the second quarter to put points on the board. Running back Monte Anderson took a pitch on a sweep right, but cut back into the middle of the field, broke one tackle and ran away from two Hereford defenders for an 81-yard touchdown. The score tied the game at 7.

Big Spring's defense set up the offense with good field position

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Ballinger spoils Coahoma homecoming, win 37-13

By Brandon Hallford

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — On a night that saw more laundry on the field than there is on a teenager's bedroom floor, the Ballinger Bearkats clawed their way to a 37-13 victory in front of a packed Bulldog Stadium, spoiling the Coahoma Bulldogs (0-3) homecoming activities.

Everything looked as if it was to go Coahoma's way early, as the Bulldogs quickly pounced on Ballinger, forcing the Bearkats to punt after a 3-and-out on the first series of the game. Josh Paniagua put a charge into the crowd when the sophomore broke through the middle of the

line, blocking Ballinger's punt and setting up the Bulldogs deep inside Bearkats territory.

Coahoma wasted little time capitalizing on the fortunate turn of events. Paniagua reeled off a 10-yard run around the right corner, taking the ball down to the Ballinger 4-yard line. After a 3-yard burst up the middle by junior running back P.J. Daylong, Paniagua again called his own number, diving in from one yard out to give the Bulldogs an early 6-0 advantage with 9:33 left in the opening quarter.

Coahoma looked to be ready to take control of the game after the defense forced Ballinger into

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Herald photo/Bruce Schooler
Coahoma's Lupe Abrego (44) wraps up a Ballinger ball carrier as P.J. Daylong (3) pursues the play. The Bulldogs lost their homecoming, 37-13.

Stanton's Buffaloes run wild on Forsan

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

There were Buffaloes running wild Friday night in Stanton. Unfortunately for Forsan, they were all Red Buffaloes.

Adam Bailey scored twice and added an interception, but it wasn't enough as the Forsan Buffaloes fell to 0-3 in 2007 suffering a loss at the hands of the Stanton Buffaloes, 47-13.

Both of Bailey's touchdowns were through the air as quarterback Alex Huckabee and the Forsan air attack finally took flight.

However, the Buffs were unable to stop the hard-nosed running game of Stanton's talented backfield, which racked up 448 yards and five scores on the ground on 55 carries.

Forsan Head Coach Tommy Thompson was happy to see the passing efficiency improve, but is still waiting for his squad to hit on all cylinders.

"We hurt ourselves at times with some penalties, but mostly they just outplayed us," said Thompson. "Injuries obviously hurt and forced a lot of guys to play both ways, but they were very physical and aggressive. They wore us down."

Thompson praised the effort of seniors Blake Grantham and Aaron Hughes, who rarely saw the sidelines last night.

"Blake and Aaron are both captains and they only get a break during kicking situations," Thompson said. "They are like the Rock of Gibraltar."

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Friday Night Recap

Hereford 35
Big Spring 13

Ballinger 37
Coahoma 13

Stanton 47
Forsan 13

Garden City 72
Mid. Trinity 25

Grady 64
New Home 0

Westbrook 41
Sands 32

Call 263-7331, ext. 237, to submit game day scores.



Blasts from the Past

Cars from a bygone era ride again as Antique Automobile Club of America members pay a visit to Big Spring



Twenty-five years ago, Weldon Brookshire and his wife rode to Las Vegas in style behind the wheel of a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible.

A quarter-century later, both Brookshires and the Chevy are still going strong.

Brookshire and 113 other members of the regional chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America were in Big Spring this weekend to show off their restored cars and catch up on old times as part of the club's 45th annual Grand Old Tour.

The vehicles ranged from a 1914 Metz, complete with wooden spoke wheels, through Depression-era Model A's and Packards to 1960s-era sports cars, and almost every owner had a story behind their car.

Brookshire was no exception. "I drove a wrecker in Pecos back in the '60s, when I got called out one night to tow a Chevy whose owner had been arrested for driving while intoxicated," he said. "As it ended up, he couldn't afford to get his car (out of impound), so I ended up buying it."

The car was in nowhere good as shape as it is now, Brookshire quickly added.

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Clockwise from top: A graceful ornament decorates the hood of Vic Donnel's 1930 Packard; Steve Barrington shows his patriotic side by placing a display of U.S. flags on the grill of his 1931 Model A; vintage Ford Model A autos stand in a line as owners show off their vehicles; fuzzy dice hanging from the rear-view mirror add the final touch to Weldon Brookshire's 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air.

Story and photos by Steve Reagan

Obituaries

Police blotter

Dorothy Griffice



Dorothy Griffice, 82, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007, at Odessa Regional Hospital in Odessa. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born May 10, 1925, in Comanche County to Kathleen and Willis Sturdivant. She had been a resident of Howard County since 1950 and had been an Avon distributor for over 50 years. She was tops in the district for several years, winning numerous awards, including a trip to Monte Carlo. Dorothy married Grover C. Griffice, Aug. 26, 1968, in Big Spring. They lived in the Oasis Addition and raised horses. Grover preceded her in death, April 6, 1996. She was a Baptist and was active in the Senior Circle, and the Senior Citizens Center. She loved country music, gardening and flowers.

She is survived by a daughter, Linda Summersell of Big Spring; one stepdaughter, Dewey Ann Marler and her husband John of Yuba City, Calif.; two grandsons, T.J. Summersell of Big Spring and Brad Summersell of Lubbock; two step-granddaughters, Kay McMullen and her husband Mark of Loveland, Colo., and Terri Helwig and her husband Alan of Yuba City, Calif.; two step-grandsons, Glenn Marler and Gregg Marler, both of Yuba City, Calif.; two great-grandsons, Todd Summersell and Dalton Summersell, both of Lubbock; eight step-great-grandsons; one step-great-granddaughter; and one nephew, Billy Gerald Sturdivant of DeLeon.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald Sturdivant and Bill Sturdivant.

Pallbearers will be Jack Birdwell, Dr. Carlos Dimidjian, Steve Hedges, Gene Allen Hector, Jimmy Hector and Steve Hector.

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

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Support Groups

MONDAY

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX, 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call Alex at 264-6921 or 1-800 392-8677.

Gabriella "Gabby" Baltazar



Gabriella "Gabby" Baltazar, infant, died Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends from 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born July 25, 2007, in Odessa to Brenda and Ismael Baltazar.

In addition to her parents, survivors include one brother, Nicholas Baltazar of Lamesa; four sisters, Kaydence Hart, Alyssa Baltazar and Alayna Baltazar, all of Big Spring, and Autumn Baltazar of Lamesa; grandparents, Lidia Saldana and her husband Jose of Lamesa, Michelle and Domingo Rodriguez Jr. and Consuelo Rodriguez and Valentin Resendis, all of Big Spring; great-grandparents, Derle and Debbie Harbuck and Rodney and Nancy Feaster, all of Big Spring; Domingo and Frances Rodriguez Sr. of Stanton, Martha Trevino and Ameita Baltazar, both of Lamesa; great-great-grandparents, Juanita Olivas of Stanton, Florentina Enriques of Lamesa and Katherine Harbuck of Sweetwater; and a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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

Terry Landers

Terry Landers, 50, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Elizabeth Perkins

Elizabeth Perkins, 81, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds around 10 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds around 10 mph.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

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

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

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

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

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

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

- JOSEPH DON SAVELL, 20, 538 Westover, was arrested on a Howard County Sheriff's Office warrant.
- BRADY C. TIMMONS, 21, Ackerly, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- RUBY RAYNETTA AUSTIN, 27, 406 W. Eighth, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- MICHAEL P. WERTMAN, 26, 1603 Lincoln, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ERINEO SANCHEZ, 31, 813 W. Sixth, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.
- REUBEN CURTIS INGRAM, 24, Midland, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.
- BILLY WAYNE HALLFORD, 32, 16 McKinley, was arrested on charges of DWI, third offense, and driving while license invalid (enhanced).
- DUSTY DEATHERAGE, 24, no address given, was arrested on two local warrants.
- JOSEPH MICHAEL COOK, 28, 1425 E. Sixth, was arrested on three local warrants.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 5-8-12-14-35
Number matching five of five: 3.
Prize per winner: \$9,947.
Winning tickets sold in: Austin, Converse and Del Valle
Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-3-2

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midway through the quarter, when Cade Hollandsworth sacked Hereford quarterback Ryan Mungia, causing him to fumble. Lonnie Jackson recovered the ball at the Whitefaces 39.

However, a penalty would erase a 15-yard reception by Sidney Parker Jr. from Nathan Doporto that put the Steers in the red zone. Big Spring failed to convert a fourth down.

The Whitefaces took advantage of the shift in momentum, scoring on an 8-yard run by Nathan Losolla. The touchdown and extra point put Hereford up 14-7.

Last week, a high snap over punter Tyler Tannehill's head gave San Angelo Central the momentum it needed to rally in the fourth quarter to beat the Steers. Another special teams' mistake by the Steers cost them dearly before the end of the half.

Keagan Hunt couldn't handle a Hereford punt, following a 3-

and-out stand by Big Spring's defense. The Whitefaces recovered the punt at the Steers' 16, providing them with new life. Four plays later, Jordy Collier plunged into the end zone from one yard out, giving Hereford a 1-touchdown lead that held up until halftime.

"That botched punt turned the game," said Ritchey. "It gave them a short field and let them get up by 14."

The Steers got the ball first in the second half, but three penalties haunted the offense, preventing Big Spring from gaining any advantage.

The Herd took advantage of the Steers' miscues, driving 39 yards in nine plays to take a 28-7 advantage with just over seven minutes left in the third quarter. Mungia connected on all of five of his pass attempts in the drive, including a 5-yard score to Matt Silva.

Mungia came close to perfection in the second half, missing only one of his 10 passes. He finished with 180 yards, three touchdowns and one interception, completing 17 of 21 passes.

Big Spring's most impressive drive started late in the third

quarter. Down by three touchdowns, the Steers started on their own 1-yard line with 3:50 left in the third.

They were able to find a groove in the passing game as Parker and Doporto picked apart the Hereford secondary. Parker made a 1-handed grab on a slant for 10 yards, giving the offense some room to operate. Two plays later, Parker caught what appeared to be an 89-yard touchdown pass, but he just stepped out of bounds at the 44, hindering the gain to 31 yards.

The Steers kept driving though, as Doporto hit Parker three more times for 52 yards, including a reception that Parker broke three tackles after making the catch.

Hereford corralled him at the 1 after a 20-yard gain, but couldn't stop Doporto from sneaking into the end zone on the first play of the fourth quarter. A missed extra point by Matt Casteneda left the Steers trailing, 28-13.

The Steers had an opportunity to get within one score, following a 3-and-out stand by the defense. The offense took over

at their own 24 and opened the drive with a 17-yard run by Anderson.

However, Doporto struggled to find an open receiver on fourth and four, allowing the Herd to take over at midfield.

Mungia took Hereford down the field, capping a 7-play, 49-yard drive with his second touchdown pass to Silva from 21 yards out. The score left the Steers down 35-13 with 4:25 left in the game.

