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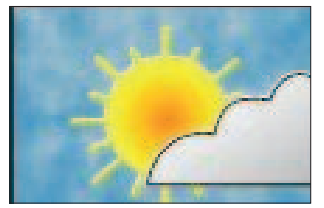
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Early voting begins Monday

Jail bond on the ballot

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County voters will have their first chance to head to the polls Monday morning, as early voting in the Nov. 6 election begins at the county courthouse.

While this year's election doesn't feature any candidates, voters will have plenty to consider with 10 constitutional amendments and the jail bond on the ballot, according to Sandra Bloom, county elections administrator.

"We had a total of about

Vote!

What: Early voting for the Nov. 6 jail bond and state constitutional amendments election.

Where: Howard County Courthouse.

When: 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Oct. 30 and Nov. 1.

6,000 ballots last year, when the last jail bond was decided," said Bloom. "So we're expecting the

turnout to be about the same. And while all of the proposed amendments are important, we haven't seen much in the way of controversy from them, so no really hot items have developed at this time."

Bloom said early voting will continue through Nov. 2, with balloting taking place on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse. Voters can cast their ballots from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, during that peri-

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Irene Galan picks up trash in the vicinity of Comanche Trail Lake Saturday morning. Galan and other volunteers fanned out around the lake as part of the annual Love Our Lake clean-up effort.

Wind power

Reinvestment zones back on county agenda

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners are expected to look at the establishment of a trio of reinvestment zones Monday morning, as the court takes a second stab at creating possible tax abatements for wind energy companies eager to get projects under way before the end of the year.

Terry Wegman, executive director of Moore Development for Big Spring, is slated to meet

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Lloyd Claxton displays several of his creations during the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club's annual show and sale at the Dora Roberts Community Center Saturday morning.

ISD facilities study enters second phase

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring school officials will begin the long process of firming up plans for renovating their aging facilities when trustees hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the high school board room.

Trustees will meet with the Citizens Facility Improvement Committee, a group of 30-plus local residents recruited to aid the school board in studying school facilities and making recommendations for their renovation or replacement.



Downes

The group has spent the past few months touring local campuses and now will shift its focus toward the recommendation phase, Superintendent Michael Downes said.

"Everything up to this point has been observation and answering questions on their part," Downes said of the committee's mandate. "This meeting, however, will turn from fact-finding to

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Two arrested on federal drug charges

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A pair of Big Spring men were arrested during the early morning hours Thursday after local and federal law enforcement officials served sealed federal indictments on them charging delivery of a controlled substance.

Terry Lynn Hargers, 38, and Levone Henderson Jr., 43, were taken into federal custody by the Lubbock division of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on evidence gathered during an undercover operation, according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring

Police Department.

"Henderson was arrested at a residence in the 3700 block of Connally," said Everett. "Hargers was arrested at a residence in the 2500 block of Albroom. At the time of their arrests, both men were found to be in possession of crack cocaine. Both were taken into federal custody and

were expected to appear in federal court in Abilene Oct. 19."

Everett said no other information on the arrests or undercover operation was available.

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



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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers Booster Club meeting Monday in the ATC

The Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the Athletic Training Center.

Parents who have a Lady Steers athlete from the junior high to the varsity are encouraged and welcome to attend.

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.

Big Spring High School cheerleaders holding cheer clinic

The Big Spring High School cheerleaders will be holding a mini-cheer clinic for girls in grades K-6 Oct. 29-30 at the Steer Gym from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each night.

Participants will learn a cheer, a chant and a bleacher mania dance. They will perform the cheer at the black out community pep rally on Nov. 1 and then again at halftime of the Powder Puff football game following the pep rally.

The student must participate in both nights of the clinic in order to perform.

Cost is \$40 and includes a T-shirt.

For more information, contact Shannon Stuteville at 264-3641, ext. 166 or at sstutevi@bsisd.esc18.net.

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

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Herald photo/Bruce Schooler
Coahoma Bulldogs quarterback Donnie Garcia (center) runs up the middle in the Bulldogs 27-5 win over Colorado City Friday night.

Coahoma chalks up third straight victory

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — A league's Most Valuable Player award sometimes goes to the best player on the best team in the league. However, sometimes it's given to the player that makes the biggest impact upon his team.

For the Coahoma Bulldogs' football team, who player is Donnie Garcia and the impact he's having on his team right now should put him in contention for District 5-2A's MVP award.

Garcia showed why Friday night as he led the Bulldogs to a 27-5 victory over the Colorado High School Wolves. He was responsible for 248 of Coahoma's 279 yards of total offense.

"Donnie is the key for us turn-

ing it around," Kennedy said. "It keeps defenses from keying on P.J. (Daylong). Plus Donnie throws the ball well and our receivers have confidence in him. I don't want to put the lime-light just on him. Our line was great tonight, but again that comes from the confidence they have in what Donnie will do for us. You can tell they have a lot of confidence in him when they come to sideline telling us to give it to Donnie."

Since returning from a foot injury three weeks ago, Garcia has led the Bulldogs to a 3-1 district record. The offense has proven to be more efficient with each game.

"With Donnie back, it just gets better and better every week,"

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Forsan takes control of District 16-1A

By **JEFF LANE**

Special to the Herald

The proof is in the pudding.

The Forsan Buffaloes took control of District 16-1A Friday night, proving their preseason No. 1 ranking within the district was no fluke, as they outlasted the Christoval Cougars, 33-26.

The Buffs wasted no time getting to work in this one, needing just three plays to score after the opening kickoff.

Alex Huckabee found Kody Willis for a 55-yard strike and took the early lead, 6-0, after a failed 2-point conversion.

The Cougars answered back with an 11-play drive covering 76 yards, ending with a Kellen Gierke 25-yard touchdown run around right end. A successful extra point gave Christoval a 7-6 lead with just under six minutes left to play in the first quarter.

Forsan struck again just two plays later as Jace Sandridge took the handoff and raced 66-yards to pay dirt. After Jeremy Frietag's kick, the Buffs took back the lead, 13-6.

But the Cougars were not to be shaken and on the ensuing possession reeled off another long drive, this time going 64 yards in 10 plays. Caleb Reigle got the call this time, going in from 11 yards out, helping Christoval retake the lead, 14-13.

"We were in the thick of things in the first quarter, both teams were," said Buffs Head Coach Tommy Thompson. "We were exactly where we wanted to be. We kept reminding the kids to play hard, fight off any let downs and we would be in good shape in the end."

Both teams struggled in the second quarter with the Buffs making the only real threat of the period, driving 74 yards to the Cougar 1. But, on third and goal, Geirke caused a fumble and the teams went into the half with the Cougars leading by one.

As the third quarter started, Geirke, who finished the night with 284 yards on 34 carries, took the ball around the left end and exploded past the Buffs' defense for 70 yards on the first play from scrimmage. The score put the Cougars up, 20-13.

However, Forsan responded on its next possession and drove the ball 60 yards, culminating in Sandridge's second score of the night as he took the ball in 16 yards out. Frietag nailed the extra point, tying the game at 20-each.

Four plays later the Cougars scored as Geirke raced 66 yards to the end zone and with 6:18 left

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Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback
Forsan Buffaloes quarterback Alex Huckabee (16) releases the ball just before being hit by a Christoval defender Friday night. Forsan won, 33-26, to take control of the top spot in District 16-1A.

Area Roundup: Stanton keeps rolling, tops Stamford, 34-13

By **BRANDON HALLFORD**

Special to the Herald

STANTON — Stanton's Buffaloes (6-1, 4-0) knew that the recipe for success Friday night was to play smash mouth football and they baked up a perfect dish.

Using five different runners, The Buffs amassed 285 yards rushing on their way to a convincing, 34-13 victory over the Stamford Bulldogs (3-3, 1-3).

With the win the Buffs remain in the driver's seat for the district championship while the Bulldogs need help if they are to claim one of the three playoff spots up for grabs in District 5-2A.

"We started out a little slow," Stanton Head Coach Lee McCown said after the game, "but we came out of the locker room, got physical, and took it to them. We did what we needed to do."

Starting a little slow is a bit of an understatement as Stamford took the opening kickoff and pro-

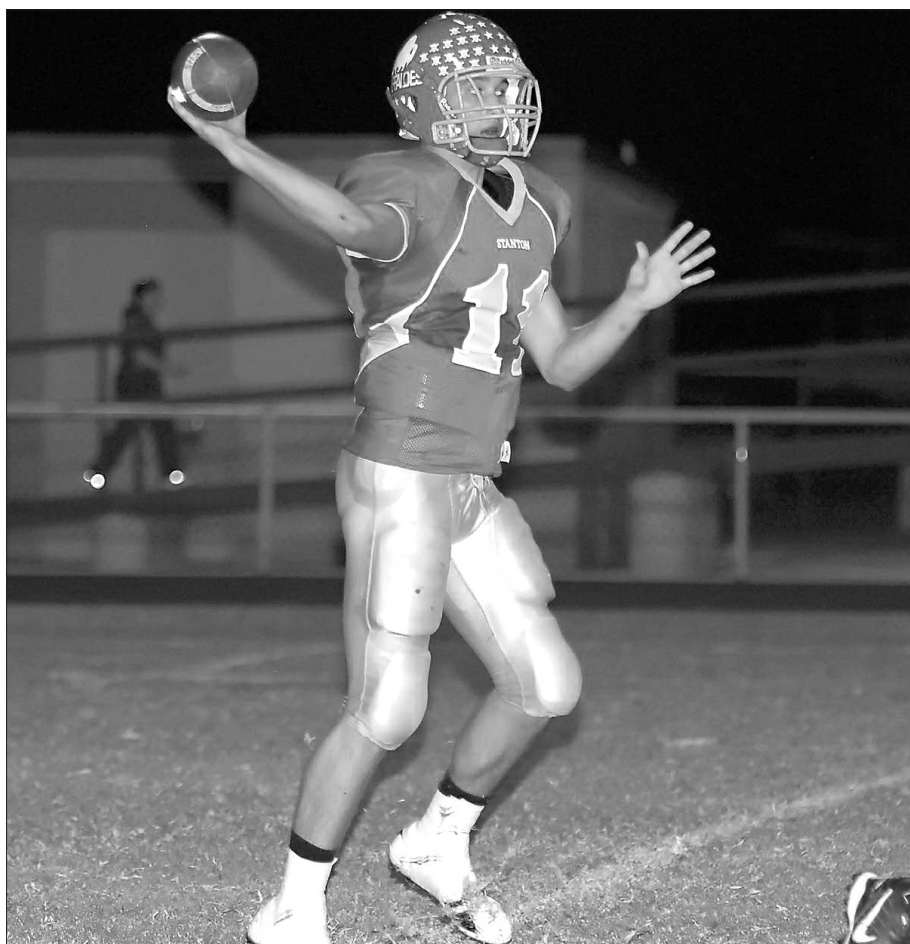
ceeded to drive down the field quickly, using just seven plays and a little over three minutes to take a 7-0 lead.

Starting quarterback Jason Rodriguez was the key to the drive as the 5-9, 150-pound junior completed two big strikes. The first was screen pass to the left sideline that senior Jake Richards turned into a 49-yard play. Ed Martinez found a hole in the Buffaloes secondary three plays later for a 26-yard touchdown reception, giving the Bulldogs their only lead of the night.

Stanton's defense got the team on track as senior defensive end Adam Evans intercepted an errant Rodriguez pass at the Bulldogs' 31 and rumbled down to the Stamford 14-yard line.

The Buffs' offense needed just three plays to even the score at seven as running back Robbie Noland carried the ball four yards around the left side for the

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Herald photo/Bruce Schooler
Stanton Buffaloes quarterback Garrett Fulton winds up to pass the ball in Stanton's 34-13 win over Stamford Friday night. The Buffs improved to 4-0 in District 5-2A.

Friday Night Recap

Big Spring
Bye

Forsan 33,
Christoval 26

Coahoma 27,
Colorado City 5

Stanton 34,
Stamford 13

Grady 53,
Fort Davis 52

Rankin 54,
Sands 8

Garden City 48,
Hart 0

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FAMILY FEATURES

Brew up a witch's cauldron of fun this Halloween with special spooky treats. These delicious goodies are frighteningly fun to make, so get your little monsters involved. The Haunted House Cake looks almost too spooky to eat, but this masterpiece will disappear as if by magic. Invite guests to tread through the graveyard of creative chocolatey treats you've conjured up with some of your favorite candies.

Send chills down the spine of your favorite ghoulish friends! Check out more spooky Halloween party ideas, a party invitation maker and ghostly goodies for a screaming good time at www.brightideas.com/halloween.



Haunted House Cake

Makes 1 cake

Prep time: 20 minutes

Decorating time: 40 minutes

Orange food coloring

2 (16-ounce) cans vanilla frosting

2 (16-ounce) frozen pound cakes, thawed

1 box thin chocolate wafer cookies

1 (0.68-ounce) tube black decorating gel

1 bag Twix Fun Size Bars

1 bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies

Pumpkin Patch Mix

1 bag M&M'S Peanut Chocolate Candies

Pumpkin Patch Mix

1. Tint frosting orange and set aside.

2. Spread 1/2 cup orange frosting on bottom of both pound cakes; then press them together. Stand cakes up so that they are vertical on a serving plate.

3. Create pitch of roof by trimming top of one cake on a slight angle. Trim other cake on a steeper angle to make roof look tipsy.

4. Completely cover cake with remaining orange frosting. For roof tiles, break chocolate wafers in half and arrange, overlapping slightly.

5. Pipe black decorating gel for windows. Add Twix bars for door and chimney. Use broken wafer cookies for shutters. Use M&M'S to outline top of roof and sides of house.

