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## Bring on the sausage

*St. Lawrence Fall Festival is Sunday*

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

For 50 years, people across West Central Texas have been making their way to the Garden City area for good music, games and great food. This year is no exception as parishioners from St. Lawrence Church will hold their 51st annual Fall Festival Sunday.

Homemade German sausage — available in plates, sandwiches or uncooked by the pound — is what draws many people to the festival, but others come for the games, music, Bingo or just the overall experience.

“Oh it’s the sausage, definitely,” said Martha

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

**State Representative Joe Heflin discusses the legislative year with members of the audience during a town hall meeting Thursday night. Heflin was joined by State Senator Kel Seliger, as the pair discussed education and a number of other topics with those in attendance.**

## Focus on education

*State leaders discuss TAKS, retirement, teachers and funding*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Education was the topic of choice Thursday evening for State Sen. Kel Seliger and State Rep. Joe Heflin, as the pair held a town hall meeting on the Howard College campus.

The duo touched on issues ranging from the elimination of the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) test from Texas schools to current legislation that could take a tremendous bite out of the state’s community colleges in several years. The meeting was

*“I always try to keep a very open office because you’re the people I depend on.”*

—State Rep. Joe Heflin

held at the Hall Center for the Arts.

“A little over a year ago, before the 80th Legislature, I was talking to a group of school teachers about what I thought the flaws were in the TAKS test,” said Seliger.

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## AG AWARDS

From left: Marcus Phillips, a local long time ag producer, accepts the Ag Producer of the Year Award during Thursday afternoon’s Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored Ag Appreciation Luncheon at the Dorothy Roberts Community Center. Right, Kelly Newton Tucker of Kelly Newton Insurance Agency, which was named the Ag Business of the Year, walks from the stage alongside last year’s winner, Wendell Walker of Big Spring Co-Op Gin.

HERALD photos/Thomas Jenkins



## Phillips, Tucker earn top awards at expo luncheon

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Marcus Phillips and Kelly Newton Tucker were the top honorees at the 16th annual Ag Expo Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday at Dora Roberts Community Center.

Phillips was named Agriculture Producer of the Year, while Tucker, of Kelly Newton Insurance Agency, won

the award for top Ag Business of the Year.

The luncheon, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and a host of local businesses, gives the community a chance to

salute and recognize the importance agriculture pays to this area, organizers said.

“Many people don’t realize that agriculture is a very big and irreplaceable part of the

Texas economy,” said State Sen. Kel Seliger, who, along with State Rep. Joe Heflin, served as main speaker at the

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## Moore finalizes revisions to Settles pact

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Moore Development board of directors, hoping to move forward with \$3 million in funding for the Settles Hotel renovation effort, completed

revisions Thursday for a performance agreement with the Settles Hotel Development Company.

“The revisions have been made and a copy of the performance agreement will be

sent to (Brint) Ryan,” said Terry Wegman, Moore Development executive director. “The board approved a motion that would allow the board president, Frank Parker, to sign off on the

agreement without another meeting if Ryan and his attorneys agree with the revisions that have been made.”

Wegman said he feels good

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# Sports

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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:

#### TODAY

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 vs. Frenship, 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 showing well in region standings

By ERIC RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

The Howard College Rodeo team has a total of 10 athletes ranked in the latest National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's Southwest Region standings released earlier this week.

The Howard women are currently tied for fourth place with 275 points. For the second consecutive week, the Hawks are tied with Texas Tech University. Both



Davis

teams trail third place Tarleton State University by 50 points. Weatherford College leads the region with 510 points followed by Vernon College with 385 points. Individually for Howard's women, Ashley Davis (Reform, Ala.) is sixth in barrel racing with 110 points. Davis trails Samantha Miller of Vernon by 35 points and event leader Lacy Hollabaugh of Tarleton State, who has 245 compiled 245 points.

Howard's Kelly Hanley of Littleton, Colo., and Megan Schrock of Rock Springs, Wyo., are seventh and eighth respectively in breakaway roping. Hanley has 85 points, while Schrock has 80 points. Both

ladies are very close to the top five, with Hanley only five points out of the fifth spot. Arena Robertson of Weatherford remains the region leader with 175 points.

On the men's side, Howard is 13th with 65 points. Tarleton State leads the men's division with 873.33 points.

Bull rider Cody Samora of Cortez, Colo., is fifth with 110 points, 40 points behind John Sisk of West Texas A&M University. Beau Brooks of Frank Phillips College has 240 points to lead the bull riding standings. Howard's Brian Allison of Boynton Beach, Fla., is tied for 13th with 3.3 points.

In the team roping, headers Ryan Finch of Cottondale, Fla., and Clay Norell of Delta, Colo., are eighth and ninth respectively with 80 and 65 points each. Weatherford's Cody Tew leads the headers with 170 points.

On the heeler's side, Chance Hampton of Riverton, Wyo., is eighth and Adam Sawyer of Basset, Neb., is ninth also with 80 and 65 points respectively.

The Howard College Rodeo team is competing this weekend in Alpine at the Sul Ross State University Rodeo that runs through Saturday evening's short round which begins at 7 p.m.

## Steers search for first win at homecoming tonight



Herald photo/Ken Hollandsworth

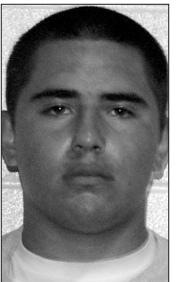
Big Spring Steers running back Monte Anderson throws a stiff arm at a San Angelo Central defender in action Sept. 7. Anderson and the Steers host undefeated rival Andrews for homecoming. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tonight.

## Steers spotlight: Raymon Rodriguez

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

For a football team that runs the spread offense, one of the most pivotal yet sometimes forgotten parts of properly executing plays is the snap.



Rodriguez

This is obviously true whether the quarterback takes the snap from under center or in a shotgun formation. However, shotgun formations depend heavily on a successful and accurate snap back to the quarterback so that the timing of the play is not disrupted.

This was something that did not come easy for the Big Spring Steers offense at the start of two-a-days since an extreme change of philosophy was occurring. The Steers rarely, if ever, took a snap in the shotgun formation last season. Now, the majority of the offense is run out of it.

In the Steers' first scrimmage against Wichita Falls Hirschi, they struggled to consistently execute the long snap. However, the problem solved itself as senior center Raymon Rodriguez worked long after

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## Record setting Eggemeyer leads Bearkats

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — Last week against Lorenzo, Garden City Bearkats running back Bo Eggemeyer ran for a meager 121 yards on seven carries.

Meager?

It is compared to the 350 yards Eggemeyer chalked up against Abilene Christian High School the week before. Not only was that a personal best, but it was also a six-man state record.

"Bo couldn't be stopped," said Bearkats Head Coach Vance Jones. "He did a good job of following his blocks and our offensive line did a wonderful job of picking up blocks at the point of attack. He was able to break several big runs because of the blocking we did downfield as well."

After two decisive victories over Lorenzo and Abilene Christian, Eggemeyer and the Bearkats have one last tune-up game against El Paso Immanuel Christian before they start district play against Sands next week.

There's little doubt that each team in District I, Division I is anxious to get as much work as it can before the district contests begin as four of the five squads — Rankin (4), Grady (6), Fort Davis (13) and Garden City (14)

— within the league are ranked in the top 15 in the state poll.

However, the Bearkats find themselves playing an unfamiliar underdog role of those four teams. This is understandable given that the Bearkats return just four lettermen and two starters from last year's state quarterfinalist team.

It appeared that the Bearkats might be in rebuilding mode following their 71-26 loss to No. 3 Calvert in week zero at the Six-man Super Saturday in Hico.

It's untypical for Garden City to be on the losing side of the 45-point mercy rule and the Bearkats have made certain that it hasn't happened again. Instead, they have ended every game since on the right side of the 45-point mercy rule, scoring more than 70 points in all three victories.

Ironically, in a game highlighted by Eggemeyer's record breaking performance, Garden City defeated Abilene Christian by the same score of the Calvert contest — 71-26.

Eggemeyer is one of the team's two returning starters and the Bearkats have depended heavily upon his abilities thus far. He has gained more than 100-yards in every game, tallying 728 yards for the season and averag-



Courtesy photo/James Schwartz

Garden City Bearkats running back Bo Eggemeyer (4) picks up a block from quarterback Nick Sanchez (8) in a six-man football game played Sept. 21 against Abilene Christian High School. Eggemeyer rushed for a six-man state record 350 yards in the contest.

ing 182 rushing yards a contest.

However, Eggemeyer hasn't been alone. Quarterback Nick Sanchez has been steady with his arm and threw two touchdown passes last week against Lorenzo.

Jones notes that Sanchez is partly responsible for Eggemeyer's success getting into the open

field since the quarterback takes on the role as lead blocker on several running plays.

Special teams has also been a highlight for the Bearkats with Jake Schwartz having returned two kickoffs for touchdowns this season.

Defensively, the Bearkats have been led by Schwartz's cousin Cole, who mans the middle

linebacker position. Cole is the leader of a defense that prides itself on getting pressure on quarterbacks and swarming to the ball.

"We play a high pressure defense so we catch teams in the backfield," Jones said. "We played a very good game as a team on defense. We had a lot of kids flying around to the ball."

