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Kidnapping suspect arrested

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Quick thinking by an 8-year-old Big Spring boy may have saved him and a friend from a disastrous fate Sunday evening, while Big Spring Police Department detectives are investigating the pair's alleged kidnapping.

Traci Lynn Wilson, a 46-year-old transient, was arrested Sunday evening and charged with kidnapping and aggravated kidnapping after police officials say he allegedly took two children from their neighborhood.



WILSON

"At approximately 7:50 p.m., patrol officers were dispatched to the 7-Eleven convenience store located at the intersection of Birdwell Lane and Fourth Street in reference to a lost eight-year-old boy," said

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the BSPD, the harrowing events spun into motion when the two children — ages 8 and 9 — were taken from their home in the 1300 block of Tucson.

Everett. "Officers found the little boy and learned he and a 9-year-old female friend may have been kidnapping victims."

The boy told officers he and the girl were playing in a front yard in the 1300 block of Tucson when a man approached and led them away, convincing the two children he was the girl's uncle.

While walking, the three were picked up and given a ride by an unknown motorist who was also led to believe the suspect was the children's uncle, authorities said.

Everett said the suspect and

two children were then dropped off at an old motor home parked at a shop in the 1600 block of E. Third Street, where the owner of the property was allowing the suspect to live.

"While in the motor home, the little boy became scared that his mother would be looking for him and fled out the open door," said Everett. "The girl tried to follow but the suspect blocked her escape. The little boy made it to the 7-Eleven convenience store and the police were called. Officers followed the boy's directions to the motor home and found the

suspect there with the girl." Everett said Wilson was immediately taken into custody, while the children were reunited with their families.

"The children live close to one another and play together often," said Everett. "Each of the families thought the children were at the other child's house playing."

Everett said no sexual assault is believed to have occurred, but investigators believe Wilson planned to molest the girl.

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Another real success

Old Sorehead Trade Days draws crowd

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

STANTON — Who knew Soreheads could be so popular?

The Old Soreheads Trade Days, which has grown in leaps and bounds since its inception in 1992, capped another successful year when its third and final event of 2007 concluded Sunday.

No exact count of visitors was available, but officials said crowds in the thousands poured through downtown Stanton during the weekend looking for bargains, food or a good time.

"It has been excellent," said Martin County Extension Agent Brenda Kendall, who has served as a volunteer on the Trade Days staff since the event's inception. "This is probably our largest show in the 15 years we've been doing this."

More than 600 vendors set up stalls throughout the downtown area, a vast increase from the 94 booths featured in the first Trade Days in 1992, Kendall said.

One reason for the huge uptick in vendors over the years is the reception they get when coming to Stanton, Kendall said.

"I think it is because we have an excellent staff, almost all of them volunteers," she said. "They care about the town, they care about the show and they take excellent care of the ven-

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Linda Hogue of Linda's Lemonade, fixes one of her frozen concoctions for a customer during the Old Sorehead Trade Days event in downtown Stanton Sunday afternoon.

Hein gets sentence of 2 years

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A former Big Spring Police Department jailer has received the maximum sentence for having inappropriate sexual contact with a prisoner.

Lawrence Wayne Hein, 44, will serve two years in a state jail facility after being sentenced by 118th District Court Judge Robert H. Moore III Friday.

Those sentenced to state jail do not receive credit for good behavior, meaning Hein must serve the entire two years before being released.

Hein could have received as little as 180 days in state jail, or could have had his sentence probated, court officials said.

A seven-man, five-woman jury convicted Hein Sept. 25 in 118th District Court of having inappropriate sexual contact with a female prisoner during the early morning hours of July 14, 2006.

The prisoner, who was being held on misdemeanor warrants from Menard, testified that Hein approached her as she was in the shower, then engaged in sexual contact, including putting his mouth on her breasts.

A technician with the Department of Public Safety lab in Lubbock then testified that DNA material recovered from the victim and crime scene matched that of the defendant.

District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson expressed satisfaction with the sentence.

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DRIVE-THRU SHOTS

Flu shots will be given to eligible veterans from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the VA Medical Center. Shots will be given in the parking lot adjacent to FM 700. Veterans residing in the area may stay in their vehicle and drive through the designated area.

Staff will check in the veterans, a nurse will administer the injection and the veteran will be requested to remain in the lot for a few minutes to make sure there is no adverse reaction.

Veterans currently enrolled in VA Health Care will be required to show their VA identification cards in order to receive their shots.

JAIL BOND Q&A SET

Citizens who have questions regarding the \$11.57 million jail bond will have a chance to get answers, as Howard County commissioners prepare for a town hall meeting Tuesday.

Among those scheduled to speak during the meeting is Adan Munoz, executive director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, who recently told commissioners failure to pass the bond — or find some other avenue to finance a new jail facility — could force the state agency to shut down the existing jail.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus.

SAMARITAN FAMILY

Gloria and Agustin Y'pina and their son, Justin Amaro have been named the Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas Family of the Year for Big Spring. Agustin is an associate pastor at the First United Methodist Church.

They will be recognized in a banquet Tuesday at the Green Tree Country Club in Midland, featuring guest speaker Bill Bates, former member of the Dallas Cowboys.

Samaritan is a non-profit, faith-based counseling center with offices in Midland, Odessa, Big Spring and Lamesa providing help and hope to a 30 county area in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.



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IN BRIEF

West Texas Juniors Volleyball League meeting Sunday

Big Spring Lady Steers Head Volleyball Coach Amanda Whitaker is encouraging all parents of volleyball players ages 12-17 to attend a meeting Sunday so that players can be involved in the West Texas Juniors Volleyball League.

The meeting is set for 4 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Midland. Parents and players must attend this meeting in order to play in the league.

For more information, visit www.westtexasjuniors.com.

Big Spring Youth Soccer Association closing ceremony

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will be having its season closing ceremonies at 3 p.m. Oct. 27 at the soccer fields.

There will be a cook-out and awards will be handed out. Volunteers are needed.

To help out or for more details, call Isaac Miramontes at 268-8740.

Howard College announces Hawk Buddies Program

The Howard College Women's Basketball team is tipping off its season with the Hawk Buddies Basketball Program for girls in kindergarten through eighth grade.

It starts Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum with a basketball clinic from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Each Hawk Buddy will receive an opportunity to learn how to play the game from Howard players and coaches for a fee of \$20. A T-shirt will be given to each participant that will also serve as a free family season pass when worn to Howard College home games.

A second clinic is scheduled for Jan. 12 to be followed by a pizza party with the women's basketball team.

Each Hawk Buddy will be recognized at halftime of the Hawks home game against Clarendon College Jan. 21.

For more information, contact Head Women's Basketball Coach Earl Diddle at 264-5043.

Area high school varsity sports weekly calendar

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

TUESDAY

Big Spring volleyball vs. San Angelo Lake View, 7 p.m.

Big Spring swimming vs. Andrews at the Big Spring YMCA

FRIDAY

Coahoma football vs. Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan football vs. Christoval, 7:30 p.m.

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

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Frenship defeats Big Spring Tennis, 10-2

Herald Staff Report

No matter the sport, Frenship High School in Wolfforth seems to dominate District 4-4A play.

Tennis is no exception. Frenship's Tigers defeated Big Spring's Steers in 16 out of 19 matches at Comanche Trail Park's Figure 7 Tennis Center to clinch the district title. This marks the fourth consecutive league championship for the Tigers. They are 19-0 in district matches during that span.

The Steers picked up their three wins in the boys' matches. Jeremy Landin, Big Spring's No. 1 player, defeated Frenship's No. 1 Shaun Mantooth in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

Landin made it a clean sweep over Mantooth for the day as he teamed with Ryan Gonzales to beat Mantooth and his partner, Kimiko Ordone, 6-0, 6-2.

Mikael Gonzales also picked up a straight sets victory for the Steers, defeating Austin Carter, 6-2, 6-3.

Unfortunately for Big Spring, the Lady Tigers swept through the girls' matches without dropping a single set. C.J. Riddle put up the biggest fight for the Lady Steers, losing to Chelcee Metzler, 6-4, 6-2.

Jessica Womack and Sydney Flohr teamed for Big Spring's best effort in the doubles' matches. However, they came up short against Morgan Rey and Whitney White, 7-5, 6-2.

Big Spring also got a strong effort from its mixed doubles

team made up of Mikael Gonzales and Katelyn Green. They lost a 3-set match to Katelyn Green and Landon Roberts, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

The Steers play their final district match Saturday against San Angelo Lake View in San Angelo. A win clinches a trip to the regional tournament in Wichita Falls Oct. 26-27.

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Lady Steers swept in three sets by Frenship



Big Spring's Callie Partee passes to a teammate in Lady Steers' volleyball action from Sept. 29, against Lubbock Estacado. The Lady Steers fell to Frenship in straight sets Saturday.

Herald photo/Jonathan Hull

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

Old habits die hard.

That could be the slogan for the Frenship Lady Tigers volleyball team.

The Tigers clinched their second consecutive District 4-4A title Saturday when they swept Big Spring's Lady Steers in straight sets, 25-14, 25-18, 25-12.

Big Spring Head Coach Amanda Whitaker noted that the Lady Steers put together a much more competitive showing than they did in their previous match with Frenship.

"We kept up with them a lot better this time around. Our confidence level is better and we did a good job of slowing down their offense at times," Whitaker said. "We just got down too much on ourselves when we made mistakes. This match would've been a lot closer had we regrouped quicker after an error."

Leading the Lady Steers was Baylea Fox with 10 digs and several key serves, according to Whitaker. Andrea Claxton led Big Spring with 7 kills. Callie Partee had six kills and seven digs.