6. Grind remaining cookies along with a few Twix bars in food processor. Spread this mixture around base of house for "dirt" and scatter M&M'S on top.



Jack-O-Lantern Cakes

Makes 6 cakes

Prep time: 15 minutes

Baking time: 27 minutes

Refrigerating time: 60 minutes

Decorating time: 30 minutes

1 (18.25-ounce) box yellow cake mix

1 cup pumpkin puree

4 eggs

1/2 cup oil

1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

1 bag Snickers Fun Size Bars

2 (16-ounce) cans vanilla frosting

Green and orange food coloring

1 bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies

Pumpkin Patch Mix

1 (0.68-ounce) tube black decorating gel

1 bag Twix Fun Size Bars

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour 2 mini Bundt pans (each with 6 mini Bundt molds); set aside.

2. Combine cake mix, pumpkin puree, eggs, oil and pumpkin pie spice in large bowl. Beat until thick, about 2 minutes; then divide batter evenly between mini Bundt pans.

3. Chop 1 cup Snickers bars and sprinkle on top of batter. Bake 20 to 27 minutes until golden, or toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from oven, transfer to wire rack and let cool 10 minutes. Invert, let cool completely and then remove from pan.

4. Meanwhile, tint 1/2 cup of frosting green, spoon into resealable plastic bag and set aside. Tint remaining frosting bright orange.

Spoon 1/4 cup orange frosting into resealable plastic bag and set aside. Stack 2 cakes together (bottom to bottom) resembling a pumpkin shape. If necessary, trim bottoms so they are flat.

5. Place stacked cakes on wire rack set over sheet pan.

6. Heat orange frosting in microwave until thin enough to pour, about 1 minute, stirring well every 10 seconds.

7. Pour frosting evenly over cakes, covering completely. Use small knife or spatula to help frosting cover sides if necessary.

8. Scrape up excess frosting, reheat and reuse if needed.

9. Refrigerate cakes until frosting sets, about 1 hour.

10. Transfer cakes to serving platter. Snip small corner from plastic bags of tinted frosting.

11. Pipe green frosting vines on top of cakes and orange frosting dots to attach M&M'S. Pipe eyes, nose and mouth with black decorating gel. Trim 6 Twix bars and insert at top of cakes for stems.

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Google Eyes Cupcakes — For this eerie recipe go to brightideas.com/googleeyes.

Monster Feet Cookies — For this fun and easy recipe go to brightideas.com/monsterfeet.



Obituaries

Virginia 'Gin' Bates



Virginia "Gin" Bates, 76, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007, in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Maria S. Rios and Chaplain Duane Bemis officiating. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Virginia was born July 25, 1931, in Loraine to Ada and Hugh Patterson. Virginia married M.W. Bates, Aug. 18, 1958, in Snyder. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1971. Virginia was a Baptist and a homemaker.

Virginia is survived by her husband, M.W. Bates of Big Spring; one sister, Eileen Walsh of Sun City, Calif.; one brother, Marvin "Bobby" Patterson of Big Spring; two grandchildren, James Headrick and Kerry Lynn O'Brien, both of Big Spring; her loving dog, Tuffy; and a number of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Virginia was preceded in death by one son, J.R. "Rusty" Geiger.

Pallbearers will be Mike Graves, Greg Graves, Guy Graves, Kerry Tidwell, Nathan Graves and Randy Egan.

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

Paid obituary

Ed Lyons



Ed Lyons, CMSGT-Ret., 77, of Angeles City, Philippines and formerly of Big Spring died Sept. 28, 2007, in Angeles City. Services were held there Oct. 1, 2007.

He was born Nov. 14, 1929, in Laurel, Miss. He served 30 years in the Air Force, including World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He lived in Big Spring from 1963 until 1968 while serving at

Webb Air Force Base. He retired from Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. He had been an active member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Emilie, of Angles City; six sons, William Lyons of Alaska, John Lyons of Big Spring, Richard Lyons of St. Louis, Mo., Shawn Lyons, Edward Lyons and Angel Lyons, all of Angles City; five daughters, Helen Gibson of Corpus Christi, Patricia "Squeaky" Lyons of Big Spring, Frances Louise Lyons, Carla Lyons and Sheila Lyons, all of Angeles City; and a number of grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Victoria Lyons and one daughter, Lisa Lyons.

Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

Police blotter

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

- **TASHA MCCALISTER**, 34, 1508 Bluebird, was arrested on two local warrants and two citation warrants.
- **STEPHANIE BANKS**, 20, 1604 E. Sixth, was arrested on a local warrant.
- **STEPHEN GASS**, 46, 207 Washington, was arrested on a Callahan County warrant.
- **GINA RENE NORRED**, 49, 910 Fourth, was arrested on a local warrant.
- **RICKY WHITE**, 20, Coahoma, was arrested on two capias warrants.
- **LUIS BELLA**, 33, 1202 E. Third, was arrested on two local warrants.
- **ASSAULT WITH BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 700 block of 11th and the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 900 block of Gregg.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 800 block of 14th and the 700 block of San Jacinto.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was reported in the 1600 block of Gregg, the 800 block of Interstate 20 and the 2300 block of Monticello.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th, the 200 block of FM 700 and the 200 block of Marcy.

Take Note

• **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. There is no charge for those on Medicaid or Medicare.

• **THE WEST TEXAS PACHYDERM CLUB** invites the community to hear Cathie Adams, president of Texas Eagle Forum. Ms. Adams will be speaking on the topic, "What's the Deal with Border Security?" The Pachyderm meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, at St. Paul Lutheran Church on the corner of Ninth and Gregg streets.

• **SALVATION ARMY LODGE, 308 AYLESFORD, WILL HAVE A COMMUNITY COOKOUT** and open house from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, Oct. 27. Hotdogs and other food will be available at no charge. The community is invited to come see what the lodge is all about. Everyone is invited.

• **ANGEL FOOD ORDERS FOR OCTOBER** can be picked up from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 27 at Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church. Orders for November will be taken from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 26-27 and Nov. 2-3. For more information, call 267-3241 or 267-2203.

• **THE ACKERLY CLASS OF 1957 IS HAVING A 50-YEAR REUNION** Saturday, Oct. 27, at 10 a.m. in the Woman's Study Club building, 101 Juniper Drive, in Lamesa. A covered dish, pot luck dinner will be served. Classmates and friends are invited to attend. For more information call, Esther Miers at (806) 872 2382 or Freida Clement at (806) 872 2037.

• **HOME HOSPICE HALOS JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS** will have a Relay For Life garage sale from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 3. The sale will be at 111 E. Seveth, behind Home Hospice in the Runnels Street parking lot. Antiques, clothes, what-nots and more will be available.

• **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.

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

• **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.

Bulletin Board

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

MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

Weather

Sunday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph shifting to the west 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Much colder. Lows in the upper 30s. North winds 15 to 25 mph.

Monday...Mostly sunny. Much cooler. Highs in the lower 60s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 70.

Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.

Thursday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s.

Friday...Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 14-17-29-30-32.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-6-6-0. Sum It Up: 15

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-9-1

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score with just over ten minutes left in the first half. That score would last through half-time.

Three plays into the opening drive of the second half, Noland swept around the left corner, outracing the Stamford defense for 56 yards setting up the Buffs at the Stamford 6. Quarterback Garret Fulton called his own number three plays later, diving over from the one and putting Stanton up 14-7 at the 8:45 mark in the third.

After gaining two first downs, Fulton struck again, taking the ball up the right sideline for a 24-yard touchdown, making the score, 21-7, with just over four minutes left in the quarter.

Stanton struck again early in the fourth as senior Keagan Saenz carried the ball two times for 31 yards, with the last being a 21-yard explosion through the center of the line, giving the Buffs a 21-point margin with nine minutes remaining in the game.

The next drive proved to be the final nail in the Bulldogs' coffin. After Stamford's leading rusher Wesley was ejected from the game for an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, Stanton linebacker Mark Garcia came away with an interception, returning it for an 11-yard touchdown for the Buffs' final score.

"Mark has been wanting to get one all year," McCown said. "We are so happy that he final-

ly got it and the fact that he scored just makes it all that much better."

The Bulldogs added a score late in the game as Martinez carried the ball over from the six to make it 34-13, but it was too little, too late.

"We did what we had to do," McCown said. "We started out slow but came back and took it to them. The boys did what we told them needed to be done at halftime and they came out and took it to them. This is the most wins that we have had here in about six or seven years, but we can't be satisfied with that. We have to go and get ready for Haskell. We can't let up now."

Noland led with 132 yards rushing and a touchdown on 19 carries. Fulton, who didn't complete a pass for the second time this season, had 97 yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries.

The Buffs play Haskell's Indians (3-1, 5-2) Friday in a game that will go far in determining the district's playoff picture.

Grady 53, Fort Davis 52

FORT DAVIS — Grady's Wildcats (1-0, 7-0) were down by seven with 30 seconds left to play and with the ball at their own 20. Three plays later, the Wildcats were at Fort Davis' 14 with 11 seconds left on the clock.

Quarterback Dylan Cox rolled out to the left and threw back to the right where 6-5 Justin Tubb was matched up one on one. Tubb came down with the jump ball in the end zone, bringing Grady within one point with

three seconds left in the game. Tubb then kicked the point after attempt for two points, giving Grady the one point victory.

Wildcats' Head Coach Joe Helms said the decision to go for the win rather than the tie was based on how his offense had struggled to secure the ball throughout the game.

"We had a tough time holding onto the ball," said Helms, whose team turned the ball over seven times. "I didn't want to risk turning the ball over again in overtime and giving them the easy win. We're lucky to come away with this win."

Helms credited his defense with keeping his team in the game.

"People will look at how many points we gave up and question our defense," he said, "but our defense played a good game considering how many times they were put into bad situations."

The Wildcats had to come back from two margins of at least 20 points in the game. Fort Davis scored the first 20 points of the game, however, Grady bounced back in the second quarter to lead, 22-20. Fort Davis scored with a little more than a minute left in the second quarter, taking a 28-22 lead into the half.

The Indians scored two more touchdowns in the second half, leading 44-22 with just four seconds gone in the fourth quarter. Grady mounted their second comeback, scoring three unanswered touchdowns to take the lead, 45-44.

Cox led the Wildcats, completing 15 of 19 passes for 243 yards and four touchdowns. Casey Shands had 56 yards rushing and two touchdowns on eight carries. Helms credited Shands with several key plays on both sides of the ball.

Tubb had six receptions for 120 yards along with the game winning touchdown.

Grady takes on Sands next week in Ackerly.

Rankin 54, Sands 8

RANKIN — Rankin's Red Devils proved they are more than a one-man show Friday night.

Rankin is hyped as a team based around Garret Avalos, who runs, throws and catches most of the Red Devils' touchdowns. However, it was Juan Hernandez who made the biggest impact upon Rankin's 54-8 victory over the Sands Mustangs Friday night.

Hernandez had four touchdowns — three rushing — as the Red Devils ended the game courtesy of the 45-point mercy rule that governs six-man football with 8:55 left in the third quarter.

Hernandez scored on runs of 60, 50 and six yards. The six-yard touchdown was the one to end the game. He also threw a 33-yard strike to Chase Epley. Avalos threw for two touchdowns.

For Sands, Daniel Armendariz scored early in the second quarter on a 45-yard run, cutting the deficit to 22-8. However, that's the closest that the Mustangs would get.

Armendariz led the Mustangs with 80 yards rushing and 33 yards receiving. Quarterback Johnny Rogers was 11 of 20 passing with 100 yards.

Sands (0-2, 4-3) hosts rival Grady Friday.

Garden City 48, Hart 0

WELLMAN — It took just 11 seconds into the fourth quarter for Garden City's Bearkats to end their contest with Hart's Longhorns.

Kevin Hillger scored on a 6-yard run to end the ball game, courtesy of the 45-point mercy rule that governs six-man football.

The Bearkats were dominant on defense, allowing 76 total yards, forcing seven turnovers — three fumbles, four interceptions — and giving up two first downs.

The Bearkats offense continued to look formidable without all-state running back Bo Eggemeyer as it ranked up 328 yards — 178 rushing, 150 passing — of total offense.

Garden City led, 28-0, at the half and, 42-0, heading into the fourth quarter. Nick Sanchez threw three touchdown passes — two to Jake Schwartz — and racked up 105 yards on 6 of 13 passing.

Josh Colunga led with 77 yards rushing on nine carries. Wade Jansa had 53 yards receiving and a touchdown on four receptions. Jansa also returned an interception 20 yards for a score.

The Bearkats visit Rankin next week as they continue to battle for a playoff spot.

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They were married on Sept. 28, 1957, at First Baptist Church in Lamesa.