Big Spring tried to strike back quickly with Doporto completing a pass to Terrance Clemons, who caught the ball over two defenders, at the 3.

However, a holding penalty canceled out the play and Doporto threw an interception four plays later, essentially ending the game.

Doporto finished with 189 yards and two interceptions on 15 of 27 passing. He also rushed for one score. Parker caught 126 of those yards on seven receptions. He repeatedly made defenders miss in the open field, gaining several yards after the catch.

"Sidney is a big play receiver," said Ritchey. "It's impor-

tant that we get him involved. We have other guys with big play potential that he opens up. Monte had a big run tonight and showed his speed. There were definitely some highlights tonight and the offense clicked better. We kept saying it was coming along and we showed the potential we have offensively tonight."

Anderson completed his second 100-yard game, gaining 117 on the ground with a touchdown on 16 carries.

Defensively, Hollandsworth led with nine tackles and a sack. Hunt and Justin Amaro had six tackles each and Tannehill picked off a pass in the first quarter.

The Steers fall to 0-3 on the season and host a dangerous Abilene Wylie team next week that embarrassed Big Spring, 52-14.

"There won't be any heads hanging from this loss," Ritchey said. "We're going to go back in and work harder this week. Wylie is a very good team, but we believe that we are too. We love our team. Things are going to get better."

AREA

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minutes later courtesy of a 3-yard touchdown run by Solko.

The Wildcats outgained Sands 377-284 in total yardage. The Mustangs (1-2) host Loop's Longhorns for their homecoming Friday.

Garden City 72, Midland Trinity 25

GARDEN CITY — Midland Trinity's Chargers played a close game with Garden City's Bearkats — for a quarter.

Leading 8-6 after the first quarter, the Bearkats separated from the Chargers in the second, scoring 34 points for a 42-19 halftime lead.

Nick Sanchez threw his second touchdown pass — his first came in the opening quarter to Jake Schwartz — to Wade Jansa from 17 yards out. All-state running back Bo

Eggemeyer followed the score with two touchdown runs of 8 and 5 yards, giving Garden City a 30-6 lead.

Schwartz responded to a Trinity score, returning the ensuing kickoff 77 yards for a score. Jansa ran in a 17-yard touchdown, pushing the lead to 42-6.

Leading 42-19, the Bearkats added 30 more point in the third quarter. Eggemeyer started the scoring with a 15-yard run, followed by Sanchez connecting with Jansa for the second time.

Cole Schwartz ran the ball in from 10-yards out, responding to a Trinity score to extend the lead, 66-25. Spencer Plagens caught a 1-yard touchdown connection from Sanchez — his fourth touchdown pass of the night — with 52 seconds left in the third, ending the game due to the 45-point mercy rule.

The Bearkats defense held Trinity to minus-20 yards rushing and just 138 total offense.

Garden City gained 354 total yards.

Eggemeyer finished with 157 yards rushing and Sanchez had 151 yards passing. Jake Schwartz lead the Bearkats in receiving with 72 yards on three catches.

Garden City (1-1) travels to Abilene Christian next week.

Grady 64, New Home 0

NEW HOME — Dominance. That sums up what happened on New Home's field Friday night.

Unfortunately for New Home, the game got old in a hurry for its players as Grady's Wildcats pounded the Leopards 64-0 in a game that was called at halftime due to the 45-point mercy rule.

The Leopards moved the ball early on the Wildcats, but Grady's defense stood tall each time. The Wildcats seemed to break the Leopards' spirits

after they intercepted a pass in the end zone, ending a New Home drive that pushed into the 10-yard line.

"We seemed to break their spirits after that interception," said Grady's Head Coach Joe Helms. "They didn't play nearly as hard after that and everything just started going our way."

Justin Tubb stepped in front of the pass and nearly returned it for a touchdown, but was marked out of bounds at the New Home 3-yard line.

The Wildcats led 24-0 at the end of the first quarter, but several New Home turnovers in the second, including a fumble recovered at the 5-yard line and an interception that Leighton Fields returned for a touchdown, allowed Grady to score 40 points.

"It's hard to score 40 points in a quarter on any team," Helms said. "They kept giving us the ball in great situations and we took advantage of them. Our

offense played their best game. We did the little things that put us over the top."

Tommylee Rivas led the Wildcats offensively, throwing for four touchdown passes and running for two.

"Tommylee probably had the best game of his life," Helms said. "Everything was really clicking for him."

Two of Rivas' passing scores were caught by Lane Shands, who also caught a third touchdown from Dylan Cox.

Helms credited Roy Rodriguez with several key big hits that kept the Leopards' spirits low on the offensive side of the ball.

The Wildcats (3-0) travel to face Trent's Gorillas Friday. Helms said that playing on that field is very appealing to his players.

"You don't see a lot of fields with turf on them at our level," he explained. "That new stadium has drawn a lot of attention and we're looking forward to playing on it."

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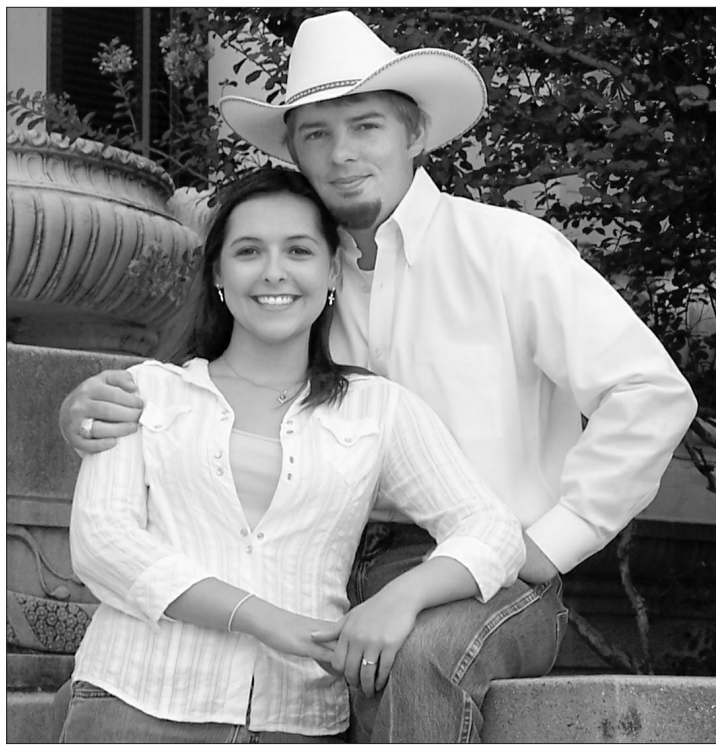
Osburn and Arnold

Felicia Osburn of Big Spring and Jason Arnold of Venus will exchange wedding vows at 4 p.m. Sept. 29, 2007, at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Felicia is the daughter of Billy and Dianna Osburn of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Kenneth and Leona Duffer of Big Spring, Jim and Lazell McCurtain of Big Spring and Fran and the late Kenneth Osburn of Big Spring. Great-grandparents are Sybil and the late L.M. Duffer.

Jason is the son of Gloria Gail Arnold.

Felicia is attending Texas A&M University and majoring in elemen-



Felicia Osburn and Jason Arnold

tary education. She works for Kids Club.

Jason is also attending Texas A&M and majoring in kinesiology. He works

for the city of College Station.

They both reside in College Station.

Johnson and Adams

Ashley Megan Johnson of Dallas and Austin Lee Adams of Grapevine will exchange wedding vows Oct. 14, 2007, at 6:45 p.m. at the Dallas Arboretum on White Rock Lake in Dallas.

Ashley is the daughter of Steve and Cindy Johnson of Lubbock and granddaughter of Don and Jill Hill of Lubbock, Bud Perry (deceased), Fred Johnson (deceased) and Wanda Johnson of Jacksboro.

Ashley graduated from Monterey High School in Lubbock in 2002 and from Texas Tech University in 2005. She earned a degree in interior design and is presently employed by ID Group as a designer.

Austin is the son of Ricky and Patti Adams of Big Spring and the grandson of Bill Swindell (deceased) and Sonya Swindell, also of Big Spring.

Austin is a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2006 graduate from Texas Tech University, majoring in history and mass communications.

He is presently employed as intern youth minister at First Baptist Church



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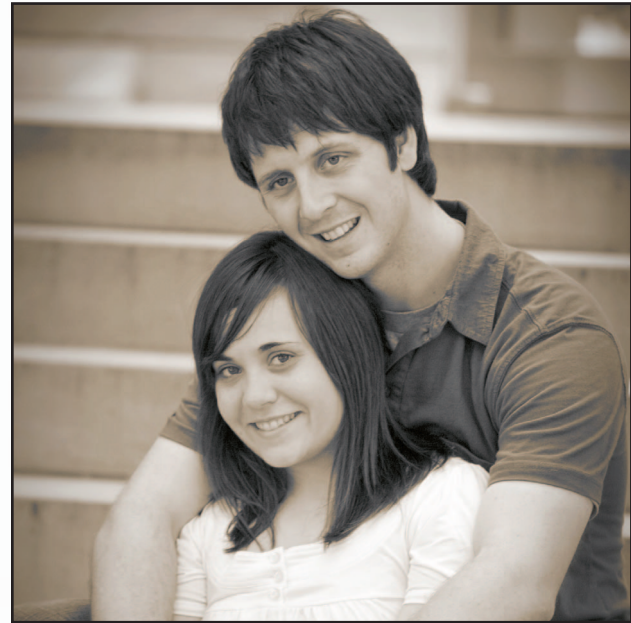
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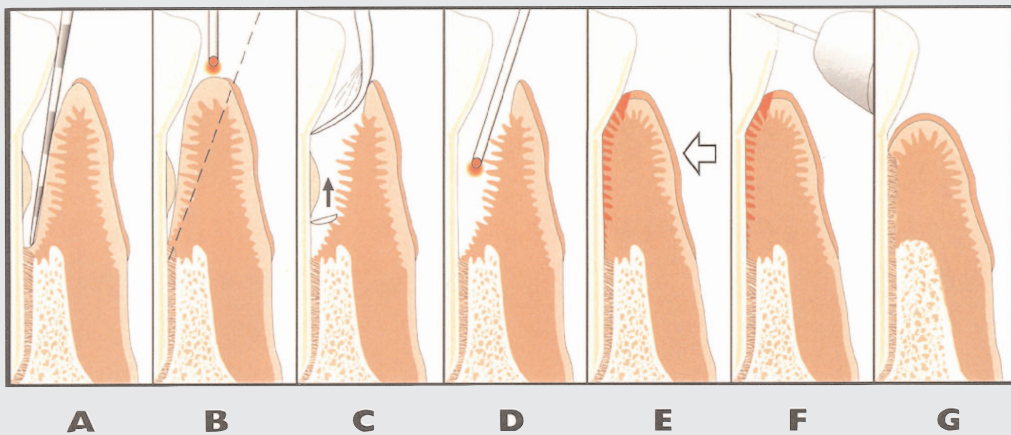
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JAIL

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bond issue. We're moving forward with it and I feel like we're making good progress on our jail. We're experiencing a time crunch as far as the jail plans are concerned, but I feel like it will all come together."