Whitaker also praised Clarissa Carrisalez for her hard work on the court.

"Clarris was all over the place. It seemed like she was diving after every ball," Whitaker said. "I know she got a lot of compliments about her play after the match."

The loss puts the Lady Steers in a must win situation Tuesday, when they play San Angelo Lake View's Maidens at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School gymnasium.

Lake View currently

holds third place and the final playoff spot within the district. However, the Lady Steers can tie the Maidens for that spot with a win.

"We know what we have to do," Whitaker said. "We beat them once this season and have confidence that we can do it again. We got all of last week off and got the harder team in Frenship out of the way Saturday. Now, we're ready for Lake View. We played well Saturday against the district's best team. We've beaten Lake View before. I think there is little doubt that we can do it again."

Tuesday's game is very similar to last year's meeting in Big Spring between the two squads.

"Last year, Lake View came into town in the same situation. They needed a win to clinch a playoff spot and we had already beaten them at their gym earlier in the season," Whitaker noted. "They came in and got their win to get to the playoffs. This year needs to be different."

The Lady Steers defeated Lake View in straight sets to win their first district match of the season Oct. 2. If Big Spring can repeat the performance Tuesday, then both teams will need to win again on Saturday to force a tie-breaking match for the final playoff spot.

However, a win by Lake View clinches third place in district and keeps Big Spring out of the postseason.

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Pats look like the best, defeat Cowboys, 48-27

By **JAIME ARON**

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — After giving up their most points of the year and facing a second-half deficit for the first time all season, New England's Randy Moss knows what to expect this week from his perfectionist boss, Bill Belichick.

"There will probably be a couple of lashes waiting for us," Moss said.

Maybe Moss, Tom Brady and the Patriots can beg for mercy. After all, despite those problems, they still beat the Dallas Cowboys 48-27 Sunday in a rare battle of 5-0 teams.

They even put up their most points in 23 years, scoring on all five drives after the Cowboys went ahead early in the third quarter.

"We're not paying attention to the numbers we're putting up," Moss said. "The only thing that matters is we're 6-0 and that we got a win in Dallas."

The Cowboys (5-1) were off to their best start since 1983 and were eager to see how they stacked up against the league's elite. Now they know they can compete, but still have a ways to go. The next 10 games will show whether that might be good enough in the NFC.

"Hopefully we'll see them down the road," said Terrell Owens, referring to a possible Super Bowl rematch. "We just got to regroup. There's no confidence lost in the locker room."

Brady was 31-of-46 for 388 yards and five touchdown passes, a career-high and tying a franchise record. He set an NFL record with at least three TD throws in each of the first six games this season, and Brady's NFL-best 21 touchdown passes puts him in position to challenge Peyton Manning's league record of 49.

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MCT photo/Khampha Bouaphanh/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

New England Patriots' Rodney Harrison, left, prepares to sack Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo Sunday at Texas Stadium in Irving. The Patriots defeated the Cowboys, 48-27, to improve their record to 6-0.

Obituaries

Elma Hewtty Gonzalez



Elma Hewtty Gonzalez, 56, of Abilene, a former resident of Big Spring, died Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, at an Abilene medical center.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007, at Elliott-Hamil Chapel of Memories in Abilene with the Rev. Leonardo Gonzalez officiating. Interment will be in Elmwood Memorial Park, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at a visitation 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Gonzalez was born July 19, 1951, to Genoveva {Leos} and Manuel Hewtty in Stanton. She moved from Big Spring to Abilene in 1968. She married Frank F. Gonzalez on May 23, 1975. She was a business woman, homemaker and volunteer teacher for Abilene Independent School District. She also owned Hewtty Comonito Café in Hawley.

Elma was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Frank F. Gonzalez of Abilene; two sons, Kenneth Gonzalez of Fort Worth and Mark Hewtty of Austin; three daughters, Tammy L. Lashway of Fort Worth, Michelle Mathis of Missouri and Evette Tidwell of Irving; two brothers, Manuel Hewtty Jr. of Big Spring and Salvador Hewtty of Abilene; three sisters, Teresa Scott and Gloria Bunch, both of San Antonio, and Sally Olivas of El Paso; and 12 grandchildren.

Take Note

• THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE CONCERNED CITIZENS COUNCIL LECTURE SERIES featuring guest speaker Dr. Steven D. Schaffersman on "Why West Texas Really Needs the American Civil Liberties Union." The event is scheduled for 7 p.m. today at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus.

• MARCY ELEMENTARY WILL HAVE A BOUNCE BACK TO SCHOOL fund-raiser for the entire community from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. There will be huge inflatables: bouncers, 24-foot slide, spider wall, bungee run, boxing and more. Tickets are \$10 each for the entire day. A concession stand will be available and there will be a shaded area and seating for parents. The location will be at Goliad Intermediate School, on the southeast field. Contact Marcy Elementary for early tickets at 264-4144 or Jennifer Gillespie at 466-3684. Tickets will be available at the event.

• 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. 24. Clinics will also be held at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Ave., 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.

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

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

• ALL CREATURES SANCTUARY AND RESCUE has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

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

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

• BRING JOY AND KINDNESS TO OTHERS by becoming an Odyssey Healthcare volunteer. Heop those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- **JOSHUA JOEL RIOS**, 24, of 2616 Langley, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant.
- **PATRICK RIOS**, 36, of 3206 W. Eighth Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft.
- **PABLO MORENO**, 29, of 1107 Douglas, was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while license invalid and driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **BOBBIE GIBSON**, 42, of 707 Magnolia, was arrested Saturday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **THOMAS BRADBERRY**, 40, of 2705 Ann Dr., was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft.
- **TRACIE LYNN WILSON**, 46, transient, was arrested Sunday on charges of kidnapping (two counts).
- **RAUL A. BOLANSO**, 25, of Mexico, was arrested Monday and held for immigration.
- **JOSE LIONEL CERDA**, 38, of 1505 W. Cherokee, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault Class C - family violence.
- **THEFT** was reported: in the 600 block of Interstate Highway 20, in the 100 block of Eighth Street, in the 300 block of Owens, in the 2000 block of Gregg Street and in the 1200 block of Third Street.
- **KIDNAPPING** was reported in the 1600 block of Third Street.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 300 block of 23rd Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported: in the 2600 block of Wasson and in the 700 block of Goliad.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1600 block of Fifth Street.
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Monmouth.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported: in the 1800 block of Alabama, in the 1100 block of Marijo and in the 1500 block of Cherokee.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 1200 block of Wood.
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported: in the 1500 block of Rannels and in the 600 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported: in the 1600 block of Lark, in the 600 block of Westover Road and in the 700 block of Magnolia.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 7100 block of S. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 200 block of E. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 700 block of W. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **AUTOMOBILE FIRE** was reported near the 176 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 700 block of W. FM 700. Service refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 600 block of State. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 700 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Monmouth. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of ValVerde. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of W. Fifth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Wesover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **GAS LEAK** was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue.

Weather

Today — Mostly sunny. Not as warm. Highs in the upper 70s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. East winds around 10 mph.
Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
Tuesday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.
Wednesday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.
Wednesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s.
Thursday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.
Thursday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 62 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JUAN MANUEL GARCIA**, 41, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for resisting arrest, search or transportation, evading arrest or detention and evading arrest, search or transportation.
- **LAWRENCE WAYNE HEIN**, 44, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for violation of the civil rights of a person in custody/sexual.
- **SHANE THOMAS ESTES**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter center.
- **KIMBERLY DENISE JAMES**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for failure to identify - giving false information, aggravated robbery and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **MICHAEL NEAL BIRMELIN**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- **CHRISTOPHER LYNN FAIR**, 33, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone.
- **IVAN DOMINGUEZ FLORES**, 19, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- **EDGAR HINIJOSA MONGE**, 20, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BERNARDINO RODRIGUEZ MUNIZ**, 22, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - open container, no valid inspection certificate and driving while license invalid.
- **FERMIN LOPEZ FLORES JR.**, 57, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of bail jumping/failure to appear, issuance of a bad check and driving while intoxicated - open container, third or more offense.
- **DAVID GRIJALBA MORALES**, 30, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon where alcohol is sold.
- **JAMES CANTU**, 37, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- **MELANIE FRANCES KARAVATOS**, 41, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter center.
- **PATRICIA SUE SMITH**, 47, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **SAMMEL RAY GRAY**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify.
- **ROBERT EDWARD BAKER JR.**, 33, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of theft (two counts).
- **MORRIS MENDOZA HERNANDEZ**, 38, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **KAILA ROCHELLE EDWARDS**, 18, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of services.
- **DONALD JAMES KARAVATOS**, 19, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **ABEL GUZMAN**, 25, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JOEL HERNANDEZ**, 31, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of speeding, driving while intoxicated - second offense and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
- **EDUARDO ALMANZA**, 35, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **PABLO MORENO**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated - second offense and driving while license invalid, DWI-related.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-10-17-19-25-40. Number matching six of six: none. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$12 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-22-26-35. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$28,443. Winning ticket sold in: Burlleson. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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"That's not what this team is about," Brady said. "Individual records are based on opportunities. What I get excited about is team records."

It wasn't all good news. Brady was sacked as many times (3) as he'd been all season, even losing a fumble on one that Dallas returned for a touchdown.

Yet what made his performance special was the way he responded to that third-quarter deficit: Touchdown, field goal, touchdown, field goal, touchdown. The last score came with 19 seconds left, a 1-yard run by first-year running back Kyle Eckel that Brady celebrated with two fist pumps.

