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Almost 1,000 early votes cast

Numbers are down at this point, compared to last jail bond election

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 The first week of early voting in the books, county election officials say things are moving slower than anticipated. Opening day of early voting for the Nov. 6 election drew 189 voters to the polls, with 93 mail-in ballots received, for a total of 282 ballots. Election workers helped 160 voters cast their bal-



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lots Tuesday, with only seven mail-in ballots received, for a total of 449 ballots. Wednesday and Thursday saw similar totals, with 170 ballots at the polls and nine mail-in ballots Wednesday, and 160 ballots cast and 15 mail-in ballots received

Thursday. Election officials tallied the total ballots cast Friday at approximately 184, bringing the total to 987 after the first week. Saundra Bloom, county elections administrator, said the totals are in-line with voting statistics established during the 2005 constitutional amendment election, but are falling well short of last year.

"As of the fourth day of early voting in 2005, we had 549 ballots," said Bloom. "That's about normal for a constitutional amendment election, and the one in 2005 didn't have any bonds or anyone up for election. "However, in 2006 at this same time, we had 1,732 ballots. See **VOTE**, Page 3A

Early voting continues Monday through Friday at the county courthouse from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with extended hours to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.



Reaching for angels

Salvation Army program to provide gifts for less fortunate

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 The Big Spring Salvation Army wrapped up its two-week application process for the annual Angel Tree program, with more than 300 children expected to benefit from the annual Christmas effort. Paula Lafler, social worker for the local Salvation Army, said her office took applications from approximately 135 adults during the charity's application process, amounting to 378 children and 68 seniors being approved for the program, which provides Christmas gifts for area low income children and seniors that might otherwise wake up Dec. 25 to a bare tree. "Things were a little slow the first week of applications, but they

"We're seeing a lot more single parents than in the past. We're also seeing something of a trend with people who are currently unemployed or between jobs."

—Paula Lafler

picked up this week, especially Thursday and Friday," said Lafler. "When the dust settles, we're looking at helping about the same number of people this year that we helped last year." Lafler said the majority of the people applying for the program this year are single parents. See **ANGELS**, Page 3A

GLORY, GLORY



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
 It may be late October, but these Morning Glory flowers were in full bloom outside Jesse Little's home at 1710 Young Friday.

Student detained

Scuffle quickly stopped, say administrators

Herald Staff Report
 A student was detained by local police after a brief scuffle at Big Spring High School Friday. The student, who was not identified, was arrested after attempting to start a fight in the school cafeteria Friday, Principal Bruce Wilson said. A teacher stepped between the aggressor and his would-be target, however, stopping the fight before it began, Wilson said. The teacher was jostled in the incident, but was uninjured. No cause for the altercation was determined, Wilson said. Big Spring ISD Superintendent Michael Downes said the student was cited for disorderly conduct. "We don't have fights every day, but when we do, police are always called," Downes said.

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BSHS Relay For Life Team to host benefit dance

Special to the Herald
 A benefit dance to raise money for Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life team — Mind, Body and Soul will be Saturday, Nov. 2, at the American Eagle's Lodge, 703 W. Third St. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. Texas Outlaws — a Howard County dance band known for country and old rock and roll

songs — will perform from 8 p.m. to midnight. Homemade pies and cakes, which will be made by members of the Relay team, will be available for a donation, said Brandy Kinsey, Mind, Body and Soul chairman. Door prizes will be given away as well. The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraising program in Big Spring is one of the most successful in the state.

Different organizations and businesses compete in various categories to raise the most money for cancer research and prevention programs in the area. Big Spring State Hospital's team finished third in the small-group category in Relay for Life of Howard/Glasscock County this past May, raising \$5,000. "We start earlier and earlier every year," Kinsey said. "Our goal is always to find

new ways to raise money that people will enjoy and that haven't been done before." The team has made noise-makers for area football and soccer teams, which sell for \$1. "We can personalize them with names and numbers on them," she said. For more information on the dance or the noise makers, call Kinsey at 268-7374 or 528-9507.

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IN BRIEF

Individuals needed to referee area basketball games

Individuals are needed to referee area subvarsity basketball games for the 2007-08 season.

Anyone interested should call Adam Rodriguez at 517-0300.