Crooker, who along

with the rest of the court faced a similar bond election this time last year, said he feels better about the progress the court has made this time.

"To be honest, I feel a little bit better about it this time around," said Crooker. "Having the outside consultant has helped a lot. We had a meeting this morning with the architect and the consultants, and we

talked about a lot of things relative to the layout of the jail. I feel like we're improving our jail layout, and we're developing what you might say is a better jail.

"A lot of thought is going into the staffing and how we can decrease the staffing to achieve some costs savings over the lifetime of the jail, which we hope will be 25 to 30 years. If you can save two or three salaries over that period of time, it really adds up."

The commissioner's court placed a \$10.1 million bond election on the November 2006 ballot, asking voters to approve financing of a 144-bed jail, which was voted down by more than 60 percent.

County Judge Mark Barr said the court is planning to hold town hall meetings on the subject as early as next month, in hopes of educating the public on the facts of the matter.

"Right now I feel really good about it," said Barr. "I really do. We're going to plan some public meetings — town hall types of meetings — to get the people from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards up here ... and

have Carl Griffith and Jeff Heffelfinger working on the jail. I think they will make for a real good presentation, and I hope people will turn out for them."

Barr said he feels confident the voters will approve the upcoming bond.

"I'm confident," said Barr. "I've talked to a lot of people, and I think they realize we have to have a jail for the county to continue, or it's going to put a real financial bind on us. I recently spoke to the Kiwanis club and got a favorable response from them. People have questions, and they need to ask them. We're here to put the facts before the people and let them decide."

Commissioners also held a public hearing on the 2007-2008 tax rate during Friday's meeting, drawing no comments from area citizens or the court.

Commissioners voted unanimously earlier in the week to move forward with a tax rate of 48.787 cents per \$100 valuation, which includes a 6.38-cent increase over the rollback rate.

Take note

• AN INFANT CPR PROGRAM, TRAINING FOR PARENTS AND EXPECTANT PARENTS, will be held from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, Sept. 22, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. The training will be held in Room 215 on the second floor. There is no charge to parents who deliver at SMMC. Call Doris Bergerson at 268-4820.

• THE ACKERLY LUNCH BUNCH will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the 14th and Main Church of Christ fellowship room in Big Spring. A barbecue lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$11 a plate and includes dessert and a drink. RSVP by calling (432) 263-4452.

• A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED for David English of Snyder, who was injured on the job in Big Spring and is in critical condition. Donations can be made at American State Bank, 1411, S. Gregg St., Big Spring.

• A BENEFIT DINNER, DANCE AND AUCTION will be held Oct. 14th at the Event Center, 1607 E. Third St. The benefit is to raise funds for B. Michael Brown, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer and has no insurance. Lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the auction will be held at 1 p.m. and a dinner will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information contact Ann Briscoe at 816-5988, 264-8048 or 270-4156.

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take concurrent academic courses at the Howard campus.

"Last year, we were able to offer workforce training dual-credit courses only," she said.

A surge in traditional-age college students (those between 18 and 22 years of age) led to a 5 percent increase in enrollment at the Big Spring campus, while SWCID reported a 7 percent increase, Sparks noted.

She said that college officials concentrated heavily this year on recruiting new students, efforts that appear to have borne fruit.

"I'm really pleased with the strategic efforts we made with regards to recruiting, and its results," she said. "We knew San Angelo would see an increase due to our planning with San Angelo ISD last year, so that was not a total surprise, but the rest of the increases was clearly the result of the staff's effort to increase enrollment numbers."

Also on the increase is the number of reported contact hours.

Sparks said the four campuses reported a total of 569,760 contact hours for the fall semester, up from 531,440 a year ago.

Contact hours are significant because that is the yardstick state officials use when determining the amount of state aid Howard will receive in the future.

In other business Monday, trustees will

consider:

- A contract with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper to provide architectural and engineering services for upcoming campus renovations at Big Spring.
- Bids for cellular phone service.
- Surplus property disposal.
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There was nothing dramatic about the setting. It was just a rubber-bridge game. The stakes were, say, two zlotys a point. The declarer (South) was Howard Schenken, one of the game's all-time greats.
On the preceding hand, he and his partner had managed to climb all the way to two spades, making six. The recriminations had not yet died down, and the atmosphere was arctic when Schenken, holding half the deck, found himself confronted with a third-hand opening spade bid. After a brief skirmish, he bought the con-

tract at two no trump.
He won the jack of diamonds with the queen. Seven tricks were in sight, and the question was where the eighth would come from. Obviously, if Schenken attacked spades, East would not take his ace until the fourth round. Without winning the fifth spade in dummy, there would be no eighth trick.
Unfazed, Schenken worked out a way to make the contract. Like most good plans, it was simple in design and easy to execute. At trick two, he led the nine of diamonds!
West took the ten and returned a diamond, on which East discarded a spade! The scheme had worked. East had made a perfectly natural discard on the third diamond. The king of spades was led, and East's ace was forced out, giving Schenken four spade tricks and the contract.
Maybe East — a well-known Life Master — shouldn't have thrown a spade, but he hated to part with either a heart or a club. It seemed much more important to hang on to both of these suits than the apparently useless spade. He was only doing what came naturally.
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Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Craig Ward

Julie Ann Cadenhead and Ryan Craig Ward of Post exchanged wedding vows at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2007, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring with pastor Randy Cotton officiating.

Julie is the daughter of Joe and Mary Cadenhead of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Estella Cuellar of San Angelo.

Ryan is the son of Billy and Sheila Ward of Big Spring.

Guests were registered from Big Spring, Coahoma, Midland, Dallas, Austin, San Angelo, Sterling City, Fort Riley, Kan. and Tucson, Ariz.

Given away by her father, Joe Cadenhead, the bride wore a white strapless organza A-line gown with satin draping and beaded pink metallic embroidery with a chapel length train. Her veil was a finger tip veil with

lace embellishment and beaded embroidery to match the dress with a pink ribbon edge. She carried a bouquet of fresh white and pink roses tied with a pink satin ribbon, arranged by Carmelita Cadenhead sister-in-law of the bride and Kimberly Dunman Neice of the Bride.

The maid of honor was high school friend Keri Bethel of Tucson, Ariz. She wore a sleeveless fuchsia tea length dress with a shiffon overlay and carried a bouquet of light and dark pink roses tied with a pink satin ribbon.

Serving as junior bridesmaids were neices to the bride Brandi and Bianca Cadenhead of Fort Riley, Kan. They wore sleeveless light pink tea length dresses and carried light and dark pink carnations tied with pink satin ribbon.

Serving as best man was

Derek Ward, brother of the groom.

The groom and best man were dressed identically, wearing black tuxedos with white shirts and silver vest and ties.

Serving as usher was brother of the bride, Randy Cadenhead, of Fort Riley, Kan. He was dressed in his military suit. Flower girl was Cassidy Cadenhead, neice of the bride. She wore a white dress adorned with pink flowers and carried a basket of pink rose petals. Ring bearer was Kevin Cadenhead, nephew of the bride, and carried a white satin pillow decorated with embroidery lace and satin ribbon.

Following the ceremony was a reception at the Eagles Lodge where the guests enjoyed a dinner and dance.

The bride's cake was a white cake with white icing decorated in a basket weave manner. Each

layer of the cake was decorated with light and dark pink roses. The groom's cake was a german chocolate cake shaped as a horse shoe with a bundle of grapes to decorate. The tables were decorated with white, floor-length table cloths. Candles and confetti lined the center.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Howard College for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years and will be attending Texas Tech University for the spring semester of 2008.

The groom is a 2006 graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Howard College for the 2006-2007 school year. He is employed with Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility in Post.

The couple has made their home in Post.



Engagements



Shasta Brooke Fuqua and Rolf Lewis Sherman

Fuqua and Sherman

Shasta Brooke Fuqua of Big Spring and Rolf Lewis Sherman of Midland will be united in marriage at 3 p.m. Oct. 20, 2007. There ceremony will be held at Sunrise Church of Christ in Lubbock with a reception following at Spirit Ranch.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Gary and Kelley Fuqua of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of the late RV and Geraldine Fuqua and the late Clyde and Loyce Denton, all of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Tommy and June Sherman of Lockney. He is the grandson of the late L.K. and Elfie Sherman of Lockney and the late Carl and Pearlle Moosberg of Floydada.

Shasta is a graduate from Lubbock Christian University with a bachelor of arts in family studies and a bachelor of social work. She is employed as a social worker at the Big Spring State Hospital.

Rolf is a graduate of Lubbock Christian University with a bachelor of science in agriculture science. He is a pilot for Southwest MedEvac in Midland.



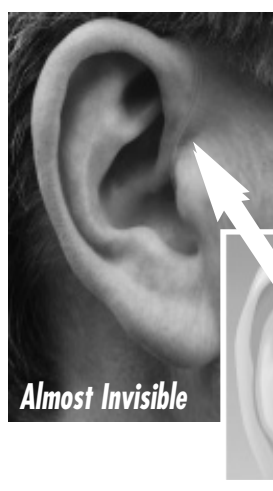
Megan Denise Wade and James Clark Franklin

Wade and Franklin

Megan Denise Wade and James Clark Franklin, both of Midland, will exchange wedding vows at 3 p.m. April 5, 2008, at Valley View Baptist Church in Midland.

Megan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Wade of Midland and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Autis Wade of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Branham of Big Spring.

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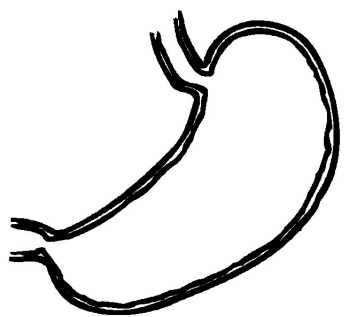
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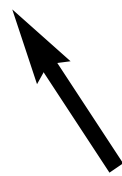
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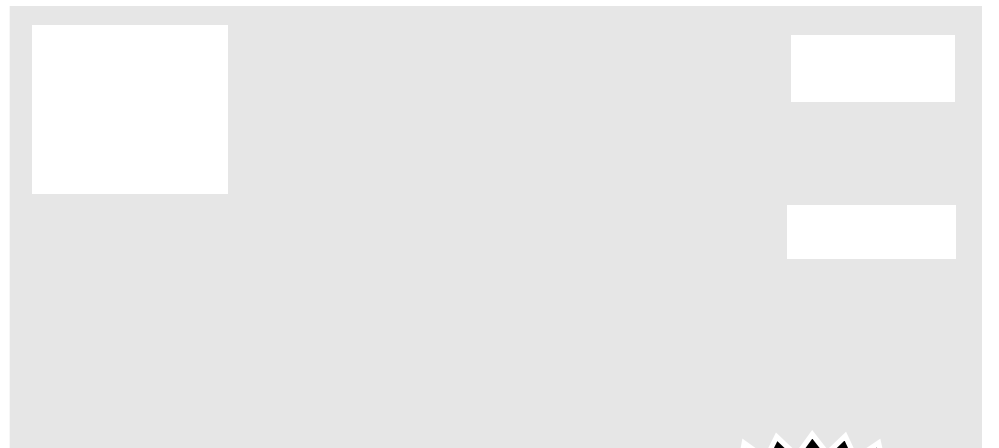
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OUR VIEWS

Be sure to visit Tejano exhibit opening at HC

This is Tejano Heritage Month, a fact we're certain that a great many of our readers didn't know before today and that's nothing short of a crying shame. The same could be said of the attention many Diez y Sies de Septiembre and Cinco de Mayo celebrations have received in Big Spring.