## Obituaries

### Sammye Carol Laws



Sammye Carol Laws died Oct. 4, 2007. Funeral services will be at Downtown Church of Christ in Stanton at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007 with Van Pendergrass minister officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

She was born July 17, 1918, to Samuel N. Laws and Margaret Jane Goode Laws in Texarkana.

Sammye graduated from Stanton High School in 1937. She was a member of the Downtown Church of Christ.

Sammye went to work for Texas Electric in 1942 and retired in July 1983. She was a 60-year charter member of Beta Sigma Phi. After retiring from TXU, she decided to fulfill her goals in life, beginning with enrolling in Howard College in 1986, with a two-year degree in speech. She then enrolled in UTPB, graduating with honors, where she earned a bachelor's degree in mass communications. She bought her first car and learned to drive, and bought a piano and took piano lessons after she was 50 years of age. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star. The Rebekah Assembly No. 287, Martin County Hospital Auxiliary, The Stanton Music Club and American Cancer Society.

Sammye was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, Floyd, C.B., Mosley and Ladd Laws; three sisters, Flossie (Trudy) Burnam, Johnnie Zimmerman and Sciotha Laws; three nephews; and three nieces.

She is survived by two nephews, three nieces and several great-nephews and nieces.

Memorials may be made to Home Hospice 901 W. Missouri, Midland 79701, to Downtown Church of Christ, P.O. Box 1067, Stanton 79782, Evergreen Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1087, Stanton 79782, The Senior Citizens Foundation, P.O. Box 1233, Stanton 79782 or to a charity of ones choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home

Online Condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Take Note

• **ANGEL FOOD ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN** from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and Oct. 12 and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Oct. 13 at North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church, 2702 N. Birdwell. For more information, call 267-2203 or 267-3241.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1997** will have its 10-year reunion this weekend. Activities include a float in the homecoming parade at 4:30 p.m. today, followed by the football game at Memorial Stadium at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, there will be a family picnic at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park at noon, dinner at La Posada at 6:30 p.m. and a dance at the Howard County Fair Barns at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Amanda Armstrong Arguello at 262-0949 or Mindy Robertson at 212-1770.

• **THE LENORAH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BARBECUE FUND-RAISER AND DANCE** will be held Saturday at the new firehouse, Highway 176 at the county barns.

The barbecue is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the dance will be from 8 p.m. to midnight with music provided by the Zach Edwards Band. Everyone is invited.

• **FIELDS OF FAITH**, featuring Ornan's Floor in partnership with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, will be at Big Spring Memorial Stadium Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited.

• **BIG SPRING DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB IS HAVING A HAMBURGER SUPPER** at the Big Spring High School Cafeteria from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 12 at \$6 per plate. Includes beans, fries and dessert.

• **FLU CLINICS WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT OCTOBER** at the Department of State Health Service, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28 B. Clinics will be held from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 10 and Oct. 24. Clinics will also be held at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Ave., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 11 and at the Big Spring Mall from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 19. There is no charge for those on Medicaid or Medicare.

• **A BENEFIT DINNER, DANCE AND AUCTION** will be held Oct. 14 at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St. The benefit is to raise funds for B. Michael Brown, who has been diagnosed with 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 call 816-5988, 264-8048 or 270-4156.

## Police blotter

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

- **BEN JOSEPH GARZA JR.**, 27, of 1410 E. 11th Street, was arrested Wednesday on charges of no driver's license, failure to control speed and striking an unattended vehicle.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:
  - in the 1600 block of Runnels.
  - in the 1300 block of Pennsylvania.

## Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 51 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JOHNNY ALBERT SMITHWICK**, 42, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of tampering with government records - insurance document.
  - **ROGER BRUCE HANSON**, 51, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a building.
  - **DOYCE RAY COYLE**, 38, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a building.

## Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of W. Fifth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Sunset Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2700 block of Carle Dr. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Chickasaw. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1100 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. Service refused.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of 18th Street and Scurry. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 6000 block of the Interstate Highway 20 N. Service Road.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 300 block of Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2700 block of Cindy Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

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

Saturday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

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

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Cooler. Lows 54 to 59.

Columbus day...Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

Monday night...Mostly clear. Lows around 50.

Tuesday...Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s.

## Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-8-26. Bonus Ball: 22.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.  
Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$250,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 14-19-20-32-34.  
Number matching five of five: 2.  
Prize per winner: \$14,528.  
Winning tickets sold in: El Paso, Normangee.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-9-2-6. Sum It Up: 20

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-2-2

## Bulletin Board

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

### TODAY

- Dance at the Senior Center to Monroe Casey and the Prowlers, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY

- Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

### MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- 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.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

### TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- The American Cancer Society meets at noon at the Home Hospice Office for lunch and its monthly meeting. For more information, call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.
- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

## Support Groups

### FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

### 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.

### TUESDAY

- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

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

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

- Life Recovery, a non-denominational Christian group of recovering alcoholics and addicts, meets at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

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# Longhorns hope '99 a good sign for Saturday

**The Associated Press**

AUSTIN — Texas had barely walked off the field after its 41-21 home loss to Kansas State when some fans were looking way back to 1999 in search of some good news.

Sure, Colt McCoy had his worst game.

And sure the No. 19 Longhorns (4-1, 0-1) are heading into their big border rivalry with No. 10 Oklahoma (4-1, 0-1) after a loss.

But '99 gives them some hope that McCoy and the Longhorns can turn things around.

Eight years ago, quarterback Major Applewhite committed six turnovers — three interceptions, three fumbles — in a 35-17 loss to K-State.

The next morning's Austin American-Statesman infamously dubbed the game "Apple Turnover." Applewhite was beaten up so badly by the Wildcats defense, he said his teammates had nicknamed him "Bruise."

McCoy had similar problems, throwing four interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown, and getting knocked out of the game with symptoms of a concussion.

On special teams, the Longhorns gave up a kickoff and punt return for touchdowns. The last punt return for

a TD against Texas? It was 1999, against Kansas State.

The next weekend in Dallas, the Sooners rolled out to a quick 17-0 lead before Applewhite rallied Texas to a 38-28 victory. At the time, it was biggest comeback in Texas history.

So, are all these Texas-Kansas State-Oklahoma comparisons coincidence or karma? The Longhorns and Sooners will know Saturday.

**PROTECTING MCCOY:** The big question at practice this week was Colt McCoy's health, but by early Monday, the sophomore QB had declared himself "fine" and said he wasn't worried.

On Wednesday, coach Mack Brown reiterated that McCoy was taking all the snaps with the first team.

McCoy has been knocked out of Texas' last three Big 12 games — all losses — with injuries. He's thrown just one touchdown and seven interceptions in those games.

McCoy's four picks last weekend were one shy of the school record of five, last set by Bret Stafford against Oklahoma in 1987.

**'RAK'S BACK:** The Longhorns expect to get a big

boost from the return of junior defensive end Brian Orakpo, who has been out since suffering a leg injury in the season opener against Arkansas State.

Orakpo is considered the Longhorns' best pass rusher, and Texas is counting on him getting to Oklahoma's freshman quarterback Sam Bradford.

"If I have to get to the quarterback 10 million times to help my team, that's what I'll do," Orakpo said.

Texas has 14 sacks through the first five games. Orakpo had 4? last season. The Sooners have allowed only three sacks this season.

"He can get to the quarterback on any play at any time," defensive tackle Derek Lokey said.

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Half of the fun for Texas and Oklahoma at Saturday's game is going to the State Fair of Texas and eating the corn dogs, cotton candy and whatever concoction the vendors think of to deep fry, from Twinkies to Oreos.

"Those funnel cakes and corn dogs and turkey legs are just something that you can't get anywhere else," said defensive tackle Frank Okam, who at 6-foot-5, 320 pounds can pack

away more meals than most.

His favorite? "I would have to say the turkey leg. You can't get a better turkey leg anywhere," he said.

**STREAKY RIVALRY:** Texas-OU has been one streaky rivalry.

The Sooners won four in row from 1985-1988. Texas returned the favor by winning the next four.

The Longhorns won three straight from '97-'99 before the Sooners pounded out five in a row from 2000-04. Texas won the last two.

And for a rivalry that stirs such passion and emotion on both sides of Red River, the game has seldom been close over the last 10 years.

Since 1998, each game has been decided by 10 or more points.

The only one that was arguably close was Oklahoma's 14-3 win in 2001 when the Sooners returned an interception for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

The Sooners also produced two of the biggest blowouts in 2000 (63-14) and 2004 (65-13). Texas turned it around with a 45-12 win in 2005.

**PAGING CHILES:** Texas' secret weapon could be backup

quarterback John Chiles, who has completed only one pass this season but was given a bigger role in the offense against Kansas State.

Chiles can run the option and cross teams up when Texas uses him and McCoy on the field at the same time.

"It puts a tremendous amount of pressure on the defense, and as John grows, we'll be able to expand that package," coach Mack Brown said.

**THE LAST TIME ...**

- Texas and Oklahoma went into the game coming off a loss: 1999.

- Texas opened conference play 0-2: 1956 when Texas went 0-6 in the Southwest Conference in a 1-9 season.

- A team won the Big 12 South with two losses: 1999 (Texas).

- A team returned an interception, a kickoff and a punt for touchdowns against Texas in one game: Last Saturday. K-State is only team to do it in 115 years of Longhorns football.