"Any time you win you're doing just fine," Brady said. "It's another step in the process. We have to continue to make improvements."

Dallas trailed 14-0 before gaining a first down. The defense provided the first touchdown, Jason Hatcher's 29-yard return of Brady's fumble, then Tony Romo threw a touchdown to T.O. just before halftime and another to Patrick Crayton early in the third quarter, putting the Cowboys up 24-21.

New England was trailing for the first time since the second quarter of Week 3 and had two starting offensive players in the locker room with injuries. However, the Patriots still had Brady.

He answered with a 77-yard, 10-play drive for a go-ahead touchdown, then threw a long touchdown pass to Moss on his next snap. It was wiped out on replay, but New England still managed a field goal on that drive, a season-best 45-yarder by Stephen Gostkowski. Donte Stallworth broke things

open on the next series with a 69-yard touchdown catch.

Dallas wound up allowing its most points since Philadelphia scored 49 in November 2004.

"It's almost a blessing in disguise," cornerback Terence Newman said. "It's the sixth game of the season, not even halfway done yet. So that just gives us incentive to work that much harder."

Romo avoided the turnovers that nearly upended Dallas against Buffalo on Monday night, but was out of rallies. He finished 18-of-29 for 199 yards and two touchdowns, with a late interception. He also came away with a big ice pack on his left, non-throwing, shoulder.

"I thought he managed the whole thing well," offensive coordinator Jason Garrett said. "He wasn't impatient when they got out ahead. He kept playing and plodding along and making good decisions."

The Cowboys were hurt by their continuing trend of slow starts and by racking up 12 penalties, including one that wiped out a fourth-and-1 conversion on the opening play of the fourth quarter. Dallas was driving for a possible tying touchdown, but wound up punting — and never threatened again.

Notes: Brady's touchdowns went to Wes Welker (two), Moss, Stallworth and Kyle Brady. ... Welker had a career-high 124 yards receiving. ... Dallas' Marion Barber rushed for 47 yards, including a thrilling 2-yarder. He started at his own 10 and was nearly thrown for a safety until he broke several tackles. He might have gone for a touchdown if the last defender hadn't gotten him. ... The Pats are the first road team to win a matchup of

teams 5-0 or better. Home teams had been 3-0-1.

Packers 17, Redskins 14

At Green Bay, Wis., Charles Woodson returned a fumble 57 yards for the go-ahead touchdown in soggy conditions on a day when Brett Favre set the NFL record for career interceptions.

Favre became the interception king with an errant pass picked off by Redskins safety Sean Taylor in the third quarter. It was the 278th interception of Favre's career, breaking a tie with George Blanda.

"We won the game. I'm glad it's over, just like the other records," Favre said. "We're 5-1, so it feels a lot better than having no picks and being 1-5." Washington is 3-2.

Vikings 34, Bears 31

At Chicago, Adrian Peterson, the first running back taken in this year's draft, had 224 yards rushing on 20 carries and scored on runs of 67, 73 and 35 yards. He broke Chuck Foreman's club-record of 200 yards rushing set in 1976.

Still, the Vikings (2-3) needed a career-best 55-yard field goal from Ryan Longwell on the final play after Chicago's Brian Griese hit Devin Hester for an 81-yard TD pass to tie the game.

Hester also returned a punt 89 yards for a TD in the first quarter for Chicago (2-4), his third kick return for a score this season after setting an NFL record with six kick return TDs a year ago.

Bucs 13, Titans 10

At Tampa, Fla., Matt Bryant's 43-yard field goal with 11 seconds remaining won it.

Tennessee (3-2) had a

five-game road winning streak halted after 2006 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year Vince Young limped off the field in the third quarter with a strained quadriceps.

Jeff Garcia threw a 69-yard touchdown pass to Joey Galloway less than five minutes after Young left the game. Garcia then led the Bucs (4-2) on the winning drive after the Titans tied the score on LenDale White's 2-yard run with 1:17 left.

Jaguars 37, Texans 17

At Jacksonville, Fla., Maurice Jones-Drew had 260 all-purpose yards and David Garrard threw two touchdown passes as the Jaguars (4-1) won their fourth straight.

Houston (3-3) had won four of the previous six meetings between the AFC South clubs. But the Jaguars dominated this one, and it could have been worse had they not fumbled three times.

Jones-Drew had a 7-yard TD run early in the fourth period, making it 23-9. Paul Spicer sacked Matt Schaub on the ensuing possession, causing a fumble that Daryl Smith returned 77 yards to seal it.

Panthers 25, Cardinals 10

Vinny Testaverde, signed during the week, hit Steve Smith for a 65-yard touchdown pass and DeAngelo Williams ran for 121 yards and a touchdown. John Kasay kicked four field goals for Carolina (4-2).

Testaverde, 43, threw a touchdown pass for the 21st straight season, extending his own NFL record. Williams helped ice the game with a late 75-yard run, and he scored on a 13-yard run for the Panthers, 4-0 on the road this year.

Tim Rattay was rushed into action for Arizona (3-

3) when starter Kurt Warner sprained his left elbow in the first quarter. Warner, a two-time NFL MVP, made his first start in place of Matt Leinart, who is out for the season with a broken collarbone.

Chargers 28, Raiders 14

LaDainian Tomlinson matched his career high with four touchdowns, rushing for 198 yards on 24 carries and leading host San Diego to its eighth straight win over the Raiders (2-3).

Tomlinson scored on runs of 3, 27, 13 and 41 yards to move past John Riggins for fifth on the all-time TDs rushing list with 106. It was the third time the reigning NFL MVP rushed for four touchdowns in a game, and the fifth time overall he's scored four times.

The defending AFC West champion Chargers (3-3) pulled into a tie atop the division with Kansas City.

Chiefs 27, Bengals 20

Tony Gonzalez set the NFL record for touchdown catches by a tight end. Gonzalez, the eight-time Pro Bowler, caught Damon Huard's 3-yard pass in the first quarter and broke Shannon Sharpe's record of 62 TD catches. Then, Gonzalez snared a 26-yard scoring pass from Huard in the fourth period and wound up with 102 yards receiving.

Larry Johnson, who had not scored a touchdown after sitting out all of training camp, got 119 yards on 31 carries against a defense that had

been giving up 152 yards on the ground. Two series after his fumble cost the host Chiefs (3-3) a touchdown in the second quarter, Johnson slipped into the end zone on an 8-yard run.

T.J. Houshmandzadeh caught eight passes for 145 yards and two touchdowns for Cincinnati (1-4). It was the fourth straight loss for the Bengals, who have gone 1-7 since being 8-5 last year and holding a one-game lead in the wild-card chase.

Ravens 22, Rams 3

At Baltimore, the Ravens (4-2) forced Rams QB Gus Frerotte into six turnovers and Matt Stover kicked five field goals. Willis McGahee had a 6-yard touchdown run.

Kyle Boller went 17-for-29 for 185 yards as a replacement for an injured Steve McNair.

Playing a second straight week in place of an injured Marc Bulger, Frerotte threw a career-high five interceptions and lost a fumble. The Rams dropped to 0-6 for the first time since 1962, when the franchise was in Los Angeles.

Eagles 16, Jets 9

Donovan McNabb threw for 278 yards, including a 75-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Curtis. Brian Westbrook ran for 120 yards, and David Akers kicked three field goals as the Eagles (2-3) improved to 8-0 all-time against the Jets (1-5). The Eagles are 9-0 in games after the bye under coach Andy Reid.

TENNIS

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Results (Steers listed first.)

Boys Singles

Jeremy Landin def. Shaun Mantooth, 6-2, 6-1; Ryan Gonzales lost to Jesse Wilkinson, 6-7, 7-5, 6-3; Ainhan Nghiem lost to Nick Wurst, 6-2, 6-3; Mikael Gonzales def. Austin Carter, 6-2, 6-3; Johnathan Womack lost to Kyle Thompson, 6-2, 6-2; Jonathan Ray lost to Jon-Michael Sisson, 7-5, 6-3.

Doubles

Landin/R. Gonzales def. Mantooth/Kimiko Ordone, 6-0, 6-2; Nghiem/Ray lost to Wilkinson/Wurst, 6-4, 6-4;

Womack/Brode lost to Sisson-Thompson, 6-3, 6-4.

Girls Singles

Brittany Farmer lost to Fagma Kuzu, 6-3, 6-2; C.J. Riddle lost to Chelcee Metzler, 6-4, 6-2; Brionna Palmer lost to Morgan Rey, 6-0, 6-1; Jessica Womack lost to Amanda Day, 6-0, 6-2; Sydney Flohm lost to Whitney White, 6-1, 6-0; Shayla Drake lost to Lauren Strong, 6-1, 6-3.

Doubles

Palmer/Keely Parnell lost to Day/Metzler, 6-1, 6-2; Riddle/Farmer lost to Katie Hicks-Kuzu, 6-4, 6-0; Womack/Flohr lost to Ray/White, 7-5, 6-2.

Mixed doubles

Gonzales/Christina Chang lost to Katelyn Green/Landon Roberts, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

BSYSA Standings and Scores

Here are the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association's standings through Monday Oct. 15 and the scores from games played Saturday, Oct. 13. (Note: All wins are worth three points, ties are worth one point and losses aren't worth any points... The BSYSA will hold closing ceremonies at 3 p.m. Oct. 27 at the soccer fields. A cookout will be held and awards will be handed out.)

U8 Standings

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pts. Lists teams like Steers, Attack, Wildthanz, etc.