Their children are

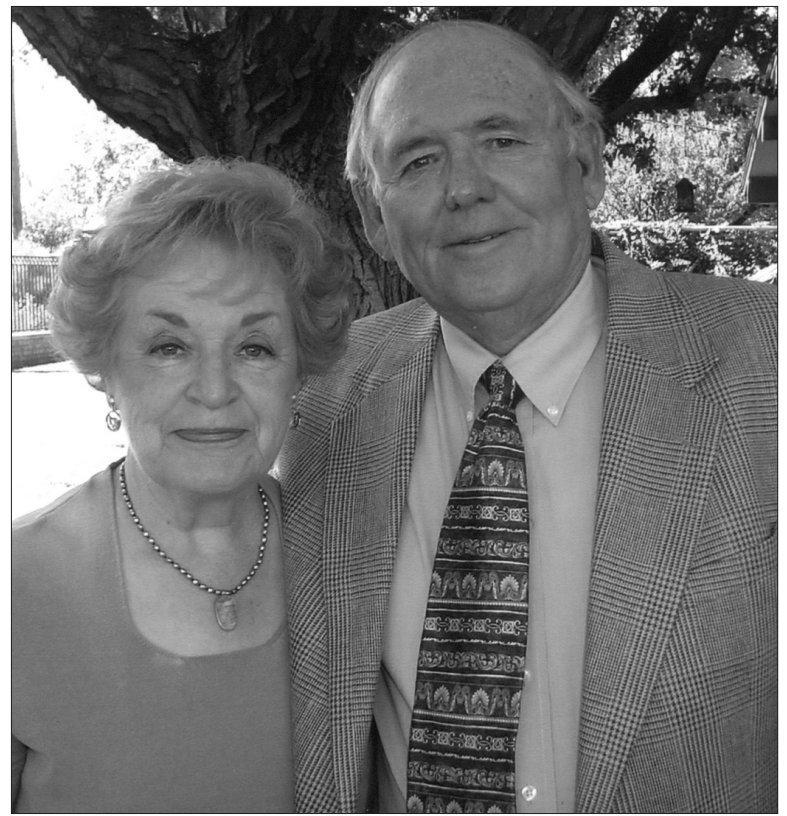
Craig and Julie Bailey of Big Spring and Les and Sharla Kinman of Lubbock and they have four grandchildren.

During their 50-year marriage, the couple have lived in Lamesa, Rosewell, N.M., Iraan and Big Spring.

Allen is an electrical contractor and Margaret is an office manager. They attend First Baptist Church.

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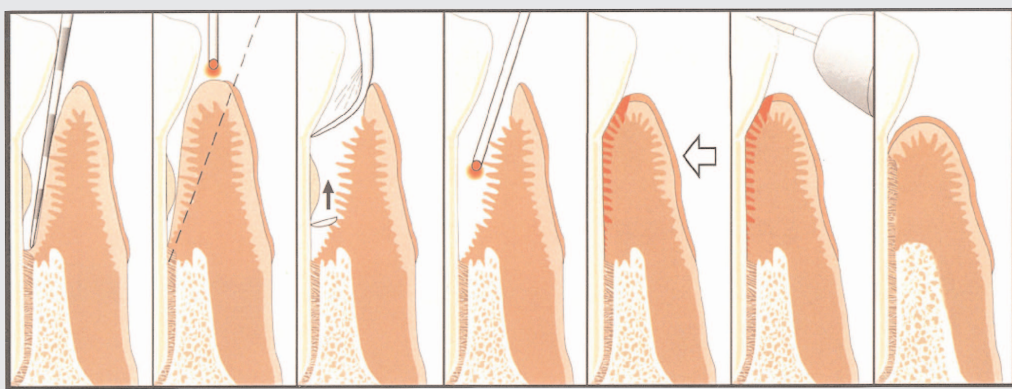
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od, with polls open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Oct. 30 and Nov. 1. Though the constitutional amendment election may not be steeped in controversy, the ballot to approve a \$11.57 million jail bond certainly fits the bill, as county officials race to construct a new jail facility before the Texas Commission on Jail Standards permanently shuts down the existing jail. County 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 was voted down by more than 60 percent. Since that time, however, construction costs have skyrocketed by approximately 40 percent, according to County Judge Mark Barr, making it necessary to scale the project down to a 96-bed facility. The existing county jail was shut down by TCJS in November 2006, after the facility's smoke evacuation system

failed to meet requirements during a pair of tests in 2006. The cost of the last closure, which lasted approximately six months, has been estimated at close to \$1 million, according to county officials. The bond, if approved by voters, is expected to translate into a 5 cent increase in the tax rate, according to Barr. The consequences of a failed jail bond election, however, could be considerably more expensive. "If the bond does not pass, the county will be faced with a little more than \$1 million for

housing prisoners — if the jail is closed," said Barr. "We're on very thin ice ... If our jail is closed, we will be in a very, very difficult financial situation. If we face a rollback, which is a possibility, we'll have to go over the rollback rate. You'll see your county services decline considerably. "If that were to happen, we're looking at cutting 20 more employees." Adan Munoz, executive director of the TCJS, said during a town hall meeting Tuesday concerning the bond, that the existing jail will be closed perma-

nently if voters fail to pass the bond. "I'm not telling you how to vote. I hope you go out and vote your conscience," said Munoz. "However, if Howard County is not making progress to correct its problems with the jail, we will shut it down." For more information on early voting, contact Bloom at 264-2273. *Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com*

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with commissioners regarding the creation of reinvestment zones A, B and C in hopes of drawing several wind energy developers to Big Spring. The court, along with Wegman, attempted to hold a public hearing and pass an order calling for a single reinvestment zone approximately two weeks ago, but faulty verbiage in a published description of the zone forced those involved back to the drawing board, according to Wegman.



Wegman

"We were reviewing the reinvestment zone, and the chief appraiser and myself were actually plotting these zones on maps to see where they would all lay," Wegman told commissioners during their Oct. 9 meeting. "And we found a discrepancy in the legal description the developers gave us. I don't know if it was just a typo or what.

Subsequently, the public notice was put in the newspaper, and had an error in it." Moore Development serves as a liaison between developers and local taxing entities when tax abatements are involved, according to Wegman. Several wind energy companies have targeted the Howard County area for development in hopes of cashing in on federal tax incentives that end in 2008, said Wegman. And while the mistake may have cost the court a few weeks in the terms of establishing the zones and future abatements, Wegman said it may have been a blessing in disguise. "We've had two more developers that contacted me," said Wegman. "Their zones are going to overlap this one to a cer-

tain extent, so we may be looking at just creating one large zone to accommodate all three of those projects." Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the matter, as well as consider approval of the zones. Also on Monday's agenda, commissioners are to review and possibly approve a contract with Dinosaur Valley Construction for construction manager at-risk duties on the proposed jail project. Dinosaur Valley Construction was chosen over local contractor Lee George Construction and Templeton Construction, which maintains offices in San Antonio and San Angelo. Dinosaur Valley Construction is based out of Glenrose. Commissioners agreed to accept bids for construction managers at risk last month, at the urging of project architect Jeff Heffelfinger. "The construction man-

ager at-risk is basically an employee of the county," said Heffelfinger. "You've negotiated the fee ahead of time, and it's their responsibility to be on the job site overseeing the construction pretty much six days a week. They make sure everything is done the way it's supposed to be done." The project will have to get the nod from Howard County voters in November before the proposed facility, estimated to cost \$11.57 million, can be constructed, however. Commissioners are also to consider invoices, pur-

chase requests, personnel considerations and payroll reports. Architect Jeff Heffelfinger will discuss ongoing efforts to design and build the proposed jail facility, while Tommy Sullivan, Howard County volunteer fire department chief, will discuss an appointment to the VFD district board of directors. The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the commissioner's courtroom, located on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

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BSISD

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recommendation development." School officials have been intensely studying what to do about the district's aging facilities for the better part of a year. One campus, Bauer Magnet, was constructed during the Great Depression, while most of the remaining buildings are between 50 and 60 years old. The study process began in earnest in 2006, when consultant Dr. Paul Trautmann released details of a study that declared many local campuses either obsolete or nearly so. Trautmann recommended the closure of two elementary campuses — Bauer and Washington — and said that the high school was inadequate to meet modern educational needs. Trustees also commissioned the architectural firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper to study local campuses in order to give the district a tentative idea as to the cost of renovation vs. replacement. The results of that study, disclosed to trustees earlier this month, estimated total



Trautmann

cost of renovating Big Spring campuses at \$43 million. Total replacement of Big Spring ISD campuses brought a rough price tag of almost \$110 million. The replacement estimate, however, is a bit misleading, officials said. It was designed merely to give trustees a "starting point" to begin evaluating the matter, consultants said. It estimates the cost of building replicas of existing buildings, with life safety and disability accessibility features thrown in. And no one is talking about building replicas. For example, PSC architects gave an estimate of \$63 million to replace the 300,000 square foot high school. But Downes and several trustees noted that existing square footage is way beyond current needs; a smaller high school would be comparatively cheaper. By the same token, officials are in no rush to build copies of campuses such as Bauer and Washington that have already been rated obsolete. Renovation, on the other hand, would be the cheaper alternative, but a temporary solution at best, consultants warn.

"Even if you spend millions on renovation, you'll still be stuck with buildings 50 years old or older," PSC architect Jay Edwards told trustees earlier this month. "You'll extend the life of those buildings ... but, in the end, you will have to make a decision on whether to go with old or new buildings." Also, Downes warned, renovation would do little to address "education adequacy" problems — such as too-small classrooms or insufficient science laboratories — addressed in Trautmann's study. Because of the enormous cost of replacement, it is possible officials will eventually recommend a combination of renovation and replacement, Downes said. "Big Spring ISD does not have the funding capacity to address all our facility concerns," Downes said. "The majority of our buildings are nearing educational inadequacy at the same time due to the fact that they were built at roughly the same time." *Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.*

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BULLDOGS

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Kennedy said. "I would hate to have to defend us right now. P.J. can still hurt you. We have a multitude of receivers that can still hurt you. It makes us more dangerous when we can do all these sorts of things."

However, the offense didn't start with the precision it ended the game showing. Coahoma mustered just one first down in its first three drives and Colorado City controlled the ball for most of the first half.

The Bulldogs' defense kept them in the game, holding the Wolves to just three points.

"Our defense was fabulous. They kept us in the ball game early and let us keep going," Kennedy said. "They did a super job the entire game."

It was the defense that got Coahoma's first points on the board as they backed Colorado City up to its own 13-yard line. On a third and 27, the Wolves snapped the ball over the head of quarterback Clint White. White recovered it and ran out of the end zone, giving the Bulldogs a safety and trimming the margin, 3-2.

Coahoma did find the end zone late in the second quarter as Garcia

lobbed the ball up to 6-7 wide receiver Colton Morgan, who made a diving catch over two defenders for a 26-yard touchdown. The score gave the Bulldogs an 8-3 lead that they never surrendered.

"That was huge for us to score just before the half," Kennedy said. "We moved the ball sporadically in the first half, but had trouble sustaining. That was a big catch for Colton. He hasn't caught a ball like that in a long time and it's a huge confidence builder for him."

The Bulldogs' defense opened the second half by holding Colorado City to a three and out, giving the offense the ball near midfield following a punt.

Garcia took over, throwing passes of 29 and 15 yards before running the ball in from four yards out to give Coahoma a 14-3 lead with 5:29 left in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs appeared to be stymied on their next drive as they lined up to punt at Wolves' 40. However, punter Adrian Amaro faked a handoff to Daylong to the left and took off with the ball to the right for a 14-yard first down run. Two plays later, Garcia scored on a 21-yard touchdown run to put Coahoma up, 21-3.

Coahoma got the ball back with 9:10 left in the game and embarked on a

10-play, 57-yard drive that culminated in a 9-yard touchdown scamper by Daylong, essentially putting the game out of reach for the Wolves at 27-3.

Garcia ran the ball out of the end zone with 30 seconds left to given Colorado City its last two points.

The Bulldogs' defense held White to 153 yards in the air on 12 of 34 passes. Kennedy noted that this is a huge improvement for a secondary that was much maligned earlier in the season.

"We saw that covering the pass was our weak point and just like everybody else, we went to work on our weaknesses," he said. "We've got good athletes back there and they're very coachable."

Nose tackle Blaine Henderson had two sacks and Morgan contributed one sack to help out the secondary. In the defensive backfield, Ray Gutierrez led with four tackles and senior Josh Jones had three pass break ups.

Offensively, Garcia finished the game with 126 yards in the air with a touchdown on 11 of 20 passes and 122 yards rushing with two scores on 28 carries.

Jones led all receivers with 34 yards on two catches and Josh

Paniagua had 29 yards on two receptions. Morgan had just the one 26-yard touchdown catch.

The Bulldogs remain tied for second in the district with Merkel and Haskell, one game behind undefeated Stanton. Coahoma travels to Stamford Friday to continue its pursuit of the postseason.

"We're treating all of these long road trips like playoff games," Kennedy said. "We're telling the players that you have to go on the road and win some games."

"We're just doing what we do," he continued. "We're doing the same things that we were doing when we were 0-4. These kids have worked really hard and have bought into the program."

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

Listen to Sports Editor Jonathan Hull deliver the Big Spring Herald Sports Page every Monday through Friday at 7:05 a.m. only on KBYG 1400AM.

FORSAN

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in the third, gave Christoval back the lead, 26-20, after a blocked extra point.

The battle continued to go back and forth as the Buffs took only four plays to score as Huckabee found Willis for their second scoring connection from 38 yards out. With the touchdown, the Buffs reclaimed a lead they would not surrender, 27-26.

"We knew we couldn't stop their running game the whole night," Thompson said. "They are just that good with Geirke and Reigle. But, we felt like we had a pretty good offense too and that they would have trouble stopping us. We matched them play for play going into the 4th quarter."

Christoval opened the final quarter of play with the ball on the Forsan 47 yard line, looking to get back in front.

They looked as though they might do just that, moving the ball to the Forsan 18.

But the Cougars went to the well one too many times as their usually dependable running game let them down. Reigle lost control of the ball, coughing up a fumble into the hands of Sandridge and the Buffs took over on their own 13 with 9:25 left to play.

"That was just huge, it really uplifted the team as a whole," said Thompson. "It gave us a slight advantage, with the ball and the lead, and we took it for all it was worth. They may have panicked a little and overplayed a bit trying to force a turnover. It really opened up Jace on the counter and gave us what we needed."

The Buffs went 87 yards in seven plays as Sandridge scored for the third time on a 49-yard touchdown, giving the Buffs a 33-26 lead with

just over 6 minutes left. Down by eight, Christoval made one last threat and moved the ball into Forsan territory before being stopped on a fourth and 17 with an incomplete pass.