**QUOTABLE:** "After a loss a team can pull apart. I think we're pulling together." — Lokey on Texas going into the Oklahoma game having already lost a Big 12 game.

## SPOTLIGHT

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most practices.

"It was different at first," said Rodriguez, who played left guard last season. "I had to work hard to get better at snapping. I spent lots of time after practice snapping the ball 50 to 60 times every day with the quarterbacks."

Head Coach Mike Ritchey notes that Rodriguez was the player he had in mind for the position at the start of two-a-

"Raymon is very athletic," Steers Head Coach Mike Ritchey said. "He's had a good work ethic during the season and worked hard to get better at his position. He had a tough time snapping at the start of the season, but he worked hard and it hasn't been much of an issue for us. He exactly who I wanted to fill in at center from the beginning."

The Steers went the first four games of the season with very few snapping mistakes. However, on two occasions last week against Sweetwater, the ball was snapped over the head of the Steers' quarterback after

they had made their way into the red zone.

Rodriguez says he has worked hard this week to ensure that doesn't happen again against Andrews.

"I've been working hard on fixing that problem all week. I've been taking extra snaps on my own so that it won't happen again," Rodriguez explained. "I guess I was just having a wild week. I had been doing really well for several games. I'm not sure exactly what the problem was, but I am going to do my best to make sure it doesn't happen again."

"I love snapping. It's fun for

me," he continued. "I want to make sure that every snap is a good one."

Rodriguez is a two-sport athlete, doubling as a left fielder and relief pitcher on the baseball team.

"I had a pretty good year pitching last season," he said. "I got used in situations where we needed to get out of a jam. I like playing in the outfield because I'm probably one of the biggest guys out there. I've got a strong arm to get the ball back into the infield though."

Rodriguez says that his strong pitching arm doesn't come into play with snapping the football.

In fact, he feels that it can be a hindrance at times.

"It's a different type of movement," he said. "Sometimes I know I put the ball back there too hard because I get my adrenaline pumping. It's something I've got to keep focusing on improving. We've got a good team and I'm going to make sure that my play doesn't keep us from winning."

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
The shared harmony of the Libra sun and Leo moon make for a sweet, lazy fall weekend ahead. Give top honors to the people you care about. For rewards and positive recognition, return affectionate behavior in kind. And don't worry about going over the top — the indulgence is absolutely mutual. So, what's your fancy?  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Every age you have ever been is inside of you — a 2-year-old, a 6-year-old, a 15-year-old and beyond. The feelings of each age are touched on through the course of this day.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Psychologists say that when the aim is to change a child's behavior, six rewards should be handed out for every one reprimand. Tell your loved ones "Good job" whenever you see an opportunity.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). If you're feeling a little under-utilized, try to lighten the burden of your friend. This is invigorating to a degree you haven't felt before. Sagittarius and Capricorn are especially appreciative of aid.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Are you hiding your emotions again, dear Cancer? Well, some beings aren't fooled. Your pets seem to know what you're feeling better than the people around you. Yes, you can take comfort in their knowing.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Here are the people who you shouldn't trust now: The guy who thinks it's all great, the gal who thinks it's all not, and the individual who can't decide. Who can you trust, then? The complex souls who see all shades.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you are poster child for anything, it's common sense, common honesty and common dignity, the most beautiful virtues to grace a poster. And in practice, it turns out that those qualities produce something uncommon indeed.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll encounter more than the usual amount of nonsense and gaudy sham. Always the diplomat, you'll probably choose not to point it out, though — you're content to look on with a bemused gleam in your eye.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your crisp style is lauded by O well, no one

except this humble horoscope column. But in time, your circle of friends will be able appreciate the smart way you convey your ideas.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Seize the energy of this abundant day. There's a wish list you've tucked away. Break it out, and find a way to check off one of the items on it — right now!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You take obvious delight in your work, and that's why you rise to the top. After all, who would promote one who complains and whines about the blessings of hard labor?

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You never could understand those nonsense types. What do they have against nonsense? For instance, there's a poetic beauty in all of the nonsense you encounter in the course of this day.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). If you ever find yourself swimming beside a ship, you can change the direction it goes by pushing against it. It's hard to accomplish this, but it is possible. Much like it's possible to change the behavior of your loved one.

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**Annie's Mailbox**

Dear Annie: I cannot get along with my mother-in-law. I have always been respectful to her, even though she has kept in touch with my husband's ex-girlfriend and enjoys bringing up news about her in front of me.

Recently, Mom was behaving more irrationally than usual. She had begun valuing her animals over my father-in-law and never wanted to go anywhere. She said she felt like she was going crazy. I had a heart-to-heart with her and suggested she have a doctor check her hormone levels and that she also see a counselor. I don't believe she's done either.

The last straw was at a recent family party that I hosted. My husband's son cannot handle his liquor. (There is alcoholism on both sides of the family.) When he drinks, he gets mean and violent. He started calling me names and making snide remarks. I'd had enough. My husband and I discussed what to do, and we agreed that I would send an e-mail to him, copying the entire family, explaining that he may no longer drink in our home and needs to join AA.

A family member saw this and called my mother-in-law to ask what happened, since she wasn't at the party. My mother-in-law phoned my husband at work in the middle of a very stressful day to yell at him. She thought it was a private matter and shouldn't have been put out on the pipeline for all the relatives. My husband thinks Mom worries her grandson won't come around anymore now that he's been "outed."

I am furious that she harassed my husband at work. He wants me to leave it alone. OK, fine. However, I want to avoid all family gatherings except for the holidays. Any ideas? — Frustrated and Furious

Dear Frustrated: Surely you knew that posting such a message for all to see would antagonize the family. It pushed your in-laws to ally themselves with your stepson, making it less likely that

he will get help for his drinking. If you don't wish to attend family events other than holidays, that is up to you and your husband. But please, stop sending nuclear missiles on the family pipeline.

Dear Annie: I can relate to "Exhausted," who didn't want to have young children at her home for family events. Hosting any event is tiring, but it is no fun when the hosts have to take care of the guests and discipline unruly children because their parents do not monitor them.

I solved this by having some of these events at a park where children can play on the equipment and run and be loud, and the adults can see what is going on and still visit with one another. I buy the lion's share of the food and ask guests to bring one dish plus their own beverage of choice. It works out perfectly. I am able to go home to a clean house without being the big bad wolf. — Relaxed in Oregon

Dear Oregon: Great idea. Thanks for sharing.

Dear Annie: I have been a widower for the past five years. I hooked up with a wonderful lady and proposed nearly three years ago. She accepted, but it is obvious that she really is not interested in marrying, as she never talks about wedding plans and changes the subject when I bring it up.

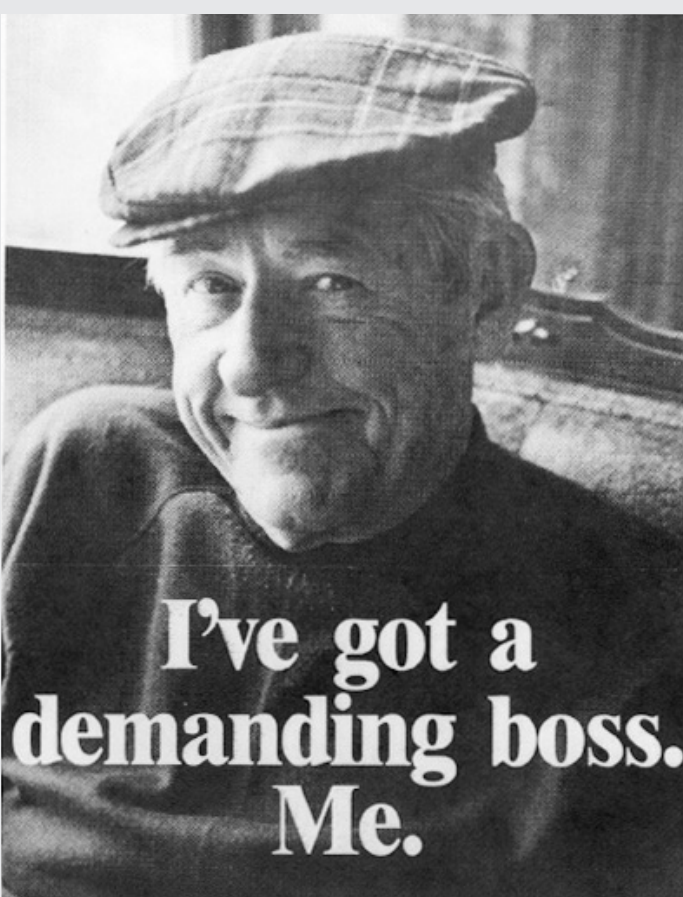
So, Annie, when I break the engagement officially, does she keep the ring or give it back? We might stay together anyway, and I certainly would never give that ring to another lady. — A Man With a Question

Dear Man: The gracious response is for the woman to return the ring when the engagement is broken, and in many states, if no marriage takes place, the ring legally belongs to the person who purchased it. You might ask for the ring back by telling your lady friend that you want to be able to present it again when she's ready.

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"And they are numerous. And I told them the bottom line was the TAKS test should be done away with tomorrow. The response was very positive all over the district, and it seemed to be what knowledgeable people wanted.