Saturday's results: Hornets 2, Dirt Devils 1; Attack 4, Wildthanz 1; Steers 7, Attack 2; Sidekicks 5, Kids in Black 2; Sidekicks 7, Hornets 0.

Saturday's leading goal scorers: Jason Miramontes, Steers - 5; Braden Sizenbach, 4 - Attack; Austin Horvath, Sidekicks - 3; Kaison Kirkland, Sidekicks - 3; Thomas Horvath, Sidekicks - 2; Nicholas Saracho, Sidekicks - 2; Brice Martin, Attack - 2; Cori Milcendeau, Hornets - 1; Ally Burnett, Hornets - 1; Montie Munsell, Dirt Devils - 1; Christopher Hall, Steers - 1; Katy Hills, Sidekicks - 1; A.J. Gonzales, Sidekicks - 1; Carlos Garcia, Wildthanz - 1.

U10 Standings

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pts. Lists teams like Storm, Timberwolves, Dragons, etc.

Saturday's results: Timberwolves 6, Dragons 2; Tornados 5, Ballhawks 0; Storm 8, Timberwolves 2.

Saturday's leading goal scorers: Jacob Scott, Storm - 3; Lorenzo Jones, Timberwolves - 3; Lane Beech, Timberwolves - 2; Timothy Goodgame, Timberwolves - 2; Wade Alexander, Tornados - 2; Christopher Robles, Storm - 2; Matthew Wood, Storm - 2; Samuel Yzaguirre, Dragons - 1; Shiv Patel, Dragons - 1; Tranaesha Smith, Tornados - 1; Anthony Kilgora, Tornados - 1; Tyler Martin, Storm - 1; Jeremy Brooks, Timberwolves - 1.

U12 Standings

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pts. Lists teams like Hurricanes, Tornados, Royals, etc.

Saturday's results: Tornados 3, Royals 0; Hurricanes 8, Tornados 1.

Saturday's leading goal scorers: Tate Kennedy, Hurricanes - 2; Taylor Brorman, Hurricanes - 2; Tyler Bryan, Hurricanes - 2; Brett Brorman, Hurricanes - 2; Taylor Fuentes, Tornados - 1; Tyler Nalley, Tornados - 1; Jalin Gilbert, Tornados - 1.

BRIEFS

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Grady football at Fort Davis, 7:30 p.m.

Sands football at Rankin, 7:30 p.m.

Garden City football at Wellman Hart, 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring Swimming hosts the Big Spring Invitational.

SATURDAY Big Spring volleyball at Estacado, 2:30 p.m.

Quarterback Club meeting today at 7 p.m. in ATC

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is meeting today 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.

MLB Championship Series schedules

ALCS (Red Sox lead series 1-0)

Game 1 Red Sox 10, Indians 3; Game 2 Indians 11, Red Sox 6

Game 3 Red Sox at Indians, 10/15, 6 p.m.

Game 4 Red Sox at Indians, 10/16, 7 p.m.

Game 5 Red Sox at Indians, 10/18, 7 p.m.

NLCS (Rockies lead series 2-0)

Game 1 Rockies 5, D-Backs 1; Game 2 Rockies 3, D-Backs 2

Game 3 Rockies 4, D-Backs 1; Game 4 D-Backs at Rockies, 10/15, 9 p.m.

Game 5 D-Backs at Rockies, 10/17, 7:30 p.m.

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SWCID student helping youngsters understand

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

When students and staff from SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf introduced themselves to public school students last month, it may have been a key step locally in what Curt Lang refers to as bridging the gap between the cultures. "I want to see deaf people and hearing people work together, not disrespect each other. I want to see them respect each other's culture," said Lang, a deaf student in his first semester at SWCID. "Just because we are different from each other doesn't mean anyone is wrong. We're just different."

To bridge the gap takes interaction, patience and maybe even a little curiosity.

"Younger children ask a lot of questions. They are very receptive. They haven't formed opinions about other people yet," explained Michael Lopez, SWCID recreational director, who was helping Lang convey his thoughts through sign language.

What better then, than to introduce deaf and hearing impaired to elementary students in a school setting and during Deaf Awareness Week?

That was Lopez's idea, and by all accounts, it was enthusiastically received as a group of five to seven hearing-impaired SWCID students, along with Lopez and an interpreter, visited Kentwood, Moss and Coahoma elementary schools. Through an interpreter, the groups exchanged questions and answers and the young children learned a little sign language.

"We were very excited about it. Some of our students have parents who are deaf," said Moss Elementary Principal George Martin. "It was an educational experience for all of us. The more we can get presented to our children the better it helps them in their future lives."

"The students were just totally impressed. Our students were doing the signs they were taught all day long," said Kentwood Elementary Principal Dana Rodriguez. "One of the reasons I think it was so great is it exposed our students to other cultures and languages. It's fascinating to the kids. It teaches them tolerance for other languages, other cultures. It also piques their interest in learning more about the culture. They loved it. The teachers were really impressed, too."

The experience obviously left a favorable impression on Lang.

"I really would like us to do that a lot more often. I think the children really enjoyed it and I love children, so it was great for me. I want to do it again," said Lang, who lost his hearing — the result of a virus — as an infant.

He is the only member of his family — father Bobby, mother Jayme and older sisters Amy and Ashley — who is deaf. To communicate, the family uses some sign language, but Curt actually speaks well, too.

His favorite activity is playing basketball. A Coahoma High School graduate, he was the starting point guard on the Bulldogs' district championship team in

2006-2007. He also played high school golf for four years. Now, he is studying to be a coach and teacher. He continues to play basketball almost every day, runs and stays in good shape. His routine, he says, is basically the same as any other student.

"I watch television, work out, spend time with my family — the same as any other college student," he said.

"Deaf people try to prove they can do anything in life that hearing people can do, and they can," Lang added. "We have to believe in ourselves."

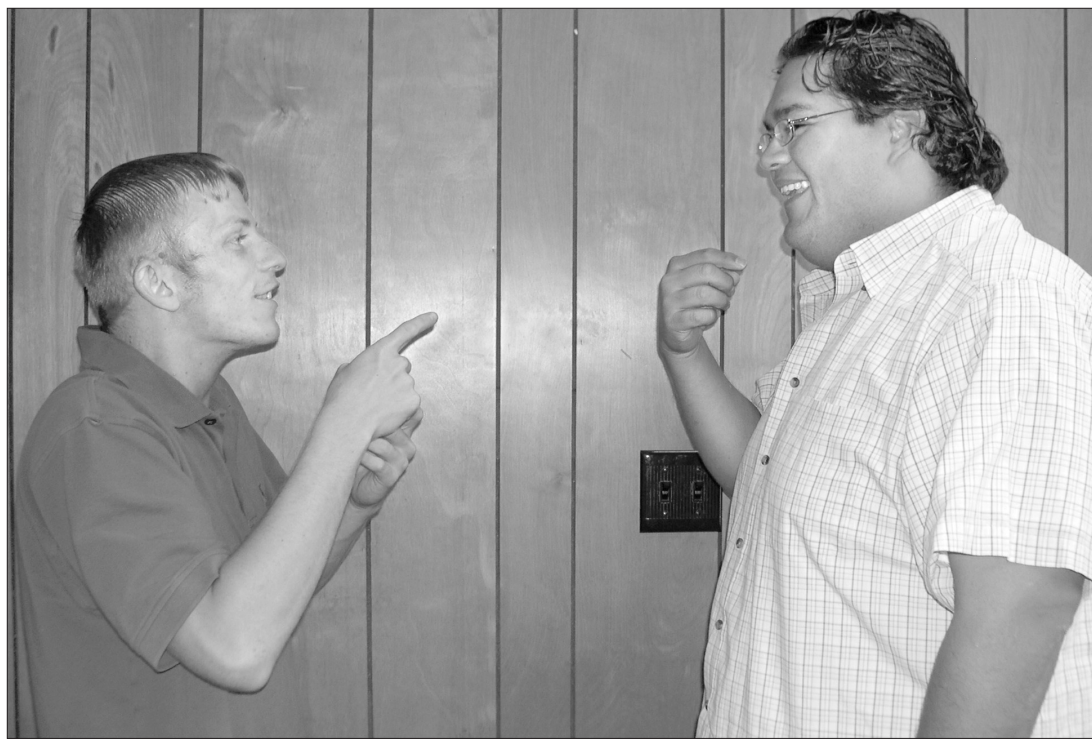
That's important, because many hearing people don't perceive Lang as being like them.

"Sometimes people treat me different. You just have to get through it," he said. "People have made fun of me because I am deaf. But I just forget about it and go on and enjoy life. People aren't perfect. No one is. It takes mutual respect."

One person who respects the deaf culture is Lopez, who also is a Coahoma High School graduate, and who began his job as recreational director this year.

"I'm still learning. When I came back here in January, I didn't know sign language," said Lopez, who is not deaf. "It's hard to leave your comfort zone and immerse yourself in another culture, but that's what you do. That's what I have done, and I am much more comfortable in it now than I was then."

His desire to work with and on behalf of deaf people is infectious. He's not



HERALD staff photo
Student Curt Lang, left, signs with Michael Lopez, SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf recreational director. Lang wants to see more interaction between the deaf and hearing cultures.

a certified interpreter, though he obviously understands sign language and communicates well with the hearing impaired.

"I enjoy my job. It's interesting and it's fun," he said with a grin.

Enthusiastically, he signed with Lang and expressed a point the student is wanting to make.

"You don't see deaf. There is an idea in the hearing culture that you expect people who are different to look different," Lopez relayed. "But the signing is the only thing that is different. It's like Spanish is to English. How do you communicate? It's kind of the same problem."