The Buffs needed only one first down as Christoval could not stop the clock again and took a firm grasp on the rest of District 16-1A with only three games left in the regular season.

"This was a phenomenal win, the guys really stepped up tonight," Thompson said. "We were really making plays on both sides of the ball and showed a lot of pride. They have really taken to heart that we win or lose together and are really beginning to see just what they can do."

The Buffs rang up 487 yards of total offense as Sandridge — 10 carries, 156 yards — and Frietag — 21 carries, 105 yards — both topped 100 yards and Huckabee totaled 205 yards in the air on 9 of 11 passing.

Huckabee connected with six different receivers as Willis caught two balls for two scores and 93 yards. Adam Bailey had five catches for 56 yards and Sandridge, Frietag, Jeremy Robbins and Garrett Pool each had one reception.

Thompson praised the entire defense, saying they did what they had to do and made enough stops for the win.

The Buffs will go for their fifth win in a row and a 5-0 district mark Friday as they travel to take on Bronte (2-2, 3-4), which fell to Irion Co. Friday night, 21-0.

Call 263-7331, ext. 237, to submit a sports item or brief.

Crossroads District Standings and Scores

District 4-4A						
Team	DW	DL	OW	OL	PF	PA
1. Frenship	2	0	6	2	267	115
2. Big Spring	1	0	1	6	75	237
3. Estacado	1	0	3	4	211	197
4. Lake View	0	2	2	6	157	241
5. Plainview	0	2	0	8	83	250

Friday's results: Frenship 59, Plainview 8; Estacado 42, Lake View 28.

District 5-2A						
Team	DW	DL	OW	OL	PF	PA
1. Stanton	4	0	6	1	169	81
2. Haskell	3	1	5	2	249	89
3. Merkel	3	1	3	4	108	135
4. Coahoma	3	1	3	4	131	196
5. Colorado City	3	3	3	4	62	108
6. Stamford	1	3	3	4	107	185
7. Hawley	1	3	2	5	138	154
8. Anson	0	4	1	6	65	176

Friday's results: Coahoma 27, Colorado City 5; Stanton 35, Stamford 13; Merkel 28, Hawley 7; Haskell 42, Anson 7.

District 16-1A						
Team	DW	DL	W	L	PF	PA
1. Forsan	4	0	4	3	171	178
2. Christoval	3	1	5	2	213	229
3. Eldorado	3	1	4	3	179	101
4. Bronte	2	2	3	4	127	144
5. Irion Co.	2	2	2	5	147	193
6. Miles	1	3	2	5	103	191
7. Menard	1	3	1	6	148	217
8. Sterling City	0	4	0	7	45	313

Friday's results: Forsan 33, Christoval 26; Irion Co. 21, Bronte 0; Miles 42, Sterling City 21; Eldorado 41, Menard 7.

Six-man District 1 Div. 1						
Team	DW	DL	OW	OL	PF	PA
1. Rankin	2	0	8	0	506	159
2. Grady	1	0	7	0	366	72
3. Garden City	1	0	6	1	417	142
4. Fort Davis	0	2	6	2	447	272
5. Sands	0	2	4	4	284	233

Friday's results: Grady 53, Fort Davis 52; Rankin 54, Sands 8; Garden City 48, Hart 0.

Key: DW - District wins; DL - District losses; OW - Overall wins; OL - Overall losses; PF - Points for; PA - Points against.

BRIEFS

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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.

Quarterback Club meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in ATC
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meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

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

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Game 1
Red Sox 10, Indians 3
Game 2
Indians 11, Red Sox 6
Game 3
Indians 4, Red Sox 2
Game 4
Indians 7, Red Sox 3

Game 5
Red Sox 7, Indians 1
Game 6
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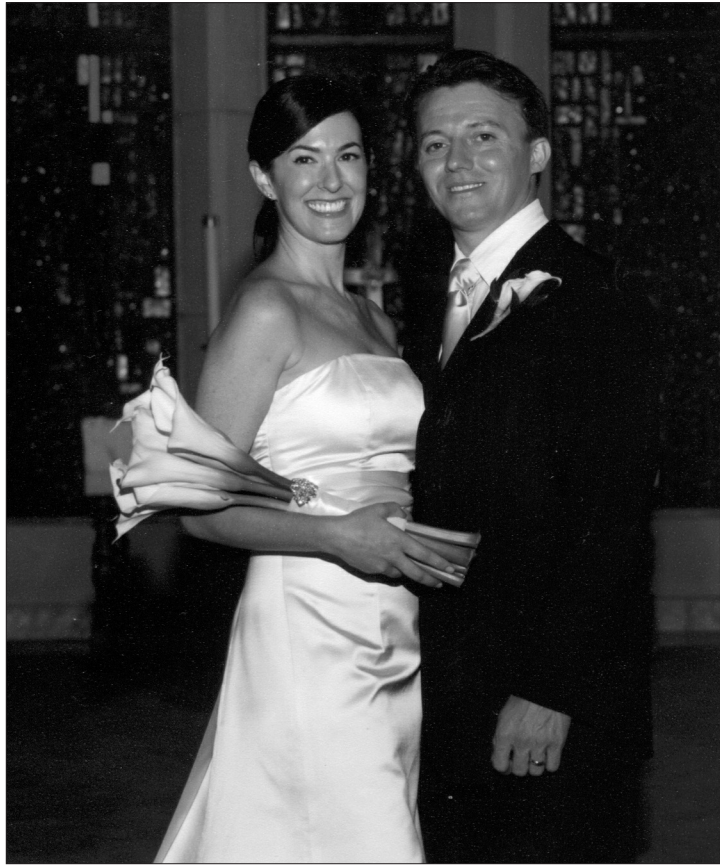
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ray Lee

Lambert and Lee

Amy Elizabeth Lambert and Robert Ray Lee, both of Dallas, were married at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 11, 2007, in Glass Memorial Chapel of First United Methodist Church in Midland.

Officiating was the Rev. Terry Tamplen, senior pastor of First United Methodist Church, Odessa.

The bride is the daughter of Gloria and LaDoyce Lambert of Odessa. The groom is the son of Donna Lee and the late Jimmy Lee of Big Spring.

Ushers were David Lee of Big Spring, Kyle Coker of Iowa Park, David Bash of Houston and Robert Hicks of Midland.

Soloist was Dale Jenkins of Odessa and organist was Joan Lucas of Midland. The couple

paid tribute to deceased family members with a grouping of 10 white candles.

The bride is a graduate of Permian High School in Odessa and the University of Texas at Austin with degrees in biology and pharmacy.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School and Texas A&M University with degrees in genetics and biochemistry. He received his nursing degree at Midland College.

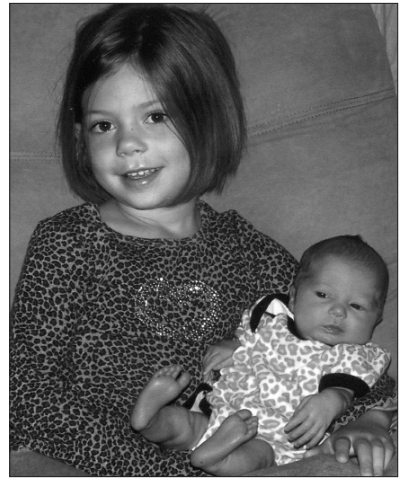
Both are employed at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas where she is a pharmacist and his is a critical care nurse. They reside in North Oak Cliff section of Dallas.

Births

Kadynce Aryn Joy, a girl, was born at 2:42 p.m. Oct. 7, 2007, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces and 21 inches long.

She is the daughter of Jeremy and Honey Joy of Big Spring. Her maternal grandparents are Don and Roxy Belew of Big Spring. Her paternal grandparents are Phoebe and Weldon Trammell and Frank and Cheryl Joy, all of Big Spring.

Kadynce was welcomed home by sibling Kynleigh Avery.



Kadynce Aryn Joy

Abigail Chey Olson, a girl, was born at 9:39 p.m. June 11, 2007, weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Chris and Amanda Olson of Big Spring. Her paternal grandparents are J & Kathleen Epley of Big Spring. Her paternal grandparents are Craig and Jackie Olson of Big Spring.



Abigail Chey Olson

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Wood and Gibson

Melissa Wood of Dallas and Gregory Gibson of Eules will exchange wedding vows at 2 p.m. Jan. 26, 2008, at the First Methodist Church of Odessa.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Guy and Brenda Wood of Brownwood and the granddaughter of Maggie Ruth Myrick of Odessa, the late T. Noel Wood Sr. and the late Ida Byrd Wood.

The future groom is the son of Richard and Bernadine Gibson of Lenora and the grandson of Virginia Gibson of

Toyah, the late A.L. Gibson, the late Alvin Heronema and the late Ann Heronema.

Melissa attended Midland College and the University of North Texas.

She is a speech-language pathologist employed by Baylor Medical Center.

Gregory attended Midland College and pharmacy school at the University of Texas. He is a pharmacist, employed by Target.

The couple will make their home in Las Colinas.



Melissa Wood and Gregory Gibson

Marissa Nicole Rodriguez, a girl, was born at 12:11 p.m. Oct. 6, 2007, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

She is the daughter of Merri Etta Christian and Junior Rodriguez of Big Spring. Her maternal grandparents are Mary and Ray Christian. Her paternal grandparents are Mary Rodriguez and the late Merejildo Rodriguez.



Marissa Nicole Rodriguez

Reader's Corner

The Soldier

by Fannie Price

He lay beneath the clay

Oh so cold and still.

I wondered oh God, what makes a man kill?

What about his family?

What about his wife? Why must a war take this soldier's life? He lost his life in battle

A war for peace they say

Are wars for freedom

His death would take away

I wonder, oh God, what they would say?

What would he say?

Military News

Army Reserve Pvt. Clinton D. Hobbs has graduated from Basic Combat training at Fort Sill in Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, Hobbs studied the Army mission and received instruction and

training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation,

foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

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OUR VIEWS

Take advantage of an opportunity to go vote early

Early voting in the November general election begins Monday and continues through Nov. 2. We want to encourage readers to cast their ballots soon. Polls will be open at the Howard County Courthouse from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Election day is Nov. 6.

As we have noted before, there are plenty of reasons for voting early, not the least of which is the unpredictability of our West Texas weather. Warm, dusty, rainy, a cold front — the only thing you can count on is that the weather will change.

But the real reason to cast your ballot in the next few days is human nature. The fact is, the longer we put things off, the less likely we are to ever get them accomplished. Too many other things come up and suddenly we find ourselves out of time.

According to Sandra Bloom, elections administrator for Howard County, voters with special needs need to contact her by calling 264-2273, so they can receive either mail-in ballots or take advantage of curbside voting. Curbside voting will also be provided at the polls on election day.

Bloom said extended early voting hours will also be offered at the courthouse polls Thursday and again on Nov. 1, when area voters may cast their ballots from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The key issue on the ballot here in Howard County, of course, will be the \$11.57 million bond issue county commissioners have put before voters in hopes of building a new jail.

But there are 16 proposed amendments to the state constitution that voters will also be asked to decide — amendments that affect the funding of Angelo State University; would provide funding for educational loans for college students; homestead appraisal values; bonds to pay for improvement, repair and construction of state facilities across Texas; funding for a cancer research facility; and increased tax exemptions on the homesteads of disabled veterans, to name just a few.

Therefore, it almost goes without saying that these are decisions which will impact many, if not all of us for some time to come.

So, we hope you will take time to study the candidates and issues. Then make your choice at the polls.

And remember, if you don't bother to go vote — either during the early voting period or on election day — you really have no right to complain.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we need to ask for clarity in our life, Lord, may we ask You.

Amen

Not crazy or slow, just bad shoppers

All right, it's time for all of you University of Texas exes to quit referring to Texas A&M, even jokingly, as "that school for slow learners." That's because we can basically lay claim to that title right here in Howard County.

What am I talking about?

Glad you asked. Try this one on for size: In 1994, Howard County commissioners put a \$3.5 million bond issue before voters that would have provided funds to build a 96-bed county jail. It was defeated by a narrow margin.

Next month, Howard County voters will go to the polls and will again determine the fate of a bond issue that would fund construction of a 96-bed county jail. Only now, 13 years later, the price tag for that facility has grown to \$11.57 million.

Last year Howard County voters defeated a bond issue that would have built a 144-bed county jail. And the cost of that facility which would have had 48 more beds than that being considered this time around? Right at \$10 million.

Boy, now that's some savvy shopping, isn't it?

Come to think of it, though, this may not be such a matter of stupidity as it is insanity.

Someone once told me that the definition of insanity was "doing the same thing over and over, expecting different results."

As just noted, so far the voters in Howard County have at least twice gone to the polls and defeated bond issues that would have solved our jail problems.

The result, continued jail prob-

lems. What are those problems? Well, the bottom line is that there are inadequacies in the current facility. Our jail simply doesn't meet Texas Commission on Jail Standards requirements and the shortcomings cannot be remedied without building a new jail.

Now, it's entirely possible that we're not, as a county, insane.

Heck, we may not even be "slow learners."

But one thing seems certain. We're not very good at knowing a bargain when we see one.

All that said, does anyone really believe if this bond issue fails on Nov. 7 that the next time building a new jail is considered the price will decrease? Of course it won't.

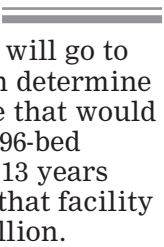
As a matter of fact, County Judge Mark Barr made it pretty clear during last week's town hall meeting that the cost to Howard County taxpayers will, if anything, be increasing if the bond issue fails.

