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Bomb threat turns out to be hoax

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Hoagies weren't the only things on the minds of employees and patrons of Subway Sandwiches Tuesday evening, as a bomb threat caused the local business to be evacuated.

According to Big Spring Police reports, the building was evacuated for an undetermined length of time Tuesday night after employees received a strange, but dangerous phone call.

"The call came in over a business line at approximately 9:40

p.m.," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD. "A male voice told the employee they had 10 minutes to get out before the building exploded. The building was immediately evacuated and officers responded."

Everett said the majority of

bomb threats are hoaxes, but officers with the police department treat each of them like the real thing.

"No matter how silly it seems, we have to work each one as if it were the real thing," said Everett. "Officers began searching the building, looking for

something out of the ordinary. I'm not sure how long the search took, but nothing was found, and those who had been evacuated were allowed to go back inside."

Everett said no arrests have

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Up to speed

New Moore Board members to have information session

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Recently appointed members of the Moore Development board of directors will have the chance to "get up to speed" on efforts to restore the historic Settles Hotel Thursday evening, as the board plans to meet with its attorney in executive session.

The board, which recently welcomed a new majority — Glenn Fillingim, Keith Ledford, M.D., and Glynn Jones Mouton — to its midst, is

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TWO-VEHICLE CRASH



Big Spring police and Emergency Medical Service personnel respond to the scene of a two-vehicle accident near the intersection of Goliad and East 18th streets Tuesday afternoon. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with undisclosed injuries.



Chavez Flores Robinson Schuelke

Comin' home, Wildcat style

Pep rallies, fajita dinners, ballgames and queens

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

LENORAH — It's homecoming week at Grady.

Grady High School students and exes are celebrating 2007 homecoming this week, with festivities culminating in Friday's football game between the unbeaten Wildcats and the Hermleigh Cardinals and the half-time crowning of the homecoming queen.

Pat Taylor of the high school said students have been celebrating homecoming this week with dress-themed events. For exam-

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Story of the Wall

By LANE BOND
Special to the Herald

Terry Coates, Andrew Ramos and Mark Sanchez are the three troops whose pictures were last added to the Big Spring Wall of Honor.

Airman Coates graduated from basic military

Troop Salute

training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio just last month. He is the son of Teresa Pace and grandson of Cheryl Payne, both of Big Spring. Coates is a 2006 graduate of Big Spring High School.

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UW DINE OUT DAY

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is asking for the public to participate in Dine Out Day for United Way. Each Friday, a different restaurant agrees to donate a portion of their sales to United Way.

This Friday, Al's & Son Bar-B-Q, is participating.

Last year, the program was a successful fun-raiser for both the restaurants and the United Way, according to Ken McIntosh, chairman of the Dine Out Day event.

If a local restaurant wishes to participate and has not been contacted, they are asked to contact McIntosh at 517-4821 as soon as possible.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The parishioners of St. Mary's Episcopal Church will host their annual "Blessing of the Animals" at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in the Bennett Garden with the Rev. Kelly Conkling leading the service.

Everyone in the community is invited to bring their pets to the church for the service. Please make sure pets are properly secured with leashes or in cages. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.



BONFIRE SET THURSDAY

Big Spring High School's annual homecoming festivities will literally go up in flames Thursday night.

The annual BSHS homecoming bonfire will be lit at the City of Big Spring compost facility shortly after dark Thursday, school officials announced.

Admission is free.

Activities reach their climax Friday, starting with the homecoming parade at 4 p.m. The parade will move north on Main Street before swinging south on Scurry.

The homecoming football game features the Steers vs. Andrews. The homecoming queen and king will be crowned at half-time.



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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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IN BRIEF

Area high school sports calendar

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

FRIDAY

Big Spring football vs. Andres, Homecoming, 7:30 p.m.

Grady football vs. Hermleigh, Homecoming, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan football at Sterling City, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma football vs. Anson, 7:30 p.m.

Stanton football vs. Hawley, 7:30 p.m.

Sands football vs. Dawson, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Garden City football vs. El Paso Emmanuel, 4 p.m.

Big Spring volleyball at Plainview, 2:30 p.m.

Big Spring cross country at McNeil Invitational in Round Rock.

Big Spring tennis vs. Plainview, 10 a.m.

Big Spring swimming at Lubbock Relays.

OCT. 9

Big Spring tennis vs. Snyder, 4 p.m.

OCT. 12

Big Spring football vs. Plainview, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan football at Miles, 7:30 p.m.

Garden City football vs. Sands, Homecoming, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma football at Hawley, 7:30 p.m.

Stanton football at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.

OCT. 13

Big Spring cross country at Georgetown

Big Spring volleyball vs. Frenship, 2:30 p.m.

Big Spring tennis at Lake View, 10 a.m.

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.

Washer tourney set for Saturday

The Amigos Washer Club has scheduled a washer tournament for Saturday at the La Vadera Club.

The tournament is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. and the deadline to register is 1 p.m.

Restriction fee is \$30 per team with trophies and cash being awarded to first, second and third places.

For more information, contact Larry Lara at 264-6060 or Richard Villa at 268-9590.

To submit a sports brief or any other sports item, call Sports Editor Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail him at sports@bigspringherald.com.

HC rodeo team sends four to short go

By RICHARD KINSEY

Special to the Herald

WEATHERFORD — They are the Howard College Hawks, not the bulls, but the Hawks found success riding horses and bulls alike Saturday night.

Howard College landed four riders into the short go round at the second college rodeo of the year hosted by Weatherford and Ranger College in Weatherford.

The women's team split the seventh-place spot with Texas Tech with 110 points.

Howard's best finish came from sophomore Ashley Davis of Reform, Ala., who made the short-go in the barrels and just missed returning in breakaway roping by one-tenth of a second.

Davis was able to claim the fifth position with a time of 17.29 seconds in the long go and ran a 17.18 in the short go to split second with a total time of 34.47 seconds.

"It all just worked out," said Davis after her run in the short-go Saturday. "Everything went well my horse, Kiss this Memory 'Memorex', made a great run."

Also on the women's side Kendra Watt of Calresholm, Alberta, Canada came back to the short-go in the goat tying with a time of 9.8. Watt was unable to place in the average or in the short go with a time of 10.1.

As for the men's side two were able to return Saturday night for the short go. Brian Allison of Boynton Beach, Fla., came back with a score of 75 points, which split sixth. Allison was unable to complete the 8-second ride in the short go and ended up seventh in the average.

Cody Samora of Cortez, Colo., who took second in Portales, finished 12th in the long go, which was not enough to advance.

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Herald photo / Richard Kinsey
Howard College freshman Brian Allison of Boynton Beach, Fla., rides his bull during the long-go of the past college rodeo held in Weatherford.

Lady Steers beat Lake View in straight sets

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — When a team goes on a long losing streak, it's often said that squad is due for a win. If that statement holds true, Big Spring's Lady Steers volleyball team has been long overdue for the victory it picked up Tuesday night.

The Lady Steers defeated the San Angelo Lake View Maidens in straight sets — 28-26, 25-19, 27-25.

"It feels so good," Whitaker said. "I knew we could do this. I knew we could beat this team. I didn't expect to do it in three games, but we played a great game tonight. I'm very proud of them."

The game looked as if it might go as usual with the Lady Steers unable to cut a small deficit for most of the first set. However, trailing 22-17, Big Spring rallied to tie the game at 22.

The teams traded service errors and kills, but the Lady Steers eventually overcame, winning the first set over Lake View — 28-26.

Taking a one set lead in the match appeared to lift Big Spring's spirits as the Lady Steers controlled most of the second game. They led by at least four points for the better part of the set, taking a two set advantage with a 25-19 win.

The Lady Steers trailed the Maidens by two points for the first half of the final game. However, Andrea Claxton put away two consecutive kills to give Big Spring a 13-12 lead. Big Spring built its lead to 20-16, but the Maidens put up a fight, tying the game at 23-all. Lake View

won the next point to take a 24-23 lead for set point.

However, sophomore Macy Graves hit a kill to tie the game and another to give Big Spring its first shot at match point. The Maidens won a rally to retie the game at 25, but a kill shot by Callie Partee gave Big Spring a second chance to win the match.

With Clarissa Carrisalez serving for the Lady Steers, the Maidens couldn't spike the ball past the net, giving Big Spring their first District 4-4A win of the season.

The Lady Steers took advantage of several Lake View service errors to help propel them to victory.