It's the message Lang wants to get across — deaf and hearing people are different only in the way they communicate.

"We are all God's children," he emphasized. "The only difference is we can't hear."

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KIDNAPPING

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As of 10 a.m. Monday, Wilson was being held in the Big Spring City Jail, awaiting arraignment.

Everett said the investigation is ongoing, and police officials are urgently trying to track down the unknown man that gave the suspect and two children a ride.

"He isn't a suspect in the case," said Everett. "However, we do need him as a witness to the offense. His help is very important in this case."

Anyone with information regarding this crime should contact the BSPD at 264-2550.

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SENTENCE

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"I was pleased he received the maximum sentence; we felt it was definitely deserved," Wilkerson said. "I had spoken previously with

the victim on this matter, and she indicated that a two-year sentence would be satisfactory to her."

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SUCCESS

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dors." Kendall said the event has been a Godsend for Stanton.

"We were dying on the vine, and then along came Trade Days," she said. "It was an act of faith ... and it worked

because of a lot of hard work, determination and prayer."

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Area officials awaiting word on steroid testing start

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Howard County school officials are still awaiting word on exactly when and where steroid testing of high school students will begin.

UIL officials announced last week that the state's mandatory random testing program should begin by the end of October.

Meanwhile, area school leaders are still awaiting details of the program.

"We haven't heard anything yet," Coahoma

school superintendent Jerry Johnson said.

Among the questions still unanswered is how many students will be tested, how they will be selected and exactly which extra-curricular activities will be affected.

"We think they'll probably select kids randomly from a list of students involved in extra-curricular activities," said Mike Ritchey, athletic director at Big Spring Independent School District.

UIL Athletic Director

Charles Breithaupt told the Associated Press that three or four testing companies are still being evaluated. Testing could begin as soon as a week after a firm is selected.

Ritchey said steroids do not constitute a widespread problem locally.

"No, not at all," he answered. "Our athletes have been educated about steroids, we've talked about it, everywhere you

turn, it seems there's a poster warning against steroid use.

"Just from the behavior of our athletes, there are no external facts that would indicate steroid use," Ritchey added. "The No. 1 indicator is rumors ... and that's not anything we've heard. I think our kids can see the dangers of steroids, and I don't think it's something that would be tolerated here."

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OUR VIEWS

Meeting on bond issue is a chance to learn the facts

Do you have questions concerning the \$11.57 million jail bond issue Howard County commissioners will put before voters on Nov. 6? Most of us do, and we'll have a chance to get answers Tuesday during a town hall meeting set for 6 p.m. at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus.

Among those scheduled to speak during that meeting is Adan Munoz, executive director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, who has told commissioners failure to pass the bond — or find some other avenue to finance a new jail facility — could force the state agency to shut down the existing jail.

County Judge Mark Barr and the four commissioners — Bill Crooker, Jerry Kilgore, Gary Simer and Emma Puga Brown — asked Munoz to speak at the town hall meeting to impress upon county residents how important the upcoming bond election is.

At the request of the commissioners court, Munoz penned a letter in August explaining just how important the Jail Standards Commission considers the November bond issue.

"It should be noted that if the voters do not approve the proposed bond issue, then Howard County officials need to understand the possible consequences," Munoz wrote. "Howard County is subject to annual inspections by the commission, and if, at any time, it is determined that the facility is again in a state of non-compliance, the possibility of ordering the facility closed remains an option."

"The role of the Commission on Jail Standards as a regulatory agency is to ensure that county jails are operated in a safe and secure manner in order to protect the public, staff and inmates. This agency remains cognizant of the variances in effect for the Howard County Jail and the potential for issues to arise in the future."

In addition to Munoz, project architect Jeff Heffelfinger and all five members of the commissioners court are expected to be on hand for the meeting.

Commissioners placed a similar bond election on the November 2006 ballot, asking voters to approve a bond for slightly more than \$10 million to finance a 144-bed jail, which failed by more than 60 percent.

As a result, the commissioners court is doing all it can to inform voters of the serious situation the county currently faces.

We here at the *Herald* encourage readers to attend Tuesday's meeting. It will be an opportunity to learn first-hand the facts concerning the bond proposal. We can think of no better way to have an informed electorate on the issue.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Please, Lord, assume more control of our life.

Amen

To link, perhaps to dream

Back in the day, members of both major political parties used to work with each other, rather than just pop out bills in the hope that the other side would reject them, thus creating a good election issue. Congress practiced the art of something called compromise. Members hashed out deals with provisions for policy reasons, not because they made for good talking points.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Or maybe Washington always passed self-serving, low-rent legislation, and I was just too young to know any better.

One thing is for sure: No reasoned bill born of compromise is likely to emerge from Washington until after the 2008 presidential election — especially on the dicey issue of immigration. Not in your dreams. Not even the DREAM — Development Relief, and Education for Alien Minors — Act authored by Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., which would grant legal status and eventual citizenship for illegal immigrant children if they arrived here before they were 16, lived in the United States for five years, are high school graduates or earned a GED, have good moral character — and served in the military or attended college for two years.

Durbin has a moral argument: It is not the fault of young adults who have grown up as Americans if their parents smuggled them across the border when they were children. Innocent young people should not be punished for their parents' crimes.

Thus the DREAM Act has 26 Senate cosponsors, including Democratic presidential hopefuls Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Christopher Dodd and GOP White House wannabe John McCain. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has said he will allow the bill's first stand-alone floor vote before Nov. 16. In 2003, a version of the bill passed the Judiciary Committee by a 16 to three vote. Durbin's office is hopeful the bill will pass.

"Several individuals who did not vote for comprehensive immigration reform have said that the DREAM Act is something that they're willing to take a look at," said spokesperson Sandra Abrevaya.

Sorry, I don't think the DREAM Act will pass before 2008 is over. Not given the spectacular failure of the Bush-backed Comprehensive Immigration Reform Bill after enraged voters let Washington know they want no amnesty until the government does a better job of enforcing existing immigration laws. And I doubt that U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer's ruling Wednesday — barring the Bush administration from cracking

down on employers who hire illegal workers — will improve the public's mood.

Steven Camarota, director of research for the anti-amnesty Center for Immigration Studies, said of the Durbin bill, "It's deadlier than a can of corned beef."

Camarota rejected the notion that the Durbin bill represents compromise.

"One side gets a little of what it wants, the other side gets zippo." Add robust mandatory workforce enforcement language — and maybe he'll think otherwise. He added, "I concede that there are things here that give me pause, but in this chaotic situation when the rule of law is completely absent, you don't start enforcing the rule of law by rewarding illegal behavior."

I get that. But enforcing the law by punishing those who did not choose to break it — that's not right. Yes, the DREAM Act would reward parents' illegal behavior — which doesn't sit right either — but at least it would help young adults who see themselves as Americans and follow the rules.

Some day, after 2008, after the government shows that it can enforce immigration laws, Washington might pass a good immigration reform compromise. Until then, it's but a dream.

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Nothing with nothing was something

October is breast cancer awareness month. In my family, we're very aware. My sister had a mastectomy in September.

One of my close friends, who had a double mastectomy last winter, told me she'd recently been with a group of women in Washington and none of them had had a mammogram in the last year. Why not? They were busy, they forgot, they had one the year before, they didn't want to think about it. All but one was over 40. Then again, my friend had been religious about her annual checkups, and she was the one with breast cancer. Life's not fair.



SUSAN ESTRICH

We women need to take responsibility. We need to do our self-exams, remember our annual checkups, and demand insurance coverage, research funds and free mammograms for women who can't afford them. We need to encourage younger women, who fall outside the official guidelines for mammograms, to be aware that when breast cancer strikes young women, it tends to be particularly aggressive and ruthless. So younger women have to be aggressive and ruthless about being screened, tested and reimbursed by their insurance companies for the procedures.

But there is only so much we can do as individuals.

What can we do about cancer clusters when we live in the middle of them?

What can we do about environmental triggers when we don't know why we get cancer at rates so much higher than Japanese women?

What should we do if we happen to be born into families that are cancer-prone?

What do we do about doctors who let us down and then look to other doctors and insurance companies to paper over their negligence?

My sister had cancer 23 years ago. It was non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. It showed up as a lump in

her breast. She had the lump removed, radiation of her breast and heavy-duty chemotherapy. It was hellish, but it saved her life. On the other hand, it was an experience she had no desire to relive.

So she's been careful. Over the years, she's had biopsies, MRIs, scans and blood work; she's been cautious not crazed; she has lived with the sword over her head and a smile on her face. I'm the one who worries about everything. She does what she has to do and doesn't dwell on it.

Two years ago, when she found a lump in her breast, the same breast that had been radiated 20 years ago, she went to the man who was supposed to be the top breast surgeon in her area of Pennsylvania. He ordered an MRI and, after reviewing it, told her not to worry about it, that it was nothing with nothing.

Nothing with nothing. Nothing to worry about. Except he was wrong.

A month ago, she felt the lump again. It felt different. Bigger. Tender. She went back to the famous breast surgeon. Nothing with nothing, he reminded her. We tested that two years ago.

I want it out, she said. He did a needle biopsy. It was "inconclusive." He scheduled a lumpectomy. We met in New York for dinner the weekend before. I woke up the next morning with my hands aching. I'd been clenching my fists all night. I had a bad feeling. And I was starting to get mad at Dr. Nothing with Nothing.

Why would you let a lump sit there for two years, in a breast that's been radiated, with a woman who went into menopause in her 30s and had been prescribed hormones ever since?