However, we hope that trend begins to change this week with the opening of the critically-acclaimed "A Tejano Son of Texas" Traveling Exhibit that will be on display at the Hall Center for the Performing Arts at Howard College through Oct. 15.

It is only fitting that we recommend this one of a kind exhibit to our readers today, since today is Diez y Seis and no festival recognizing our state's Hispanic heritage was scheduled in our community this weekend.

Texas Tejano.com, a San Antonio-based Tejano History research and publishing company, is partnering with Howard College and LULAC Council 4791 on bringing the exhibit to Big Spring.

To kick things off, a special ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday at Howard College. The exhibit is coming off a very successful run at the University of Texas at Brownsville.

"From the very beginning, the mission of Texas Tejano.com has been to get our message and history out to all the people of Texas," said Rudi R. Rodriguez, the president and founder Texas Tejano.com. "We started off in our own backyard in San Antonio, but have been slowly and steadily expanding outward. Thanks to this great partnership, we will be heading into the historic regions of West Texas for the very first time. The area is filled with Tejano and Texas history and we are very pleased to be able to share their history and ours."

The exhibit chronicles the life of Tejano Pioneer Jose Policarpio "Polly" Rodriguez, a legendary figure in Texas history whose life saw him take the paths of a surveyor, U.S. Army scout and guide, Texas Ranger, successful rancher, justice of the peace and Methodist minister. While following Polly's life the exhibit also parallels the growth of the Texas itself.

"It is an honor and a great privilege to be a part of a cultural experience as enlightening as this exhibit," says Stephanie Ramirez, the local LULAC chapter's public relations coordinator.

Be sure to make "A Tejano Son of Texas" a part of your plans during the next month. There's no doubt in our mind that each and everyone of us who does will be better for having had the experience.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

How we feel changes substantially when we walk with You, Lord.

Amen

Let's quit wasting time, money

OK, the nonsense has officially begun again. This past week, I received my first letter using the term "Taj Mahal Jail" in discussing the \$11.57 million bond issue Howard County commissioners will put before voters on Nov. 6.

Actually, I guess the nonsense — maybe that's not strong enough a word, because some might call it insanity — began much earlier.

This is just my opinion, but I'm going to go out on a limb here and say the nonsense really began when Frank Parker started his crusade against last year's failed \$10.1 million jail bond issue that would have built a 144-bed facility — the one that Parker dubbed a "Taj Mahal Jail."

Using the term then was ludicrous.

In case some of you didn't know — and apparently many of you didn't, because you believed that slogan — that 144-bed facility was going to be of cinder block construction. That's a far cry from the ornate marble and gold tomb in Agra, India.

And using the "Taj Mahal" moniker was every bit as ridiculous as the flyers Parker and Company circulated last year claiming that prisoners could be housed in other counties' jails less expensively than they could be here.

But not quite so fictitious as the claim they made that the Texas Commission on Jail Standards couldn't close our existing jail. Remember now, they didn't say the state commission *wouldn't* close the jail, but that it *couldn't*.

We all know that to have been a

lie, now don't we?

Because the commission did, indeed, close down our jail. And during that approximate half a year of closure, Howard County spent about \$500,000 it hadn't budgeted in jail costs directly attributable to housing those prisoners out of county.

Uh-oh, Frank and Company were wrong again!

The insanity has continued with many of these same people demanding that county commissioners place two proposals before voters this November — one for a jail built at the current proposed site on W. Business 20 and another located across the street from the county courthouse that two architects and two sets of consultants had deemed inappropriate.

At one point, three members of the commissioners court seemed willing to do just that, but came to their senses before wasting a considerable amount of taxpayer money.

We can only hope Parker is thinking better now that he's serving as a member of the Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. Board of Directors.

As of yet, Parker hasn't publicly told us here at the Herald whether or not he plans to oppose this year's bond issue or not. Unfortunately, his damage has been done. And it lives on.

Because now, when voters do come to their senses and finally approve construction of a new jail, the facility is going to be smaller and cost a great deal more money. What's more, it will not even house the Sheriff's Department administrative offices, and that figures to create some logistical nightmares and added cost to the county budget.

Should voters not approve the bond issue, officials with TCJS have, for all intents and purposes, told county commissioners that they must find another avenue of

financing a new jail facility or the existing jail will be shut down.

That prospect, according to County Judge Mark Barr, would almost surely throw the county "into bankruptcy" due to the costs of housing prisoners outside the county for an extended period of time.

That's why it seemed so impossible to me the other day when I received an anonymous e-mail asking, "What part of NO did commissioners not understand?"

My response was just as terse: "What part of WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE do you not understand?"

It is time for the people of Howard County to get a few facts etched in their minds.

- The current jail facility in the courthouse cannot be brought within state standards, period.

- The site adjacent to the District Courthouse building is not an acceptable one.

- We cannot build a tent jail like Maricopa County, Ariz.

- We cannot afford to thumb our collective nose at the Jail Standards Commission. It has proven that it can and will close down our jail.

Am I pleased with the proposed jail bond?

No, I'm not.

There's absolutely no doubt in my mind that a 96-bed jail is too small and that a future commissioners court is going to be put in the position of having to ask voters to approve bonds to expand the facility long before the original bonds are retired.

But I am going to vote for the bond, because sooner or later we here in Howard County have to quit wasting money.

Thus far, that's all we've done on this issue.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for granting our daddy, son, grandson and nephew, U.S. Army Sgt. Cruz Martinez, the privilege of returning home to the United States from Iraq safe, sound and whole. To God be all glory, honor and praise!

We would also like to thank all of our neighbors and friends in Knott, Ackerly, Big Spring and surrounding communities for all your prayers, words of encouragement, ears and shoulders. Words cannot begin to express our gratitude. We could not have endured the past 15 months without you all. God bless

you.

A very warm and special thank you to our extended family at Best Home Care, Pro2 and Dr. and Mrs. N.M. Patel.

Let us continue to pray for and support all of our troops who serve unselfishly.

C.J. AND CELESTE MARTINEZ
LIZ MARTINEZ
JOE AND MARI HERNANDEZ
EMY SANCHEZ
VENTURA AND ELVIRA MARTINEZ
TANATERS GOMEZ-HERNANDEZ

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to extend my thanks

to the Big Spring Symphony Association. What an opening! The small but appreciative audience was pleasantly entertained by guest conductor John Giordano directing the talented orchestra with an opening from Richard Wagner, than on to Debussy and the Clair de Lune. Fantastique!

A quick set change soon brought out Sijing Ye, the 15-year-old concert pianist from China. It is easy to understand why we will be hearing of great opportunities from this young virtuoso. After intermission we were guided through "Suite 1 of

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Electric power to the people

In case you've been spelunking for the past five years, you may not realize that our nation has a couple of serious problems with electricity. The first is that making it tends to heat up the planet. This in turn melts ancient ice caps, which raises the level of the ocean, one day bringing tidewater to somewhere between Davenport and St. Paul. In the process Florida, Holland and Bangladesh will go the way of Atlantis.

The other problem is who should actually make the electricity and sell it. The Enron debacle hinted that our present system might be flawed. Likewise, whenever our own state legislature even raises the issue, the Capitol is suddenly so flooded with dark-suited lawyers and lobbyists that it looks like a Brooks Brothers outlet.

This sartorial onslaught is always a sure sign that money is on the table. Lots of money. Oil, gas, coal and uranium companies spend profusely whenever their God-given right to wallow in the subsidized electricity market is called into question. Similarly, power generators and distributors pour forth like hornets when anyone stirs their nests by suggesting that government itself might be a reasonable substitute for their comfortable cartel.

In our feckless little state, with the highest electric rates of all, the

House Republican leader has been moved to term any dabbling in public ownership of electricity as "socialism." This is a concept to which he evidently does not subscribe. Heaven forbid.

Meanwhile socialist hotbeds like Cleveland, Jacksonville, Los Angeles, Sacramento and other similar people's republics have been blithely making their own juice for many decades and selling it more cheaply to their citizens than do the corporations. Such public owners are also more hospitable to schemes for small-scale local generation and incentives to reward renewable energy producers. Corporations understandably are not thrilled at this kind of grassroots competition.

Nonetheless, it's coming. A heartwarming story by the Associated Press reported on the hot battle between two neighboring giant Texas ranches over whether one of them may install a humongous wind farm.

Surprisingly Texas, ever versatile, already produces more kilowatts from wind than any other state. One day, though, it probably will be upstaged by the Dakotas, known as the Persian Gulf of wind power. Maybe that explains why so many folks move away — lots of bad hair days.

But electricity remains a rotten business. The biggest federal subsidies go to nuclear, with coal, oil and gas following along. Renewables get peanuts. Regulatory authorities also are keyed to corporate welfare. As are state legislatures. Issues like whether, where, and with what

fuel, power plants get built are typically not publicly debated decisions. They're private profit decisions, with sainted non-profit agencies trying valiantly to fight off the worst ones.

Public policy formation though, being critical to our lives, ought to be in public hands. So many of our power decisions now lie in the hands of the generating cartel and Wall Street hedge funds that we have good reason for deep concern. And since wind and sun don't require an endless stream of expensive fuel, it comes as no surprise that those big domestic investors are sticking with fossil fuels. That's where the money is. Indeed the biggest investor in subversive wind power in this country comes not from America at all, but from Spain.

As citizens, unless we generate our own juice we're simply corks bobbing on the fickle ocean of corporate whim. The General Assembly met this year with orders to "do something" about this, but basically, it failed. In many states like ours, it's the same. The deregulation genie is out of the bottle and it's nearly impossible even for lawmakers to put it back. The only permanent cure is local, homegrown bootstraps power.

Luckily, that's the best angle on controlling global warming as well.

Columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.

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BUFFS

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They gave their all and always do. With (James) Marlow out they really did their best to lead us and step it up."

With several players out with injury, Forsan did not match up well at certain positions and had difficulty sustaining drives and stopping Stanton. Stanton did not have to punt all night.

Early on, Forsan spotted Stanton 12 quick points as running Robbie Noland found the end zone on the ground and quarterback Garrett Fulton hooked up with receiver Jacob Cazares on a 22-yard touchdown.

However, Forsan fought back

and narrowed the margin when Huckabee connected with Bailey at the 8:52 mark in the second quarter.

Bailey lost his defender and hauled in a 32-yard touchdown to pull within five, 12-7. Justin Wilson had two catches on the drive of 20 and 11 yards.