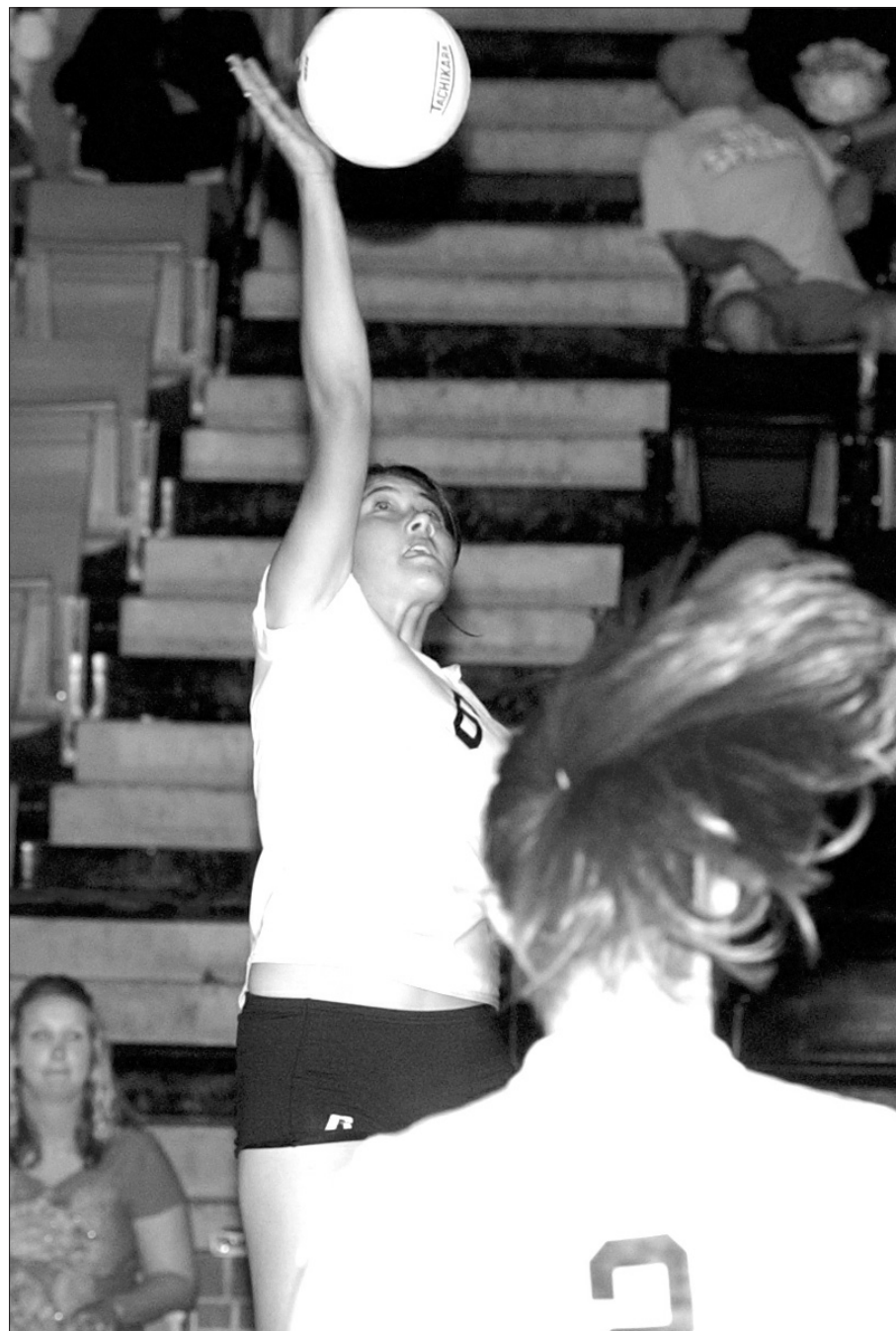
"Lake View had a lot of service errors and that really brought them down," said Whitaker. "At the same time, we moved our feet really well and did not let the ball hit the ground."

"This is a big confidence booster for our hustle to pay off," he continued. "We've been working so hard on our footwork in practice. It takes a win like this to get our spirits up."

Partee led with 11 kills and five blocks. Claxton added 10 kills, including several in the second set that helped Big Spring build a substantial lead. Carrisalez led 11 digs. Jordan Chesworth had her best game of the season, according to Whitaker, with nine digs and close to 30 assists.

"Jordan played great. Her hustling play led the team in the last set," Whitaker said. "She did a great job of getting to the ball and picking off their kills."

The Lady Steers face Plainview's Lady Bulldogs Saturday in Plainview. The Lady



Herald photo/Jonathan Hull
Big Spring's Andrea Claxton spikes the ball over the net in a volleyball match against Lubbock Estacado Saturday. The Lady Steers won their first district match Tuesday night, defeating San Angelo Lake View in straight sets.

Borowski to face Yanks as MLB playoffs begin

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The date lives in infamy for the 2007 Indians. It was the day Joe Borowski had to forget — quickly.

Back on April 19 at Yankee Stadium, Cleveland's closer entered in a non-save situation to protect a 6-2 lead against New York. But after getting two quick outs, Borowski was lit up for six runs, the final three on Alex Rodriguez's game-ending homer that gave the Yankees an 8-6 win.

But following the tough loss, Borowski was just as tough. He dealt with the media and quickly turned the page.

Indians manager Eric Wedge will never forget the right-hander's grit.

"You could feel it in the locker room, before we

even got on the bus," Wedge said Tuesday before his team worked out in preparation for Thursday's playoff opener against the Yankees. "That's just a great attribute to have when you're a closer. It shows you what kind of strength he has as a human being, with regard to his mental toughness."

One day after his Bronx bombing, Borowski picked up a save at Tampa Bay and went on to lead the AL with 45. He will have to lean on that mental toughness against the Yankees, but he's ready for the challenge.

"You throw all that stuff out the window," he said. "It doesn't matter how pretty it is or how nice or how ugly. Just get it done. Whatever happened in the past doesn't matter."

BRING HIM BACK:

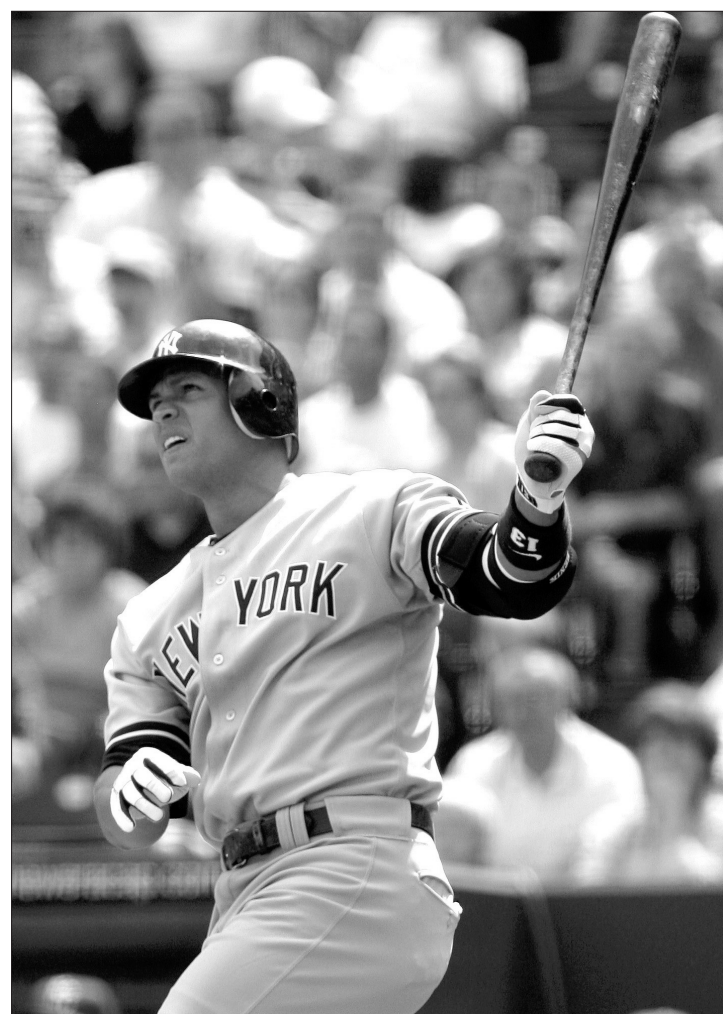
Cubs manager Lou Piniella plans to start ace Carlos Zambrano on three days' rest if their series against Arizona goes four games.

"If anybody can pitch on three days' rest in our rotation, Carlos can," Piniella said before his team worked out Tuesday at Chase Field.

Zambrano will start the opener Wednesday night. Ted Lilly will pitch Game 2 on Thursday night, followed by Rich Hill in Game 3 on Saturday at Wrigley Field.

Pitching Zambrano on short rest would allow Lilly to pitch on his regular rest if the series goes to a fifth game, Piniella said.

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MCT photo
New York Yankees' slugger Alex Rodriguez leads the Yankees into the American League Divisional Series playoffs against Cleveland after finishing the season as the AL's leader in runs scored, home runs and RBI's.

Obituaries

Clay Branham Jr.

Services for Clay Branham Jr., 50, of Lamesa, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007, in the First Baptist Church of Lamesa with the Rev. Kevin Kirkland officiating. Burial will follow at Lamesa Memorial Park.

He died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, in Borden County. He was born July 5, 1957, in Abilene to Billy and Alma Lou Branham, and married Betty Kirkland Jan. 24, 1984, in Lamesa.

Survivors include his wife, Betty, of Lamesa; two daughters, Krista Lawler of Fort Worth and Janet Dorrington of Lubbock; his mother, Alma Lou Branham of Big Spring; sister and brother-in-law Judy and Floyd Smith of Big Spring; brother and sister-in-law Kenneth and Patty Branham of Big Spring; and a grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to www.katalystministries.org.