Why didn't her doctor do what mine does when he finds lumps — order follow-up MRIs at six-month intervals to see if there's been a change?

Who was he working for: her insurance company, or her?

But of course I didn't say those things to my sister. I said them to one of my best friends, who lost her sister to breast cancer, who talks me down when I insist on seeing disaster around every curve.

When I got three messages from my sister two days after the lumpectomy and none of them said everything was fine, I knew Dr. Nothing with Nothing was wrong just that. It may have been nothing two years ago, but it was something now.

The margins weren't clean from the lumpectomy. The breast tissue was compromised from the radiation in the '80s. So there was no question about the next step. The only issue was whether it was in the lymph nodes, as well. We're waiting on that. Dr. Nothing with Nothing said he saw some abnormal cells in the sentinel node and took a few more to test. Not a good sign. Why is he doing the surgery, I asked. He's supposed to be the best. I wonder if that's what a jury will think.

I had a friend named Copelia who died because of a doctor like my sister's. She belonged to an HMO, so she didn't have too many choices. She found a lump, too. Her doctor didn't order any fancy tests. He didn't do a needle biopsy. He said he could tell from the mammogram that it was nothing with nothing. Every time I saw her, she would ask me what I thought about her lump. I'm a lawyer not a doctor, I used to say. After two years, she finally went to a different doctor. Nothing with nothing was stage-3 breast cancer.

I couldn't find a lawyer who would take her case. I went with her to the meetings. The lawyers explained that there wasn't much money in the case because she'd signed an arbitration agreement without knowing it, that it wouldn't be easy to prove things would be different if the cancer had been diagnosed earlier, that the HMO would probably delay everything to see how it turned out. If she survived, they'd say there was no injury. If she died, they'd claim it was inevitable. As it turned out, she died.

Hopefully, my sister will do better. And maybe we'll even get to teach something to her Dr. Nothing with Nothing. For her sake, and Copelia's, and the rest of us.

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Dental insurance plans have done a very poor job of keeping up with the rising cost of quality dental care. Most plans have calendar year benefits of \$1,000 to \$1,500 and have for the last 30 years of so. This really won't go far if you have significant dental problems.

It's a bad idea to put needed dental treatment off for long, it only gets more costly. Therefore, starting in the fall and finishing up in January is a great idea, but not so good in spring or summer (due to the longer waiting period).

So do you have significant dental problems? Adults who haven't seen a dentist for 5 years or children who haven't been for 2 years are very likely to have significant problems, even if nothing hurts. Pain comes very late in the progression of most dental problems.

You may in fact know you have problems already. If you've been advised already of problems or if they are obvious to you, then please contact your dentist soon.

Every year people call my office in November or December who want to get a lot of treatment done before December 31. Every year our schedule stacks up due to this reason and due to holidays. So every year we have to tell people that we wish they had called in October, when there was more time.

If you or your child have not seen a dentist for a while, a thorough examination is the first step. For children this visit is usually combined with a dental cleaning. Many adults unknowingly have dental gum and bone disease, so a basic cleaning, which would only help cosmetically, is normally not scheduled with their examination.

Modern dental science will often offer several different ways of treating individual problems. For instance, a badly decayed tooth could need a root canal and crown, or an extraction and an implant or bridge or partial. Therefore many people will need a separate consultation appointment to discuss their options with them.

In other words, significant treatment will likely not start when you do go to the dentist the first time. Meanwhile the calendar pages are flying off. Don't wait. Make your dental appointment today.

Dr. David Ward practices family dentistry in Big Spring. He is past president of the Permian Basin Dental Society. He is also a member of the Texas and American Dental Associations and the Academies of Cosmetic Dentistry and Gp Orthodontics. All of his informative articles are available at www.DavidWardDDS.com

Making a modern burgoo

By DANA JACOBI

One year in Vermont, while driving down a back road, I spotted a gnarly old tree surrounded by apples that had fallen from its branches. The fruit was as bumpy and irregular-looking as the tree. Because the tree stood near the road, my passenger, a native Vermonter, informed me that we were free to take these "windfall" apples. Back home, I turned the rock-hard, ultra-tart fruit into the best chutney I'd ever made.

Relaying my country adventure to a friend — a big deal for a city girl like me — he started reminiscing too. Among his favorite memories of "country food" is the burgoo made by his father's family in Kentucky.

A Kentucky tradition, burgoo is a big, hearty stew meant to feed a crowd. Cooked by seventeenth century sailors, the original stew is named for the bulgur wheat that thickened it. Traditionally cooked outdoors in a large iron pot, burgoo incorporates any and everything that happens to be on hand. It is usually full of vegetables like corn, peppers, carrots, lima beans and green beans. And it frequently features a variety of meats, including pork, rabbit, veal — even opossum.

Adapting this down-home stew, I make a lighter version that includes all of the vegetables, but substitutes chicken breasts and thighs for the meat.

Chicken Burgoo

- 1 whole, skinless chicken breast (about 1 lb.), split
- 2 skinless chicken thighs (about 1/2 lb.), all visible fat trimmed
- 4 cups fat-free, reduced sodium chicken broth
- 1 medium carrot, sliced
- 1 celery rib, sliced
- 1 medium green bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 cup fresh green beans, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup frozen baby lima beans
- 1/2 cup frozen corn kernels
- 2 Tbsp. tomato paste
- Hot pepper sauce, to taste



Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Place the chicken and broth in a large, heavy saucepan. Bring liquid almost to a boil over medium-high heat, reduce to a gentle simmer, and cook until the chicken is white in the center at the thickest part, about 25 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a plate, reserving the broth in the saucepan. When cool enough to handle, pull the

meat off the bones and tear it into bite-size pieces. There should be about two cups.

Meanwhile, add the carrots, celery, green pepper, green beans, lima beans, corn and tomato paste to the broth. Simmer until the vegetables are tender, about 25 minutes. Add the chicken and cook until it is heated through. Season the stew to taste with hot sauce, salt and pepper.

Make 6 servings.
Per serving: 170 calories, 2 g

total fat (<1 g saturated fat), 11 g carbohydrate, 26 g protein,

3 g dietary fiber, 477 mg sodium.

"Something Different" is written by Dana Jacobi, author of 12 Best Foods Cookbook and contributor to AICR's New American Plate Cookbook: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life.

NUTRITION WISE: Calcium supplements, alcohol substitutes

Q: When is a calcium supplement necessary?

A: To start, determine how much calcium you need for good health and estimate how much you are currently getting from your diet. If you fall short, try to alter your diet to meet your needs. If you still aren't meeting your needs, then a supplement is advised.

To assess your needs, consider the current calcium recommendations: 800 milligrams (mg) daily for children ages four to eight, 1,300 mg for ages nine to 18, 1,000 mg for adults through age 50 and 1,200 mg after that.

Next, evaluate your diet. Dairy products offer the highest source of calcium — an eight-ounce glass of milk supplies about 300 mg, while a six-ounce container of yogurt and an ounce-and-a-half of most cheese (looks like 6 dice) provide 200 to 300 mg. Eight ounces of calcium-fortified orange juice (a great option for people who don't eat dairy) contain as much calcium as a serving of milk. Moreover, most of us accumulate about 300 mg a day in small amounts from other foods in our diet.

When looking at the calcium content listed on food labels, remember that 100 percent of the Daily Value for calcium equals 1,000 mg. If a food label says one

serving provides 30 percent of the Daily Value, the product contains 300 mg of calcium.

Lastly, when assessing your calcium intake, don't assume that adding more beyond the recommended amounts is beneficial. Men especially, should limit calcium intake to 1,200 to 1,500 mg because of a possible link between very high calcium intake and increased risk of prostate cancer.

Q: Can glyconutrients help prevent or treat cancer?

A: Glyconutrients are not part of our diet. In fact, the term "glyconutrient" was created by a private company to identify a dietary supplement that provides eight sugars the company claims are essential for health; these compounds supposedly improve communication between cells and support the immune system.

However, claims about glyconutrients' potential benefits are supported by only a few small studies. Moreover, these studies are primarily lab and animal studies. There is no substantial proof that these substances would be absorbed and produce the same effects if people consumed them in supplement form.

While glyconutrients raise interesting questions, the best advice to support immune function and reduce risk of cancer is the following: reach and maintain a healthy weight, keep physically active, eat a balanced plant-based diet that

meets your nutrient needs, and — it goes without saying — avoid tobacco.

Q: When recipes call for alcohol, can I just use water instead?

A: If you prefer not to use alcohol, you can usually substitute water, but it will not add the same flavor. Instead, try substituting a liquid that will add flavor to your dish. Wine in stews or sauces can often be replaced with chicken or vegetable broth, apple cider or white grape juice (depending on how sweet a flavor you want). Instead of using wine in a marinade, try balsamic or cider vinegar.

If a recipe calls for liqueur, you can replace each tablespoon of alcohol with 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon of a similarly flavored extract — for example, almond extract can replace Amaretto or use orange extract in place of Cointreau or Grand Marnier. Unsweetened apple, orange or pineapple juices often work well in place of sherry, rum or brandy. The flavor may not be exactly the same with one of these substitutes, but it will probably be delicious in its own right.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Optimism rules when
the moon is in Sagittarius
and inspiration can come
from anywhere. So go on,
buy the bubble bath with
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drink the herbal tea with
the clever slogan. Talk
about your feelings with
the knowingsness of a
sage, ever looking for the
big picture. Wax on with
renewed zest for life, love
and relationships.

ARIES (March 21-April
19). You can count on the
rules you've created for
yourself. Whatever your
regimen is, follow it,
even if your regimen is
to be un-
regimented. By staying
the course, you nail
exactly what you aim for.