Howard College announces Hawk Buddies Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Monday and Tuesday at the Steer Gym from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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 Thursday and then again at half-time of the Powder Puff football game following the pep rally.

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

For more information, contact Shannon Stuteville at 264-3641, ext. 166.

MLB Playoffs: World Series schedule

Colorado vs. Boston

Game 1

Boston 13, Colorado 1

Game 2

Colorado at Boston, 7 p.m. tonight

Game 3

Boston at Colorado, 7 p.m. Saturday

Game 4

Boston at Colorado, 7 p.m. Sunday



Sands Mustangs end Ethan Zant pulls in a reception in the Mustangs' 61-14 loss to district rival Grady in Ackerly Friday night.

Herald photo/Bruce Schooler

Area Roundup: Grady stomps Sands, 61-14

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

ACKERLY — Coming into their game with the Sands Mustangs (0-3, 4-4) the Grady Wildcats (2-0, 7-0) looked to maintain the momentum they established after last week's 53-52 victory over Fort Davis.

Mission accomplished.

Casey Shands took the handoff on the first play from scrimmage up the left sideline for 45 yards, breaking four tackles along the way, to make the score 8-0 with just 15 seconds elapsed off the clock. The immediate score put

to rest any thoughts one may have had about Grady looking ahead to next week's big game with the Garden City Bearkats.

"I was hoping the boys wouldn't look past this game," Grady Head Coach Joe Helms said. "They did a real good job of maintaining focus, but I know that Garden City was in the back of their minds. We are healthy. Our offense looked good. We were a little tentative on defense at the start, but focused in on the job at hand and took care of business. This is always a big rivalry

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Stamford wins Bulldogs battle

Herald Staff Report

STAMFORD — Stamford's Bulldogs had the bigger bite — at least, for one night.

For the Coahoma Bulldogs, Friday night's affair with Stamford could have easily been seen as a trap game with the District 5-2A leading Stanton Buffaloes headed into Coahoma in a week.

Unfortunately, the 'Dogs allowed Stamford to trip them up as a promising game-winning drive ended due to a fumble.

Down 21-20, Coahoma had taken the ball down to Stamford's 25 with a little more than two minutes left in the game. However, the Bulldogs fumbled for the second time in the game. Stamford's Dwayne Wesley scooped up the loose ball and returned it 75 yards for a touchdown, pushing the Stamford lead to 28-20.

Coahoma couldn't manage and meaningful threat again as Stamford ended the Bulldogs 3-game win streak. The loss drops Coahoma to second place in district behind Merkel, Haskell and Stanton. That means that the Bulldogs are now on the outside looking in at a potential playoff spot.

Wesley was the star of the game for Stamford, scoring all four of its touchdowns. He ran in the first two scores of the game with the first coming from two yards out with 5:48 left in the first quarter. He'd later plunge in from the 1 midway through the second, giving Stamford a 14-0 advantage.

Running back P.J. Daylong got the Bulldogs on the board with a

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Big Spring Steers wide receiver Sidney Parker runs with the ball in the Steers' 49-14 loss to the Frenship Tigers Friday night in Wolforth.

Herald photo/Gary Hull

Tigers slash through Steers, 49-14

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

WOLFORTH — Hit hard. Hit early. Hit often.

That's the theme apparently adopted by Frenship's Tigers Friday night as they blasted the Big Spring Steers, 49-14.

The Steers didn't get on the board until midway through the fourth quarter when sophomore quarterback Tyler Tannehill passed to Laray Woodard from the 4-yard line. Tannehill later connected with Sidney Parker with less than a minute on the clock.

Frenship's Michael Connor — considered one of the top running back recruits in the nation by several college scouting authorities — totaled 136 yards rushing. Connor scored two first-half touchdowns and added another in the third quarter.

The entire first half found the Steers' defense with its backs against the wall. The defense did, however, make some plays to keep Frenship out of the end zone a couple more times than they could've been.

On their first possession of the game, the Tigers drove down to

within the Steers' 20. However, due to penalties and tackles by Big Spring in the backfield, the Tigers were faced with a fourth and long.