The momentum was short lived, however, as Stanton roared back with Fulton again finding Cazares, this time to the tune of a 54-yard score, giving Stanton an 18-7 lead.

"That play took some wind out of our sails," said Thompson. "But we still didn't feel like we were out of it, by any means. Unfortunately for us, we found it hard all night to sustain drives and build back the momentum. We hurt our-

selves a lot, but give them credit."

The outcome for Forsan began to look bleaker as Stanton scored just before the end of the half and again as the 3rd quarter started.

With only :12 left in the half, Fulton raced to the end zone for a 35-yard touchdown. Then to open the second half, Noland again found paydirt from 14 yards out to give Stanton a 33-7 lead.

Forsan got the ball in Stanton territory to start the next drive and seemed to be driving, but a huge sack forced them to punt and Stanton again took advantage.

A 39-yard run by Nathan Fix and a Forsan facemask penalty moved the ball deep into

Forsan's end of the field.

Fix capped off the drive, going in from the 1-yard line to widen the margin, 40-7, with just 2:14 left in the third.

Stanton forced Forsan into a 3-and-out situation, taking the ball back. However, Forsan's Garrett Pool intercepted a Fulton pass, giving Forsan the ball on the Stanton 35.

On the very next play, Huckabee, who had his best passing output of the season with 134 yards in the air and 2 touchdowns, found Bailey for their second TD connection of the game, but the extra point was blocked leaving Forsan down, 40-13.

Stanton added another score, when Mark Garcia ran in from 15 yards out with just under

2:00 left in the game.

The Red Buffaloes finished with 28 first downs on 567 total yards from scrimmage and held Forsan to a mere seven first downs and 146 total yards, including just 12-yards rushing. Noland led Stanton on the ground, punishing the Forsan defense for 152 yards and two scores. Irving Pastrana gained 106 yards rushing.

Thompson was happy with the team's effort despite being overmatched.

"Even with the score what it was, our guys still got after it," Thompson said. "We just didn't have enough fresh legs."

Forsan (0-3) has the week off and then plays Irion County. Stanton (2-1) is also off next week and faces Anson Sept. 28.

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another 3-and-out giving the offense great field position at their own 42. However, things went bad from there, as the young Coahoma team moved in the wrong direction thanks to costly penalties.

"We can only blame ourselves," Head Coach Jay Kennedy said after the game. "We are a young team, not as physically or emotionally mature as other teams. That isn't an excuse. It's the truth. It seems like every time we get some momentum going we sputter out. I don't know if that is a good football term or not, but that is what we do. We were

better tonight than we have been, but we have got to eliminate the mistakes if we are going to succeed."

Ballinger showed poise, taking advantage of the miscues taking the ball 49 yards on nine plays.

The back breaker was a 29-yard completion from junior quarterback Tucker Travis to fellow classmate Nathan Kalina, moving the ball to the Bulldog 1-yard line. Travis ended the drive one play later, fighting his way up the gut to even the score at six with less than two minutes remaining in the first stanza.

On the ensuing possession, the Bulldogs were again their own worst enemy. After gaining a quick first down, Coahoma began moving in the

wrong direction with the aid of two fumbled snaps and a punt that traveled just 19 yards.

Ballinger made them pay quickly for the gift as Jason Strambler carried the ball 24 yards on the first play from scrimmage. Strambler ended the drive on the next play as the junior turned the left corner for a 7-yard touchdown run, putting the Bearcats up 13-6.

Coahoma looked to get on track the next series, moving the ball from their own 30 down to the Ballinger 34 before the penalty bug bit them again forcing a 27 yard punt that made the Bearcats start deep in their own territory at the 10.

However, Ballinger was not to be denied. Scott Struder completed a pass up the right sideline for 31 yards and the

Bearcats ended the drive five plays later when Senior Michael Pena exploded through the middle of the Bulldogs' defense for a 45-yard touchdown run.

Ballinger ended the first half scoring when Struder connected on a 25-yard field goal, putting the visitors from the hill country up 23-6 at the break.

The Bulldogs pulled within ten points late after a Bearcats fumble gave them the ball at the Ballinger 9-yard line. Daylong scored two plays later, diving in from the one to make the score 23-13.

That, however, was the last time the homecoming crowd would have to cheer.

Ballinger senior Phillip Lopez promptly took the ensuing kick-

off up the left sideline 40 yards, allowing the Bearcats to set up shop at the Coahoma 37.

Travis ended the drive four plays later, scampering around the left end for a 2-yard touchdown run to push the score to 30-13.

The Bearcats scored two plays later when Collin Brown intercepted a Paniagua pass at the Coahoma 27, returning it all the way to the end zone for a 37-13 lead.

Coahoma's young secondary was again suspect, allowing 289 passing yards. The Bulldogs were held to 158 total yards. Daylong led the team offensively with 87 rushing yards.

Coahoma plays Merkel on Sept. 28 following a bye next week.

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Report: Defense and DHS aren't able to pass audits

By **MARTHA MENDOZA**
AP National Writer

Ten years after Congress ordered federal agencies to have outside auditors review their books, neither the Defense Department nor the newer Department of Homeland Security has met even basic accounting requirements, leaving them vulnerable to waste, fraud and abuse.

An Associated Press review shows that the two departments' financial records are so disorganized and inconsistent that they

have repeatedly earned "disclaimer" opinions, meaning that they simply cannot be fully audited.

"It means we really can't put any faith in the numbers they use," said Ross Rubenstein, who teaches public administration at Syracuse University's Maxwell School.

The Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996 requires, among other things, that the financial systems of major federal agencies "comply substantially" with generally accepted accounting standards. Each year,

those agencies are required to release results of outside audits.

The AP review of financial statements from the federal government's 15 executive departments shows that most pass their audits, although many agencies — including NASA, the Coast Guard and FEMA — have been frequently cited for serious accounting errors.

The entire Homeland Security Department, with a \$35 billion budget this fiscal year, passed its first audit in 2003 with strong stipula-

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Energy Watch



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Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior assistant to the branch manager. He is also a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

Over the Labor Day holiday while most Americans were barbecuing, Iran replaced its head of the Iranian Republican Guard, putting hardliner General Mohammad Ali Jaafari in charge.

Jaafari has had an illustrious career in the Guard and his appointment suggests to us that Iran is preparing to further influence the war in Iraq and prepare itself for a potential conflict with the United States.

Meanwhile, the London Times reports that the Pentagon already has plans in place for a massive air strike on Iran if so ordered. This report comes as various U.S. military officials in Iraq continue to fault Iran for supplying the insurgency with the deadly Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

Earlier this summer, it looked as though the success of the U.S. surge had encouraged Iran to negotiate. However, it now appears that factor has played itself out. Therefore, we believe if President Ahmadinejad's policy becomes dominant, as recent evidence suggests, then the odds of some sort of military event in Iran increases.

- Five years ago, the Chinese signed their first Liquefied Natural Gas deal with Australia. Since then they've been reluctant to renew at the higher LNG prices. However, recently Chinese president Hu presided over the signing of a deal between PetroChina and Shell in Perth, Australia that would provide China with natural gas from Australia's Gorgon project for the next 20 years. This deal is valued at roughly \$49 billion.

- According to Energy Intelligence, during August 2007 global oil supply increased by only 250 thousand barrels per day over 2006. Meanwhile, demand was up by 750 thousand barrels per day.

- According to the National Traffic and Safety Administration, the average fleet mileage of U.S. cars and light trucks increased 3.9 percent this year to 26.4 mpg. This is the largest increase since 1981.

- An anticipated report from the United Nations will likely suggest that for the first time since 2001, both the European Union and Japan will have higher GDP growth than the United States in 2007.

- Colorado State has updated its hurricane forecast and is still expecting an above average season for September and October.

- The Council for Foreign Relations reports that Canadian oil workers are considering a strike due to contract problems, which would negatively affect production in the oil sands. The report goes on to say that a world wide worker shortage is becoming a major problem for the oil industry.

In the U.S., only 15 percent of oil workers are younger than 35. Over the next 10 years, the industry will be facing a wave of retirements that will put further pressure on the supply of oil workers.

- A Center for Risk Insights' survey of 100+ business leaders in Fortune 1000 companies suggest international terrorist attacks, rising and high oil prices, and natural disasters are the top near-term risks U.S. executives are concerned about.

- The U.N.'s Food and Agriculture Organization has warned rising food costs and higher basic import prices for goods such as wheat and corn have the "potential for social tension, leading to social reactions and eventually even political problems." This is especially true in more developing nations. Earlier this year Mexico dealt with protests associated with rising corn costs.

- At the APEC forum, the Asian economic summit, North Korea has said it will allow inspectors to survey its nuclear facilities. U.S. Undersecretary of

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Bug wars

Insect explosion may be coming for farmers and homeowners

Crickets, mosquitos, flies, fleas and spiders: Texans have seen them all this summer thanks to unprecedented wet weather. But a Texas Cooperative Extension entomologist says the worst may be yet to come.

Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension entomologist at San Angelo, said fall rains can trigger armyworm onslaughts that can destroy pastures, small grain fields and lawns almost overnight.



TOMMY YEATER

"We're seeing all types of armyworms this year; the true, the yellow-striped and the beet armyworm, but the biggest number is the fall armyworm," said Sansone. "Conditions are ideal for a real invasion of these pests in coming weeks. This insect can build up large numbers seemingly overnight, causing crops and lawns to disappear before your eyes."

"The adults lay thousands of eggs, and by the time the larvae or 'caterpillars' are big enough to see, the damage is done."

Sansone said the tiny larvae chew the green layer from leaves and leave a clearing or "window pane" effect. He said the first three larval stages or "instars" do little damage and are easy to control. The final two stages are big and tougher to control. They can eat 85 percent of the total foliage consumed by the caterpillar.

"That's the reason it's so important to find the infestations before the caterpillars get too large," Sansone said.

"Small larvae are easier to control and most of the damage can be prevented if the infestation is caught early.

Individual fields and yards need to be scouted carefully, because the moths don't lay eggs consistently across an area. Often a pasture or small grain field will be infest-

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Okra-ific!



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

While many area gardeners have plenty to boast about this year thanks to hefty rain-falls, few can make the same claim Big Spring resident Duffy Vassar can — and with photographic evidence of his nearly 9-foot okra plant to prove it. Vassar said he's not sure the plant breaks any records, but for the garden in the backyard of his home in the 2200 block of Merrily, it's certainly a sight to see.

Moore named 2007 TxDOT Summer Employee of the Year

ABILENE — Jonathan Clay Moore, son of Johnny and Debbie Moore of Big Spring, was named 2007 Summer Employee of the Year — Design/Construction for the Abilene District of the Texas Department of Transportation.

A 2006 graduate of Forsan High School, Moore had just completed his first summer working in the Big Spring Area office when he was selected for the honor. He was chosen from among students working in the same capacity throughout the 13-county Abilene District.

Moore worked on several projects during the summer, including the district seal coat project, the IH-20 hot mix project in Howard County, and a bridge spall repair project in Howard and Borden counties.