"I introduced SB 379, which was absorbed into and became the foundation for SB 1031, which essentially replaces the TAKS test with end-of-course exams — what we knew as semester tests. So we're going to do away with those TAKS tests, and it's going to be a process. I feel like (doing it in) 2011 and 2012 is kind of long, because something as flawed as TAKS tests we need to treat it with a sense of immediacy and I don't feel that timing does that."

Heflin said a major issue being reviewed by the House is funding for retired teachers, a subject that's still up in the air despite the completion of the most recent legislative session.

"We need to have our integrity. If we tell educators who teach our children from grades one through 12 and they work 30 years for the system that when they retire they are going to have a decent retirement, we should stand by that," said Heflin. "We don't need to retire them then starve them to death. We worked hard this time to get a 13th check for retired teachers, and we still don't know if it's going to be funded. But we need to continue to fight for that, to fight for our retired teachers.

"We also need to fight for our educators — our teachers. Starting salaries in Dallas are around \$43,000 a year. We need good teachers for our kids out here, and we need funding that will allow us to pay our teachers a decent wage. And our professional educators aren't in it for the money, because if they were they would be lawyers and doctors, something like that. We need to help our children have the best oppor-

tunity to learn. We can't fix the family home and the problems there ... but we need to give them every opportunity that we can."

Another major concern for educators — specifically community colleges — was the veto of more than \$150 million in funding by Gov. Rick Perry, a situation Seliger said he expects to see corrected before the cuts would go into effect, most likely driving up taxes and tuition for schools like Howard College.

"We wake up after we've gone home, and the governor vetoed \$152.7 million of money for community colleges," said Seliger. "For some places — take Clarendon College — that's 20 percent of their annual budget. What are they going to do without it? So it was sort of devastating.

"I don't think the governor thinks any less of community than the rest of us. He knows the impact they have ... There are policy issues around that \$152.7 million, and they need to be discussed. I believe that money is going back to community colleges. The cuts don't actually take place until 2009, and long before that time, I think that money will be restored."

As both elected officials breath a collective sigh of relief with the completion of this year's legislative session, Heflin said there's plenty of hard work coming next year, with much of it centering around water issues.

"We're going to have a lot of issues coming up this time over water. Water is going to be an important issue for West Texas," said Heflin. "We're going to be talking about groundwater issues, and we have very good water districts out here in West Texas. We need to make sure we preserve and protect those water districts that are locally managed and controlled, and make sure they aren't added into conglomerations ... we need to protect ourselves."

Seliger said he was pleased to see a bill that is aimed at the agricultural community pass during



Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College, and State Senator Kel Seliger, right, watch as REP. Joe Heflin explains some of the issues currently being considered by the House of Representatives and expected to make an appearance during the next legislative session.

the session.

"They wanted to see a temporary driver's license for people who work out of residence," said Seliger. "So I take the bill to committee and asked, 'Is this a stupid bill?' To give people who are here — who may be here illegally — a driver's license? And I spent a lot of time explaining, no it's not. Absolutely, it's not."

"A lot of people — primarily in agriculture — do a lot of seasonal work and they have what's called an I-94, which is an immigration visa, they have a work visa saying they can legally work in the state of Texas, and all they need now is to be able to use the equipment they are here legally to use. And that takes a commercial driver's license, which is temporary. The license is only good as long as the visa is, and there are all kinds of protections there. And that bill passed with Joe's help."

And while both politi-

cians — who fielded questions during the meeting ranging from troubles with the state's vehicle inspection system to the skyrocketing prices of text books at the college level — saw their share of success and defeat in the state's capital, Heflin said the experience has been tremendous for him.

"As a freshman, when you go to Austin it's like drinking water out of a fire hydrant," said Heflin. "You have so much information coming at you, so many things you have to learn, so you have to learn to depend on people. I always try to keep a very open office because you're the people I depend on. If I'm representing you, I need to know what you think, and I get to learn from you because you know about these issues."

"One of the things I learned in this session is we can type up a perfectly good bill and it gets sent over to administrative agencies for application

and the interpretation of that bill is totally different from what we intended in its drafting. That can happen, and a lot of times it's just a misunderstanding. But those are the sort of things you have to watch for."

Seliger, who is on the backside of a current

four-year term, announced Thursday in Howard County he will be seeking re-election in 2008.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

## We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Marcus Phillips, named Ag Producer of the Year and Kelly Newton Tucker, of Kelly Newton Insurance Agency, selected Ag Business of the Year at the annual Ag Expo and Luncheon Thursday. Also a special handshake to all of the ag producers and agri-businesses in the Crossroads area. Thanks, folks, for all you contribute to our economy and as neighbors and friends.

- Sen. Kel Seliger and Rep. Joe Heflin, speakers at the aforementioned luncheon and at Thursday's town hall meeting. Thanks, gentlemen for representing us in Austin. Congradulations, Mr. Seliger, on your decision to run for office again in 2008.

- Everyone who is "coming home" this weekend for Big Spring High School's annual homecoming festivities. Have a great time!

- Speaking of homecoming, we salute Big Spring High School queen nominees Mistie Aguilar, Amanda Caskey, Ale Garcia, Whitney Lewis and Callie Partee as well as king nominees Shane Bowles, Zack Dawson, Lance Gross, Jessie Sanchez and Jono Smith. Hats off, too, to Grady High School queen nominees Linsey Chavez, Patsy Flores, Lauren Robinson and Kandace Scheulke.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Problems that seem awful to us, Lord, can be taken care of so easily by You when we turn them over to You.

Amen

## Realizing it's time to 'lego' my ego

On Sunday, June 25, 1876 in a remote region of what is now Montana, Col. George Armstrong Custer looked down upon a large village of Sioux Indians. A few days earlier when he left Fort Lincoln he was advised to take a Gatling gun and two cannons with him to engage the Indians. But he was Custer and this was the elite 7th Calvary.

So at 3:05 p.m. on a hot Sunday afternoon, Custer and his elite looked down on a large Indian village and what appeared to be very few men.

What he didn't realize is that the 100 or so warriors of this village had joined an alliance of thousands led by none other than Crazy Horse himself. They were waiting just over the next ridge.

On the way to the battlefield his trusted Indian scouts came back with the report. The few hundred warriors he saw were actually thousands he didn't see.

Custer, undaunted, simply replied, "HOGWASH."

Custer pointed his sword toward

the village and said, "We caught them napping boys. Attack!"

Less than 2 hours later, a terrified and badly wounded remnant of 42 soldiers took a defensive posture to try fight off the relentless attack. Using dead horses as breast works a few watched helplessly as their fellow soldiers were killed and mutilated by their hated Indian enemy. In the midst of blood, brains, gun smoke and war hoops, the 42 (including Custer) were stripped naked and mutilated without mercy at a place forever known as "Little Big Horn."

Nobody can understand the terror that these last few survivors felt. All because of the ego of one man.

Webster defines the word ego as "an exaggerated sense of self-importance." The Bible defines it as a recipe for certain destruction. Isaiah 5:21 says, "Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!"

The Bible is full of people with unbelievable egos. Pharaoh for example had people full time that did nothing but made sure that no one looked at him in the face. If they found anyone looking at him they would burn their eyes out with red-hot poker.

Imagine then the audacity as God sent a nobody by the name of Moses to stand in Pharaoh's courtroom, point his finger in Pharaoh's face and say, "God says, 'Let my people Go!'"

Our lives are full of people with unbelievable egos. Since we can't change the hearts of anybody around us, we might do well to just work on our own. Walking humbly is absolutely essential to longevity.

Have you noticed that lazy people have great egos? King Solomon wrote in Proverbs 26:16 "The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can answer sensibly."

Ego is all about self-preservation. Ego and faith do not mix. You can't be full of ego and have a heart for other people. You can't be really happy and selfish at the same time. So the next time an exaggerated sense of self-importance comes flying out of your toaster, make yourself let go of that ego.

Proverbs 16:18 "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

The Rev. Troy Brewer welcomes your comments at  
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## GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS IN THE COMPASSIONATE CONSERVATIVE BUDGET



## Unequal pay still legal and real

All that 70-year-old Lilly Ledbetter ever wanted was to be treated like one of the boys. The grandmother operated under the assumption that she would receive equal pay for equal work at the Goodyear tire plant in Gadsden, Ala., where she worked as a manager alongside mostly men.

It was 1979 after all — at least 15 years after the U.S. Congress passed the Civil Rights Act, which outlawed, among many other things, wage discrimination, based on gender, color, religion, etc. Still, it took her nearly 19 years to realize that she was laboring under a grand illusion. By the time of her departure, she was making nearly 20 percent less than the lowest-paid male manager.

So, she decided to right the wrong by filing a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which found merit in her claim. The agency stood beside her when an Alabama jury awarded her \$3 million, which was reduced by a federal trial judge to \$360,000, the statutory cap imposed for such damages.

However, an appeals court struck down the lower court's decision, claiming that she had exceeded the 180-day statute of limitations in reporting the discrimination, even though she was unaware of it until nearly 20 years after she first received an unequal paycheck.

In its Ledbetter v. Goodyear decision, the U.S. Supreme Court

by the slimmest of margins upheld the appellate court's action, deciding to limit severely the ability of wage discrimination victims to sue under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The high court ruled that the 180-day statute of limitations for suing for unequal pay under Title VII begins after the first unequal paycheck is received, regardless of whether the employee is aware of any discrimination. In doing so, it effectively slammed the courthouse door in the faces of countless wronged employees.