Frenship decided to go for it rather than attempt a long field goal. Quarterback Matt Hill aired out a fade pass down the right sideline, but Steers corner Darius McCalister outbattled the receiver and came down with the ball at the 4-yard line.

The Steers first drive pretty much summed up every posses

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Forsan Buffaloes running back Jace Sandridge tries to break away from a tackler in the Buffs' 14-13 loss to Bronte Friday night in Bronte.

Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Bronte hands Forsan first district setback

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — After four weeks of flying high, it's time to see how Forsan's Buffaloes respond to a letdown.

Any hopes of running the table in district play came to an end Friday night as the Buffs fell in a heartbreaker to the Bronte Longhorns, 14-13.

The Buffs (4-4, 4-1) had their chances, but turnovers and a determined Longhorns' team were too much to overcome.

Forsan Head coach Tommy Thompson said a lack of emotion could have played a part as well. "We played a little flat, which I take full credit for," said Thompson. "But take nothing away from Bronte. They wanted it a little more, especially in the end."

It seemed to be business as

usual for the Buffs as they marched down the field following the opening kickoff to take an early lead.

Jace Sandridge got his sixth touchdown in four games as he took the handoff and dashed 29 yards around right end to put the Buffs up 7-0.

However, Bronte answered right back on its first drive with running back Gus Saunders taking it in from two yards out, knotting the game at 7-7.

Neither team was able to score again until late in the 2nd quarter, when Alex Huckabee gave the Buffs the lead, going in on a 3-yard touchdown run. The missed extra point left Forsan with a 13-7 halftime lead.

In the second half the Buffs came out and appeared to have

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Friday Night Recap

Frenship 49,
Big Spring 14

Bronte 14,
Forsan 13

Stamford 28,
Coahoma 20

Haskell 19,
Stanton 12

Grady 61,
Sands 14

Rankin 68,
Garden City 54

Report scores immediately after games by calling, 263-7331, ext.237.

Wrap Up the Season

with Buttery, Homemade Candy

FAMILY FEATURES

Homemade candy is a year-round treat, but it's especially delicious during the holidays. Stir up sweet family traditions in the kitchen this season with a few simple tools and the perfect candy ingredients. Gather a heavy saucepan and wooden spoon, along with plenty of real butter, pure sugar and high-quality chocolate.

These recipes are easy to make, from melt-in-your-mouth caramels to crunchy, nutty toffee. If your candy-making technique could use a refresher course, visit butterisbest.com for a short video demonstration of the Pistachio Toffee recipe, along with helpful hints for using a candy thermometer and testing candy temperatures.



Not your standard caramel — this sea-salted version cuts the rich, buttery flavor with just a hint of salt.

Quintessential holiday flavors of eggnog, almonds and cherries star in these easy, but impressive fudge recipes.

Chocolate Cherry Fudge

Makes 3 dozen pieces

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 3/4 cup whipping cream
- 2 cups sugar
- 12 ounces semisweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow creme
- 1 cup chopped slivered almonds
- 1 cup chopped dried cherries
- 1 teaspoon almond extract

1. In heavy saucepan, combine butter, cream and sugar. Bring to a full rolling boil over medium-high heat, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to medium and continue to boil, stirring frequently, 8 to 10 minutes, or until mixture reaches 234°F (soft ball stage).
2. Remove from heat; add chocolate and marshmallow creme; stir until smooth.
3. Add, almonds, cherries and almond extract; mix until well blended.
4. Pour mixture into 9-inch square pan lined with buttered foil. Refrigerate until cool; cut into 1 1/2-inch squares. Store in airtight container in refrigerator.

Eggnog Fudge

Makes 3 dozen pieces

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 3/4 cup eggnog
- 2 cups sugar
- 10 ounces white chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow creme
- 1 cup chopped pecans,
- 1 teaspoon rum or rum extract

1. In heavy saucepan, combine butter, eggnog and sugar. Bring to a full rolling boil over medium-high heat, stirring constantly.
2. Reduce heat to medium, and continue to boil, stirring frequently, 8 to 10 minutes, or until mixture reaches 234°F (soft ball stage).
3. Remove from heat; add chocolate and nutmeg; stir until smooth. Add marshmallow creme, pecans and rum; mix well.
4. Pour mixture into 9-inch square pan lined with buttered foil. Cool completely; cut into 1 1/2-inch squares. Store in airtight container in refrigerator.