Arrangements under the direction of Branon Funeral, Lamesa.

Van Gaston

Van Gaston, 62, of Forsan, died Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$26 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$16 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 28, 37, 40, 43 and 44. The Mega Ball number was 20.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 19-21-22-28-34. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-6-2-7. Sum It Up: 20

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-1-5.

Correction

In Monday's article on the Kountry Kids Contest, the name of Destiny Rogers, co-winner of the 7-month to 12-month division, was inadvertently omitted.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:

- MARCO MEDINA, 35, of 1107 State, was arrested Tuesday on a Dallas warrant.
- DOYCE COYLE, 38, of 2705 Ann, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant.
- ROBER PALMER, 44, transient, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- LEONARD SLATON, 41, of 1 Glenwick Cove, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ROGER HANSON, 51, of 500 E. 17th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a Howard County warrant and a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 1800 block of Johnson.
- BOMB THREAT was reported in the 1000 block of Gregg Street.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 52 inmates at the time of this report.
- ERNEST J. TAGGART, 34, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of theft of service and violation of parole.
- JANIE AGUILAR, 41, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid - enhanced.
- KIMBERLY DENISE JAMES, 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention and criminal mischief.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 18th and Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Lindberg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2700 block of N. Highway 87. Service refused.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Highway 87 and N.W. Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

Bulletin Board

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TODAY
• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds around 10 mph.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

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- 2007 Ford Taurus SE - Light Tungsten Metallic, All Power, Remote Keyless, 4-Wheel Disc Brakes, Low Miles. Was \$15,995. **SOLD** NOW \$14,995
- 2007 Mercury Grand Marquis LS - White w/Tan Leather, All Power, 6 Disc CD, Heated Seats, Nice Car, Like New, 16,000 Miles. Was \$22,995. **SOLD** NOW \$21,995
- 2006 Ford Fusion S - Oxford White, Stone Cloth, All Power, 2-3-4 Cyl., 12,000 Miles. Was \$20,995. **SOLD** NOW \$18,995
- 2006 Ford Taurus SEL - Dark Red, Gray Leather, 3.0, V-6, Moonroof, All Power, 12,000 Miles. MSRP When New \$24,870. Was \$16,995. **SOLD** NOW \$15,995

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- 2005 Ford Five Hundred Limited - Dark Gray w/Tan Leather, 6 Disc CD, MP3 Player, Heated Seats, All Power, Only 23,000 Miles. Was \$18,995. **SOLD** NOW \$17,995
- 2005 Ford Five Hundred SE - Tan w/Tan Cloth, 6 Disc CD MP3 Player, All Power, Nice, Only 23,000 Miles. Was \$16,995. **SOLD** NOW \$15,995
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- 2003 Honda Civic LT - Gold w/Cloth, 5 Speed, Low Miles, Automatic, All Power. Was \$13,995. **SOLD** NOW \$12,995
- 2003 Ford Escort ZX2 - Black w/Cloth, Automatic, All Power, Great Gas Car. Was \$9,995. **SOLD** NOW \$8,995
- 2002 Honda Accord Special Edition Coupe - White, All Power, Local One Owner w/64,000 Miles. Was \$14,995. **SOLD** NOW \$12,995
- 2002 Ford Focus ZX5 - Silver, w/Cloth, Automatic, All Power, 39,000 Miles. Was \$11,995. **SOLD** NOW \$10,995
- 2002 Chevrolet Cavalier - Blue w/Gray Cloth, Like New, One Owner, Only 38,000 Miles. Was \$10,995. **SOLD** NOW \$9,995
- 2002 Mazda Protege - Gold w/Tan Cloth, Like New, Small Gas Saving Car. Was \$7,995. **SOLD** NOW \$6,995

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- 2006 Chevrolet Colorado Z71 - Tan w/Black Leather, CD Player, All Power, One Owner, Only 20,000 Miles. Was \$18,995. **SOLD** NOW \$17,995
- 2005 Chevrolet Avalanche - Tan w/Black Leather, Automatic, All Power, Local One Owner, 42,000 Miles. Was \$26,995. **SOLD** NOW \$25,995
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Here are the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association's standings through Monday Oct. 1 and the scores from games played Saturday Sept. 29. (Note: Three points are awarded to a team for a win, one point is given for a tie and no points are scored for a loss.)

U6 Standings
(Note: No score is kept during the U6 games.)
Saturday's games: Gold Diggers vs. Lil Monsters; Da Shockers vs. Dust Busters; Hurricanes vs. Lightning; Shooter vs. Tidal Wave; Red Hots vs. Darts.
Tuesday's game: Da Shockers vs. Gold Diggers.

Team	W	L	T	Pts
1. Wildthanz	3	0	2	11
2. Attack	3	1	0	9
2. Kids in Black	3	2	0	9
3t. Steers	2	1	1	7
3t. Sidekicks	2	2	1	7
4. Dirt Devils	1	3	0	3
5. Hornets	0	5	0	0

Saturday's results: Sidekicks 3, Hornets 1; Steers 1, Wild Thanz 1; Dirt Devils 6, Hornets 1; Attack 7, Kids in Black 1.

Saturday's leading goal scorers: Nikolas Chen, Dirt Devils - 3; Hayley Crawford, Attack - 3; Brayden Sizenbach, Attack - 3; Madison Hodnett, Sidekicks - 2; Bryson Cline, Dirt Devils - 2; Eric Arguello, Hornets - 1; Nicholas Saracho, Sidekicks - 1; Jason Miramontes, Steers - 1; Bryce Hergert, Wild Thanz - 1; Montie

Munsell, Dirt Devils - 1; Zachary Burnett, Hornets - 1; Aron Rodriguez, Attack - 1.

U10 Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts
1. Storm	6	0	0	18
2. Timberwolves	5	1	0	15
3. Dragons	3	4	0	9
4. Tornados	2	4	0	6
5. Ballhawks	0	7	0	0

Saturday's results: Storm 4, Timberwolves 2; Tornados 4, Ballhawks 0; Storm 4, Dragons 2.

Saturday's leading goal scorers: Jacob Scott, Storm - 7; Lorenzo Jones, Timberwolves - 2; Andrew Pearson, Tornados - 2; Samuel Yzaguirre, Dragons - 2; Matthew Wood, Storm - 1; Wade Alexander, Tornados - 1; Faith Parum, Tornados - 1.

U12 Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts
1. Hurricanes	6	0	0	18
2. Royals	1	3	0	3
3. Tornados	0	4	0	0

Saturday's results: Hurricanes 8, Tornados 1; Hurricanes 7, Royals 0.

Saturday's leading goal scorers: Tobyn Tannehill, Hurricanes - 5; Brett Brorman, Hurricanes - 4; Tyler Bryan, Hurricanes - 2; Taylor Brorman, Hurricanes - 2; Austin Watson, Hurricanes - 1; Carolyn Barraza, Hurricanes - 1; Ryan Pearson, Tornados - 1.

RODEO

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In the steer wrestling, freshman Calvin Brevik of Durango, Colo., was 5.7 in the long-go to take the 10th spot and advanced to 9th for the average. Chance Hampton of Riverton, Wyo., missed the short-go by two places, having a run of 5.9 seconds.

Also in the top 15 of the weekend was Greg Schaffel of The Dalles, Ore., with a time of 6.2 seconds.

In the team roping, freshmen Lee Griggs, header, of House, N.M., and Olin Pullham of Payson, Utah, made a clean catch with a time of 9.3 seconds, which put them in 11th place, but they just missed the cut-

off at 9.2. Also in the team roping, freshmen header Brevick and healer K.C. Curtis of Monroe, Utah, roped a leg to keep them from making it to the short-go.

"We are real close, we did not draw as well as would have liked," Head

Coach Greg Kernick said. "We are making advances to get more people back in the short-go."

This week the Howard College Rodeo team will be traveling to Alpine where Sul Ross State University will be hosting the rodeo.

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MLB

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Zambrano pitched on three days' rest once this year. He took the loss on Sept. 18 against Cincinnati, allowing four runs and seven hits in 5-1/3 innings.

FEELIN' FINE: Angels right fielder Vladimir Guerrero, nursing a bruised forearm, will be the designated hitter for Game 1 on Wednesday against Boston.

"Right now, Vlad Guerrero is throwing the ball much better than he has in the last 10 days or so," manager Mike Scioscia said. "I think he will become an option for right field at some point this series, but he will DH."

Guerrero was hit by a pitch in a Sept. 26 loss to Texas. He played in just one of the Angels' last three games, going 2-for-2 with a homer against Oakland on Friday.

In all, Guerrero hit .324 with 27 homers and 125 RBIs for the Angels.

READY TO RIDE: Roger Clemens is set to start Game 3 for the New York Yankees against Cleveland after throwing 69 pitches in a four-inning simulated game Tuesday at the team's complex in Tampa, Fla.

Clemens, who has not pitched since Sept. 16 because of a hamstring injury, faced 18 batters, then took grounders on the mound, fielded bunts and also practiced covering first base.

"It was a very good report," manager Joe Torre said after speaking with Yankees vice presi-

dent Billy Connors, who attended the session. "Everything got high marks."

The Rocket was to rejoin the Yankees on Wednesday in Cleveland, a day before their playoff opener.