"If we pass the bond, the debt service on it will be about \$860,000 per year, and that's for 25 years at 5.5 percent interest. Plus, we'll have the additional cost of about \$400,000 in maintenance and utilities," he said, noting that it will cost the county a little more than \$1 million annually to house prisoners outside the county if the Jail Standards Commission again closes our current facility, and that's something TCJS Executive Director Adan Munoz made clear he'll do if Howard County doesn't do something to alleviate its jail problems.

"So, you can see it's an even swap here," Barr told the audience Tuesday. "Do we want to pass the jail bond and have a jail and something to show for our tax dollars, or do you want to let those tax dollars go outside the county?"



JOHN A. MOSELEY



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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

The Festival of Lights poinsettia exhibits will not be shining from the rock ledge balconies of Big Spring State Park this Christmas.

In the past, Park Manager Ron Alton and a bevy of Festival of Lights volunteers risked cold and windy night walks through brush, gullies, rocks and steep slopes to service generators powering framed giant poinsettia exhibits. Residential type electrical power is not yet available to the park's perimeter.

Local project funding and permission from the state level to install a discrete and environmentally friendly electrical infrastructure are still major hurdles.

A city-wide letter writing effort to our legislators and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (4200 Smith School Road, Austin 78744)

might hold one of the answers. The high bluffs overlooking FM 700 and our community are a gift of nature to Big Spring and hold sovereign position as a stage to display unique community spirit to citizens and memorable holiday visits from tourists.

From the beginning — 10 years now — one of the intents of Pat Simmons and the Festival of Lights Committee was to enhance the indigenous appearance of Big Spring's natural assets. It made sense to challenge with determination and imagination the perception of some that we inhabit an area of lesser economics and limited possibilities. We believed then and have come to believe even more fervently that a large portion of Big Spring's natural potential is still untapped.

Interest from industry is in the

That's exactly what will happen."

But that's not really the case. It's only really a swap for right now. You can bet other counties will raise the rates for housing inmates in their facilities as time passes, if for no other reason than to cover the increases in operating costs they'll unquestionably encounter over time.

Now, this is just my opinion, but it seems to me it's time for all those clowns displaying the "Taj Mahal Jail" signs to, as my father used to say, "use their heads for something besides a hat rack."

I've noted in this space before that I believe we seriously have to question the motives of those who're orchestrating the opposition to apparently any solution that doesn't either utilize a downtown site all the experts have studied and found unacceptable, or involve renovation of the existing county jail, which again, has been studied and found unfeasible.

Come to think of it, it's also time for the people funding and calling the shots for the so-called "Taxpayer's Committee" responsible for last week's mass mailing of little more than propaganda to step out into the light of day and tell us what's really behind their opposition to a sensible solution to very serious problem.

It's time, I believe, for those folks to realize that until they start working to solve the problem, rather than opposing every effort toward reaching a solution, they're just another part of the problem.

And so are the people who listen to them.

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air. As part of the nation's wind energy backbone, plus being located in a prime position on the "trade trail" between Canada and Mexico, perhaps now we can begin to think about possibilities that can come our way if we project positive attention to our city.

Planning wisely and remembering the Big Spring historic character of accomplishment can empower community assets. Devoted pioneers left an example. Though fewer in numbers, they rebelled at the notion Big Spring would always be a "dry and thirsty land." We've enjoyed more than a half-century of water without ration, even in the depths of drought.

As if water wasn't enough, those hardy pioneers took on the challenge of building a new college, a

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Fair play should apply to all

For the past three years, I've watched as local officials — both elected and seemingly self-appointed — point fingers, call names and place blame regarding the three-ring circus we know as the Howard County Jail.

On one side of the fence, you have a group of local citizens — conservatively dubbed the Taxpayer's Committee — claiming the county is "shoving a new jail down the throats" of the county's taxpayers and encouraging voters not to "succumb to jail closing threats."

Bear in mind, however, these are the same people that have publicly made claims the county doesn't need a new jail, that it is cheaper to house inmates out-of-county and the Texas Commission on Jail Standards doesn't have the authority to shut down the existing jail, which hasn't met state standards in more than 30 years.

On the other side of the fence, you have the Howard County Commissioner's Court, along with newly-elected County Judge Mark Barr, trying to maintain some semblance of cohesion when it seems a myriad of — and I hate to use the word stupid, but we have to take things for what they are — ideas being thrown at them from local residents who know as much about building a jail or relieving

overcrowding as I know about microbiology.

Here are the facts, people.

The Howard County Jail is a scary place, and not just because it's a jail. Personally, I'd expect a jail to be a frightening place to visit, much less be a guest of, but one trip through its slim — and that's a gentle euphemism — corridors is enough to convince most people of the dangers the place puts inmates and jail staff in on a daily basis.

I agree, criminals need to be punished to the full extent of the law. But is the threat of death really appropriate?

Sure, the commissioner's court is ultimately to blame for the situation the county is in with TCJS. If the court had stayed after the idea of building a new jail when the bond was defeated in the mid-90s, I dare say 10 years later we'd have a new facility by now. And that's an issue voters should take up with their commissioner on election day, not now, while the court is struggling to correct a problem it largely inherited.

Playing the blame-game, however, isn't going to get us what we need — a new jail.

Last year, voters nixed a 144-bed jail for \$10.1 million. Now, with construction costs up immensely — just like all the experts warned a year ago — we're considering a 96-bed jail for \$11.57 million. The jail voters turned down last year would cost approximately \$15 million to construct now, according to architects.

Who do we blame for this colossal screw-up? The voters? Sure, why not. However, I have a hard time believing the voters would have voted no on the bond issue if our lovely little band of nay-sayers hadn't flooded the county with misinformation.

And, as we get ready to go to the polls for the second year in a row, the Taxpayer's Committee — a name I take exception to, since I'm a taxpayer — and its treasurer, Erven Fisher, are once again mailing out flyers that contain incorrect — another gentle euphemism — material.

"County taxes will be up 50 percent in 2009 if the jail bond passes."

True? Nope. According to county officials, the debt service on the bonds will amount to an additional 5 cents per \$100 valuation, and the last time I checked — and I'm terrible at math — 5 cents doesn't amount to 50 percent of 48.787 cents, which is this year's tax rate. If I'm not mistaken, that's less than 10 percent.

"Don't succumb to jail closing threats."

What TCJS Executive Director Adam Munoz delivered at the town hall meeting Tuesday night didn't sound like a threat to me. It sounded like a promise. And the fiscal mayhem the last jail closure caused is reason enough to make a believer out of me.

"There are alternatives to a Taj

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Heed the message of Red Ribbon Week

The week of Oct. 21-27 has been designated as National Red Ribbon Week. The designation of Red Ribbon Week began with the passage of Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) in 1987 which was the first attempt nationwide to prevent illegal alcohol and drug use in our schools and communities.

A lot of work and a lot of money have gone into this project and I am happy to say it is working and illegal alcohol and drug use is on the decline. However, we still have our



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problems. There are far too many of our children who are using alcohol and illegal drugs. We have kids having parties and too many parents who fail to fulfill their responsibility to chaperone their kid's parties. They have no idea how drug and alcohol infested their teen's world is.

Did you know that more than 75 percent of parents believe that neither alcohol nor marijuana is usually present at these parties, however, 50 percent of the teen partygoers attend parties knowing that these substances will be available? We must give our kids the guidance, support and supervision that they need to assist them through this time in their lives. I recently read a poem by the Moms Against Drunk Driving that I would

like to share with you.

I went to a party and remembered what you said. You told me not to drink, Mom, so I had a Sprite instead. I felt so proud of myself, the way you said I would, that I didn't drink and drive though some friends said I should. I made a healthy choice and your advice to me was right. The party finally ended and the kids drove out of sight. I got into my car, sure to get home in one piece. I never knew what was coming, Mom, something I expected least. Now I'm lying on the pavement and I hear the policeman say, "The kid that caused this wreck was drunk." His voice seems far away. My own blood is all around me as I try hard not to cry. I can hear the paramedic say, "This girl is going to die." I'm sure the guy had no idea

Parent's Corner

while he was flying high because he chose to drink and drive, that I would have to die. So why do people do it, Mom, knowing that it ruins lives? And now the pain is cutting me like a hundred stabbing knives. Tell sister not to be afraid. Tell daddy to be brave, and when I go to heaven, put "Mommy's Girl" on the grave. Someone should have taught him that it's wrong to drink and drive. Maybe if his parents had, I'd still be alive. My breath is getting shorter, Mom, I'm getting really scared. These are my final moments and I'm so unprepared. I wish that you

could hold me, Mom, as I lie here and die. I wish that I could say, "I love you, Mom. I love you and goodbye!"

Even though this story is fiction, the reality of the story is played out too often. Alcohol and drugs take far too many lives. Our kids need our protection, and even though we can't be with them constantly, we have the responsibility to train them, not just tell them, to make good choices and not to give in to peer pressure.

May we teach our kids how to choose to be aware; to choose to be thankful; to choose to be happy; and to choose to be drug free.

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

Menus

Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast, waffles, syrup, cereal buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, pepperoni pizza, chef salad/crackers, green beans, garden salad, pears, milk, ranch dressing.

Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, broccoli/cheese, apples, hot rolls, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuits, sausage, cream gravy, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; cheeseburger, hamburger, French fries, fruit cocktail, milk, mustard.

Thursday: Breakfast, cinnamon French toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, corn chip pie, baked potato/chili, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato salad, pineapple, cornbread, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, breakfast burritos, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch, baked fish, ravioli, buttered corn, vegetable sticks, peaches, French bread, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, Pop Tart, juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tater tots.

Tuesday: Breakfast, pancakes, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken quesidillas, pinto beans, tossed salad, orange smiles, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, eggs, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken and noodles, green beans, crackers, fruited gelatin, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk; Lunch, fish, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, hot rolls, pears, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, breakfast on a bun, juice, milk; barbecue on a bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn cobbett, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Sands CISD

Monday: Breakfast, honey bun, juice & milk; Lunch, hamburger, lettuce, tomato, & pickles, tater tots, baby carrots w/ranch, pudding cups, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, juice & milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, fresh fruit, hot rolls, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, chicken in a biscuit, juice & milk; Lunch, carne guisada, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, flour tortillas, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, juice & milk; Lunch, chicken stir fry, fruited gelatin,

Texas toast, frozen yogurt milk.

Friday: Breakfast, cereal & graham crackers, juice & milk; Lunch, barbecue on a bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn cobbette, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Lunch, corndogs, potato rounds, veggie medley, mandarin oranges, milk.

Tuesday: Lunch, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, Jell-O w/mixed fruit, wheat rolls, milk.

Wednesday: Lunch, Mexican beef wrap, corn, kiwi, milk.

Thursday: Lunch, popcorn chicken, mac & cheese, California veggies, grape freeze bar, rolls, milk.

Friday: Lunch, barbecue on bun, chips, Ranch-style

beans, fruit cobbler, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast, oatmeal, sausage, grape juice, milk; Lunch, homemade burritos, potato salad, oranges, milk, corn dogs.

Tuesday: Breakfast, biscuits, gravy, sausage links, jelly, apple juice, milk; Lunch, baked ham, bread, macaroni, baby carrots, apple turnovers, milk, Hot Pockets.

Wednesday: Breakfast, pancakes, sausage on stick, applesauce cups, syrup, milk; Lunch, pizza, apples, salad, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, sweetened rice, ham variety juice, milk; Lunch, shake/bake chicken, cheese, potatoes, bread, fruit cups, milk, burritos.

Friday: Breakfast, Pop Tarts, sausage, juice, milk;

Lunch, cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, pineapples, milk.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center

Monday: chicken fried chicken/gravy, turnip greens, mashed potatoes, fruit salad and buttermilk biscuits.

Tuesday: large baked potato, broccoli/cheese, chili, crackers and mixed fruit.

Wednesday: meatloaf, roasted potatoes, oriental mixed vegetables, whole wheat rolls and fruited gelatin.

Thursday: turkey/gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, toast and pumpkin crisp.

Friday: King Ranch casserole, pinto beans, tossed salad, corn chips and cottage cheese/pears.



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Mahal jail."

A metal building with a block facade and concrete floors is a far cry from the Taj Mahal, but that's just my opinion, just like this statement is the opinion of the Taxpayer's Committee. Remember that word, my friends and neighbors. Opinion.

"It will take two years to build a new jail."

Incorrect. According to Architect Jeff Heffelfinger, the project can be fast-tracked and completed in less than a year.

I could sit here and tear this mail-out apart, but I think each of you gets the picture. It's more fiction than fact, smoke and mirrors to scare voters into voting down a new jail that almost everyone agrees is needed. And, as I sit here reading it, I can't help but feel somewhat sorry

for the commissioners.

While there is no one regulating the factual content of this mail-out, county commissioners are forced to run any publications they make toward the bond issue through a bond attorney because state law is very strict on what they can, and cannot say. He tells them what the law allows and they are bound by that.

The Taxpayer's Committee has no such regulatory body looking down over it. The truth of the matter is, the members of that group can print out and out lies if that's what they decide to do, and there's little or nothing anyone can do about it. How fair is that?

Maybe voters will finally listen to state and county officials and approve the jail bond. Maybe they will listen to a bunch of dunderheads, and we'll find ourselves in that terrible "what if"

state following the closing of the polls, and eventually, our county jail.

Or maybe — just maybe — Howard County voters will stop being slaves to silly advertisements and mail-outs, go out and get the truth — the cold hard facts from their source — and then vote their conscience based on real, factual information, not broad generalization and cooked statistics.

Maybe.

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

LETTERS

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new high school and a new courthouse, among other accomplishments.

The Festival of Lights Committee is extremely grateful for our community's outstanding generosity, support and common effort to brand Big Spring with a strong and appealing symbol of identity — the lighted poinsettia. The state park will remain a future goal.