Sea-Salted Caramels

Makes 3 dozen pieces

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter
- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup dark corn syrup
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon sea salt

1. Butter sides and bottom of heavy 3-quart saucepan. Add butter and melt over low heat. Add sugars, corn syrups and cream; mix well. Raise heat to medium-high and bring mixture to a boil, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to medium and continue to boil until mixture reaches 248°F (firm ball stage).
2. Remove saucepan from heat and stir in vanilla. Pour caramel immediately into 9-inch square pan lined with buttered foil. Cool at room temperature until caramel begins to set, sprinkle with sea salt; cool completely.
3. Use foil to lift caramel out of pan. Butter a large chef's knife and cut caramel into 1-inch squares. Wrap caramels individually in plastic wrap or store in airtight container in refrigerator.

Sweet Tips for Candy Success

- No substitutions — real butter, not margarine or spreads, gives candy the best flavor and texture.
- Don't double up — make only a single batch of candy at a time. Extra ingredients may prevent the mixture from cooking properly.
- Temps on target — the bulb of the candy thermometer should be completely covered by liquid, but don't rest the thermometer on the bottom of the pan.
- Be patient — candy takes a long time to cook — don't rush it by turning up the heat.
- Measure up — measure all ingredients before beginning a recipe.
- Keep it fresh — store finished confections in an airtight container in a dry location. Use wax paper to separate layers of candy.

For more holiday recipes and tips for cooking and baking with butter visit butterisbest.com.

Pistachio Toffee

Makes 3 dozen pieces

- 1 1/4 cups shelled pistachios, divided
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 tablespoon corn syrup
- 6 ounces white chocolate, coarsely chopped

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Place pistachios in single layer in pan; toast 3 minutes. Remove from oven, cool and coarsely chop; set aside.
2. In heavy saucepan, combine butter, sugars, water and corn syrup. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring constantly with wooden spoon. Reduce heat to medium, and continue to boil until mixture reaches 300°F (hard crack stage), stirring frequently.
3. Stir in 3/4 cup pistachios; mix well and pour into jellyroll pan lined with buttered foil. Spread mixture into large rectangle. Cool completely.
4. In microwave-safe container, microwave chocolate 30 seconds; stir. Continue microwaving in 10-second intervals, stirring after each, until chocolate is melted and smooth, but not hot. Using spatula, spread over toffee, covering it completely. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup pistachios and gently pat into chocolate.
5. Place pan in refrigerator for 5 minutes, or until chocolate has set. Break into pieces and store in airtight container.



Buttery, crunchy and nutty, Pistachio Toffee featuring a delicious and festive white chocolate layer.

Obituaries

Billy T. Smith



Billy T. Smith, 92, of Big Spring, died Friday, Oct. 26, 2007, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, 2007, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Kenneth Patrick officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Billy was born on the family farm, one mile south of Rule, Sept. 22, 1915, to Hartwell and Ruth (Turner) Smith. He had two brothers, Carl and Ted and one sister, Sue. He grew up on the family farm where he remained until Jan. 1, 1938. On this date he entered Tyler Commercial College on a 12-month study program and completed this program in eight months.

While in Tyler, he met Margaret Johnston, who was the one lady that he was looking for to become his wife. They married Oct. 15, 1938, and had more than 62 glorious years together before she was called home to Glory by our loving Lord.

At the age of 19, the First Baptist Church of Rule elected him financial secretary, where he handled all the incoming church receipts, until he resigned to go to Tyler. Billy worked in the office of the Rule Farmers Gin Coop during the fall ginning seasons of 1936, 1937 and 1938. After the cotton ginning season was over in 1938, Billy accepted a job with Buie Implement Company in Stamford. He worked at Buie's until the fall of 1941. At that time he was hired to become a part of the office force at Cosden Petroleum Corp.

In January 1944, he received his call to join the United States Army, where he served until May 1946, when he was discharged as a staff sergeant. He then returned to Cosden.