Roy Dill, Big Spring area engineer and Moore's supervisor, said of him, "Jonathan has a positive attitude and performed his assigned tasks without complaint. He worked long hours. For example, on the hot mix project the contractor began paving at 3 a.m. and on one particular day did not finish until 10

p.m.

"Jonathan's enthusiasm and outstanding work ethic makes him a prime candidate for this award," Dill wrote in the nomination package.

Moore attended Howard Junior College last year as well as worked as a customer service representative for T-Mobile Wireless Service.

This school term, he is attending Texas State Technical College in Waco, majoring in computer networking and system administration.

Moore enjoys computers, fishing, hunting, biking and guitar.



Courtesy photo

Jonathan Moore, right, is congratulated by his supervisor, Roy Dill, on receiving the 2007 Summer Employee of the Year — Design/Construction for the Abilene District of the Texas Department of Transportation. Moore was a summer hire in the Big Spring area office. Dill is the Big Spring area engineer.

LETTERS

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Ancient Arts and Dance" from Respighi.

For the finale, the maestro, knowing that he was dealing with a crowd of Wal-Mart West Texans, soon became a teacher to the audience. Kindly explaining the inner workings of "The Firebird Suite" by the great master Igor Stravinsky.

I believe the lessons given helped us to appreciate this classical work, on a higher level.

On the schedule next is A Symphonic Christmas, featuring the Coahoma Choir Kids on Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. For those unable to attend the opening performance, you missed a terrific show. There is, however, plenty of room. May you kindly take a seat.

RAMON HOLGUIN
FORSAN

TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to publicly say thank you to the Emergency Services Chaplain Corps Inc. (ESCC) for allowing me to have served on the board and most recently as board president. I have resigned due to personal and health issues.

To the citizens of Big Spring and Howard County, you really don't know how blessed you are to have such an organization as the ESCC whose motto is "Serving those who serve."

These Godly men who give of their time as volunteer chaplains do not get the recognition they truly deserve. However, on that same note, I know them well enough to know that they do not volunteer for a pat on the back. They volunteer because they care about our community, the agencies in which the ESCC serves. Those agencies represent area law enforcement agencies, fire department and EMS, Scenic Mountain Medical Center Emergency Room, Victim Services and many others duties that they are called on to.

It has been an honor to have served on the board and as I always stated even as board president, those chaplains and those agencies are our front line providers and the board is only their home base.

I ask each of you who might be reading this to make a contribution to the ESCC, for it is a non-profit organization and depends on funds from grants, foundations and private donations. You can mail your donation to P.O. Box 2069 Big Spring 79721-2069 or you can drop it off at the Howard County Fair where the ESCC will have a booth.

My prayer in closing is that God will bless you, members of the ESCC and the agencies in which it serves just as you have blessed me by allowing me to serve on the board for you. I wish you only the very best in the days,

months and years to come.

DALE PITTMAN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

As a "Nan about town," may I share some thoughts with you and your readers? For 27 years, since our family moved here, I have been reading the Herald.

Living in Big Spring is a blessing. I love our city. Here people care about one another and pray for each other.

The Herald is a cohesive and integral force that binds us together. In a world that often appears chaotic, it holds steady day after day, week after week, month after month and year after year.

And so it is that this "Nan about town" chooses to say, "Thank you to our Big Spring Herald for all you do to serve the city that we love."

NANCY LEMOINS PATRICK
BIG SPRING

My grandfather was a heavy smoker, but my grand mother was the one who died from lung cancer caused from my grandfather's second-hand smoke.

I was diagnosed emphysema at the VA Hospital here in July 1986, when this VA hospital was a pleasure to use. I quit smoking 21 years ago, but I have suffered a lot.

When George W. Bush was governor of Texas and Dan Morales was attorney general, they took \$17.2 billion from the tobacco industries and gave it to hospitals. That rips everybody off.

Five lawyers — Umphrey and Wayne Reed of Beaumont, John Quin and John and Eddie Williams, all of Houston; and Harold Nix of Daingerfield — received \$3.3 billion of that money and \$40 million in legal fees.

This is some more of being "Bush-whacked."

LEROY E. PEARL
BIG SPRING

To the Editor:

Before I start I will make a statement: I love football! We have a grandson in the ninth grade who plays football and we go to his games.

Now, to my point. Too many young kids-children-are dying or are becoming injured, not by the rough game, but by intense heat. Do I hear somebody saying, "Well, not many"? Not many? Which one would you OK

for death, my grandson and your son?

I say, "None!" How can we prevent these deaths due to intense heat? One pretty sure way is to delay the start of the season. How about the first of September or even later? Somebody may say, "But

that would run into basketball season!"

Which is more important, the season or the life of a few kids? Ask the families of the boys who have died on a blistering football field!

WILLIAM O. ADAMS
PLANO

Bulletin Board

MONDAY

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. 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.

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County Court Decisions:
 Probated Judgment: Meosha Michelle Jackson Smith, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
 Judgment and Sentence: Lance Biddle, criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$374 court costs, 90 days in jail.
 Probated Judgment: Ernesto Requejo, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$389 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Judgment and Sentence: Lance Biddle, resisting arrest, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 60 days in jail.
 Judgment and Sentence: Lance Biddle, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: William Gordon Fuller, criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$274 court costs.
 Probated Judgment: Steven Wayne Nivens, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$369 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
 Judgment and Sentence: Lance Wayne Biddle, evading arrest, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 60 days in jail.
 Judgment and Sentence: Christine Michelle Beam, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$324 court costs, 90 days in jail.
 Judgment and Sentence: Christine Michelle Beam, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, \$324 court costs, 90 days in jail.
 Probated Judgment: Allison Redding Edmondson, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Joshua Mier, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
 Judgment and Sentence: Lance Wayne Biddle Land, resisting arrest, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 60 days in jail.
 Probated Judgment: Johnny E. Hinojos, driving while intoxicated - open container, \$1,500 fine, \$389 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Edwin James Dean, interfering with an emergency phone call, \$100 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

District Court Filings:
 Resurgence Financial LLC vs. Teresa M. Coker and Kyle Coker, accounts, notes and contracts.
 Rogelio Jose Perches vs. Martin Gonzales and Basic Energy Services, injury or damages involving a motor vehicle.
 Lisa Marie Viasana vs. Aaron Wayne Hensley, protective order.
 Calvin Ray Carnes vs. Rita Jan Carnes, divorce.
 Rebecca Lee Smith vs. Larry Dean Smith, divorce.

Big Spring Cat Construction Inc. vs. Guy Newell, injury or damages not involving a motor vehicle.
 Guardianship of Ray F. White, civil suit.
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 Charles Ivan Hedden Jr., 18, and Naomi Marie Ketcherside, 18, both of Big Spring.
 Rudy Carpenter, 45, of Big Spring, and Amy S. Gilbert, 29, of New Mexico.
 Jeremy Heath Anderson, 30, and Donna Mae Quinn, 26, both of Big Spring.
 Alfredo Rangel, 45, and Imelda Alfaro Velasquez, 51, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:
 Grantor: John Currie
 Grantee: Blagrove Farms Inc.
 Property: Surface estate of Section 32, Block 34, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: Sept. 6, 2007
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 Grantee: Clay Harris
 Property: Lot 14, Block D, Forrest Addition
 Date: Sept. 7, 2007
 Grantor: Alva Randall Thomas and Teresa Ann Thomas
 Grantee: John Branham
 Property: Lots 11 and 12, Block 2, Porter Addition
 Date: Sept. 7, 2007
 Grantor: Debra Lynette Daniel and Mickey Wayne Rogers
 Grantee: Teresa Michelle Long
 Property: Lot 28, Block 8, Suburban Heights
 Date: Sept. 7, 2007

Grantor: Billie Sue Shults McIntosh
 Grantee: Debra Quimby and Richard Hirzel
 Property: Lot 38, Block 13, Douglass Addition
 Date: Sept. 7, 2007
 Grantor: Juan Antonio Cantu and Lafawn Johnson
 Grantee: Joe Rodriguez
 Property: Lot 3, Block 16, Boydston Addition
 Date: Sept. 10, 2007
 Grantor: Kathryn Williamson Weldon
 Grantee: Cloud Land and Cattle Ltd.
 Property: Two tracts out of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: Sept. 10, 2007
 Grantor: Guo Zhi Lin
 Grantee: Tong Di Lin
 Property: Lot 6, Block 13, McDowell Heights
 Date: Sept. 11, 2007
 Grantor: Oscar Natividad Sr. and Virginia Natividad
 Grantee: Primacy Closing Corp.
 Property: The W/2 of Lot 2, Block 3, Clanton Subdivision
 Date: Sept. 11, 2007
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 Grantee: Ken Moore and Lucille Moore
 Property: The W/2 of Lot 2, Block 3, Clanton Subdivision
 Date: Sept. 11, 2007
 Grantor: Genara Angela Mendoza
 Grantee: Margarita Olga Pena
 Property: Lot 9, Block 33, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
 Date: Sept. 12, 2007
 Grantor: Lennis Couch
 Grantee: Martha Couch
 Property: Two tracts out of Section 10, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: Sept. 12, 2007
 Grantor: I. Louise Wright
 Grantee: Pete Rosenbaum
 Property: Lots 6 and 7, Block 4, South Haven Addition
 Date: Sept. 12, 2007

BUGS

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 ed while the field across the road is armyworm-free.
 "San Angelo has had a number of lawns with armyworms in one yard and none in the neighbor's."
 Sansone said the caterpillars won't kill an established lawn, but new lawns or those weakened by disease or other

pests can be killed by the sheer volume of leaf blades the pests eat.
 "Homeowners have an almost overwhelming number of control choices," Sansone said.
 "Products containing deltamethrin, cyfluthrin, cypermethrin and cyhalothrin are effective. These are sold under a wide variety of names brands. Carbaryl or Sevin has been a standard for many years."
 Sansone said home-

owners should read the label and make sure the insecticide is labeled for lawns or turf.
 Small grain producers should consider the stage of their crop when treating against armyworms. In the seedling stage, just three larvae per square foot can ruin a stand. Later in the tiller stage, it takes seven to 10 larvae to cause serious damage.
 Treating pastures of native or improved grass-

es is often not cost-effective once all the economic factors are considered, Sansone said.
 Fall armyworms are worst in the autumn when adult moths are carried into an area with cold fronts that trigger rain.
 The adult fall armyworm moth is 1.5 inches across the wings. The hind wings are grayish-white and the front pair dark-gray, mottled with lighter and darker

splotches and a whitish spot near the extreme tip.
 Fall armyworms are a threat until the first hard freeze. The larvae range from 1.25 to 1.5 inches long and can have shades of brown, green or black. They can be distinguished from other armyworms by a prominent white, inverted Y-shaped line on the front of the head.
 "Fall armyworms are easily controlled if home-

owners and producers monitor their fields closely," Sansone said. "The key is proper identification and finding the infestation before the larvae become too large."
Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County. His office is in the bottom floor of the Howard County Courthouse. He can be reached at 264-2236.