BOBBY McDONALD
CO-CHAIR
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
COMMITTEE

TO THE EDITOR:

I don't recall the exact date, but I was watching a TV broadcast of the city council's meeting concerning the smoking ban that was being forced on local business owners in this small town of ours. And as a smoker, I heard something very interesting while I was watching the mayor give his explanation on why smoking should be banned from local businesses. He was talking about his concern about the local business employees that don't smoke and have to be subjected to second hand smoke. He went on to say how there is all this med-

ical research on how not only smoking is bad for one's health, but also on how bad second hand smoke can be.

That's all fine, but my question is why if the mayor and his buddy city council members want to push for a ban on smoking because they are well aware of the harm smoking can cause to one's health, why just stop with a ban at local business? Why not ban the sale of cigarettes in the city limits? Or even better, there is also scientific proof and research on how fast food bad for one's health.

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♥ K Q 6
♦ K Q 7 4 2
♣ Q J 3

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

EAST
♠ Q 10 8 6 5
♥ 8 3
♦ J 10 8 3
♣ 10 7

SOUTH
♠ A J 4
♥ A J 10 9 5
♦ A 6
♣ 9 4 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
2♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
Opening lead — king of clubs.

Most errors at the bridge table are of a simple sort. It is not the difficult hands that cause the loss of myriads of points, but rather the far more frequent run-of-the-mill hands that are responsible for such losses.

Take this hand, for example. West led the king of clubs, East playing the ten to begin a high-low. West continued with the ace and another club, and East ruffed to bring his side to three tricks. East then shifted to a spade, taken by South with the ace.

Declarer drew three rounds of trumps and tested the diamond suit by cashing the A-K-Q. On the third

diamond, South disposed of one of his spade losers, but when the diamonds failed to break 3-3, he had to go down one.

However, declarer should have made the contract. In effect, he banked all his hopes on a 3-3 division of the opposing diamonds and made no provision for the possibility that the diamonds might be divided 4-2.

After winning the ace of spades, South should have drawn only two rounds of trumps, retaining the king in dummy as a subsequent entry. He could then cash the A-K of diamonds and ruff a low diamond with a high trump.

This would establish the Q-7 as tricks. A heart to the king would then put him in dummy to cash the two diamonds and discard both his spade losers.

It is important to observe the effect this line of play has on the chances of making the contract. In normal circumstances, a 3-3 break occurs about 36 percent of the time, while a 4-2 break is a 48 percent probability. If declarer can develop an approach that will succeed against either a 3-3 or 4-2 division, he can raise his chances to 84 percent.

In the given case, where East is known to have started with only two clubs and West with five, the chance of a 3-3 break is even less likely, so declarer has all the more reason to seek a more viable approach.

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BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURE

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Sunday, October 21, 2007

Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a senior vice president of Investments of A.G. Edward's Midland office. He is also a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.



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

In today's natural gas market, the interplay between supply and demand continues to result in the gas markets being extremely volatile and highly temperature sensitive. As you might imagine, this type of environment creates the potential for price spikes.

An example is the spike that followed hurricanes Katrina and Rita. That year, gas traders placed their bets that a battered infrastructure couldn't rise to meet the winter's demand peak. But because the winter ended up being unseasonably warm, those gains were quickly retraced — highlighting the temperature sensitivity of the current market.

Obviously, one way to stem this trend in prices would be to increase supply. This could theoretically be done through one of two means. First, domestic production could increase, but despite the drilling rig count more than doubling between 2001 and now, domestic gas production has actually declined.

Therefore, maintaining U.S. production — let alone increasing production — is becoming increasingly difficult and we expect this trend will continue. In order to offset domestic supply constraints, the U.S. market is increasingly reliant on imported gas which brings us to our second method to increase supply.

Similar to the United States, Canada's natural gas production also peaked earlier this decade. Because of this and more natural gas being diverted from the export market for use in crude production at Canadian tar sands, we think piped exports to the U.S. will remain stable but slowly decrease in the coming years.

Therefore, the U.S. must continue to seek other supplies. Unconventional gas supplies (shale gas, coalbed methane, etc.) are projected by the Energy Information Administration as the only source of supply growth in the lower 48 states through the first quarter of this century.

We anticipate that unconventional gas supply will increase 50 percent from 2000 levels by 2010. However, this supplemental supply is not expected to offset conventional supply declines. Another supplemental supply source is that of LNG or liquefied natural gas.

Though LNG imports may increase sharply

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YOUNGSTERS AT WORK — Seven-year-old Amaia Rios, a second-grade student at Washington Elementary, helps Ashley Larson, a second-grade teacher at the school, fill cups with lemonade, as students and teachers alike sold the thirst-quenching drink as a fund-raiser Friday afternoon after class.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Hee-haw

Wild horse and burro adoptions heading to Odessa Nov. 1-3

Special to the Herald

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management will hold a wild horse and burro adoption in Odessa Nov. 1-3.

The three-day event at Ector County Coliseum will feature more than 90 animals — adult and yearling horses and burros that once roamed free on public lands in the West.

The BLM periodically removes excess animals from the range in order to ensure herd health and to maintain balance among the many public uses of the land. The adoption program is essential for preserving these "living legends," officials said.

Preview all of the animals will be Thursday, Nov. 1, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Gates will reopen Friday, Nov. 2, at 8 a.m., with adoptions held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adoptions continue Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8 a.m. until noon.

Application approval is required and can be done on site. To qualify to adopt, one must be at least 18 with no record of animal abuse. Adopters must have suitable facili-

ties and can adopt no more than four animals.

All animals must be loaded in covered stock-type trailers with sturdy walls and floors — no drop ramp trailers. BLM staff will be on hand to assist adopters through the application process.

The minimum adoption fee, set by law, is \$125 per animal to qualified adopters. An initial round of competitive bidding will take place Friday at 10 a.m. to determine the adoption fees for animals sought by more than one person.

Following the single round of bidding Friday morning, walkup adoptions will be processed for \$125 on a first-come-first-served basis for the rest of the weekend.

Those interested in taking part in the competitive bid adoption are encouraged to come Thursday afternoon or early Friday to select their desired animals and to complete their adoption applications in time.

For more information, call toll-free 1-866-4-MUSTANGS or visit www.nm.blm.gov (select Wild Horse and Burro under Quick Links).



Work continues on the new Best Western motel, located on the north side of Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87, Friday afternoon.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Brewer offers beer for return of laptop

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — A New Zealand brewer is offering a lifetime supply of free beer in exchange for the return of a laptop stolen in a break-in.

Croucher Brewing Co. co-owner Paul Croucher said Friday the computer contains "all our financials" as well as label designs for new beers and business contacts.

"So we decided that if anyone does come into possession of it we'll be happy to offer them a reward — a dozen (bottles) of beer a month for the rest of their life," he said.

Croucher estimated the total value would likely be about \$19,500 for a lifetime of beer. Since making the offer, "plenty of people" had called to say they were looking for the computer, he said.

"Opportunistic kids and a flimsy padlock" resulted in the theft, he said.

Croucher said he was optimistic the free beer offer would lead to the return of the stolen computer. "We'd love it back. We're at such a critical stage in our little business that every hit like that is quite big," he said.

The microbrewery in the central North Island tourist town of Rotorua currently ships 160 gallons of its three beers — an English-style pale ale, Czech-style pilsner and a cloudy German wheat beer — each week.

New Zealand winemaker Montana called to warn the brewery owners to make sure the terms of their free beer reward were precise. The winery had a difficult legal wrangle with the winner of an offer of five years' free wine who tried to extend the supply.

Halloween Coloring Contest

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Colby Shea Worden, 1707 State St., Big Spring
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County Court Decisions:

Judgment and Sentence: William Ryan Locke, unlawfully carrying a weapon, \$100 fine, \$224 court costs.

Probated Judgement: Ronald Simonek, driving while license invalid, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Anthony Thomas McGruder, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,500 fine, \$439 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: John Corbett Williford, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction, \$1,500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Scott Autry, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 60 days in jail.

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District Court Filings:

Dimas Anguiano vs. Mary Elena Anguiano, divorce.
Robert Sullivan and Ila Sullivan vs. First Consumer Credit Inc., injury or damages.

Marriage Licenses:

Jason Rondel Brock, 28,

and Jayci Kyndal Roberts, 25, both of Big Spring.
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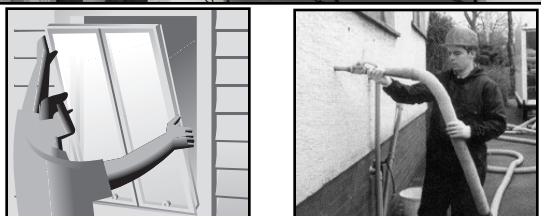
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Help Wanted

O/OP'S HOTSHOTS- Need 2-1 ton pick-ups w/gin poles; winch & 40' Trailer. Great Pay! CDL-A 2 yrs exp. **432-520-9443**

POST OFFICE NOW HIRING. Avg. pay \$20/hour or \$57K annually including Federal Benefits and OT. Paid training, vacations. PT/FT. 1-866-795-4058 USWA

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EOE/Smoke & Drug Free Workplace

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EXPERIENCED SITTER with over 10 years in medical field, will sit, run errands, etc. for your loved one. Big Spring area. Reasonable. Call 432-213-1652.

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* Laundry
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RAILCREWXPRESS has immediate openings for drivers to transport railroad crews. Successful candidates must be 25 years of age Have a valid driver's license A good driving history Pass A DOT physical and drug test Flexible availability Take pride in their performance and safety Compensation includes 90 day sign on bonus Quarterly performance and safety bonus Health benefits Ability to advance and help RCX grow
Apply online at RailCrewXpress.com
Or Call (432)816-7352 to schedule an appointment in your area. EOE.

TRANSIT MIX CONCRETE & MATERIALS COMPANY
HIRING MIXER DRIVERS Class A or B CDL license and a good driving record required. Starting wage is \$12.00 and \$12.50 with Mixer experience.
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NOW SEEKING Part time LVN position for Martin County Home Health. If interested please contact Allison Williams, RN @ (432)756-3259 or fax resume to (432)756-4510.

WANTED- EXPERIENCED Farm Hand. Pre-fer non smoker. Good pay and house. Saint Lawrence area. Call (432)634-1478.

Want to Buy
LOOKING FOR 3 or 4 br 2 bath home or property CISD. Willing to rent to own also working w/an agent. 432-270-3974.

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REWARD FOR Missing Australian Shepherd puppy, (gray/black and tan). Has 1 light blue eye other eye is brown with blue rim. 4 Months old. Missing since 10-10 from 3187 N. FM 1212 Tarzan, TX. Please call 432-459-2418 or 741-9585.

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BROYHILL 5 ft long with 2 extensions, 6 chairs with lighted enclosed china cabinet dining set, 1 queen bedroom set w/headboard, frame, chest, night stand and dresser w/mirrors. Make offer 432-264-0501 7103 Kyle Rd.

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West Texas Centers for MHMR
Quality Service for Quality Life

Case Manager for Mental Health: Assists individuals in gaining access to medical, social, vocational and educational services. Requires Bachelors degree in Social Work field or Bachelor's degree with a minimum of 24 hours in psychology, sociology or other human service hours. Based salary \$14.71-\$15.72 per hour (\$30,588.00-\$32,700.00 annually) DOE, plus excellent benefit package. Four day work week is possible. Flexible schedule offered. Crisis on-call rotation required. Applicants must live within 70-mile radius of duty site. Plus sign on bonus and performance incentives.

Vocational Service Tech: Provides instruction and directs the trainee in the accomplishment of a specific job. High school diploma or GED required. Hours vary. Salary is \$7.71-\$8.20 hr (\$16,044.00-\$17,052.00 annually) Benefits.

Part time Direct Care Staff: Responsible for training clients in work and social related skills. High School Diploma/GED required. Salary \$8.20hr. Hours vary.

Part time After Hour Crisis Worker: Position will perform crisis response activities for mental health consumers. This position is new and exciting with a great deal of flexibility and excellent compensation opportunities. If you are a Qualified Mental Health Provider with a degree in a social service field, let us talk to you.

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Applications available at 409 Runnels or www.wtcmhmr.org or by calling JOBLINE 800-687-2769. EOE.

Wellsite Drilling Supervisor/Consultant

Local Oil & Gas Corporation has immediate openings for the following Contract Services in Westbrook, Texas

The qualified candidate will have a good working knowledge of the following:

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- Cementing (Primary & Remedial)
- Downhole Tools (Packers, Plugs, Retainers, etc)
- Downhole Equipment (Bits, BHA's, Casing, Float Equipment, etc)
- Surface Equipment (Rig & Safety Equipment, Well Control/BOP's, etc)
- Electronic Morning Reports (PA Reporting System)

Individuals must provide their own Transportation, Cell Phone, Certificate of Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance, be accessible by E-mail and successfully pass a drug screening. Previous Wellsite Supervision is a must.