Ian Kennedy, who will miss the division series with a back strain, played catch for 20 minutes and was scheduled for a bullpen session Wednesday. Joba Chamberlain and other young Yankees hope to attend Kennedy's wedding on Saturday in suburban St. Louis.

Hideki Matsui said his right knee felt much better, two days after it was drained of fluid to reduce inflammation. Torre plans to start Johnny Damon in left field and use Matsui or righty-hitting Shelley Duncan as the DH against left-hander C.C. Sabathia in the opener.

The lefty-hitting Matsui is 0-for-9 against Sabathia. Duncan, a son of former St. Louis pitching coach Dave Duncan, recalled going to his first World Series game — when Kirk Gibson hit that famous home run for the Los Angeles Dodgers against Oakland in 1988.

With sinkerballer Chien-Ming Wang starting the opener, Doug Mientkiewicz will likely start at first base over Jason Giambi. Mientkiewicz, a far better defensive first baseman, could start the majority of postseason games for New York.

"Jason I think right now is considered more of a DH guy who could play first base," Torre said. "Right now I'm leaning toward Doug."

girls won against Glenn — 25-22, 25-16. Top servers of the tournament were Alexandria Hilger, Taylor Johnson and Ayanna Gomez.

NOT US: Jim Bunning is ready to veto the idea that his 1964 Phillies had the biggest collapse of all time. His new vote is for the 2007 Mets.


"You know what that did to me? That took me off about a 45-year hook that I was stuck on from 1964 to 2007," the U.S. Senator from Kentucky said Tuesday. "The Mets' collapse outdid the Phillies' in '64."

The Phillies held a 67-game lead with 12 to play in 1964, only to blow the NL pennant by losing 10 straight.

The Mets became the first major league team that failed to finish in first place after owning a lead of seven games or more with 17 remaining.

"I'm sorry for the Mets, because they will never forget it," Bunning said. "No matter how many times they say, 'Well, let's go on with next year,' you can't believe that you blew seven games with 17 to go. It's hard to imagine."

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Bulldogs defeated Big Spring Sept. 18 in straight sets. Whitaker believes that a different result can happen Saturday.

"I was so proud of them," Whitaker said. "This gives us something great to build on. We can take Plainview too. We can still go to the playoffs and we're playing like we understand that."

Notes: Big Spring's junior varsity and freshman teams didn't fair as well against the Maidens. Both teams lost in straight sets with the junior varsity losing, 25-22, 25-20, and the freshmen falling, 25-13, 25-19.

The seventh-grade volleyball team played in a tournament in San Angelo Sept. 22, taking third place. They began tournament defeating Lincoln — 25-20, 25-21. The girls lost their next game against Lee, but came back to beat Water Valley — 25-16, 23-25, 15-12. For third place, the

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♠ 9 5
♥ Q J 8 7
♦ K 10 9
♣ A K J 4

WEST
♠ K 7 6
♥ 6 4
♦ 8 5 4 2
♣ 9 8 7 2

EAST
♠ 8 4 3 2
♥ A 3 2
♦ 7 6
♣ Q 10 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10
♥ K 10 9 5
♦ A Q J 3
♣ 6

The bidding:
South 1♠ West Pass North 2NT East Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
5♦ Pass 6♥ Pass

Opening lead — nine of clubs.

Very few plays are overlooked more often by declarer than the one featured here. Six hearts can be made if handled correctly, but it's very easy to go astray and finish down one.

A superficial glance might lead one to conclude that, in addition to a sure trump loser, South also has a potential spade loser that can be averted only if a finesse against East succeeds.

But the fact is that the spade finesse is entirely unnecessary. Twelve tricks can be made by normal play without risking the loss of a spade trick. Observe that in the actual deal, the slam would fail if declarer relied on the spade finesse to get him home.

South's best method of play is to start by cashing dummy's A-K of clubs and discarding a spade. A club can then be ruffed with the king, followed by a low trump to dummy's seven. Let's assume East wins with the ace (his play doesn't really matter) and returns a spade.

South puts up the ace and leads the trump nine to the jack. He then ruffs dummy's last club with his last trump, the ten.

A diamond to the king allows declarer to cash dummy's Q-8 of trumps and discard his Q-J of spades. South's three remaining cards are the A-Q-J of diamonds, and the slam is easily made. The potential spade loser thus turns out to be a mirage.

The play utilized here is what is known as a dummy reversal. Instead of declarer trumping his losers in dummy, which is what happens in most cases, South reverses the usual procedure and trumps dummy's losers — here, the J-4 of clubs — in his own hand. In effect, dummy becomes declarer, and South plays his cards as though he is actually seated on the other side of the table.

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Is there a bright side to darkness? Venus and Pluto say yes. So does breast cancer survivor and news correspondent Betty Rollin: "People more than survive bum raps: they often thrive on them; they wind up stronger, livelier, happier; they wake up to new insights. ... In short, they often wind up ahead."

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Education is liberation. Keep reading and discussing what you learn — the more you do, the more you'll own the knowledge. Your



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Tomorrow's Horoscope

thoughts have wings to take them higher and higher. Sagittarius is your ideal teacher.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There is such a thing as too much reality. You find the ideal balance between the harsh light of honesty and a fuzzy, fanciful point of view. Libra understands you best.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Pay little mind to the fickle favoritism that goes on with friends, family and colleagues now. You could fall in with one group and out with another, and then, by the end of the day, see the whole dynamic reversed again.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may see a better way for your loved one, but unless this person sees it too, your influence does little good. Sometimes the best way to convince someone is to let him or her do it wrong.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). On this ethereal day, anything you can do to keep grounded and on track will be helpful. Lists, calendars and accounting tools help. It's comforting to check the reference of things written.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Dare to utter the secret truth. Doing so will break the code that keeps certain doors closed to you. Truth is like a magic word that when called out will swing opportunity wide open.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The weird bits of life that are supposed to warn you merely hold fascination and intrigue. Go with it. The best reason to accept a strange invitation is its

strangeness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Obligation is the bane of an otherwise perfectly lovely relationship. Let someone off the hook, and that person will do the same for you. Together you lighten up the atmosphere.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a balance to strike somewhere between loving and smothering. Hint: Catering to a dear one's every need to the detriment of your own is definitely smothering.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Let it all unfold without your control. Adventure winks at you. What happens after that is juicy enough to retell in the future. You could even write a book. Hey, why don't you?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A battle of wills brings up an excellent question: What is worth fighting for? The struggle may continue, but today marks a crucial turning point in the conflict. You're ready; don't be afraid.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As you analyze your life, you wonder if you can't make it better by prioritizing differently. Of course you can. After a day of mulling this over, enjoy a night of relaxing and feeling loved.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: Dating and Astrology. Flowers and candlelight create an ambiance, but knowing the person you're wooing is far more impressive. Let astrology help you get to know your main squeeze. **LEO:** Your Leo loves life. The lion's joie de vivre is contagious, his appetite for pleasure

enormous. If you're as creative and exciting as he is, then you, too, can be a delectable morsel in the mouth of the bighearted beast. The lion loves an audience (applaud now!) Watch the show, and through the sheer force of appreciation, you'll win big love. Disarming dating strategy: Give your undivided attention. Turn on: Compliment and stroke that mane. Turn off: insincerity. **VIRGO:** Your Virgo loves care and consideration. Ask how her day went. Express concern. Above all, get her to show you how savvy she is. She's modest and dislikes more overbearing personalities. Ask her for advice. Especially about your new fitness routine, which communicates your competence at self-care (score 20 for you). Disarming dating strategy: Read her feedback. Then, say it back to her aloud. Turn on: cleanliness. Turn off: unkindness. Come back for Libra and Scorpio!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Are Librans born trendsetters? Music and fashion team up for singer Gwen Stefani, who smartly markets her unique personal-style statement on runways. Uranus and Jupiter in Libra surround Gwen's sun, stealing fame and glory in unlikely, unexpected fashion combinations. You put what with what? Uranus and sun in Libra people put the shock of the new in everything they do.

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Annie's Mailbox®

Dear Annie: I am a 65-year-old widow. My husband passed away last year, and I am still grieving.

The problem is my 45-year-old son from a previous marriage. "Gordon" never married and is planning to move in with me. He is an abusive drunk, has problems managing his money and doesn't like to work. At the moment, he lives in an RV and is renting a parking place from a friend. His vehicles are not registered or insured.

Gordon has been telling people he is moving here to help me. I don't need his help. I have earned the right to a quiet retirement. I supported my son and daughter until I was in my 40s. My daughter is married and on her own. I live 600 miles away and can see them when I want. I do not want to live any closer.

What would you suggest I do about Gordon? I've thought about leaving the country, but I can't afford it. I love my son, but I don't like him very much. — Mom

Dear Mom: Tell Gordon right now that you do not want him moving in with you. Period. If he threatens or hurts you in any way, call the police and Adult Protective Services. Meanwhile, if your home is large enough to accommodate Gordon, you might consider selling it and moving into a smaller place in a retirement community where you will have nearby friends and there will be less incentive for Gordon to hang around and take advantage of your vulnerability.