TAURUS
(April 20-
May 20).

You don't have to be a
born royal to have a regal
air, and you're living
proof of this now as your
nobility shines through
everything you do. Of
course you treat everyone
equally, which is the
essence of modern
nobility.

GEMINI (May 21-June
21). Looking for definable,
moral guidelines? What
you'll probably discover
instead is that there's
more gray area than you
ever imagined. This can
be liberating. No, it's not
boring — it's peaceful.

CANCER (June 22-July
22). One new plot-twist
can change how you feel
about everything. Sit

with new information.
Let it mellow in your
mind. Make no snap
judgments. Allow your
inner wise one some
breathing room on this.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
Too many possessions
could be a problem,
distracting you from
what you really care
about. Toss it, sell it, or
give it away, and then see
if you don't have
considerably more
energy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.
22). Some people believe
that we agree to certain
contracts before we are
born to this life on earth.
Whatever you believe, it
seems as though you've
fulfilled what you were
supposed to do for
someone, and you've
done it well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).
Meet, and present your
ideas. Even if it goes
badly, you've won. When
you've got that one out of
the way, you can go on
and be a star in your next
encounter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). You're in a position
to be an excellent parent
to your inner child.
Patience and baby steps
get you through. A
personality clash is
featured, too — maybe
this is love in disguise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21). Solving a small
puzzle solves a big one.
You're sensitive to what's
going on with you on a
spiritual level. You look
for the symbolic meaning
of your experiences, and
you find it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). You have so

much creativity inside
you that you can't help
but apply it to everything
you do, especially the
daily tasks like eating,
dressing and driving. You
share a special moment
with Cancer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-
Feb. 18). You are
compelled to be near
someone for what seems
at first to be a superficial
reason. Then, the deeper
reason reveals itself.
What seems arbitrary
actually has great,
purposeful significance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20). When you find
someone attractive, let
this person know. This is
especially true of loved
ones with whom you are
enormously familiar.
They need to hear it, and
you need to say it.

**ASTROLOGICAL
QUESTIONS:** "I was in
an abusive relationship
for almost nine years. I
finally divorced him
three years ago. Since
then, I have been through
a lot of change. I am
finally feeling very
positive and happy and
am working on bringing
positive people into my
life and finding a
rewarding job. I have
been completely single
for about two years. I
recently went on a first
date with a guy I met
online. We felt an
amazing connection, and,
so far, he treats me well.
Can you tell me if this
relationship is worth
further exploring and
what I may expect from
it? Do you see some
stability coming back to
my life? My birthday is
Jan. 10, 1979, and his is

Nov. 3, 1978."
You do have an
amazing connection —
physical chemistry, the
most powerful love drug
going. But you realize
you can't build a stable
relationship on that,
right? You've worked so
hard getting the abusers
out of your life. Don't lose
the positive you've
gained by seriously
considering this charmer.
His mind's not on your
stability — its elsewhere.
Keep to the integrity of
your personal goals. Your
stability is totally within
your control.

CELEBRITY PROFILES:
Librans avoid making
unnecessary waves. But
when the peace-loving
scales speak, it's on
behalf of truth, justice
and equality. Natalie
Maines continues to
speak her "peace" — her
chief concern, being a
Libra. Don't expect this
rebel with a cause to
back down, either. With
Mars, Uranus and her
sun in Libra, the battle
can consume her. She has
a winning chance when
she turns dissent into a
song.

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Legals

Notice of Public Hearing
The Howard County Commission-
ers Court will conduct a public
hearing at a meeting on October
22, 2007 of consider (1) the applica-
tion to Wildhorse Mountain Wind,
LLC, for designation of certain
property located in Howard County
as a Reinvestment Zone eligible for
property tax abatement under
Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax
Code.
The property designated by Wild-
horse Mountain Wind, LLC, is in-
tended for use as a wind power
generation facility, electrical sub-
station, associated transmission fa-
cilities and lines, and operations fa-
cility by Wildhorse Mountain Wind,
LLC, and consists of:

- * All of the real property located in
Howard County and contained in
sections 13, 14, 19, 20, 23, 30,
31, and 38, Block 31, T-2-N, T&P
R.R. Co. Survey, Howard County,
Texas.
- * All of the real property located in
Howard County and contained in
sections 21, Subsection E 1/2, 22,
23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 37, 38, 39, 40,
41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 52, 53, 54, 55,
56, 57, 58, Block 27, H&TC R.R.
Co. Survey, Howard County,
Texas.
- * All of the real property located in
Howard County and contained in
sections 20, 21, 22, 23, and Block
25, H&TC R.R. Co. Survey,
Howard County, Texas.
- * All of the real property located in

Howard County and contained in
sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12,
13, 14, 15, 16, Block 31, T-1-N,
T&P R.R. Co. Survey, Howard
County, Texas.
* All of the real property located in
Howard County and contained in
sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20,
29, 30, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P R.R.
Co. Survey, Howard County,
Texas.
In determining whether to designa-
te the Reinvestment Zone, the
Commissioners Court will consider
whether such designation would
contribute to the retention or ex-
pansion of primary employment or
would attract major investment in
the Zone that would benefit the
land to be included in the Zone and

would contribute to the economic
development of County.
If created, the property would be-
come "Howard County Reinvest-
ment Zone No. B." The public
hearing will take place at 10:00 AM
on October 22, 2007, in the Commis-
sioners' courtroom of the Howard
County Courthouse in Big Spring,
Texas.
All interested persons may appear
and present testimony regarding
designation of the Reinvestment
Zone. If further information is
needed, please contact the office
of County Judge Mark Barr, How-
ard County, 300 Main Street, Room
207, Big Spring, Texas 79720,
Phone: 432-264-2203.
#5571 October 15, 2007

Legals

Notice of Public Hearing
The Howard County Commission-
ers Court will conduct a public
hearing at a meeting on October
22, 2007 to consider (1) the applica-
tion of Airtricity Panther Creek
Wind Farm, LLC, Padoma Elbow
Creek, and Duke Ocotillo Wind-
power for designation of certain
property located in Howard County
as a reinvestment Zone eligible for
property tax abatement under
Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax
Code.
The property designated by Airtricity
Panther Creek Wind Farm, LLC,
Padoma Elbow Creek, and Duke
Ocotillo Windpower is intended for
use as a wind power generation fa-
cility, electrical substation, associ-

- ated transmission facilities and
lines, and operations facility by Air-
tricity Panther Creek Wind Farm,
LLC, Padoma Elbow Creek, and
Duke Ocotillo Windpower and con-
sists of:
- * All of the real property located in
Howard County and contained in
sections 103, 104, 105, 106, 107,
131, 132, Block 29, W & NW Co.
Survey, Howard County, Texas.
- * All of the real property located in
Howard County and contained in
sections 16, 21, 22, 27, 28, 34,
35, 38, 39, 40, 43, 45, 46, Block
32, T-1-S, T&P.R.R. Co. Survey,
Howard County, Texas.
- * All of the real property located in
Howard County and contained in
section 01, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Block 32,
T-2-S, T&P.R.R. Co. Survey,

Howard County, Texas.
* All of the real property located in
Howard County and contained in
sections 37, 38, 47, 48, Block 33,
T-1-S, T&P.R.R. Co. Survey, How-
ard County, Texas.
* All of the real property located in
Howard County and contained in
sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13,
15, Block 33, T-2-S, T&P.R.R. Co.
Survey, Howard County, Texas.
In determining whether to designa-
te the reinvestment Zone, the
Commissioners Court will consider
whether such designation would
contribute to the retention or ex-
pansion of primary employment or
would attract major investment in
the Zone that would benefit the
land to be included in the Zone and
would contribute to the economic

development of the County.
If created, the property would be-
come "Howard County Reinvest-
ment Zone No. A." The public
hearing will take place at 10:00 AM
on October 22, 2007, in the Commis-
sioners courtroom of the Howard
County Courthouse in Big Spring,
Texas.
All interested persons may appear
and present testimony regarding
designation of the reinvestment
Zone. If further information is
needed, please contact the office
of Judge Mark Barr, Howard
County, 300 Main Street, Room
207, Big Spring, Texas 79720,
Phone: 432-264-2203.
#5570 October 15, 2007

Legals

Notice of Public Hearing
The Howard County Commission-
ers Court will conduct a public
hearing at a meeting on October
22, 2007 to consider (1) the applica-
tion Gunsight Mountain Wind En-
ergy, LLC, for designation of cer-
tain property located in Howard
County as a Reinvestment Zone
eligible for property tax abatement
under Chapter 312 of the Texas
Tax Code.
The property designated by Gun-
sight Mountain Wind, LLC, is in-
tended for use as a wind power
generation facility, electrical sub-
station, associated transmission fa-
cilities and lines, and operations fa-
cility by Gunsight Mountain Wind,
LLC, and consists of:
* All of the real property located in
Howard County and contained in
sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,

- 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19,
20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28,
29, and 30, Block 31,
T-2-N, T&P.R.R. Co. Survey,
Howard County, Texas.
- * All of the real property located in
Howard County and contained in
sections 42, 43, 44, and 45, Block
31, T-3-N, T&P.R.R. Co. Survey,
Howard County, Texas.
- * All of the real property located in
Howard County and contained in
sections 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41,
42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48,
Block 32, T-3-N, T&P.R.R. Co.
Survey, Howard County, Texas.
- * All of the real property located in
Howard County and contained in
sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18,
19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24, Block
32, T-2-N, T&P.R.R. Co. Survey,
Howard County, Texas.
- * All of the real property located in

Howard County and contained in
sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13,
14, and 15, Block 33, T-2-N,
T&P.R.R. Co. Survey Howard
County, Texas.
* All of the real property located in
Howard County and contained in
sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 27, 28,
29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36,
37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45,
46, 47, and 48, Block 33, T-3-N,
T&P.R.R. Co. Survey, Howard
County, Texas.
* All of the real property located in
Howard County and contained in
sections 13 and 24, Block 34,
T-3-N, T&P.R.R. Co. Survey,
Howard County, Texas.
In determining whether to designa-
te the Reinvestment Zone, the
Commissioners Court will consider
whether such designation would
contribute to the retention or ex-
pansion of primary employment or

would attract major investment in
the Zone that would benefit the
land to be included in the Zone and
would contribute to the economic
development of County.
If created, the property would be-
come "Howard County Reinvest-
ment Zone No. B." The public
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Warning of vetoes, Bush pushes back on Democratic bills

By BEN FELLER

Associated Press Writer

CRAWFORD — President Bush never picked a spending fight when his party ran Congress, but with Democrats now in charge of the budget, he's dug in for a challenge.