For immediate consideration, please forward your resume with references, client list and a current rate schedule to:

Drilling Superintendent
Fax: (432) 688-3140

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Answer to previous puzzle

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ACROSS	DOWN	ACROSS	DOWN
1 Basis for a WWII code	1 Shell liner	10 ___ pool	11 Fine things
7 Outfield area	2 Far from flush	12 Wordless summons	13 Fictional taskmaster
13 <i>The End of Eternity</i> author	3 Choice dish	14 One without a handicap	15 Digital-watch abbr.
14 Clambake items	4 Juvenile retort	16 Tasterlessly overdone	17 MS accompaniment
16 Gliding dance step	5 Spode or Wedgwood	18 Mothball	19 Carved talisman
17 They're in some jams	6 Technical-analysis term	20 First name in Israeli politics	21 Unaffected-ness
18 <i>In the Meadow</i> artist	7 Mother with a Nobel Prize	22 Eminent epidemiologist	23 Four on some faces
19 Most like a beanpole	8 Plugging away		
20 Intention	9 Box contents		
21 Film role portrayed by Skippy			
22 <i>On the Road</i> narrator			
23 Shells			
24 Small prop			
25 Tiger's turf			
26 Scotch water			
27 Spanish island			
28 Got more serious			
29 Light on a set			
30 Impertinent look			
31 Waterford's home			
32 Runner of a sort			
33 Comparatively cool			
34 How to address a maj. gen.?			
35 River of Yakutsk			
36 Free-bird filler			
37 Comfort food			
38 Sparing			
39 Fascinate			
40 Sign on			

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WHEAT SEED for sale. Certified and Non-certified. Clean and sacked. Call (432)268-3084.

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BARCELONA APARTMENTS \$299 MOVE IN SPECIAL + APPLICATION & SECURITY DEP. 538 Westover Housing Assistance Accepted 263-1252

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Real Estate for Sale

REAL ESTATE AUCTION Selling by order of the Texas General Land Office FEATURED LOCALLY... In Howard County, Texas - a 5500± sq ft office building on .643± acres at 310 Owens in Big Spring. This property will sell ON SITE Tuesday, October 30th at 3pm. Also selling four other commercials in Houston, Irving, Pecos and Kerrville.

FOR TERMS, SALE DETAILS, PHOTOS AND MORE GO TO HUDSONANDMARSHALL.COM FOR A FREE AUCTION BROCHURE WITH TERMS & CONDITIONS, CALL 1-800-441-9401 Call for property preview and information packet.

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NEWLY REMODELED 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, CH/A. Owner Finance. \$495. Monthly. Call (512)321-3333, 512-940-5200 or 432-631-8100.

OWNER FINANCED Houses for Sale. 1304 Johnson, 1413 Sycamore and 508 State. Easy Terms. Call Reagan at 432-634-6818.

Vehicles

2002 MERCURY Sable. 68K, \$7000.00. Good Condition. Also Early American Piano. \$600.00. Good Condition. Call (432)213-0616 anytime or see @ 1700 Lancaster.

1999 HARLEY DAVIDSON 883 Sportster Custom XL 20K miles, excellent condition. \$4700. 432-517-0642

2006 BLACK Nissan Maxima. \$24,900.00 OBO. 33,915 Miles, still has warranty. Heated seats and steering wheel, dual power seats, sunroof, power steering w/telescoping, bluetooth, satellite ready, and much more.... Please call 432-816-1001.

91 CHEVY Lumina some maintenance needed. Call for more information or to make an offer. Call 432-268-1500.

FOR SALE 1995 Cadillac Deville Sedan. 4100 Dixon. \$3500.

Vehicles HARLEY DAVIDSON 2002 Road King Classic. Screaming Eagle Stage 1 Kit. True Duals. Clean & low mileage. 432-816-1464.

Legals

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE DESIGNATION OF THE DOWNTOWN REINVESTMENT ZONE TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR FIVE YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, FINDING THAT THE DOWNTOWN REINVESTMENT ZONE MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF V.T.C.A. TAX CODE CHAPTER 312, ADOPTING AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR THIS ZONE, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION. #5576 October 21 & 22, 2007

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF HOWARD § TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF HOWARD, TEXAS: TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the County of Howard, Texas, on the 6th day of November, 2007, in accordance with an order adopted by the Commissioners Court which is a part of this notice for all purposes and reads as follows: AN ORDER BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID COUNTY, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Howard County, Texas, hereby finds that an election should be held to determine whether said governing body shall be authorized to issue bonds of said County in the amount and for the purpose hereinafter identified.

WHEREAS, the State Constitutional Election will be held on this same date and provision will be made to hold the elections jointly.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: An election shall be held on the 6th day of November, 2007, in Howard County, Texas, which date is not less than fifteen (15) nor more than ninety (90) days from the date of the adoption hereof. At such election, the following measures shall be submitted:

PROPOSITION "SHALL the Commissioners Court of Howard County, Texas be authorized to issue bonds of said County in an amount not to exceed \$11,570,000 to pay for the construction and equipping of a new County Jail and the acquisition of a site therefor; such bonds to mature serially or otherwise over a period not to exceed THIRTY (30) years from their date, to be issued and sold in one or more series at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise and not exceed the maximum rate prescribed by law) as shall be determined within the discretion of the Commissioners Court at the time of issuance or sale of the bonds; and whether ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon all taxable property in the County sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity?" SECTION 2: An electronic voting system shall be used for said election, and ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid measures which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION "THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS NOT TO EXCEED \$11,570,000 TO PAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW COUNTY JAIL AND THE ACQUISITION OF A SITE THEREFOR."

SECTION 3: The 2006 County Election Precincts shall be utilized for this election, and for purposes of county convenience and efficiency, certain of the County election precincts are consolidated as reflected on Exhibit "A" to this Order and the persons hereby appointed to serve as Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge for each polling place are also shown in Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part hereof for all purposes. Martha Beene is appointed Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board. The Central Counting Station Tabulation Supervisor shall be Billy McMahon.

On election day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the Early Voting locations set forth in Exhibit "B" to this Order in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part hereof for all purposes. The Early Voting Clerk shall be Shana McGee and the alternate shall be Jane Hammond.

The Early Voting Clerk shall keep the place for early voting by personal appearance open as reflected on Exhibit "B" to this Order. Applications for a ballot for absentee voting by mail shall be mailed to:

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City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street Big Spring, Texas to consider the following: JMKal, Front 70' LT 18 BK 4 of Original Town, Located at 123 Main, is requesting a variance for a sign in or over the right of way. Town & Country, LTS 7-8 & PT LTS 9-11 BK 49 & PTS 4-6 BK 49 of Bauer Addition, Located at 1101 N. Lamesa, is requesting a variance for a 50' sign. Kenny Davis Chief Building Official #5573 October 21 & 24, 2007

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Saundra Bloom Elections Administrator P.O. Box 1069 Big Spring, Texas 79721 SECTION 4: All resident qualified electors of the County shall be permitted to vote at said election, and on the day of the election, such electors shall vote at the polling place designated for the County Election Precinct in which they reside. This election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and Chapter 1251, Texas Government Code, and as may otherwise be required by law, all election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish. SECTION 5: A substantial copy of this Order shall serve as proper notice of said election. Said notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted at three (3) public places within the County and at the County Courthouse not less than twenty-one (21) full days prior to the date on which said election is to be held, and be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in said County, the first of said publications to appear in said newspaper not more than thirty (30) days and not less than fourteen (14) full days prior to the day of the election. PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 4th day of September, 2007. /s/ Mark Barr County Judge Howard County, Texas

ATTEST: /s/ Donna Wright County Clerk and Ex-Oficio Clerk of the Commissioners Court of Howard County, Texas EXHIBIT "A"

- Precinct 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115 Location North Side Fire Station 100 NE 8th Street Big Spring, Texas Presiding Judge Gwen Ray Alternate Judge Sammy Reyna Precinct 202, 203, 204, 205, 208 Location Life Church 600 E. FM 700 Big Spring, Texas Presiding Judge Shana McGee Alternate Judge Suzanne Markwell Precinct 207, 408, 409 Location Coahoma City Hall Council Chambers 306 North Avenue Coahoma, Texas Presiding Judge Mike Shaw Alternate Judge Merlene Brown Precinct 302, 303, 304, 305 Location Goliad Middle School 2000 Goliad Big Spring, Texas Presiding Judge Helen Crandall Alternate Judge Joanne Sayles Precinct 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 410 Location Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Kentucky Way & Birdwell Ln. Big Spring, Texas Presiding Judge Jane Hammond Alternate Judge Stacy Guitte EXHIBIT "B" EARLY VOTING

Time Period: Days: Monday, October 22, 2007 through Friday, November 2, 2007 Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Tuesday, October 30, 2007 8:00a.m.-8:00p.m. Thursday, November 1, 2007 8:00a.m.-8:00p.m. Locations: Main Early Voting Place Howard County Courthouse 300 Main Street, Third Floor Big Spring, Texas 79720 NOTIFICACION PUBLICA AVISO DE ELECCION DE BONOS

EL ESTADO DE TEXAS § EL CONDADO DE HOWARDS § A LOS RESIDENTES CALIFICADOS PARA VOTAR EN EL CONDADO DE HOWARD, TEXAS: POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO que una eleccion se llevara a cabo en el Condado de Howard, Texas el 6 de Noviembre, 2007 de acuerdo con un man-

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS FINAL 2007 SCHOOL FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) The Glasscock County Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 pm, November 12th, 2007 in the Administration Building, located at 308 West Chambers, Garden City, Tx. #5578 October 21 & 28, 2007

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damiento adoptado por el Tribunal de Comisionados cual mandamiento es parte de esta notificacion para todos propositos y cuyo contenido es como sigue: ORDEN DE LA CORTE DE COMISIONADOS DE HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS PARA ORDENAR UNA ELECCION DE BONOS QUE SE EFECTUE DENTRO DICHO CONDADO, DISPONIENDO QUE SE LLEVE A CABO LA ELECCION Y RESOLVIENDO OTROS ASUNTOS INCIDENTES Y RELACIONADOS A EFECTUAR DICHA ELECCION. POR CUANTO, la Corte de Comisionados de Howard County, Texas por la presente determina que se deba efectuar una eleccion para determinar si dicho cuerpo gubernamental deba ser autorizado para emitir bonos de dicho Condado en la cantidad y para el proposito indicado en lo que sigue. POR CUANTO, la Eleccion de la Constitucion Estatal se efectuara en esta misma fecha y habra provision para efectuar las elecciones juntas. POR LO TANTO, LA CORTE DE COMISIONADOS DE HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS ORDENA, ADJUDICA, Y DECRETA QUE: SECCION 1: Se efectuara una eleccion el 6 de Noviembre, 2007, en Howard County, Texas cual fecha no es menos de quince (15) dias ni mas de noventa (90) dias de la fecha de la aprobacion de la presente. En dicha eleccion se someteran las siguientes medidas: PROPOSICION "SERA autorizada la Corte de Comisionados de Howard County, Texas para emitir bonos de dicho Condado en la cantidad que no exceda \$11,570,000 para pagar la construccion y equipamiento de una carcel nueva del Condado, y para adquirir el sitio para la misma; cuales bonos deberan vencerse en serie o en alguna otra manera en un plazo que no exceda TREINTA (30) anos de su fecha, que se emitan y se vendan en una o mas series al precio o precios y que lleven interes la tasa o tasas (fijas, flotantes, variables o alguna otro sin que exceda la tasa maxima estipulado por la ley) segun sea determinado a la discrecion de la Corte de Comisionados cuando los bonos se emitan o se vendan; y si impuestos ad valorem deberan imponerse en toda propiedad imponible en el Condado que sean suficientes para pagar el interes anual y proporcionar un fondo de amortizacion para pagar los bonos cuando se venzan?" SECCION 2: Se usara un sistema electronico de votar en dicha eleccion y las boletas deberan prepararse en conformidad con elCodigo Electoral de Texas, para permitir a los votantes que voten "A FAVOR" o "CONTRA" la propuesta antedicha que aparecera en la boleta en sustancia como sigue: PROPOSICION "LA EMISION DE BONOS DE OBLIGACION GENERAL QUE NO EXCEDAN \$11,570,000 PARA PAGAR LA CONSTRUCCION Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE UNA CARCEL NUEVA DEL CONDADO Y PARA ADQUIRIR EL SITIO PARA LA MISMA."

SECCION 3. Los Recintos Electorales del Condado en 2006 se usaran en esta eleccion, y para propositos de conveniencia del condado y para eficiencia, ciertos recintos electorales del Condado seran consolidados de acuerdo con lo indicado en el Adjunto "A" de esta orden. Las personas nombradas por la presente para actuar como Juez Presidente y Juez Alterno de cada sitio de votacion tambien se muestran en el Adjunto "A", adjuntado a la presente y que por referencia se incorpora como parte de la presente para todo proposito. Se nombra a Martha Beene de Juez Presidente de la Junta de Boletas de la Votacion Adelantada. El Supervisor de Tabulacion en la Central de Contar Votos sera Billy McMahon. EL dia de la eleccion, los sitios de votacion estaran abiertos de 7:00 AM a 7:00 PM. La votacion adelantada por comparacion personal se efectuara en los sitios de Votacion Adelantada indicados en el Adjunto "B" de esta orden de acuerdo con las disposiciones delCodigo Electoral de Texas y se adjunta a la presente y se incorpora por referencia como parte de la presente para todo proposito. La Secretaria/Oficinista de la Votacion Adelantada sera Shana McGee y la alterna sera Jane Hammond. La Secretaria/Oficinista de la Votacion Adelantada tendra el sitio de la votacion adelantada por comparacion personal abierto de acuerdo a lo indicado en el Adjunto

"B" de esta orden. Solicitudes para boletas de la votacion en ausencia por correo se enviarian por correo a: Saundra Bloom Elections Administrator P.O. Box 1069 Big Spring, Texas 79721 SECCION 4. A todos los votantes residentes calificados del Condado se les permitira votar en dicha eleccion, y el dia de la eleccion, dichos votantes votaran en el sitio de votacion designado para el Recinto Electoral del Condado en el area en que residen. Esta eleccion se efectuara y se administrara en conformidad con elCodigo Electoral de Texas, y con elCapitulo 1251 delCodigo Gubernamental de Texas, y de acuerdo con requisitos de la ley, todo material de la eleccion y procedimientos se imprimiran en ambos ingles y espanol. SECCION 5. Una copia sustancial de esta Orden sera aviso apropiado de dicha eleccion. Dicho aviso, incluyendo una traduccion al espanol del mismo, se fijara en tres (3) diferentes lugares publicos en el Condado, y en el edificio de la Corte del Condado a no menos de veintinueve (29) dias completos antes de la fecha en que dicha eleccion se efectuara, y se publicara en el mismo dia en cada una de dos semanas sucesivas en un periodico de circulacion general en dicho Condado, la primera de dichas publicaciones debe publicarse en dicho periodico a no mas de treinta (30) dias y no menos de catorce (14) dias completos antes del dia de la eleccion. VOTADO Y APROBADO este dia, 9 de Septiembre, 2007. /s/ Mark Barr Juez del Condado Howard County, Texas CERTIFICO: /s/ Donna Wright Secretario/a del Condado y Secretario/a Ex-Oficio de la Corte de Comisionados de Howard County, Texas ADJUNTO "A"

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Why not close all the fast food restaurants?