In the opinion in support of the ruling, Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr., concluded that: "Current effects alone cannot breathe life into prior, uncharged discrimination," according to an August "Washington Post" story. But dissenter Ruth Bader Ginsburg contended that the court's majority turned a blind eye to workplace realities and that it is nearly impossible for employees to determine they've been discriminated against within such a narrow window of time.

"Few employees have concrete information about the pay of peers to compare with their own, let alone whether discrimination played a role in pay decisions. Employers should not get a free pass to discriminate in pay based on the secrecy that they foster," observed Marcia D Greenberger, co-president of the National Women's Law Center, in a recent letter to the editor of the "Post."

In late July, the U.S. House of Representatives, through the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2007, voted to act on its own and rectify the situation. The legislation would start the clock on the 180-day statute of limitations at the date of receipt of the last discrimi-

natory paycheck.

The business world contends that enactment of the bill would create a backlog of cases in the courts over actions that may have occurred years before. But, from the workers' perspective, failure to crack down on wage discrimination has a very lasting and damaging effect, not only on a personal, but also a national level.

As Ledbetter noted to Congress at a hearing in June, the decision by Goodyear to pay her less than her male colleagues "had real consequences" for her ability to support her family. It also has the secondary effect of reducing retirement benefits and inhibiting the ability to pass on wealth to future generations. It undermines the capacity of working American's ability to seize control of their economic destinies and to close the economic gaps that still exist in our nation.

That is why I must urge the U.S. Senate to defy the White House's veto threat and pass the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2007. Ledbetter represents more than just one woman.

She represents an entire population of hard-working Americans who have traditionally faced discrimination in the workplace and deserve the opportunity to provide for themselves and their children on a level playing field.

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## News briefs

### Boy Scouts badge being recalled

DALLAS (AP) — The Boy Scouts of America said Thursday that a painted, plastic badge commonly worn by some of its youngest scouts is being voluntarily recalled after a test revealed high levels of lead in the paint.

As many as 1.6 million of the badges, which are made in China, may be affected by the recall.

"We're doing everything we can," Boy Scouts spokesman Gregg Shields said.

The plastic totem badge is given to Cub Scouts, who are usually between the ages of 7 and 8. The badge has a yellow and blue border, includes a picture of a bear and wolf and reads "Progress Toward Ranks."

No illnesses have been reported, Shields said.

### Wilson released from hospital after transplant

HOUSTON (AP) — Ten days after a successful heart transplant, retired U.S. Rep. Charlie Wilson left a Houston hospital on Thursday, dispensing praise for his medical team, bantering with reporters, and encouraging the public to increase the number of organ donations.

Wilson, 74, received a new heart from a Kansas City donor on Sept. 24, after spending 40 days on a transplant waiting list. Doctors had told Wilson, who suffered from cardiomyopathy, a disease that causes an enlarged and weakened heart, that he would likely die without a transplant.

Looking pale but jovial, Wilson addressed reporters at The Methodist Hospital, where surgeons perform about 40 to 50 heart transplants a year.

"I feel great. I'm a little off balance, a little off speech," said Wilson, who was known as "Good Time Charlie" when he was in Washington. "But this was just a week ago — a week — that's how long you stay in bed with the flu."

### Inspections ordered for all TYC contract-care programs

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Youth Commission officials have ordered special inspections for all the agency's contract-care programs after the closure of a West Texas facility for holding juvenile inmates in filthy

conditions.

Spokesman Jim Hurley said the inspections will cover the agency's 17 other programs run by private contractors, from detention centers to foster homes and residential treatment facilities.

"We thought we could trust our monitors, but in light of the Coke County situation, we obviously can't," Hurley said Thursday.

The state this week closed the Coke County Juvenile Center and canceled an \$8 million annual contract with GEO Group Inc., which had operated the prison since 1994. Officials cited an ombudsman's report that described conditions including dirty bed sheets, feces-smear cells and insects in the food. The center's 200 inmates were moved to other facilities.

### Four San Antonio officers suspended over body searches

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Four police officers have been suspended without pay over an incident in which several men and women said they were wrongfully searched during a police raid of a nightclub.

Women who were subjected to the searches claimed the police inspected their breasts and buttocks.

The suspensions are an "acknowledgment of the fact that innocent victims' rights were trampled upon," said Janice Maloney, an attorney who filed a federal lawsuit that claims the officers violated the group's civil rights and searched them without probable cause.

City Attorney Michael Bernard said the suspensions don't justify the civil suit. Rather, the officers were suspended for breaching the department's policies.

Teddy Stewart, president of the police union, said he didn't believe the officers did anything wrong. He said the officers were appealing their suspensions.

### Father, stepmother arrested in beating of 5-year-old girl

PHOENIX (AP) — A Mesa man has been arrested after telling police that he regularly beat his 5-year-old daughter with a military belt and a computer cord because she was disobedient.

Ezra Emanuel Hazell, 29, was taken into custody Tuesday and the girl's stepmother, Kristie Marie Hazell, 25, also was arrested on suspicion of child abuse, according to police.

Ezra Hazell faces five counts of child abuse and was being held on a \$10,000 bond, police said Thursday.

Kristie Hazell is facing two counts of child abuse but has been released from jail.

The family moved to Mesa from Austin, Texas, in March.

Authorities said Ezra Hazell admitted beating his daughter while she was in a push-up position with her pants down because she wasn't doing her homework.

The girl had nearly 100 bruises on her back, legs, arms, buttocks and chest, and investigators called it one of the five worst cases they have handled, Mesa police spokeswoman Diana Tapia said.

The probe began after the girl told her teacher and school nurse that her father and stepmother beat her with a belt almost daily, police records show.

The victim and two other girls in the home, ages 4 and 4 months, now are in CPS custody.

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**Contract Bridge**  
By Steve Becker  
**Bidding Quiz**

**You are South**, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

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**What would you now bid** with each of the following five hands?

- ♠QJ82 ♥7♦K954 ♣Q763
- ♠K87642 ♥K♦K53 ♣K74
- ♠K753 ♥954♦QJ6 ♣QJ8
- ♠AJ962 ♥J74♦A97 ♣KJ
- ♠KQ953 ♥Q6♦872 ♣AJ5

**1. Four spades.** Partner's jump-raise is not forcing, but urges you to bid again if you have more than an absolute minimum for your initial response. Partner should have 16 to 18 points, some of which might be in distributional values. He also guarantees four-card trump support.

You therefore have every reason to accept his invitation to bid four spades. Your initial response, which could have been based on just six points, is clearly not a minimum, so you must carry on to game.

**2. Four notrump.** Slam is a strong possibility, and the number of tricks that can be made will depend in large part on the number of aces partner has. The Blackwood Convention is therefore invoked.

If partner bids five spades (three aces), you will continue to six, while if he shows four aces by bidding five clubs, you plan to bid a grand slam. Of course, if he indicates only two

aces with a five-heart response, you will quit at five spades.

**3. Three notrump.** It might prove easier to make nine tricks at notrump than 10 tricks at spades. Partner will usually retreat to four spades in this sequence because of his distribution, but he will sometimes also have a hand that is suitable for notrump play. Three notrump is therefore bid to cater to this possibility.

**4. Six spades.** Since you have an opening bid of your own, enhanced by a guaranteed spade fit, you should have an excellent play for slam. Remember, partner jump-raised to three spades opposite a spade response that might have been made with a six-point hand.

With 14 high-card points, a good suit and good controls, you can do no less than bid a small slam. An alternate call is four diamonds (showing first-round control) with an eye toward possibly reaching seven spades. But there is so little chance of eventually undertaking a grand slam that it makes more sense to bid six directly.

**5. Four clubs.** Here there is a possibility of slam, but whether it is in the cards depends largely on partner's diamond holding. The four-club bid is a slam try because if you were interested only in game, you would bid four spades directly. How high you go depends on what partner does over your cuebid.