In a stop in Arkansas, Bush on Monday planned to again chide congressional leaders for failing to send him any of the 12 spending bills that keep the government running. The budget year began Oct. 1, and federal agencies are operating on a stopgap bill for now.

For a president short on domestic victories, the White House sees fiscal discipline as a

winning argument for Bush: a chance to label the opposition in tax-and-spend terms.

Among fiscal conservatives, Bush's timing seems a bit late.

Bush never vetoed an appropriations bill when Republicans controlled Congress. He is prepared to use his veto now to reject Democratic spending bills, and with confidence; conservative House Republicans appear to have the votes to sustain his promised vetoes.

Overall, Democrats are pressing to spend about \$22 billion more on domestic programs than Bush wants. Education, health research and low-income housing grants are among the issues on which Bush and

Democratic leaders disagree.

Given the budget's scope, a difference in the range of \$20 billion is "trivial in economic terms," said Sidney Weintraub, an expert on trade and economics at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"But they think it might have a payoff in political terms," Weintraub said of Bush and fellow Republicans. "I think the Democrats will play this as 'We're more responsible on budget issues than Republicans are,' and this is their way of saying it isn't so."

Bush has already vetoed legislation that would have raised spending on a popular children's health insurance pro-

gram \$35 billion over five years. Bush has called for a \$5 billion increase and planned to defend his position again in his remarks in Rogers, Ark.

The House will vote to override his veto Thursday, but it is expected to fall short.

Bush spent a typically quiet weekend at his Texas ranch, unseen by the public.

His Monday schedule began in northwest Arkansas with a tour of Stribling Packaging and Display, a manufacturing company, followed by lunch with local business leaders and public comments on the budget.

Taxpayer money is not Bush's only focus Monday; he's raising Republican campaign cash, too.

Bush was to attend a private fundraiser in Memphis, Tenn., to support Sen. Lamar Alexander's re-election bid.

Alexander has been an outspoken Republican critic of Bush's war strategy, but has stood with him in rejecting Democratic legislation that would mandate troop withdrawals. Other GOP candidates have kept their distance, yet Alexander sees advantages.

"It's still the presidency of the United States, which is respected and admired and attractive to people," said Tom Ingram, Alexander's chief of staff and a campaign adviser. "The president still has a lot of appeal in Tennessee."

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Student spelunkers that left trail of leaves are found safe after getting lost in cave

AUSTIN (AP) — Three students rescued after spending 30 hours inside a cave they were exploring gave searchers a guide to find them: a trail of leaves they deliberately left behind.

"If someone is coming, it's a good way to find someone," said Jeff Brown, 20, one of the three University of Texas students rescued Sunday night.

The two women and one man found in a 500-foot crawlspace about the diameter of a sewer pipe waited there knowing search teams would come rescue them, Austin fire department Lt. Matt Cox said.

"They did everything right," Cox said Sunday. "They came out safe and sound, and they're going to school tomorrow."

The students emerged from Airman's Cave tired and hungry but with no injuries. They had left a trail of leaves during their exploration so crews could find them if they got into trouble, Cox said.

Bishop criticizes St. Edward's University decision to have stripped theologian speak

AUSTIN (AP) — Catholic Bishop Gregory Aymond has objected to plans by St. Edward's University to host a priest whose views on topics such as human sexuality caused the Vatican to strip him of the title of Catholic theologian.

Aymond, who leads the Catholic Diocese of Austin, said he was "gravely disappointed" with university officials for inviting the Rev. Charles Curran, a teacher of theology and ethics at Southern Methodist University.

Aymond sent a letter to priests in the diocese asking them not to publicize Curran's Thursday speech, which is part of a lecture series.

St. Edward's officials said Curran's speech will contribute to academic dialogue and a diversity of viewpoints.

Houston PD records show ex-cop failed firearms test before shooting teenager

HOUSTON (AP) — A police officer who fatally shot a 14-year-old boy had failed a test of firearms handling and initial police field training, according to Houston Police Department documents made public in a wrongful death lawsuit filed by the boy's parents.

Eli and Lydia Escobar have sued city of Houston, alleging former Officer Arthur J. Carbonneau violated the civil rights of their son when he was shot in November 2003.

Carbonneau was found guilty in 2005 of criminally negligent homicide in the death of Eli Escobar II and sentenced to 60 days in jail and five years' probation.

Last month, U.S. District Judge Lee H. Rosenthal ruled that the family's case could go forward, despite objections from the police department. Rosenthal's opinion said the city had failed to prove it could not be held liable for the shooting because of systemic training failures.

Lawsuit in deadly 2004 truck crash settled

SHERMAN (AP) — Relatives of some of the 10 people killed and two others injured when a tractor-trailer slammed into oncoming traffic in 2004 have settled their civil suit against the driver and owners of the rig, the lead attorney for the plaintiffs said Sunday.

Attorney Dean Gresham said that while the amount of the settlement is confidential, it ends all civil litigation stemming from the grisly crash in which an 18-wheeler crossed the median of a busy North Texas highway and plowed into two cars.

"We think it's in the best interest of the families to move on with their lives and not relive the tragedy through the trial," Gresham said.

The settlement was reached as jury selection was scheduled to begin Monday in U.S. District Court. Instead, Gresham said the settlement would be formally announced Monday.

Dallas business owner kills two intruders during three-week span at machine shop

DALLAS (AP) — For the second time in three weeks, the owner of a machine shop fatally shot an intruder who had broken into his business, police said.

James Walton fired a shotgun Sunday at a man inside Able Walton Machine & Welding, police said. Walton, who lives upstairs from the shop, was alerted to the intruder's presence by a motion sensor system.

"He's got a right to defend his property," Dallas police Sgt. Gene Reyes said. "What gives a stranger the right to go in and vandalize or burglarize his business? He's within every legal right to do this."

Police said the intruder was Jimmy Gannon of Ferris. The 37-year-old died after being taken to a hospital.

Walton also shot and wounded a second man Sunday outside of the shop. Police said the man escaped, but was eventually detained for questioning.

Walton could not be reached for comment Sunday.

Police said no charges were filed against him, but the case will be referred to a grand jury.

About three weeks ago, Walton shot and killed Raul Laureles when Laureles was climbing through a pried-open window of the business, police said. That incident also was referred to a grand jury.

Police said they don't believe anything was stolen from Walton's business on Sunday.

One dead, eight injured in 11-vehicle accident

HOUSTON (AP) — A wrong-way driver was killed and eight others were injured in an 11-vehicle accident.

The man who died drove his Cadillac northbound into the southbound lanes on a road in north Houston on Saturday. Houston police Sgt. David Balderaz described the man as an older person with medical problems.

"I saw the Cadillac speeding on the wrong side of the road," Jose Perez said. "It hit the other cars head-on and catapulted into the air and flipped."

Some of the vehicles were stopped at a light and others were approaching it as the Cadillac entered oncoming traffic, police said. Passengers of the other vehi-

cles, including one young child, were taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Two Houston Fire Department paramedics were among those who suffered minor injuries in the accident. No patient was in their ambulance at the time of the crash.

The identity of the man who died was being withheld until relatives could be notified.

Fire engulfs more than 20 vehicles at festival

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A grass fire in a parking area at a country music festival engulfed more than 20 vehicles, fire officials said. There were no injuries.

Authorities say that the cause of Saturday's fire is under investigation. The two-day Big State Festival at Texas World Speedway carried on with acts like the Lynyrd Skynyrd and Robert Earl Keen.

As John Boston of Austin parked on Saturday afternoon, he said he noticed smoke coming from under the car.

"I instantly knew what was going on and got back in the car to start it," Boston said. "When it wouldn't turn over, I just got out of there."

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Community Christmas Parade

5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1

Parade theme:

"Peace On Earth"

Entry deadline — Noon, Friday, Nov. 16

The parade will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and head north on Gregg Street toward downtown, arriving in time for the downtown Christmas celebration.

- \$100 Herald's Best of Show Award:** for best interpretation of theme.
- \$75 Mayor's Trophy:** for best use of lighting.
- \$50 Grand Marshall's Award:** for best costuming.

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

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

In addition, certificates of commendation will be awarded to the second- and third-place entries in each of those categories.

Also, a special award will be presented to the best sheriff's posse, riding club or other mounted entry.

PARADE RULES

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

2007 Christmas Parade Entry Form

Name of organization: _____
Name of contact person: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____

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



- Individual/Family
- Civic/church/school
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Mounted

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