Dear Annie: "Jasper" has been my hairdresser



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for the last seven years. I've always been happy with the job he's done and have recommended him to many people who are now his regulars. I feel loyal to him, but I have found someone else.

I won a gift certificate to have my hair cut at another salon, and I have never had a better haircut in my life. I thought it would be a one-time visit, but now, nothing else measures up. I would like to leave Jasper, but I don't want to hurt his feelings. I'm sure if I just stop going to his salon, he'd eventually figure it out, but don't I owe him an explanation? — In a Hairy Situation

Dear Hairy: First, you might want to go back to the new salon once or twice to make sure the cut is consistently better than Jasper's. Still, we can't imagine any nice way to tell him you're leaving because his technique doesn't measure up. You can simply stop going to him (such things happen to hairdressers more often than you think), or you can let Jasper know you've enjoyed his services, but you're ready for a change. It's up to you.

Dear Annie: I had to respond to "Mother of a

Former Honor Student in Indiana," whose two sons are addicted to Internet games. Now Mom is terrified the younger boy will turn violent if they try to take away his laptop.

The time to have dealt with this was when their son bought the laptop without their approval. He should have been told to return it to the store immediately. And why have they allowed him a cell phone with an Internet connection?

As for the older son who's still at home mooching off the parents, if he's over 18, it's time to put the parental foot down and set a deadline for the bum to move out and start paying for his own addiction.

Let this be a cautionary tale to those parents who are the enablers of a "child-centered" household and afraid to set and enforce rules for the minors they brought into this world and are now supporting. I'm willing to bet these boys have been ruling the roost since they were in pull-up pants. — L.G.

Dear L.G.: You are right that parents need to set rules and enforce them, but it's a little late to change what has already happened. Parents who have allowed their children to get the upper hand will need some help regaining their authority, and we hope they will contact a counselor who can provide it.

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Potential jail construction managers targeted

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners voted in favor of interviewing a trio of possible construction managers for plans to build a new jail facility, as the court moves forward with design and construction plans that

hinge on a November bond election.

Commissioners voted unanimously to interview construction managers at risk from local contractor Lee George Construction, as well as Templeton Construction and Dinosaur Valley Construction. Templeton maintains

offices in San Antonio and San Angelo, according to the company's Web site, while Dinosaur Valley Construction is based out of Glen Rose.

"There's something to be said for going with a local company," Kilgore added, speaking of Lee George Construction. According to County

Judge Mark Barr, the county received a fourth bid on the work, but it wasn't delivered on time.

"We received a sealed bid from Tribble & Stephens, but the deadline was 10 a.m. and it came in at 10:30 a.m.," Barr told commissioners. "I talked to Mike Thomas to see whether we should

open the bid and consider it or not, and he advised it would be best to just reject all of the bids and go out again. If we open the late bid, we could be looking at litigation."

Barr said rejecting the bids would mean the court would have to start the process — which takes approximately two

to three weeks to complete — again.

"I really feel it's best to leave it alone," said Barr.

Several commissioners agreed with Barr, including Commissioner Emma Brown.

"I think we should just stay with what we got," said Brown.

GRADY

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ple, today is "Put the Cardinals to Sleep Day," with students dressing in pajamas.

Events hit full stride Friday, starting with a 2:30 p.m. pep rally at the school. A fajita supper sponsored by the junior class will be held before and after the game in the school cafeteria. Costs are \$7 for a large plate and \$5 for a smaller portion.

Kickoff of the homecoming game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Tunnell Field.

Four GHS students will vie for the title of homecoming queen. They are:

- Senior Linsey Chavez, the daughter of Marcelino and Norma Chavez. She is active in the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, cross country, varsity basketball and is the reigning state champion in Class A girls singles in tennis.

- Junior Patsy Flores, the daughter of Gerardo and Barbara Flores. She is a member of the GHS cross country and track teams and is a varsity cheerleader.

- Junior Lauren

Robinson, the daughter of Scott and Leslie Robinson. Lauren is active in NHS, cross country, basketball golf and tennis. In addition, she serves as an officer in both 4-H and FCA.

- Senior Kandace Scheulke, the daughter of Kenneth and Patty Schuelke. She is a varsity cheerleader and NHS member and participates in cross country, basketball, tennis and track.

After the game, there will be a students-only homecoming dance from 9:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. in the old gymnasium.

MOORE

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expected to go over the proposed performance agreement between Moore Development and the Settles Hotel Development Company that will solidify \$3 million in funding for the restoration project.

"We have three sets of fresh eyes looking at this performance agreement, and the new board members have questions," said Terry Wegman, executive director for the economic development corporation.

"Instead of having the attorney field a bunch of separate calls and e-mails, we felt like sitting down together with the attorney would help expedite the process."

The Moore Board has been in contract negotiations with the Settles Hotel Development Company since directors voted unanimously nearly a year ago to provide up to \$3 million to help former Big Spring resident Brint Ryan — manager of the Dallas company and the founder and CEO of Ryan & Company — renovate the Settles Hotel.

SHDC announced plans for a \$12 million renovation project last December. According to SHDC officials, the project includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors.

Wegman said he doesn't expect the board to take any new action on the agreement during the meeting, which will get under way at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the conference room at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

WALL

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picture. No details are available about his career.

There is an interesting note about Sanchez, a recent BSHS graduate and new to the Army. When Mark was a sophomore at BSHS, he e-mailed me with a request. He had seen the mall display and he wanted to know how he could get his father's picture posted. The computer monster has long since eaten that e-mail, but the pride in Mark's message about his father's heroism impressed me then and remains with me yet. Soon Cruz Sanchez was also pictured in our display. Is it surprising that Mark should also join the Army and have his picture now proudly displayed beside his father's?

Some are asking, what is the Big Spring Wall of Honor?

Big Spring Wall of Honor

The Wall of Honor, to date, is a collection of 235 pictures of members of the U.S. military who are currently serving or have served since Sept. 11, 2001. They are from the Big Spring area, or have someone in this area interested in having their pictures in our display.

They are displayed in alphabetical order, without distinction, except for those killed in action. The Wall is near the Sears store in the Big Spring Mall.

Recently, Big Spring resident and veteran Mike Tarpley has added a feature to the wall to include a special tribute to our fallen heroes.

The Big Spring Wall of Honor evolved. It was not invented, nor was it envisioned before it happened.

When two hijacked commercial airliners crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001, that event set the scene for the Wall. Big Spring fireman Dusty Shelhamer became one of the heroes at Ground Zero, digging into the wreckage to save lives, if possible, and to prevent further loss of life by carting off the debris. He brought home a slide show CD that someone had made in New York depicting scenes of the whole experience from the initial crash to the end of the initial crisis.

The committee of the

Pops in the Park Foundation of Big Spring showed the slide show during intermission on July 3, 2002, at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

Following the invasion of Iraq in March 2003, the committee requested a video to be made honoring all local troops in service at that time, or who had been in service on the fateful date that we now call 9/11. As a member of the committee, I gathered the materials, Tumbleweed Smith narrated and Tom Arcand made it into a video.

The Big Spring Herald checked its cache of military headshots and provided all of them. They further published appeals for people to bring their pictures to be included. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce became a collection point for the public to bring pictures. The Vietnam Memorial Committee had several pictures on display in the chapel at the memorial. A group called Mission Possible, a military family support group, provided quite a

few. Another such group, which met at the VA Hospital, provided others. Coahoma ISD had about 28 pictures on its Web site, which it freely shared. Forsan ISD shared a few. The focus of the video was showing these pictures while the names of the troops were being called. Chance Clanton and I made an update of the video that was shown in 2005, and I made a further update that was shown in 2006.

The Wall of Honor was born in the weeks following the 2003 showing. The Big Spring Military Support Group that met at the VA Hospital requested Kathy Lusk, manager of the Big Spring Mall at the time, to allow them to display the available military pictures in the mall for a week or two. Members of the group contact me to help them with the pictures for the display. I printed out the slides from the PowerPoint that had been made into the video and, during one of the group's weekly meetings, the members pinned the pictures onto two large foam core sheets provided by

the mall.

Use of the space occupied by the display properly belongs to Sears, which willingly allowed us to use it, and agreed to be a collecting point for depositing pictures to be added to the display. It is still performing that service with a smile.

After a month, someone asked how long the display was to stay up. No one wanted an end date. Since then, both support groups have disbanded. Pictures were added until the space was filled and I built the present stained wood panels with my cousin, Joe Bond. Enough videos were sold to the public to provide most of the money to print the pictures and pay for the panel materials.

The panels are filling up.

Where does it go from here? No one knows, but no one has mentioned quitting. Current Mall Manager Danielle Ramirez and Sears Manager Jody Swinney remain supportive of the project and public interest seems not only to remain high, but increasing and spreading.

Do you have a story about your own family members in the military? For submissions or more information, e-mail Lane Bond (lane@bondwebs.com), call him (432-263-4033), or visit his Web site (www.bondwebs.com).

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THREAT

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been made.

"We don't have any suspects at this time," said Everett. "It's very difficult to catch someone in a case like this, unless they slip up and tell the wrong person. We haven't had many of these lately, and we're really hoping this will be the last one for a long time."

Anyone with information regarding this or any other crime is encouraged to contact the BSPD at 264-2550.