These people need to get a grip and deal with real issues like the potholes in our city streets and the growing drug trafficking problems.

I just don't understand how after all these years of people smoking and businesses making their own decisions on allowing smoking, some members of the city council have nothing better to do but discriminate against their own citizen smokers and business owners by taking the person's right to smoke and dictating to a business owner what he or she can or cannot do while running these businesses.

I would just like for the city council to stop treating smokers as second class citizens. Most likely some of the members pushing the ban have smoked and stopped or never smoked at all and now they are pushing their own beliefs on citizens. Is this what a city council needs to be doing? I don't think so, and their argument of trying to protect the health of citizens doesn't fly, because if that was the case, there would be a lot more bans going into place for the citizens'

protection — liquor, fast foods, etc. But if we had local government like that, we would not be a democracy, would we?

"For the people, by the people." Have we forgotten?

SANTIAGO FLORES
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I read all the letters that are printed in the paper. It seems like people that have an open mind would agree with lots of these letters or do not care how each individual feels about our city.

I'm referring to the letter written by Anna Robles. I agree with her 100 percent. If anyone can answer this question: What does ER stand for? I'm sure it's not for "East Railroad."

ER and STAT, stand for fast service — as in fast, right there and now, using medical terms. That's what I've been taught in nursing school and jobs.

I myself have been to the so-called ER and spent more than four or five hours, and come home in the same condition as when I went there.

Not long ago I took a very close friend with really bad breathing problems to the ER at 12:50 p.m. She registered and then waited 45 minutes before being sent to the

triage room. It was 20 more minutes of waiting before a nurse finally came in.

We were then sent back to the waiting room and were told that they had a full house in the back. That may be so, but couldn't they tell whether some are more of an emergency than others?

We were in the waiting room until 4:40 p.m.. Then she was taken to the back where they took vital signs and asked questions. That's understandable until they asked who they use as a doctor. Why ask that? They never call the doctor. I've been to my regular doctor and he's said he didn't know I had been in the ER.

Oh, yes, my friend was finally admitted at 7:30 p.m. It seems they say they are short-handed. Well, why don't they hire more people? One doctor for an ER is not enough, especially if they're full.

And I agree that lots of people are going out of town to seek new and better doctors. It's a shame we have one hospital and not enough help.

I hope I didn't hurt anyone's feelings while we were there in the ER.

ONEGA HERNANDEZ
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently I went out with a few friends to eat and

the discussion came up about portions and prices. We came to the conclusion that besides two fast food places, all other eating establishments have gone up on their prices and provide smaller portions. Take a look at some of the carry-out containers and you will notice they are even smaller.

We expanded our observations into retail where, among other things, we talked about potato chips. We all felt it won't be long before we will be paying to sniff the bag for what should have been chips in the first place. We are already paying for the vacuumed air that fills most of these bags to make them look fuller.

Of course the escalating price of oil was discussed. We attempted to be optimistic, but in the end we decided that we would just brace ourselves for the increase in gasoline prices sure to come.

I'm putting in my two cents on where I see the problem — Congress. The only difference in them is the party they belong to because they all make one of two choices and they are: Make promises that are unrealistic and not doable without a tax increase or their favorite camouflage of "unfunded mandates" that at a glance would appear as if they are graciously giving us something when in

reality what they are doing is making us do it without funding it. Guess who pays for it?

The way our system works (not how it was meant) is that Congress works the hardest at courting lobbyists in order to get the biggest slice of the pie. In essence, our Congress is bought to do their bidding which, no doubt involves the collection and distribution of tax dollars. The collection comes in higher taxation for the working class while collecting proportionately less from the wealthy.

This is how it works: There are two categories, the poor who can't pay, and the rich who refuse to pay. That leaves us in the middle picking up the slack for them. I, for one, feel overwhelmed at what is happening to my family as a result.

The solution is very simple but Congress does not have the intestinal fortitude to do it.

Like many Americans, I too am concerned with the influx of immigrants into our country from our north and south borders. Since the most tragic act of terrorism, we can never be too safe. For that reason alone, keep everybody out that isn't already here.

We continue to debate this issue but never has the discussion centered

around the fact that corporate America is exporting American jobs across the border, leaving the working class out of a means by which to support their families. How many of you really believe that this practice is American?

They don't care if we have funds to feed our families or pay our bills. They only care about making money and not having to pay export taxes. Are they, just as we are, very opinionated about this and how un-American it is to allow the influx of undocumented people? I have yet to hear anyone say that it is just as un-American to allow businesses that supposedly care about the welfare of our nation to export jobs across the borders, leaving our working class without a means to support their families, in order to make profits for themselves.

Taking their businesses across the border in order to pay less wages and taxes, corporate America doesn't give a flip about us. And we provide the work force and their wealth. How difficult it must be for corporate America's fat cats to sit in front of the big picture window counting profits and watching the working class sweat to make a dol-

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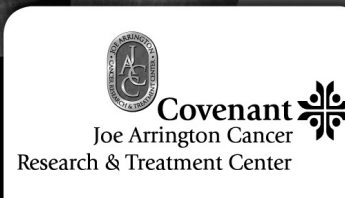


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AIDS stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and is caused by a virus called HIV, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus. An estimated 40,000 new HIV infections occur in America each year. Don't be a statistic; learn the facts and get tested for HIV today.

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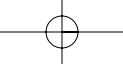
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John Janaic shares stories before game in the ATC.



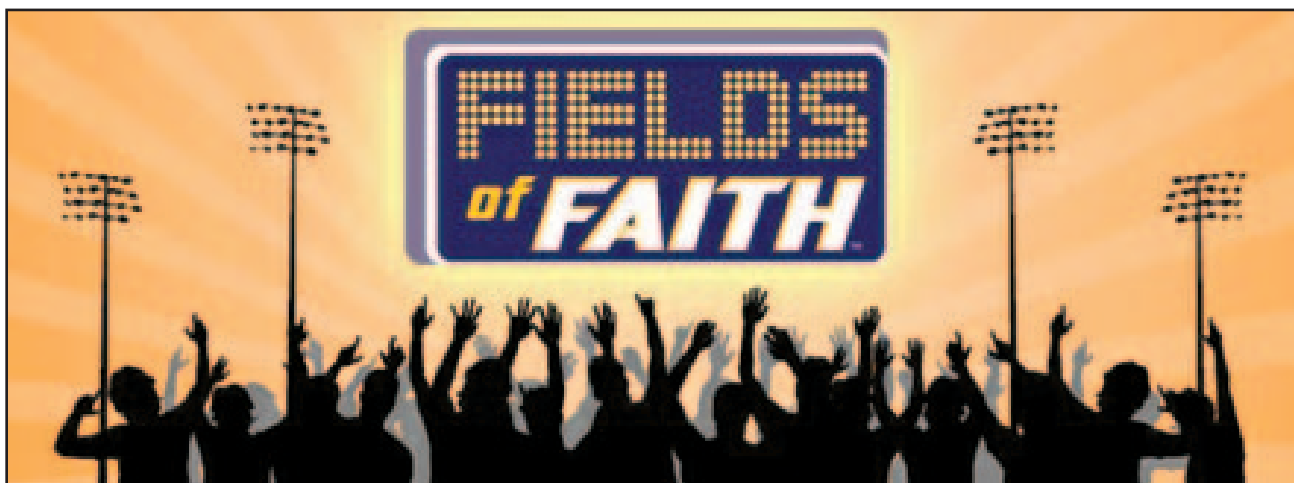
Edward Slate gives the "modern" version.

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Students representing Big Spring, Forsan, Coahoma, Westbrook, Colorado City, Snyder & Ackerly participated in the Fields of Faith (A student-to-student event) peers invite their own classmates and teammates to meet on their school's athletic field to hear fellow students share their faith testimonies, challenge them to read Bible and to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Official Count Was Approximately 650 Students!

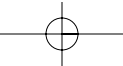


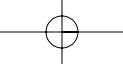
Matt Ritchey, BSHS/Evan Burton, Forsan High. Evan was a student speaker that gave his testimony.



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Breast Cancer affects us all.

It affects our mothers, sisters, wives and friends.

*It affects people of every age, sex and race, and is the leading cancer among white and African-American women. This October, **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, pink is everyone's color.*


Early detection can save lives, and mammograms are the most important tool in diagnosing breast cancer. There is no cure for breast cancer, but mammograms can save lives by finding breast cancer as early as possible. Every woman, beginning at age 40, should schedule a mammogram and a physical every year. Women should also

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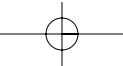
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America's working poor stretching paychecks to the breaking point

NEW YORK (AP) — The calculus of living paycheck to paycheck in America is getting harder.

What used to last four days might last half that long now. Pay the gas bill, but skip breakfast. Eat less for lunch so the kids can have a healthy dinner.

Across the nation, Americans are increasingly unable to stretch their dollars to the next payday as they juggle higher rent, food and energy bills. It's starting to affect middle-income working families as well as the poor, and has reached the point of affecting day-to-day calculations of merchants like Wal-Mart Stores Inc., 7-Eleven Inc. and Family Dollar Stores Inc.

Food pantries, which distribute foodstuffs to the needy, are reporting severe shortages and reduced government funding at

the very time that they are seeing a surge of new people seeking their help.

While economists debate whether the country is headed for a recession, some say the financial stress is already the worst since the last downturn at the start of this decade.

From Family Dollar to Wal-Mart, merchants have adjusted their product mix and pricing accordingly. Sales data show a marked and more prolonged drop in spending in the days before shoppers get their paychecks, when they buy only the barest essentials before splurging around payday.

"It's pretty pronounced," said Kiley Rawlins, a spokeswoman at Family Dollar. "It seems like to us, customers are running out of food products, paper towels sooner in the month."

Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, said the imbalance in spending before and after payday in July was the biggest it has ever seen, though the drop-off wasn't as steep in August.

And 7-Eleven says its grocery sales have jumped 12-13 percent over the past year, compared with only slight increases for non-necessities like gloves and toys. Shoppers can't afford to load up at the supermarket and are going to the most convenient places to buy emergency food items like milk and eggs.

"It even costs more to get the basics like soap and laundry detergent," said Michelle Grassia, who lives with her husband and three teenage children in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Her husband's check from his job at a grocery store used to

last four days. "Now, it lasts only two," she said.

To make up the difference, Grassia buys one gallon of milk a week instead of three. She sometimes skips breakfast and lunch to make sure there's enough food for her children. She cooks with a hot plate because gas is too expensive. And she depends more than ever on the bags of free vegetables and powdered milk from a local food pantry.

Grassia's story is neither new nor unique. With the fastest-rising food and energy prices since the 1980s, low-income consumers are stretching their budgets by eating cheap foods like peanut butter and pasta.

Analysts and some economists fear the strain will get worse as people are hit with higher home heating bills this

and mortgage rates go up.

It's bad enough already for 85-year-old Dominica Hoffman.

She gets \$1,400 a month in pension and Social Security from her days in the garment industry. After paying \$500 in rent on an apartment in Pennsauken, N.J., and shelling out money for food, gas and other expenses, she's broke by the end of the month. She's had to cut fruits and vegetables from her grocery order — and that's even with financial help from her children.

"Everything is up," she said.

Many consumers, particularly those making less than \$30,000 a year, are cutting spending on nutritious food like milk and vegetables, and analysts fear they're further skimping on basic medical care and other critical services.

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between now and the end of the decade, we note rising global gas demand is likely to outpace increasing liquefaction capacity across the world. Therefore, LNG supplies can only be viewed as a supplemental supply source rather than an alternative supply source.

In summary, the natural gas supply picture in the United States is similar to that of the crude oil market; tight supplies mean prices are more a function of demand. In the natural gas market, as noted, demand is primarily a function of weather as the product is used for home heating in the winter and supplies are

diverted to the power sector to meet peak electricity demand associated with summer cooling.

Currently the natural gas injection season is nearing its end. The withdrawal season is set to begin in early November. Current inventories are well-above average and nearly on last year's levels. We anticipate the inventory overhang will persist throughout the early autumn and into winter. This should prove bearish.

We look for weakness in the Natural Gas complex heading into what is forecast to be yet another warm winter. We expect that autumn prices could move below \$6.80 and towards \$6.20/mmBtu. We look for the December contract to move towards

\$7.20/mmBtu with a warm start to the withdrawal season. If the winter does prove seasonally warm, price movement testing \$6.00/mmBtu could be expected.

However, in the near-term, the hurricane season continues through November, so prices could be supported by tropical activity. In addition, an early-cold snap would boost winter natural gas prices.

However, the current weather forecast continues to look bearish for winter natural gas prices and if the forecast holds, it would be the third consecutive warm winter.

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