In April of 1951 he was offered an office position with Mead's Auto Supply, here in Big Spring, which he accepted. In the fall of 1963, Mr. Mead sold the store and Billy opened his own accounting office, where both he and Margaret woked until 1984. He sold his practice and retired on this date.

During the years he lived in Big Spring, he served in many positions in the First Baptist Church. Just to list a few, Sunday school teacher, usher, deacon, church treasurer, greeter, plus nearly anything that was needed he was always willing to try. He was treasurer of Big Spring Baptist Association for 31 years.

In the community, he was an election judge for more than 30 years and a member of the first Howard County Tax Appraisal Board. In 1968 he became a member of the Big Spring Kiwanis Club. He had perfect attendance from the beginning; served as secretary-treasurer most of the time from 1971; has also served as Lieutenant Governor four different times for Division 22 (West Texas), and served as Governor of the Texas/Oklahoma District from 1988-1989.

He was a member of the President's Advisory Council of the Kiwanis International Foundation and held life membership status at both the district and international level.

In addition, Billy found time to served 18 years as a trustee for the University of Mary Hardin Baylor, a Baptist University located in Belton. In 2000, he received a Distinguished Service Medallion Award and in 2002 he was honored as Trustee Emeritus (he was one of nine to receive this award). The university is 157 years old and these nine people were the first group so honored.

Billy also served as a volunteer at Citizens Federal Credit Union for more that 20 years, first as a member and later chairman of the Supervisory Committee and as a director.

He is survived by one sister, Sue Mooney of Hurst; one brother, Ted Smith of Kerrville; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Kiwanis Texas/Oklahoma Foundation, 624 Six Flags Drive, Suite 265, Arlington 76011-6342 or to First Baptist Church, 705 West FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Florence May Cowherd Nunnally

Florence May Cowherd Nunnally passed from this life to a better place Oct. 26, 2007. She was born in El Paso on Christmas Day in 1916. She attended Texas School of Mines, graduating with a teaching degree in 1938 and taught in El Paso schools.

Florence married Charles C. Nunnally on Valentine's Day Feb. 14, 1943, while Charles was stationed at Fort Bliss during World War II. Charles and Florence Nunnally moved to Lamesa in 1945 where sons Don and Bill Nunnally were born. Florence and family moved to Borden County in 1949 where she taught school for several terms, served as Cub Scout den mother, and changed from a city girl to country girl!

She loved Borden County and the family she helped raise in the country. Florence was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, on Oct. 26, 1999.

She was a member of the Lamesa Church of Christ. She is survived by two sons, William Nunnally of Columbia, Mo., and Don Nunnally, of Carrolton; three grandsons, Cal Nunnally of Dallas, Clif Nunnally of Galveston and Clay Nunnally of Columbia, Mo.; one granddaughter, Sarah Nunnally Scott of Roswell, N.M.; and two great-granddaughters, also of Roswell, N.M.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007, at Gail Cemetery in Borden County with Mark Hackett officiating under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Mamie Helen Patterson

Mamie Helen Patterson, 85, of Snyder, died Friday, oct. 26, 2007, at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Chapel with the Rev. Guy White Sr. of San Angelo officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens, directed by Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Patterson was born Sept. 2, 1922, in Boswell, Okla. She married John B. Patterson on March 8, 1946, in Snyder. He preceded her in death April 2, 2006.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Renee and Ted Floyd of Snyder and Retha Bates of Big Spring; a brother, Henry Hoyle of China Grove; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, seven sisters and four brothers.

Police blotter

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

- **JOSEPH GUTIERREZ**, 17, 1910 E. 11th, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces in a drug free zone.
- **MONTE BLACKMON**, 37, 1800 Wallace, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.
- **TERRY E. SHIRLEY**, 44, no address given, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK**, 67, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **WILLIAM CLEMENTS**, 39, 104 S. Young, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

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so I knew that the boys would get up for the job at hand."

With 6:35 left in the first quarter the Wildcats struck again, this time on the back of Roy Rodriguez, again using only one play on the drive, as the junior burst through the center of the field for a 47 yard scoring jaunt, making the score 15-0.

Sands looked as if it was going to make it tough on Grady on their next possession, putting together a 5-play, 61-yard scoring drive. That made the score 15-7 midway through the first stanza.