To the many friends of **KBYG and "B. Michael Brown"**

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OUR VIEWS

That 'special' feel in air is homecoming

That special feeling's in the air again. You know — the pageantry, tradition, pride, spirit. It's homecoming in Big Spring and that's without question time to treasure. This weekend, in Big Spring High School's 100th year of competition in schoolboy football, memories will be rekindled and new memories will be made.

Welcome exes! Whether you reside in Big Spring or have traveled "home" to be here, this is your special time. It's a time to greet old friends, classmates, teachers. A time to reminisce and think about those days when you were attending Big Spring High School.

It's also a special time for current students, especially you seniors. These are memories you will carry with you the rest of your lives.

A significant percentage of our lives is spent in classrooms getting an education. With it comes the camaraderie of being with other students, meeting in the library, making spirit signs, cheering the team on, spiking the volleyball or getting a base hit, scoring a touchdown, playing in the band, taking a role in a one-act play, serving on the student council, participating in a club, singing in the choir, cramming for a test late at night. Those are things you never forget.

Some you will remember with tears, some with laughter. But you will remember them. And as the years move on, they take on even more special significance.

Some of those memories will be made Thursday with the bonfire that begins at 8 p.m. at the compost facility. Then there are Friday's activities: The afternoon pep rally in Steer Gym, the 4:30 p.m. downtown parade and the 7:30 p.m. game with Andrews' Mustangs at Memorial Stadium along with its traditional halftime homecoming pageantry.

On Saturday, there will be get-togethers by a number of classes.

Whether you are a BSHS alum or not, though, this is a fun week in Big Spring. So join us in kicking up your heels a little. Join us at Memorial Stadium on Friday night to cheer the Steers on to a win!

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we let go of our troubles, Lord, and let You take over our life becomes better.

Amen

The Latin American 'axis of evil'

They are a new and emerging team of anti-American players — Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, Bolivia's Evo Morales, Nicaragua's Daniel Ortega and Ecuador's Rafael Correa. They call themselves socialists of the 21st century. And their team manager is the undisputed champion of all losers, the longest-lasting dictator in human history, Cuba's Fidel Castro.



MIGUEL PEREZ

No one comes close to Castro at making a country and its people miserable. And yet this is the model these other Latin American leaders want to emulate. They are bonded by their thirst for power and their hatred of the United States.

But now they are taking their defiance a lot further. By joining forces with Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, they are part of the "axis of evil."

An old Spanish-language proverb spells it out very clearly: "Dime con quien andas y te dire quien eres."

It means: "Tell me with whom you hang out, and I'll tell you who you are."

Ahmadinejad, who visited Bolivia and Venezuela last week, is a ruthless oppressor of his people, an anti-Semite, a sponsor of terrorism, a seeker of nuclear weapons and a threat to world peace.

But as long as he is an enemy of the United States, he is considered a friend by the new Latin American axis of evil.

These anti-U.S. allies in our own hemisphere are exactly the kind of friends Ahmadinejad wants to cultivate. While the Bush administration ignores Latin America and concentrates only on the Middle East, the Iranians are bolstering our enemies in our own backyard. Even as the United States tries to isolate Ahmadinejad internationally, U.S. haters in Latin America — including Nicaragua's Ortega and Ecuador's Correa — are rolling out red carpets for him.

While the United States and other nations are concerned that Iran is trying to build atomic weapons under the guise of its civilian nuclear program, and while the United Nations keeps demanding that Iran halt uranium enrichment, both Chavez and Morales have expressed support for that program. In both Bolivia and Venezuela, Ahmadinejad signed bilateral agreements, committing Iran to finance energy-related projects in South America.

Anticipating condemnation for his ties with a sponsor of terrorism, Chavez poked fun at his critics in his weekly televised sermon in Venezuela. "They will say I am plotting with Iran to threaten the world, that we will build an atomic bomb," Chavez said before Ahmadinejad arrived for his third visit to Caracas.

The Venezuelan leader, who was elected democratically but rules like a dictator, said he also plans to develop a nuclear energy program.

"Iran isn't making an atomic bomb, not at all," Chavez said last week. "They just want to develop nuclear energy. Venezuela will do it also someday."

When he greeted his "beloved friend" Ahmadinejad last week, Chavez called him "one of the greatest anti-imperialist fighters" and "one of the great fighters for true peace."

Mind you, this is the same man who wants to wipe Israel from the map and is supplying weapons to Iraqi insurgents to kill American soldiers.

With Castro gravely ill, it is now Chavez who is leading the pack of anti-American socialists in Latin America. Morales has joined him gradually in criticizing the United States, and the more recently elected Ortega and Correa are following in Chavez's Machiavellian footsteps.

And what has the Bush administration done to counteract the growth of this anti-American alliance?

Nada!
We are so busy fighting a war — and making more enemies — on the other side of the world that we are not paying attention to our emerging enemies in the Americas.

Congress is considering legislation that would establish a 10-year, \$2.5 billion program to reduce poverty and bolster the middle class in Latin America.

But it may be too little too late, especially because Chavez, in command of an oil-rich nation, has pledged to triple that amount.

Thanks to our president's inept handling of foreign policy, the "axis of evil" has expanded, not only in the Middle East, but in our own backyard.

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Booster shot time for system

Americans constantly search for the fountain of youth or the next miracle cure, a way, as Bob Dylan sang to "stay forever young." We all want to live longer, healthier lives, but too many Americans are not getting the preventive services that would help them do so. The problem is even more acute among racial and ethnic minorities.



EDUARDO SANCHEZ

Preventive care, including smoking cessation, immunizations and disease screenings, are smart investments we can make in our health. Unfortunately, our outmoded health care system is designed to treat illnesses rather than prevent them.

In my years of private practice, as the state's former health commissioner and now in my role as chair of the National Commission on Prevention Priorities, I've seen how little we're doing to prevent disease. It's time we changed our health care focus by making necessary cultural, environmental, economic and policy changes to shift the focus of our health care system.

I was honored to lead a distinguished panel of experts as we examined our health care system and identified the health benefits associated with the improved use of preventive services.

Our study, "Preventive Care: A National Profile on Use, Disparities and Health Benefits," found that although hugely beneficial, preventive care is widely underutilized, resulting in mil-

lions of lives shortened, unnecessary illness, decreased productivity and costly medical care.

According to the Partnership for Prevention, 95 cents of every health care dollar goes toward treating disease, rather than preventing it. It's time we invest in and better utilize preventive care.

Among the most cost effective of these preventive care measures is smoking cessation, which is also the least utilized. Tobacco use is the leading underlying cause of death in the United States — with smoking accounting for roughly one in five of all U.S. deaths annually.

Unfortunately, our study found that only 28 percent of smokers are advised by a health professional to quit and are offered the medicine and counseling assistance they need to quit successfully. Compounding the problem, most health insurance plans don't cover smoking cessation as a standard benefit, denying millions of people access to a truly life-saving preventive service.

The number of patients who access other key preventive care services also falls short, so much so that closing these gaps in the use of just five preventive services would save 100,000 lives in the United States each year. In addition to smoking cessation, it's time we increased access to and utilization of aspirin therapy, colorectal cancer screenings, influenza immunizations and breast cancer screenings.

As flu season approaches consider the 12,000 additional lives that would be saved each year, if we increased the percent of adults who get an annual flu vaccine from the current 37 percent to 90

percent. Another 45,000 lives could be saved each year, if patients were properly advised and medically directed to take aspirin therapy to prevent heart disease.

And, 14,000 additional lives would be saved annually if we increased to 90 percent the portion of adults age 50 and older who are up-to-date with colorectal cancer screening. Today, less than 50 percent of adults are up-to-date with screening.

Health disparities are an unfortunate reality. Hispanic Americans have lower utilization rates compared to non-Hispanic whites and African Americans for 10 of the 11 preventive care services analyzed in our study. Although their screening rates are higher than those of Hispanics, African Americans would benefit the most from increasing screening for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer because they have a higher mortality from cancer compared to other racial and ethnic groups.

As voters and presidential candidates discuss the health care crisis, we would be wise to place preventive care at the center of that debate.

Preventive care is the booster shot our health care system needs. It offers the promise of saving an estimated 100,000 lives a year—and maybe your own.

Dr. Eduardo Sanchez is chair of the National Commission on Prevention Priorities and director of the Institute of Health Policy at the University of Texas School of Public Health. He is also the immediate past commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

5 workers found dead after chemical fire

By **JUDITH KOHLER**

Associated Press Writer

GEORGETOWN, Colo. — Five workers trapped at least 1,500 feet underground survived an initial chemical fire at a hydroelectric plant, but died before emergency workers could rescue them.

Investigators were trying to determine how they died, and the county coroner's office was working Wednesday to identify the workers and remove their bodies.

Crews who entered from the bottom of the sloping tunnel to put out the fire discovered the bodies late Tuesday, Clear Creek County undersheriff Stu Nay said.

They were among a group of nine contract maintenance workers in the tunnel when a machine used to coat the inside

of the 12-foot-wide pipe with epoxy caught fire, Xcel Energy spokeswoman Ethnie Groves said. Xcel refused to release the name of the contractors' employer.