ENERGY

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 State Hill described the North Korean's gesture as, "another significant step toward the denuclearization."
 • As suspected, Kazakhstan is demanding the consortium of operators at the Kashagan field

cede some control of the project and become joint partners with the nation's state oil company, KazMunaiGaz.
 • Syria will soon begin issuing visas to Iraqis for business, scientific, and educational purposes only. No longer will refugees be allowed to flee to the nation. Each month an estimated 30 thousand Iraqis arrive in Syria.

The nation reports over 1.5 million Iraqi refugees are in Syria.
 • World Tribune reports sanctioned Sudan has turned to Belarus, China, Iran, Malaysia, North Korea and Russia for weapons.
Portions of this article were produced Sept. 4-Sept. 7, 2007 by Eric Wittenauer, Energy

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AUDITS

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 tions, but has failed every one since.
 And the Defense Department, with a \$460 billion budget this fiscal year, has never even come close to passing. Because that department makes up at least 20 percent of all federal spending, the entire federal government also has failed its audits since the congressional mandate took effect.
 Failing an audit in any other venue could have dire consequences — a public company's stock could plummet, state and local governments could see bond and credit ratings sink. But for the federal government, effects are less direct because the U.S. Treasury is a guaranteed funding source.
 Still, Tina Jonas, undersecretary and chief financial officer of the Department of Defense, and David Norquist, chief financial officer at the Homeland Security Department, agree that a

disclaimer on an audit leaves their agencies vulnerable to waste and fraud. Both said they have other checks in place aimed at controlling how money is spent but also acknowledged that resolving the audit problems would save their agencies money.
 "The consequence to the public is the federal budget is conceivably larger than it needs to be. And there's no way of knowing, if it can't even be audited," said Ronald W. Johnson, a senior vice president at RTI International, a nonprofit research institute in Research Triangle Park, N.C. "Even if there are no financial consequences, there are political consequences."
 For example, federal officials regularly face considerable fire from Congress at budget time for failing to balance their books.
 "The inability of Defense and Homeland Security to pass financial audits is costing taxpayers dearly. There is no accountability for billions

in wasteful spending," said Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. "Private contractors are getting rich, military equipment can't be tracked, and fraud is growing. The departments seem incapable of providing even the most basic level of accountability by balancing their financial books."
 Robert Dacey, chief accountant for the Government Accountability Office, characterized the financial affairs of the two departments as "a pretty consistent mess."
 Jonas concedes the Department of Defense has a larger problem than most other federal agencies because of its mission, size and historical resistance to keeping its books.
 "I think about this as if we have an old house, and we've got really bad plumbing and really bad wiring, and we have to pass an inspection on stuff, so we have to modernize," she said.

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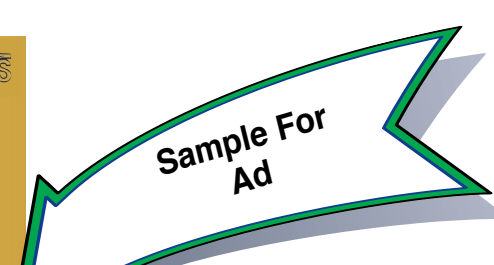
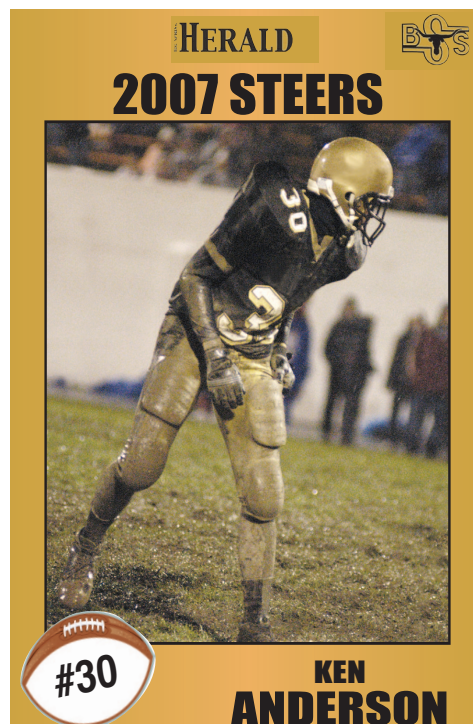
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The Goliad Cavaliers and Classics received two awards at the annual Keep Big Spring Beautiful Banquet held Sept. 6 at the Big Spring Country Club. Shown receiving the Education Youth Recycling Award, from left, are Ricky Shubert, Ryan Pollard, Gunnar Kennedy, Tyler Graves, Patsy Sanchez (Cavalier sponsor) and KBSB member Loyce Phillips. The organizations also received the Ruthe Jackson Youth Leadership Award Certificate of Merit 2007.

Forsan ISD trustees to meet

FORSAN — Routine business will highlight Monday's regular meeting of the Forsan Independent School District board of trustees, scheduled for 7 p.m. in the administration building board room. Trustees will hear several reports, including one of progress in constructing a new concession stand to serve the football-baseball-softball complex adjacent to the high school. Also Monday, trustees will undergo training to familiarize themselves with changes brought about by the latest session of the Texas Legislature. In other business, trustees will consider:

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Teenager, attacked by rabid fox, chokes animal to death

WHITT (AP) — A 16-year-old boy was attacked and bitten by a rabid fox before choking the animal to death, the Parker County sheriff's office said Friday.

The boy is undergoing rabies treatment, the sheriff's office said.

He was attacked Sept. 6 while riding a dirt bike near his home. The fox jumped on the boy and bit him on the thigh. The boy then choked the fox to death to stop the attack, according to the sheriff's office.

Further testing by state health officials earlier this week confirmed the fox was rabid, according to the sheriff's office.

Authorities defuse bomb found at high school

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 16-year-old student was arrested Friday after officials found a pipe bomb that later was defused at the high school.

The 1,800-student Arlington Heights High School was evacuated after the device was discovered by the school resource officer. He was alerted by a teacher after some students said the teen may have something dangerous in his backpack, said Fort Worth police Lt. Dean Sullivan.

The student took the officer to the backpack on the floor but did not threaten anyone or say why he took the device to school, Sullivan said. The officer then carried it outside and put it behind some marble attached to the school sign, Sullivan said.

Authorities evacuated students to the football field for about an hour and shut down a two-block radius — including an interstate access road — around the school. No injuries were reported.

The Fort Worth Fire Department's bomb squad used a robot to examine the small metal cylinder, which may have contained explosive material but lacked

an ignition source to detonate it, Sullivan said.

The 16-year-old, whose name was not released, could face charges for possession of an explosive device or a hoax bomb, Sullivan said.

Propane tanks ignite on opening day of music festival

AUSTIN (AP) — Four people were hurt Friday — two critically — when propane tanks ignited as a weekend music festival was getting under way.

A fire dispatcher said the tanks ignited as thousands of music fans packed Zilker Park, where the Austin City Limits Music Festival was being held. Firefighters quickly put out the blaze.

Four workers near food service trailers were injured, two critically. One of the critically injured suffered throat burns, while the other person suffered third-degree external burns, said Warren Hassinger, spokesman for the Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services.

The festival is named for the popular national public television show Austin City Limits, which has been airing since 1975. The program originally focused on Austin and the city's music, and the festival built upon those themes. It features a wide array of American musical genres — everything from rock and country to blues and gospel.

Guilty plea announced in tainted school muffin case

DALLAS (AP) — One of two men accused of delivering marijuana-laced muffins to a high school teacher's lounge in suburban Dallas pleaded guilty Friday.

Joseph Tellini pleaded guilty to two second-degree felony charges of tampering with a consumer product and three charges of misdemeanor assault.

He originally was charged with five counts of assaulting a public servant.

But under terms of a plea agreement, Tellini will instead serve seven years of deferred adjudication probation on the lesser charges.

The other man in the incident, Ian McConnell Walker, is expected to enter a guilty plea next month.

They could have faced up to 10 years in prison on the original charges.

Officials said 18 school employees at Lake Highlands High School were hospitalized in May 2006 after eating the drugged snacks, but no one was seriously injured.

Walker later apologized and said he had participated in a senior prank gone wrong.

The FBI and Joint Terrorism Task Force helped investigate the incident because it involved contamination of the food supply at a school.

Architect pleads guilty in bribery scheme

McALLEN (AP) — A Rio Grande Valley architect pleaded guilty Friday to bribing school board trustees in exchange for votes on lucrative building contracts, federal prosecutors said.

Jose "Joe" Lopez, 53, pleaded guilty to one count of extortion stemming from a \$15,000 bribe made on March 8, 2002, to Rogelio "Roy" Rodriguez, a longtime trustee with the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District.

Lopez was named along with Rodriguez, a 43-year-old from Alamo, and Pedro Armando Gutierrez, a 38-year-old McAllen masonry contractor, in a 15-count federal indictment unsealed on March 14.

His guilty plea was to a superseding indictment filed on Aug. 28.

The original indictment alleged that Rodriguez received bribes totaling \$65,000 from Lopez and Gutierrez between 1997 and 2004.

Gutierrez pleaded guilty to conspiracy on Aug. 24.

Lopez is to be sentenced Dec. 5. He faces up to 20 years in federal prison plus a \$250,000.

Gutierrez, who will be sentenced Nov. 7, faces up to five years in federal prison plus a \$250,000 fine.

Both remain free on bond pending sentencing.

Rodriguez has pleaded not guilty and is scheduled to go to trial on Nov. 6.

Ex-student pleads guilty to threatening to blow up Baylor

WACO (AP) — A former Baylor University student who threatened to blow up the campus faces up to 20 years in federal prison.

David Paul Cunningham, 33, who was expelled from the school in 2001, was arrested in May after he called a Baylor operator and threatened to put drums of diesel fuel in buildings around campus and blow them up, according to court records.

He also threatened to "kill, injure and intimidate" Baylor's police chief, records said.

Cunningham pleaded guilty in federal court Thursday to two counts of maliciously conveying false information, a felony punishable by up to 10 years in federal prison.

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Later, Don Rodriguez would purchase a 260-acre ranch on the banks of the Medina River, south of San Antonio, from Luciano Navarro, brother of Texas Declaration of Independence signer Jose Navarro, where the family built its permanent home. In 1842, at age 13, Polly was apprenticed as a gunsmith to James Goodman of San Antonio. At the end of three years, he had become an expert marksman and hunter.

Polly worked with several famous frontier surveyors, including John James and Richard Howard. In 1849, he

helped lead the now famous "Whiting/Smith Expedition" from San Antonio to El Paso. Persifor Smith, General of the United States Army Department of Texas, appointed him head guide and scout — which he would remain from 1852-1861.

During this period, Polly also served with the legendary 2nd Cavalry that boasted such commanding officers as Robert E. Lee, Albert Sidney Johnston and Joseph E. Johnston. He became a nationally renowned scout and Indian fighter and was

awarded a "Presidential Citation" for valor and gallantry in battle.