The key play on the Sands drive came on a fourth and nine from its own 25 when sophomore Daniel Armendariz hooked up with Ethan Zant on a 21-yard strike, setting up the Mustangs at the Wildcats' 34.

Two plays later, quarterback Johnny Rogers called his own number, taking the ball through the center of the Grady defense on a 16-yard touchdown run.

The teams traded scores on their next possessions. Grady's score came via a 23-yard completion to Leighton Fields and Sands found the end zone on a 4-yard toss from

Rogers to Xavier Elizondo. However, Grady showed its quick-strike capabilities, using just two plays to move the ball 31 yards, going up 28-14 at the end of the first quarter.

From there, the Wildcats defense took over, stifling any hopes the Mustangs may have had of coming back. On the night, Sands only mustered 170 yards of total offense, 147 of which came through the air.

Rogers spent most of the last half of the game running for his life as the sophomore was sacked seven times by the swarming Wildcats' defense. He ended the night going 12 of 21 for 103 yards and three interceptions, two of the interceptions being returned for touchdowns.

Santos Montoya gathered in one for a 55-yard score while Dylan Cox ended the game with a 28-yard interception return with 3:52 left in the third quarter.

Casey Shands led the way on the ground, gaining 67 yards on three carries for the Wildcats while Rodriguez added another 64 yards on his two touches. Tommylee Rivas also pitched in 29 yards on five carries for good measure.

Cox provided the punch for the Wildcats through the air, going six of 10 for

137 yards and four touchdowns, while Rivas completed one pass for a 30-yard score to Lane Shands late in the second quarter.

Rankin 68, Garden City 54

RANKIN — This was supposed to be a down year for the Garden City Bearkats. However, Head Coach Vance Jones says that Garden City doesn't rebuild — it reloads.

Garden City almost reloaded with an upset win over the fourth-ranked Rankin Red Devils Friday night, but came up short, 68-54.

The Bearkats nearly erased a 24-point deficit in the fourth quarter. Rankin outscored Garden City 38-20 in the first half and 22-14 in the third quarter.

However, Bearkats quarter Nick Sanchez threw his second touchdown pass of the night just eight seconds into the final stanza, connecting with Wade Jansa on a 23-yard strike.

The Bearkats' defense stood strong and Garden City pushed the ball back down the field down, 60-42. Jake Schwartz took the ball in from 2 yards out with a little more than five minutes remaining in the game, cutting the Rankin lead to 12.

With around two and a half minutes left, Sanchez struck quickly, hooking

up with Brent Chudej on a 75-yard touchdown pass. Chudej kicked the extra point — worth two points in six-man football — bringing the Bearkats within four.

Unfortunately, Juan Hernandez threw a touchdown pass to Jacob Schmitz from 11 yards out with a 1:28 left in the game, essentially ending any Garden City hopes of an upsetting comeback.

That score was Schmitz fifth touchdown catch of the game. He finished with 10 catches for 237 yards.

Leading the Bearkats was Josh Colunga with 112 yards and two touchdowns on seven carries. Sanchez finished with 219 passing yards and three touchdowns on 10 of 25 passes. Chudej racked up 91 yards on two receptions. Schwartz had two touchdowns — one catching, one rushing.

Garden City renews a bitter rivalry with Grady Thursday in Lenorah.

BUFFS

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something going until a fumbled snap, recovered by Bronte, ended a scoring drive.

Both teams, maybe feeling the pressure of this game, played tight through the third and into the fourth quarter. Neither could mount much of a threat playing back and forth and trying to find an advantage.

The Buffs had the first chance to get the upper hand, moving to the Bronte 4 late in the final stanza.

Haskell 19, Stanton 12

HASKELL — Stanton's Buffaloes and the Haskell Indians' combined to run the ball 68 times.

However, Haskell used big plays by quarterback Weston Rutkowski to come away with the 19-12 victory.

Rutkowski tied the game at 6 each, following up a Garrett Fulton 1-yard touchdown for Stanton with a 75-yard scamper just a minute later.

Stanton retook the lead with 2:52 left in the first half, courtesy of a 3-yard run by running back Robbie Noland. The score sat at 12-6 heading into halftime.