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6:PM :30	News (CC) Battle in Big D	Jeopardy! Wheel-Fortune	Yo Amo a Juan	The Simpsons Two-Half Men	News Entertainment	Dame Chocolate	News Be a Millionaire	Game 2 -- Teams TBA	John Hagee	News-Lehrer	Survivorman		CSI: Crime Scene Investg. (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live (CC) Movie: Why	Han. Montana The Suite Life	ESPN Ultimate NASCAR	Football Live (CC)	Bionic Woman (CC)
7:PM :30	Pushing Daisies (CC)	Pushing Daisies (CC)	Amar sin Limites	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Ghost Whisperer	Madre Luna	Deal or No Deal (CC)	MLB Baseball: (CC)	Camie Davis Alan Granger	Wash. Week NOW (CC)	How to Survive	Movie: Working	CSI: Crime Scene Investg. (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Fools Fall in Love (CC)	Han. Montana Cory in House	Billiards: Int'l Challenge	College Football: (CC)	Doctor Who (CC)
8:PM :30	Primetime: Medical	Primetime: Medical	Destilando Amor	Nashville (CC)	Moonlight (CC)	La Esclava Isaura	Friday Night Lights (CC)	American League	Light of the Southwest	Bill Moyers Journal (CC)	Man vs. Wild		Movie: Escape From Alcatraz	Movie: The Upside of		Movie: The Haunted	Billiards: Int'l Challenge	Utah at Louisville (CC)	Flash Gordon (CC)
9:PM :30	20/20 (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Familia-Luche Retro P. Luche	TMZ (CC) Raymond	NUMB3RS (CC)	Amor Mio (CC)	Las Vegas (CC)	Division Series Game 2 -- (CC)		Expose Roadshow FYI	Last One Standing	Movie: Original		Anger (CC)	Sunday Best (CC)	Mansion	Billiards: Int'l Challenge		Stargate Atlantis (CC)
10:PM :30	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	Two-Half Men Raymond	News Late Show-	Noticias Titulares y Mas	News Tonight Show	Teams TBA (CC)	J.R. Church How Can I	Charlie Rose (CC)	Survivorman	Sin (CC)		:10 Movie: The Upside of	Take the Cake Han. Montana	The Suite Life Han. Montana	The Contender (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	Flash Gordon (CC)
11:PM :30	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel	Final Score Jimmy Kimmel	La Hora de la Risa	My Wife-Kids 70s Show	Letterman Late Late	12 Corazones !Al Rojo Vivo!	Late Night- Sex and-City	Inside MLB Sex and-City	Global Force Pico Cortes	Tavis Smiley Tavis Smiley	How to Survive		MXC MXC	Anger (CC)	Hell Date Comicview	Replacements Kim Possible	NASCAR Now 2007 World	Baseball NFL Live (CC)	Stargate Atlantis (CC)
12:AM :30	Live (CC) Gordon Keith	Live (CC) Extra (CC)	Salome (SS)	Reno 911! George Lopez	Show The Insider	Programa	Conan O'Brien News	Sex and-City Movie: Under	Camie Davis CCM Ministries	Sign Off	Man vs. Wild	Children of the Corn II: The	Game Head Game Head	12:10 Movie: Unfaithful	Rap City (CC)	Emperor New American Drgn	Series of Poker 2007 World	SportsCenter (CC)	Doctor Who (CC)

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**This Date In History**

Today is Friday, Oct. 5, the 278th day of 2007. There are 87 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Oct. 5, 1947, President Truman delivered the first televised White House address. (Speaking about a world food crisis, Truman called on Americans to refrain from eating meat on Tuesdays and poultry as well as eggs on Thursdays.)

On this date:

In 1829, the 21st president of the United States, Chester Alan Arthur, was born in Fairfield, Vt. (Some sources list 1830.)

In 1892, the Dalton Gang, notorious for its train robberies, was practically wiped out while attempting to rob a pair of banks in Coffeyville, Kan.

In 1921, the World Series was broadcast on radio for the first time. (By series' end, the New York Giants

had beaten the New York Yankees 5-3 in the best-of-nine contest.)

In 1931, Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon completed the first nonstop flight across the Pacific Ocean, arriving in Washington state some 41 hours after leaving Japan.

In 1937, President Truman Roosevelt, speaking in Chicago, called for a "quarantine" of aggressor nations.

In 1953, Earl Warren was sworn in as the 14th chief justice of the United States, succeeding Fred M. Vinson.

In 1981, President Reagan signed a resolution granting honorary American citizenship to Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving thousands of Jews, from the Nazis during World War II.

In 1986, American Eugene Hasenfus was captured by Sandinista soldiers after the weapons plane he was flying in was shot down over southern Nicaragua.

In 1988, Democrat Lloyd Bentsen lambasted Republican Dan Quayle during their vice-presidential

debate, telling Quayle, "Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy."

**Today's Birthdays:**

"Family Circus" cartoonist Bill Keane is 85. Actress Glynis Johns is 84. Comedian Bill Dana is 83. Actress Diane Cilento is 74. The former president of the Czech Republic, Vaclav Havel, is 71. Rhythm-and-blues singer Arlene Smith (The Chantels) is 66. Singer Richard Street is 65. Singer-musician Steve Miller is 64. Rock singer Brian Johnson (AC/DC) is 60. Actor Jeff Conaway is 57. Actress Karen Allen is 56. Writer-producer-director Clive Barker is 55.

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**Answer to previous puzzle**

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Family emblem
  - 6 Experts
  - 10 Took a card
  - 14 St. Teresa's town
  - 15 Note-signing transaction
  - 16 Word on some 49 Down coins
  - 17 Mysterious region
  - 20 *Le Monde* article
  - 21 Birds of myth
  - 22 Ready for action
  - 23 Tasman landfall of 1643
  - 24 Financing figs.
  - 25 Hypocritical show
  - 31 Tedious task
  - 32 "\_\_\_ day goes by . . ."
  - 33 Place for a dummy
  - 34 Swindle
  - 35 Half a term for "evenly"
  - 37 Drop off
  - 38 German article
  - 39 *Star Trek* officer
  - 40 Like windows
  - 41 Slamming sites
  - 45 Whopper
  - 46 Mechanical repetition
  - 47 Look, as through a keyhole
  - 50 Large quantities
  - 51 "Average" guy
  - 54 Energy saver
- DOWN**
- 1 Off-limits
  - 2 Ceramist's need
  - 3 Lose zip
  - 4 Street shader
  - 5 Author Sendak
  - 6 Serene
  - 7 Goes bad
  - 8 Sculler's need
  - 9 Impertinent
  - 10 *Cosby Show* daughter
  - 11 Tampers with
  - 12 Contemporary of Agatha
  - 13 Hoe's target
  - 18 Karate school
  - 19 It comes from the heart
  - 23 Road branching
  - 24 Bunches
  - 25 Madrigal group
  - 26 Arledge of the TV Hall of Fame
  - 27 Not seriously
  - 28 During
  - 29 Levels
  - 30 Wasted no time
  - 31 Support group
  - 35 Satiety
  - 36 Rival of Björn
  - 37 Niels Bohr, for one
  - 39 Flight part
  - 40 Break in a race
  - 42 Disco light
  - 43 Stuff in salads
  - 44 Speckled horse
  - 47 Some GIs
  - 48 It offers King David Lounges
  - 49 100 cents, in Spain
  - 50 Emulate Ella
  - 51 Hardy title character
  - 52 Designer Cassini
  - 53 River of Spain
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  - 56 Winter comment

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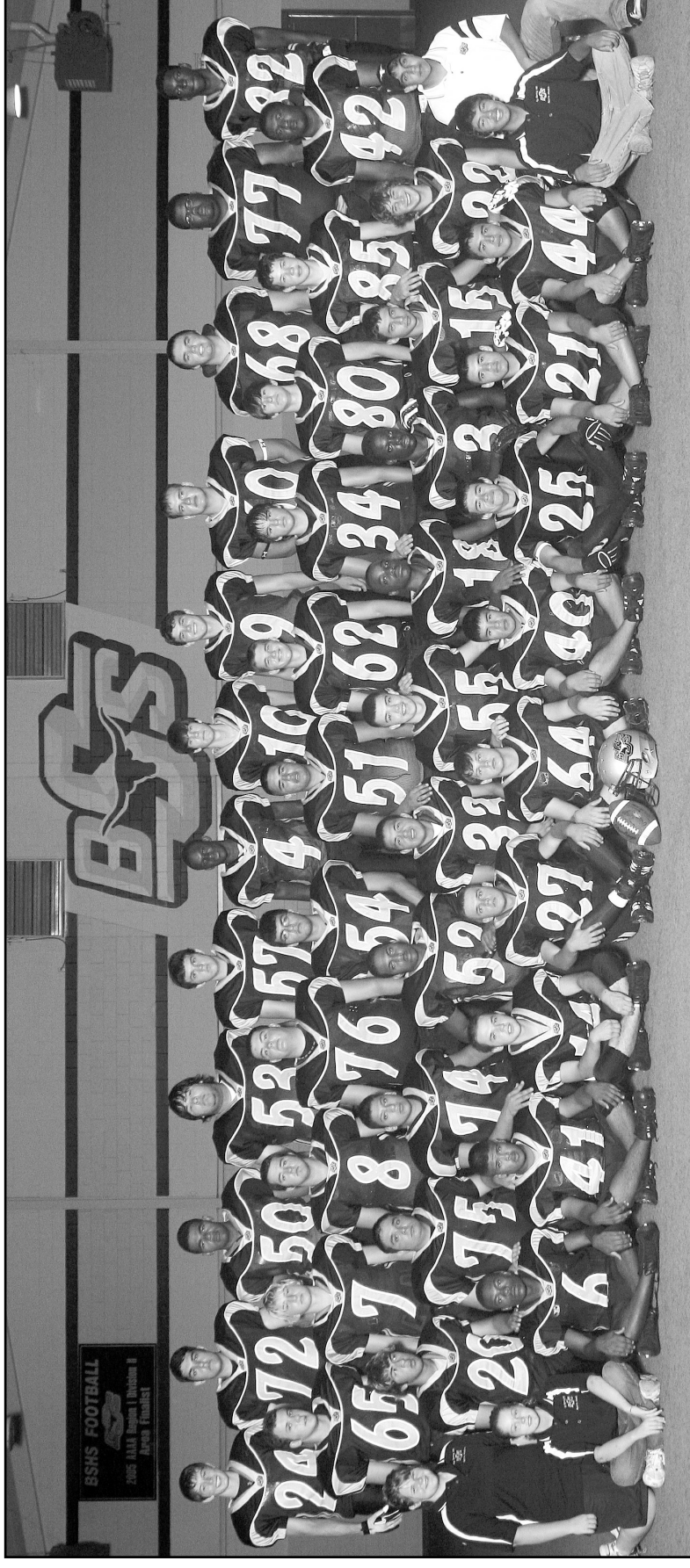


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Schwartz, publicity chairman for the event. "It's made by the men of the community on Saturday, so it is fresh for Sunday. They'll make up about 10,000 pounds."