In 1861, at the start of the Civil War, Polly joined neither the North nor the South, but rather became a Texas Ranger to patrol the frontier and protect his home and family in Bandera County. From 1861 until 1871, he served with Capt. Bladen Mitchell's "Bandera Home Guardes" and with Lt. Robert Ballantyne of the Company K Minutemen of Bandera.

At the end of the war, Polly was elected to two terms as justice of the peace and county com-

missioner of Bandera County from 1864-1872. During this time, he continued developing his ranching and farming interests.

By the 1880s, Polly amassed more than 4,000 acres, had a select herd of almost 100 horses, over 250 sheep and other livestock and crops. Several times his animals and vegetables placed first in the "International Exposition" in San Antonio.

In the late 1870s, Polly experienced an "awakening" that changed his life and spurred a conversion from Catholicism to

Methodism.

This radical change yielded many hardships and he suffered rebukes from both his friends and family. Nonetheless, in 1877, he pursued his calling and became a licensed Methodist "Circuit Rider."

Polly's circuit encompassed South Texas and parts of Mexico. In 1882, Polly finished building a limestone Chapel — known as Polly's Chapel — that provided the families of the area with a place to worship.

This chapel still stands today and is a registered Texas Landmark.

Polly's last years were spent ministering in the Floresville/Poteet area.

He was married twice, first to Nicolasa Arocha in 1852, with whom he had five children and then, in 1903, to Anastacia Salinas, who bore him four children. Jose Policarpio "Polly" Rodriguez died March 22, 1914, in Poteet.

Note: This report was compiled from information provided by Rudi R. Rodriguez, Texas Tejano.com president and founder, and author of A Tejano Son of Texas.

EXHIBIT

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The A Tejano Son of Texas Exhibit chronicles the life of Tejano Pioneer Jose Policarpio "Polly" Rodriguez, a legendary figure in Texas history whose life saw him take the paths of a surveyor, U.S. Army scout and guide, Texas Ranger, successful rancher, justice of the peace and Methodist minister. While following Polly's life, the exhibit also parallels the growth of Texas itself.

The exhibit is coming off a successful run at the University of Texas at Brownsville and will be on display at Howard College until Oct. 15.

The exhibit is being sponsored by Howard College and Council 4791 of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), according to Rodriguez.



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

When William Blake wrote, "To see a world in a grain of sand and a heaven in a wild flower, hold infinity in the palm of your hand, and eternity in an hour," he unwittingly described the energy of Virgo — earthy and celestial all at once. During the Virgo sun, you can search for the secrets of the universe in a teaspoon — and find them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Put the word out. Publicity is your ticket to money and opportunities for personal development. Tonight, the wise choice is to let yourself fall foolishly in love. Yes, really.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Someone tells you, "Don't change a thing." This is an impossible order. But of all the signs, you are able to keep everything nicely in line today. The status quo is lovely for now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Since you're the host with the most, the party is at your house. Be wary of people who need to dominate the conversation. If given the opportunity, they might bully in other ways.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Love may be a complex game, but the

rules are actually pretty simple. Treat the other person as you'd like to be treated. When you do, tonight has magic potential.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you've strayed from the best path for you, unexplained disruptions will let you know. So instead of being annoyed, you just say "thanks" and heed the warning.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Power struggles are unnecessary and so not your thing. That's why you continue your efforts to develop a relationship based on equality and mutual respect. If you ran the world, it would operate as a meritocracy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What happens this afternoon may take several weeks to completely resolve. Think of this as the first act of a three-act play. Settle in and enjoy the show that's about to unfold for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Stay grounded. Healthy choices help you remain clear headed and make it easy for you to let go of anxieties. Most of your worries are just fearful illusions anyway.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). New projects are costing you dearly — you pay the price in time, money and maybe even a relationship. When you're focusing on something that truly interests you, it's all for the best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). History could

repeat, but it doesn't have to. Recognize the pattern early and walk away. Then pat yourself on the back for the emotional muscle tone you've developed since last time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You hurl yourself into the pool of life without concern for safety or liability. As it should be! Your cannonball style will create the kind of big splash you intended to make.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Take turns being the audience and the entertainer. If you feel like you are perpetually in the audience, vary your routine and creativity returns. You deserve to be acknowledged for your talent.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Poets and priests have said it: We're but grains of sand. This week's planetary movements help us leave patterns on the sand. Maybe someday we too will know our place in the greater design. For now, the energy of Virgo urges us to bring our quality of character and our virtue — or, as the Greeks elegantly named it, "habitual excellence" — to all things. This week, two strengthening influences draw down our heavenly virtues. Mars flanks the sun in Virgo from one angle, challenging our will to confidently, appropriately act within an

environment of contradictory information. As the Dewey Decimal System brings a universe of order to the librarian, a system of ordered, reliable facts orients our self-direction. Concrete facts lay the groundwork for ambitions, and our direction is set. From another angle, the planet farthest from the sun, Pluto, views Earth as an irrelevant speck of dust, casting shadows of doubt over our earthly place. Only when we recognize our smallness in the universe are we free to leave our individual stamps of excellence on the world.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Virgos are extraordinarily reliable — a teammate or friend you can count on. As one half of the extraordinarily competent mother/daughter duo on "Gilmore Girls," Virgo Alexis Bledel's character, Rory, kept a watchful eye on her single mom. With her moon and Venus in Virgo, Alexis has that rare quality of looking effortlessly at ease while taking on more responsibility than she is sure she can handle.

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When Mother Needs to Put a Sock in It

Dear Margo: I need advice about my mother. I am 21, pregnant and happily married to a wonderful man. We recently moved from 20 hours to five hours away from my mother. Since then, she has driven me completely nuts!

All my life she has told me bad things about men, including my father (who's a great dad, and divorced from my mother since I was 5). She also likes to manipulate me and guilt-trip me. I can't even stand to be with her because she is obsessive-compulsive and complains about everyone and everything. Even phone calls leave me in tears because she just stresses me out so much.

With the baby on the way, she wants to visit more often and take me on six-hour shopping trips that I don't care to go on. My husband and I can buy the baby things just fine.

How can I get my mother to stop dumping her emotions on me without having her freak out? I would like her first grandchild to have a relationship with her, but it's hard for me to spend time with her anymore. — Stressed and at the End of a Short Rope

Dear Stress: You are at the crossroads where you're either going to have to get it your way or make yourself scarce. I think you must tell your mother that, somewhere between your hormones and your brain, you've decided that she needs to modify her approach to you or there will have to be a timeout.

There is nothing wrong with making it known that you no longer wish to hear what is wrong with men, what is wrong with your father, what is wrong with everybody and everything. By all means make it clear that you want her in the baby's life, but you cannot handle all the negative narrative.

Give her the chance to do better, and at least your differences with her will be out in the open. — Margo, transformationally

Mirror, Mirror, on the Wall, Whose Work Is the Best of All?

Dear Margo: I have a longtime friend who's a well-known photographer. We have worked together for years, but since I moved to the United States, our contact has been kept at a minimum. Recently we've talked more over the phone, and I even visited him at his house and studio back in our country.

The point is he is doing a new book and he has been sending me some pictures for this future work, and I'm not crazy about these pictures. He wants to know my opinion, but when I told him I was not seeing as much passion as I used to see in his work, he got very upset and hung up.

I called a couple of times and left a message apologizing and reinforcing the value of his work, but he hasn't returned my calls. I value our friendship, but since we are not young anymore, he is 54 and I am 36, I thought he could take it.

I am an art director, and when I receive criticism it is always a wake-up call for me and I feel challenged. What should I do? Just let go and realize that maybe he was not really a good friend, or try to control the damage? — Brutally Honest

Dear Brut: The issue is not that this person is not a good friend; it is that he is thin-skinned and not really interested in anything other than praise. I don't see a way to "control the damage," unless it would be by playing yourself false.

These things happen in professional friendships, and you have to know your customer. It strikes me as too bad when a creative person asks a peer's opinion but really only wants admiration. — Margo, constructively

Perchance to Dream? Dear Margo: After 10 years of marriage, my husband suddenly began saying "Kathy" in his sleep. My name is not Kathy.

When I confronted him, he told me he does not know who "Kathy" is, and can't be held accountable for what he says in his sleep. He has continued to call out the name "Kathy" in his sleep.

We had a further discussion of all the "Kathys" we both know, and he included names of "Kathys" that only he is acquainted with. He maintains that he is not having an affair with any of them, nor does he even fantasize about any of them.

I have tried to ignore this situation, but now I am more concerned because I have been awakened by his apparent masturbation while saying "Kathy" in his sleep. When I confronted him about this, he apologized, but maintained that there is no "Kathy" in his thoughts or actions and never has been!

Needless to say, I am upset about this and it has caused me to distrust my husband. Perhaps even more significantly, I feel "emotionally unplugged," and resent him to the point of losing interest in any sexual relationship.

I still love him, but his unexplained behavior haunts me. Incidentally, we have participated in marital counseling on this issue, but nothing was resolved. Any ideas about steps I could take to restore our troubled marital relationship? — Sleepless in Vancouver

Dear Sleep: So the old joke is true: If you want your spouse to listen to every word you say, talk in your sleep. Call me crazy, but I believe him. The poor guy went through all the Kathys he knows, plus he went to counseling. If your history with him is one of having never questioned his honesty, then you should give him the benefit of the doubt. (If, however, there have been previous issues about his truthfulness, then maybe "Kathy" is not just a dream.)

My feeling is that if you decide this is just one of those nutty things, you can overcome your Lysistrata inclinations. In fact, why don't you be Kathy in your fantasies? — Margo, conceivably

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CARS

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"I had to do a complete restoration on it — it was just covered in rust," he said. "It's been taken care of a lot better in the last 25 years than it was its first 25 years."

Brookshire estimated that he's spent more than \$20,000 restoring the car to vintage shape, "but it would cost a lot more now."

Spending that much money on antiques is nothing new to Brookshire, who has restored several old automobiles over the years.

"I've been doing this since 1962," he said. "I've restored a 1912 Republican truck, a Ford Model A and '32 Chevy roadster, among others. I still have them all in a museum in Ballinger."

Club members, to a man (or woman), love cars. Just as importantly, they love hanging around other people who love cars.

"When I was still in high school, the first car I ever had was a 1912 Model A roadster pickup, and I've loved old cars ever since," Brookshire said. "And half of (the

appeal to the rallies) is in meeting old friends. I guess I've been to more of these Grand Old Tours than anyone else in the club."

John Rogers of Snyder, who serves as the chairman for this region's AACA chapter, said this weekend's event drew 114 people and 56 vintage automobiles.

And, yes, he brought his car, too — a red 1956 Studebaker Power Hawk.

"We've had it about seven years, now," Rogers said. "My wife's previous husband bought it before he died."

He echoed Brookshire's comments when asked about why he joined the AACA.

"For the fellowship,

mostly," he said. "Plus, for the comments you get from people when you're driving your car down the street. A lot of them will wave and yell, or give you the thumbs up."

Big Spring hosts the annual Tours on a rotating basis with Midland and San Angelo.

While members like to just get together and

swap stories, the Tour also has a competitive aspect. Rogers said awards were to be presented for the best-restored cars Saturday morning.

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