Exactly what burned is still under investigation, Xcel spokesman Mark Stutz said Wednesday.

Four workers below the fire were able to scramble out of the bottom of the 4,000-foot-long tunnel. Two of the four were treated for chemical inhalation, and one was airlifted to a hospital, Groves said.

The coroner's office was working to identify the workers, whose names had not been released early Wednesday.

Officials initially expressed hope that the trapped workers could be saved. Groves first reported that authorities had communicated with the five by

radio about 45 minutes after the fire broke out, and that the men said they were unhurt.

The nine workers were sealing the inside of the pipe to prevent corrosion when equipment they were using malfunctioned and ignited a fire at 2 p.m.

"We want to express our deepest sympathies to the families, friends and co-workers of those who died," said Tim Taylor, president and chief executive of Public Service Company of Colorado, an Xcel Energy Inc. company. "Certainly, we'll be working closely with the authorities to investigate what happened."

The underground tunnel delivers water from a reservoir to turbines that generate electricity and empties into a second, smaller reservoir. The plant, technically called a pumped storage facility, is

located high in the Rocky Mountains.

Xcel said the tunnel initially rises 1,500 feet at a gentle sloping angle, then another 1,500 feet at a 15-degree angle. The pipe then rises 1,000 feet at a 55-degree angle before running vertical for its final 50 feet.

The smoldering fire broke out about halfway into the pipe. The five workers were trapped at the junction of the 15-degree pipe and the 55-degree pipe, Xcel said.

Personnel from at least a dozen agencies, including a mine rescue crew and an Alpine rescue team, rushed to the site 2 miles outside Georgetown, a former mining town with mountain views, Victorian buildings and bighorn sheep that attract tourists.

Officials lowered breathing

masks and piped in oxygen to the men, who had scrambled up the tunnel and sought shelter behind a temporary valve used to prevent water from seeping into the pipe, said Maj. Rick Albers of the Clear Creek County sheriff's department.

At 5:40 p.m., the mine crew entered the bottom of the tunnel to extinguish the fire. At the top of the tunnel, rescuers waited to rappel their way down to reach the workers but authorities later said they decided it would be safer to reach the workers from the bottom.

The hydroelectric plant generates electricity by releasing water from the top reservoir into the lower reservoir, then pumping the water back to the upper reservoir. It was completed in 1967.

Bush vetoes bill to expand popular children's health insurance program

By **JENNIFER LOVEN**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush, in a confrontation with Congress, on Wednesday vetoed a bipartisan bill that would have dramatically expanded children's health insurance.

It was only the fourth veto of Bush's presidency, and one that some Republicans feared could carry steep risks for their party in next year's elections. The Senate approved the bill with enough votes to override the veto, but the margin in the House fell short of the required number.

The White House sought as little attention as possible, with the president wielding his veto behind closed doors without any fanfare or news coverage.

The State Children's Health Insurance Program is a joint state-federal effort that subsidizes health coverage for 6.6 million people, mostly children, from families that earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but

not enough to afford their own private coverage.

The Democrats who control Congress, with significant support from Republicans, passed the legislation to add \$35 billion over five years to allow an additional 4 million children into the program. It would be funded by raising the federal cigarette tax by 61 cents to \$1 per pack.

The president had promised to veto it, saying the Democratic bill was too costly, took the program too far from its original intent of helping the poor, and would entice people now covered in the private sector to switch to government coverage. He wants only a \$5 billion increase in funding.

Bush argued that the congressional plan would be a move toward socialized medicine by expanding the program to higher-income families.

Democrats deny that, saying their goal is to cover more of the millions of uninsured children and noting that the

bill provides financial incentives for states to cover their lowest-income children first. Of the over 43 million people nationwide who lack health insurance, 9 percent, or over 6 million, are under 18 years old.

Eighteen Republicans joined Democrats in the Senate, enough to override Bush's veto. But this was not the case in the House, where despite sizable Republican support, supporters of the bill are about two dozen votes short of a successful override.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said Democrats were imploring 15 House Republicans to switch positions but had received no agreements so far.

House Minority Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said he was "absolutely confident" that the House would be able to sustain Bush's expected veto.

Senate Minority Whip Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Congress should be able to reach a compromise with Bush once he vetoes

the bill. "We should not allow it to be expanded to higher and higher income levels, and to adults. This is about poor children," he said. "But we can work it out."

It took Bush six years to veto his first bill, when he blocked expanded federal research using embryonic stem cells last summer. In May, he vetoed a spending bill that would have required troop withdrawals from Iraq. In June, he vetoed another bill to ease restraints on federally funded stem cell research.

In the case of the health insurance program, the veto is a bit of a high-stakes gambit for Bush, pitting him against both the Democrats who have

controlled both houses of Congress since January, but also many members of his own party and the public.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee launched radio ads Monday attacking eight GOP House members who voted against the bill and face

potentially tough re-election campaigns next year.

And Gerald McEntee, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union, said a coalition of liberal groups planned more than 200 events throughout the nation to highlight the issue.

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Non-Fiction/Social Issues

• **"The Girls Who Went Away"** (362.829 FES A) by Ann Fessler.



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In a deeply moving and myth-shattering work, Fessler brings out into the open for the first time the astonishing untold history of the million and a half women who surrendered children for adoption due to enormous family and social pressure in the decades before Roe v. Wade.

An adoptee who was herself surrendered during those years and recently made contact with her mother, Fessler brilliantly brings to life the voices of more than a hundred women, as well as the spirit of those times, allowing the women to tell their stories in gripping and intimate detail. It is truly a haunting account of women (and men) whose lives took a heartbreaking turn.

Advice

• **"Satellite Sisters: Uncommon Senses"** (814.608 DOL J) by the Dolan sisters. From their weekly one-hour Public Radio show, this book brings the Dolan sisters' words of wisdom to the printed page. From New York; Portland, Ore; Los Angeles; and Bangkok, the Dolan's connect once a week via satellite hook-up to chat live among themselves and with callers about any topic that arises.

In their book, they share stories of birthday parties, holidays with 25 cousins, vacations, trips,

college and divorce. The book also fills in the blanks regarding the authors' personal lives, telling how growing up in a family of eight has given them a gift of gab that they heartily exploit. The review is from Publisher's Weekly

• **"Early Bird: A Memoir of Premature Retirement"** (306.380 ROT R) by Rodney Rothman,

I have only read a few pages of this book but it was enough to pique my interest. Rodney is burned out at the age of 28 and decides to take early retirement in a condo in Florida. Rooming with an 60 year piano teacher with cats and a parrot is not quite what he expected. This is a really eye-opening book and worth the read.

Cooking

Ina Garten is known as the "Barefoot Contessa." I believe she has been a guest on the Today Show and other venues. We have just gotten three of her cookbooks: **"The Barefoot Contessa Cookbook"** (641.5 GAR I); **"Barefoot Contessa at Home"** (641.5 GAR I) and **"The Barefoot Contessa Parties!"** (642.4 GAR I). All three are beautifully photographed and has some luscious recipes.

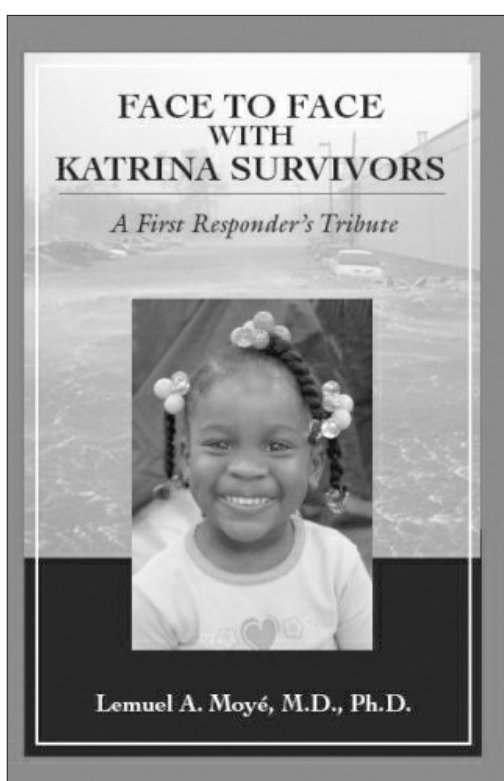
• **"Not Your Mother's**

Slow Cooker: Recipes for Entertaining" (641.588 HEN B) by Beth Hensperger is another cookbook just in stock. Did you know you can make bread pudding in a slow cooker?

Current Events/Katrina
• **"Face to Face with Katrina Survivors"** (976.335 MOY L)

Lemuel A. Moye, a professor of biostatistics at the University of Texas School of Public Health, offers a deeply personal chronicle of 10 days in an impromptu clinic at the Houston Astrodome, which housed evacuees from Hurricane Katrina. When the call went out for volunteers to provide medical treatment, along with a media caution to expect the worst, Moye jumped at the chance to help and to temporarily leave the sometimes stifling routine of university research. What he found was heartwarming gratitude and determination among the evacuees and compassionate care giving by the clinic workers and volunteers. This is a moving account.