If you'd like, you are invited to Mass at 9 a.m. The festival itself gets under way at 10:30 a.m. on the church grounds. Booths offer a variety of games and include Spin A Wheel, Bean Bag Toss, Plinko, Coke Ring Toss, Golf, Pan for Gold, Christian Corner and a petting zoo made up of local farm animals.

The Kountry Kitchen will feature homemade baked and canned goods as well as local handicrafts. Artists and crafters from the area will be displaying and

offering their goods for sale on the church lawn. Polka music and the sounds of the country group 2 Grand Band will fill the air, generated from the church patio area.

Also at 10:30 a.m., uncooked German sausage will go on sale for \$4.50 a pound at the Sausage Haus, located north of the Parish Hall. Be aware, if you don't arrive until noon, you might miss out. The sausage goes very quickly.

For those who don't want to cook later, lunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The meal consists of barbecue brisket, sausage, and all the trimmings. An assortment of homemade pies and cakes is available for dessert. Plates are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. To-go plates are available. Then, beginning at 2

p.m., sausages sandwiches and barbecue sandwiches will be available for purchase at the concession stand.

Other popular activities include a silent auction from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bingo from noon to 4 p.m. and a live auction at 2 p.m.

A handmade queen size quilt will be given away at the end of the year.

"It's beautiful," said Schwartz. "It's handmade and handquilted by the women of the church."

All of the funds go to St. Lawrence Church.

"It is our major fundraiser. We are in the process of building a new parish hall," explained Schwartz. "Hopefully, at this time next year, we will be in the new one."

St. Lawrence is located 10 miles south of Garden City off Highway 33. Turn west on Highway 2401 and go five miles.

**MOORE**

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about the agreement as it stands, but whether or not Ryan, who serves as manager of SHDC and the founder and CEO of Ryan & Company, will agree with it is up in the air.

"There are some things in the agreement that I think Brint is going to like," said Wegman. "However, there are also some things I'm not really sure about, so we'll just have to wait for him and his attorneys to look at it and get back to us."

The motion for Parker

to be able to sign off on the contract is contingent on Ryan's reactions to the agreement, according to Wegman.

"Frank can sign off on the agreement without us having to call another special meeting only if Brint and his people accept it as the board approved it," said Wegman. "If there are any revisions made to it at this point, it will have to go back to the board as a whole. The board is trying to move this project along as smoothly as possible."

The Moore Board has been in negotiations with

the Settles Hotel Development Company to develop a performance agreement since directors voted unanimously nearly a year ago to provide up to \$3 million to help the Dallas-based company renovate the historic Settles Hotel.

In December, SHDC announced plans for a \$12 million renovation project. 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.



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event.

Phillips is a third generation Howard County farmer who began his agriculture career shortly after graduating from Big Spring High School, said presenter Donnie Reid, the 2006 winner of the Ag Producer award.

Reid lauded Phillips' use of "cutting edge technology" in his farm operation.

"His farm shop is one of the most modern and well-equipped in Howard County," Reid said in his remarks. "As well as supervising his farm operation, he is involved in driving his own equipment and working alongside his employees."

Tucker received the Ag Business award from Wendell Walker of the Co-

Op Gin of Big Spring, the 2006 recipient.

After graduating from Texas Tech in 1994, Tucker has worked with producers throughout the area as head of Kelly Newton Insurance Agency.

But her influence doesn't end there, Walker said.

"She has worked to make Big Spring and Howard County a better place by supporting 4-H and (Future Farmers of America), Coahoma PTA, Boy Scouts, the Gregg Street flag project, the First Baptist Church, Ag Expo and the Howard County Fair," Walker said. "She prides herself on having a family-owned and operated business where farmers and ranchers are of utmost importance to her."

In his remarks, Heflin stressed the importance of agriculture.

"Family farms are the backbone of America," he said. "Life in rural areas is slower ... People care about their neighbors and they care about their neighbor's children."

"As a representative ... I can always spot children raised on a farm," Heflin added. "They are not afraid to speak to adults, they are more acceptable of responsibility; they are just more mature."

To Seliger, there is no question to the importance agriculture plays in his district.

"I consider myself fortunate to represent one of the most productive agriculture producing areas in the state," Seliger said. "Producers in my district raise everything from pork to beef, cotton, peanuts and feed grains."

"Agriculture is not just an industry, it's a way of life, a set of values," he added.

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# Church News

## First Baptist Church, Big Spring

We'd like to invite the community to the noon services next week for the Area Wide Crusade. Come to the Family Life Center at noon for a free meal, music and message. Evening services will be at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium.

Every Sunday begins with Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Morning worship is at 10:50 a.m. and evening worship at 6 p.m. The Rev. Ken Coffee is our pastor.

Our Wednesday evening schedule includes choir and mission activities for the children, Bible study for the adults as well as Adult Choir at 7 p.m. in the choir room. A nominally priced meal in the Family Life Center precedes the evening's activities.

For more information about First Baptist Church, located at 705 W. FM 700, call 267-8223.

If you are not involved in a church here in Big Spring, we invite you to come home, come home to First Baptist Church.

## First Presbyterian Church

Following worship last Sunday, in a congregational meeting moderated by Allan Guthrie (in the absence of designated moderator Rev. Cheryl Homsher), the congregation accepted Jim Little and Janet Payne as representatives from the church session and elected John Ferguson, Helen Glass and Louise Hitch to serve on a committee to nominate three elders for the class of 2010. That committee will bring its report to a congregational meeting after worship Oct. 14.

Wednesday church activities are the regular meeting of Bible study of the week's lectionary, led by Tom Koger at 5:17 p.m.; the Youth Group, under the direction of Youth Leader Gary Holloman, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; and choir practice, directed by organist Mike Mitchell, at 6 p.m.

Next week, the Working Women's Circle meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the church. They will continue their study of the book "Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth."

Filling the pulpit for Sunday worship will be the Rev. Mary Beth Anton, parish associate at First Presbyterian Church, Midland. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during the worship service. Anthems by the choir will be "Behold the Tabernacle of God" by William H. Harris and "Cantique de Jean Racine" by Gabriel Fauré.

# Area wide crusade begins Monday

## Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring Baptist Association will sponsor an Area Wide Crusade beginning Monday and continuing through Thursday at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, 301 Nolan St.

"Returning our communities, our churches and our consciences to holiness" will be the theme for the revival. The Rev. Dr. Herb Reavis Jr., who has been pastor of the North Jacksonville (Fla.) Baptist Church since 1991, will be the evangelist.

"This crusade has the potential to radically change our lives and our communities as our associational churches come together for

worship, fellowship and proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ," said the Rev. Wes Massey, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Coahoma, who is moderator for the local association. "God will use Dr. Reavis to prepare a people for Jesus Christ. We're inviting everyone to attend every service."

A graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Milligan College in Tennessee and the Southern Baptist School for Biblical Studies in Jacksonville, Fla., Reavis is known throughout northern Florida and southeastern Georgia for his weekly televised broadcasts of "Reach Out." He is also heard daily in that region on his "Reach Out" radio program.

Revival services are scheduled

for 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. each day of the crusade. A luncheon is scheduled each day at the First Baptist Church.

A special music ministry will be provided by David and Karen Garrett, who have been full-time evangelists for more than 30 years.

In addition, the crusade has a special Youth Night planned for 7 p.m. Thursday at the East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 410 E. Third, when Ornan's Floor, a Christian rock band from San Angelo, will perform and free pizza will be served.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church will also be providing Children's Church during the crusade for youngsters ages birth through four years.

Lectionary: Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10.

First Presbyterian, Big Spring, with help from our sister church, First Presbyterian of Coahoma, is preparing to host the meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery Nov. 2. Also coming up in November is a celebration of our church's 116th anniversary. Members and friends are encouraged to be a part of these two events.

## Mt. Bethel Baptist Church

The Mt. Bethel church family invites the public to the Sanctuary Choir's annual musical Sunday, Oct. 21, at 3:30 p.m. It is our desire that you will come and receive a blessing as we lift up the name of Jesus in song. We have some dynamic choirs invited to provide selections on the program. We look forward to worshipping with you.

Mt. Bethel is located at 630 Sgt. Paredes St. (N.W. Fourth). The Rev. William Vaughn Jr. is pastor.

We invite you to worship and fellowship with us for Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., Bible study at 5 p.m. each Sunday and Women's Missionary Society each Monday at 6 p.m. Youth Ministry meets each Sunday at 5 p.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m.

## First United Methodist Church

Tomorrow is the big day at First United Methodist Church; the third annual Lord's Acre event gets under way at 10 a.m. The Partee Building will be filled with activities for both children and adults as Family Fest gets rolling. All activities are free and include face painting, Dimples the Clown, friendly haunted house, bingo and a bean bag toss, just to name a few.