• **"No Ordinary Heroes"** (365.976 ING D) by Demaree Inglese. He was a doctor who was stationed at the prison in New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina struck. The doctors,



nurses, prisoners and surrounding survivors were stranded without water or power for quite awhile. It looks to be a very intense book.

Fiction

New fiction just in are: **"The Keep"** by Jennifer Egan — it is reminiscent

of the gothic romances like Mary Stewart and Phyllis Whitney — **"Wild Orchids"** by Jude Deveraux, **"In the Shadow of the Ark"** by Anne Provoost, **"Restitution"** by Lee Vance's and **"Sammy's House"** by Kristin Gore.

Mysteries

New Mysteries that have come in are: **"The Night Ferry"** and **"Lost"** by Michael Robotham; **"Stripped"** by Brain Freeman; and **"Flesh and Bone"** by Jefferson Bass. I haven't read any of these. Robotham's books take place in London and both have an unusual twist. I would suggest reading "Lost" first as it seems to

be some sort of a series.

BOOK SALE! BOOK SALE! BOOK SALE!

Everything is half-price this week and next week it will go even lower. We aim to end the Book Sale by Oct. 27. Trot on down to see what is left from the Friends of the Library Book Sale. The basement sale area will be open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. weekdays. Saturdays, the basement closes at 1:30 p.m.

Come on down to the Library and see us Saturday! The Library will open its doors at 10 a.m. and close at 2 p.m. The Internet/Video room closes a half-hour before closing. The Library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. The Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us

Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.

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The case of the famous family jeep

Every once in a while, a criminal enterprise aimed at fleecing me of my money turns into an immense source of entertainment.

It all starts with my famous Jeep.

Everyone who knows me knows my silver Jeep Wrangler, and, I suppose, after almost a decade of driving the thing, people have every right to make that association.

So, needless to say, when I recently bought a new car and parked the ol' Jeep, it threw more than one person for a solid loop.

"Hey man, do you still have your Jeep?"

"Dude, what happened to the Jeep?"

I even had people I didn't know walking up to me and asking me if I was going to sell it, which is sort of flattering on one hand and unsettling on the other. I guess I'm just funny that way.

After months and months of struggling with the question of what to do with my little four-wheel-drive gem — sell it or fix it up — I finally decided it was time to let go of the ol' girl and slap a for sale sign on it.

Laugh if you will, but it was a tough decision. That Jeep's practically a member of the family.

So, with regretful resolution — the thought of no more rides with the top off with the wind flying through my hair makes me cringe, even now — I began placing advertisements on various Web sites catering to four-wheel-drive vehicles.

Two days later, I received an e-mail from a woman identifying herself as Sandra Clein. She was very, very interested in my Jeep, and asked that I answer a few questions and send some pictures.

Pictures. Well, there were pictures with the ad, but OK. I'm game. I'll play along.

Now she's satisfied with the Jeep and its condition, it's time to talk money. Am I willing to accept a cashier's check or personal check?

Hmmmm. I suppose, as long as its understood nothing is going to be signed or change hands until I have the money — and I mean cash, the good kind — in hand and all is right in the world.

And with that, there's an express mail envelope from the guys in brown waiting for me on my front porch when I get home from work. Inside is a cashier check, compliments of Chase Bank, for \$6,999.

Normally, money — especially of this magnitude — waiting for me on my front porch would both excite and frighten me. However, as I looked at the check, which certainly looks real, I'm seized with bewilderment.

I was only asking \$3,700 for the vehicle.

With that in mind I go inside and check my e-mail. Dear Sandra, that wonderful philanthropist, has made a terrible mistake with the amount of the check and needs me to do her a huge favor. Simply cash the check, take my cut, and then Western Union transfer her the balance.

Needless to say, I begin

researching the whole thing at this point. The bank is real. The check has every indication it's real, and frighteningly enough, I'm fairly sure my bank would cash it for me. The fund emblazoned on the check is real — a business school in Spain, which would explain Sandra's broken grammar — and all of the addresses appear to be genuine.

OK, so it's obvious at this point I've been victimized by a scam. Well, let's use the word "victim" loosely, because the whole thing has cost me little more than a few e-mails and some time. Granted, it's time I could have spent watching "Family Guy" or playing video games, but we'll think of it as a minimal loss.

And so, I checked my e-mail again, and I have a new person — Daniel is his first name, and I can't even begin to pronounce the last name — giving me directions on how to wire the money to him. Did Sandra have a sex-change operation and change her name?

So I replied, explaining to Daniel/Sandra that I'm an invalid, and it costs me \$30 to call the special handicapped bus to take

me to the bank, and then an additional \$5 for each stop. Round trip, including Western Union, is \$45, and I'll need that in cash before I can send them their money.

And then, this morning, while waiting for my daughter to fix her hair and get ready for school, I checked my e-mail. What was waiting for me? An e-mail from Daniel/Sandra — maybe it's a multiple personality issue — explaining to me it's not legal to send cash through the mail.

I just don't know what I'm going to do.

OK, so that's not true. I'm most likely going to continue to toy with these morons, hopefully eating up enough of their time to spare some other person trying to sell their car online, eventually building up some good karma that will lead to the sale of my beloved Jeep and the end of my days running around with the top off, doors removed and stereo blaring.

Most likely.

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Howard County Fair results — Canned Goods

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Grand Champions:

Class 1, fruits, Marie Hughes; Class 2, vegetables, Stacey Parum; Class 3, pickles and relishes, Ann Sanders; Class 4, jams, jellies and preserves, Melba Camp; Class 5, dried food products, Jan Rouille; Class 6, juices and syrups, Ann Sanders; Class 8, salsa and hot sauces, Dean Priest; Class 9, miscellaneous, Ann Sanders.

Reserve Champions:

Class 2, vegetable, Ann Sanders; Class 3, pickles and relishes, Sherry Newton; Class 4, jams, jellies and preserves, Mamie Lee Dodds; Class 8, salsa and hot sauces, Susan Moren; Class 9, miscellaneous, Dean Priest.

Class 1 Fruit: First Place, Ann Sanders; Second Place, Marie Hughes, Nellie Kerby and Walter Gleason; and Third

Place, Marie Hughes (3).
Class 2 Vegetables: First Place, Melba Camp, Ann Sanders, Susan Moren (2) and Dean Priest; Second Place, Mamie Lee Dodds (2), Nellie Kerby, Robbie Crenshaw and Susan Moren; Third Place, Mamie Lee Dodds (2), Nellie Kerby, Melba Camp and Susan Moren.

Honorable Mention: Mamie Lee Dodds and Melba Camp.

Class 3 Pickles and Relish: First Place, Melba Camp, Robbie Crenshaw (2), Ann Sanders (3), Cindy Kennedy, Sherry Newton and Walter Gleason (4); Second Place, Robbie Crenshaw (2), Ann Sanders (2), Cindy Kennedy, Walter Gleason (3), Dean Priest and Stacey Parum; Third Place, Mamie Lee Dodds (2), Melba Camp, Robbie Crenshaw, Cindy Kennedy (2) and Walter Gleason (2).

Class 4 Jams, Jellies and Preserves: First Place, Stacey Parum,

Melba Camp, Robbie Crenshaw (2), Walter Gleason (2), Cindy Kennedy (2) and Sherry Newton (5); Second Place, Mamie Lee Dodds, Toni Reese, Marie Hughes (3), Nellie Kerby, Cindy Kennedy (3), Walter Gleason and Dennis Warrington (3); Third Place, Stacey Parum, Toni Reese, Melba Camp, Robbie Crenshaw (3), Ann Sanders, Cindy Kennedy (2), Susan Moren, Dennis Warrington (2) and Dean Priest.

Honorable Mention: Mamie Lee Dodds.

Class 5 Dried Food Products: Second Place, Mamie Dodds. Honorable Mention, Ann Sanders.

Class 7 Peppers: First Place, Ann Sanders; Second Place, Ann Sanders (2); Third Place, Stacey Parum.

Class 8: Salsa and Hot Sauce: First Place, Nellie Kerby, Second Place, Mamie Lee Dodds, Stacey Parum, Tommy Corwin, Ann Sanders and Cindy Kennedy; Third Place,

Petra Lara (2), Janie Hunt (2) and Tommy Corwin. Honorable Mention: Larry James.

Class 9 Miscellaneous: First Place, Ann Sanders;

Second Place, Ann Sanders and Cindy Kennedy; Third Place, Robbie Crenshaw.

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\$100 Herald's Best of Show Award: for best interpretation of theme.

\$75 Mayor's Trophy: for best use of lighting.

\$50 Grand Marshall's Award: for best costuming.

First-place plaques will be awarded in the following categories:

1. Individual or family
2. Civic group, school or church
3. Commercial
4. Industrial

In addition, certificates of commendation will be awarded to the second- and third-place entries in each of those categories. Also, a special award will be presented to the best sheriff's posse, riding club or other mounted entry.

PARADE RULES

1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald. **No other Santa Claus will be permitted in the parade.**
2. Floats should not exceed 65 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.
5. Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards.
6. For safety, do not throw candy from your float. Small children run up under the tires. Please have someone walking beside your float if you want to throw candy.

2007 Christmas Parade Entry Form

Name of organization: _____

Name of contact person: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____

You will receive by return mail, your float number and a map showing where to go to line up.

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