Grannies Attic will fea-

ture handcrafted items, toys, prizes and kitchen items.

"Mission Delicious" is our great bake sale featuring homemade cakes, pies and cookies in addition to casseroles and tamales. You may need to get there right after 10 a.m. to be sure and get your choice; these items are real favorites.

The silent auction is lots of fun and creates friendly competition among bidders. You will find these tables in the Garrett Hall area. And it's in Garrett Hall where the great steak lunch will be served beginning at 11:45. Tickets for the lunch will be \$10 on the day of the event.

At 1 p.m., the auctioneer will begin the highlight of the day, "Our Talents and Treasures Live Auction." Beautiful handmade items, original art, catered meals, weekend getaways, barbecues, fish fries and treasured antiques will go on the auction block. Sunday school classes' gift baskets defy imagination.

And it's all to benefit the many missions of our church. You are invited to join us for this special day dedicated to the Lord's work.

We feel so blessed that so many churches and special friends have joined us as we pray for our Pastor Shane Brue and his young family. Please know that we hold you in our hearts with love and gratitude.

Our church buildings are located at Fourth and Scurry streets in the heart of downtown Big Spring. Services of worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday mornings and at noon Wednesdays. We have a place for you.

## Spring Tabernacle

Spring Tabernacle will hold an October Camp Meeting Oct. 12-14 at the

church, 1209 Wright St. Services will be 7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Noon meals will be provided and a light meal will be held following the evening services.

The "refreshing" will include Terry Miller from Canada, Rick Yaskiewicz from North Carolina and Andy Snoko from Colorado.

We are expecting great things and invite you to be a part of it.

## Baptist Temple Church

Baptist Temple Church invites you to join with us for a time of revival, renewal, praise and worship. "Returning to Holiness" is our desire as all Big Spring Baptist Association churches join together Oct. 8-11, Monday through Thursday at the city Municipal Auditorium at 7 p.m. What ever you are looking for in your life, God is the answer. Nursery for children through 4 years of age will be provided at East Fourth Baptist Church.

Save the date of Oct. 20 for a great night of Southern gospel singing as we welcome four groups to Baptist Temple for a gospel music concert. Featured groups are Earley Praises, Friends by Grace, Heaven's Harbor and Marvin Stewart. All are coming from Dallas-Fort Worth area. This is a night you won't want to miss. Come at 7 p.m. and have your heart bless with some upbeat, uplifting good ole gospel music. Tickets are free but you will need one for admission. Pick up yours at the church office. A nursery will be available for children less than four years of age.

Our children and youth are currently working on a Christmas program, "Christmas at Bethlehem Gulch." We will perform

this program for the church audience on Sunday, Dec. 9. All youth and children between the ages of 6 and 18 who would like to be a part of this Christmas program are encouraged to practice with us Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Come, worship with us at 400 E. 11th Place. Our service times are Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m., evening worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday nights at 7 p.m., we have prayer meeting for adults and activities for youth and children. A nursery is available during all services.

Everyone is welcome at Baptist Temple. Call 267-8287 for more information.

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Christian education for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary's will have its annual "Blessing of the Animals" program this Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Bennett Garden. Everyone in the community is invited to bring their pets (on leashes or in cages) to the church for this special service.

The Episcopal Church Women will meet in the library on Sunday after the 10:30 service.

St. Mary's Vestry will meet on Monday at 6 p.m. in the library.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at [www.stmarysbst.org](http://www.stmarysbst.org). St. Mary's is located at

1001 South Goliad.

## North Birdwell United Methodist

North Birdwell United Methodist Church will be taking orders for the Angel Food Ministry today and Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 6 and Oct. 13, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The Angel Food Ministry is hosted by North Birdwell Church as a non-qualifying food ministry for Big Spring and surrounding communities. For more information on this program, call 267-3241 or 257-2203.

On Sept. 30, the congregation sadly accepted the resignation of the Rev. Joel Miller. Pastor Miller had been on medical leave of absence since July 18. The Rev. Miller and his wife Genie gave freely of their time and love and will be missed.

Jacque Mach, certified lay speaker, will be delivering the message Sunday and everyone is invited to join us in worship at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages following worship. Bible study began Wednesday and is held each first and third Wednesday.

United Methodist Women is held each second and fourth Thursday at 4:30 p.m. North Birdwell church is located at 2702 North Birdwell.

## East Side Baptist Church

East Side Baptist Church presents "Friends and Family Weekend." We begin with a gospel concert featuring our friends "The Robby Wright Family." The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

We continue with our fund Sunday morning at 9:45 with fellowship, followed by a time of music, "The Wright Family," testimonies and a message from God's word.

We will great you with a warm Christian greeting. We provide a nursery for the little ones less than four years of age. We look forward to seeing you this weekend.

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# Club News

## 1955 Hyperion Club

1955 Hyperion Club is sponsoring a coat drive and the drop-off points are Al's & Sons Barbecue, Harris Lumber and Hardware and Specs and Co. This coat drive will be from Oct. 8 through Nov. 12. The club will be distributing these coats to many different organizations depending on how many coats are received. Some of the organizations will be North Side Community Center, state hospital, public schools, etc. The cleaners in town have volunteered to clean the coats before distribution.

## Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met in the Howard College Cactus Room Oct. 1. Kathryn Wiseman called on Carie

Dunnam for the invocation, followed by the approval of minutes and financials. Kathryn reported the club took in nearly \$200 at its booth during the county fair.

Walter Ward reported on the first phase of the courthouse beautification project. Much has been accomplished.

Our meeting was combined with an RCCI meeting to see how the two entities might work together. We will concentrate on following the lead of the city consultant as phases begin.

Saturday, Oct. 20, is Make a Difference Day, Love Your Lake Clean-up and Go Wild Wildflower planting day. Meet at the Dora Roberts Community Center to take part, starting at 9 a.m.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful will meet again Nov. 5.

## Moderate Texas poised to elect first woman president of convention

DALLAS (AP) — A former Southern Baptist missionary who got her start as a church secretary is likely to become the first woman president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

If Joy Fenner wins the election as expected at the end of this month, it will widen the gap between the conservative Southern Baptist Convention and the moderate Baptist General Convention of Texas, which has been distancing itself from the national denomination for years.

The Southern Baptist national leadership says that women shouldn't be pastors and that a wife

should "submit herself graciously" to her husband. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth just started a homemaking program for women to reinforce what the school president calls biblical family and gender roles.

But Baptists are fiercely independent and emphasize local control over their churches, and moderate Southern Baptists like the Texas group are more open to women's leadership.

Fenner has been endorsed by Texas Baptists Committed, an influential group that led resistance to a conservative takeover of the state convention. A rival state

group, Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, was formed in 1998 and remains loyal to the SBC.

Fenner, 72, worked as a secretary in the 1950s at First Baptist Church in Marshall and spent 13 years with her husband as a missionary in Japan. She served as the state convention's first vice president last year, putting her in position for the top job.

Her only announced opponent for the one-year presidential term is the Rev. David L. Lowrie Jr., a West Texas pastor who says the convention is headed in the wrong direction. He pledges to support Fenner if she wins.

## CHURCH

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God is blessing us in a building program for this Body of Christ. More in the weeks ahead.

Spring Creek is a church where we want to connect with our Lord, each other and you. We have an exciting Sunday school time that begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday morning.

If you want to come early, coffee and donuts are served with a time of fellowship at 9 a.m. We have a connection group for everyone.

Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. and is a time of praise, prayer and proclamation of God's Word. The evening begins at 5 p.m. with worship beginning at 6.

Our adults are having Bible studies. Our pastor, Dennis Teeters, is having a study with our men that is a real blessing. Susie Teeters is leading a study "Discerning the Voice of God," by Patricia Shirer. (Ladies are invited to join in for a road trip to hear Patricia Shirer on Oct. 26-27 in Lubbock. Contact our church office for more information.)

The teens are enjoying youth choir with Stan Hanes, our worship pastor. AWANAs is going strong! We had more than 30 kids receive their first awards this last week for scripture memorization. These kids range in age

from 3 years to 12 years. AWANAs is a club for kids that encourages and challenges them to study and memorize God's Word. We have a number of workers who are doing a great job of working with them. Parents are encouraged to work with their kids during the week to reach their goals. There is always room for more, so bring your kids out to join us.

You can get to the church by going down I-20 east to the Salem exit. Take the left under the overpass and left on the service road. Spring Creek Fellowship is on the right just before the on ramp to I-20. You can call our church office at 714-4584. Check us out on the Web at springcreekfellowship.org.

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This is Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sunday.

Sunday school and Adult Bible classes are at 10:15 a.m.

LWML Zone Rally will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Midland at 2 p.m. Each LWMLer needs to bring one piece of their favorite vegetable to make our "Rock On" soup. Also each person should bring a rock with a scripture verse either written or attached to the rock in some way. Include your name.

The LWML continues to sell cookbooks for \$10 with all proceeds going to the high school Bible classes.

It's Shoebox Time! We'll pack the shoeboxes Oct. 18, so have your donations to the church by that time. Bring toys, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap and washcloths and hard candies. Donations for freight, which runs \$7 per box, are also needed. This effort is called Operation Christmas Child and the boxes are wrapped so that every child receives a box.

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