That lead held up until Rutkowski struck again, this time from 50 yards out, with 1:21 left to play in the third. The score remained tied at 12 each into the fourth stanza.

However, not even three minutes into the fourth, Rutkowski made another big play. Only it was his

However, as Huckabee appeared to be going in for the score the ball came loose and the Longhorns recovered in the end zone, giving them the ball on their own 20.

With less than 5:00 minutes to play, the Longhorns embarked on an 80-yard scoring drive that may have saved their season.

Twice on the drive, the Buffs defense put Bronte in fourth and long situations, but the Longhorns were able to convert.

Eventually, the Buffs prevent defense gave way as back up Bronte quarterback Brett Willis found a hole in the middle of the

arm that did the damage to the Stanton defense this time. He connected with Derek Agraz on a 20-yard strike, giving Haskell the decisive, 19-12, lead.

Stanton controlled the ball on the ground, rushing it 35 times compared to 33 times for Haskell. Rutkowski had 11 of those carries for 153 yards. He only threw two passes, but completed both for 25 yards and a touchdown.

Noland led the Buffs with 137 yards and a score on 20 carries. Fulton had 11 carries for 31 yards and had his best night in more than a month throwing the football. He completed seven of 12 passes for 35 yards.

The loss creates a three-way tie atop the District 5-2A standings with Merkel, Haskell and Stanton each sitting at 4-1.

Stanton plays a game filled with playoff implications Friday when it travels to Coahoma. to

Forsan defense and found the end zone 13-yards later. With a successful extra point, Bronte took its first and only lead of the game, 14-13.

The Buffs got the ball back with a little more than 2:00 minutes to play. Forsan made a run at scoring to win the game, but the contest ended with a Buffs reception just short of the goal line.

The loss puts Forsan in a three-way tie at the top of District 16-1A with Eldorado and Christoval, both winners Friday night, all having 4-1 marks. Bronte is right on their heels, now at 3-2.

STEERS

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sion they had in the first half. They simply couldn't establish any rhythm in the air or ground games. The drive started Big Spring's own 4, but ended on its own 3 as it punted the ball away.

Frenship took over at the Big Spring 40 and immediately started force feeding the Steers' defense with a heavy dose of Connor. Nine plays later, Hill found wideout Lance Ratcliff in the back of the end zone from the 1, giving Frenship its first points. Ratcliff added the extra point — something he did successfully after every Frenship score — to give the Tigers a 7-0 lead.

Connor added scores on the ground just 15 seconds into the second quarter and then again with 38 seconds remaining. Hill took another in from 1-yard out in between Connor's two as the Tigers entered half-

time with a 28-0 lead.

The Steers started to find some consistency on offense in the second half. Their half-opening possession started at their own 14, but they moved the ball deep into Frenship territory courtesy of impressive runs by Woodard and two Frenships 15-yard penalties on fourth downs.

Big Spring didn't find the end zone until the 7:15 mark in the fourth. Woodard lined up wide on the outside and was isolated one on one with a Frenship defender. Woodard ran a slant route, beating his opponent to the inside and securing the Tannehill pass for Big Spring's first points. The touchdown made the score, 42-7.

The Steers surrendered a touchdown to Frenship backup quarterback Tyler Lloyd following that possession, but went right back on the attack in their ensuing drive.

With 36 seconds left, Tannehill threw to the right corner of the end

zone where Parker caught a tipped ball for a 6-yard touchdown, making the score, 49-14.

Woodard led the Steers with 56 yards on eight carries. This was the first game of the year that sophomore running back Monte Anderson didn't register the most rushing yards.

Tannehill had his strongest performance of the season, completing eight of 15 passes for 82 yards and two touchdowns. Thaddeus Straughter caught four balls for 58 yards.

The loss drops Big Spring into third place in the district standings behind Frenship and Lubbock Estacado (2-0,). The Steers take on Estacado Friday at Memorial Stadium.

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Kristina Mayre Carroll of Nichols Hills, Okla., and Travis Lee Dean of Amarillo were married Aug. 18, 2007, in an evening wedding at Faith Bible Church in Edmond, Okla. Pastor Jay Risner was the officiating minister. A candlelight dessert and hor d'oeuvres reception followed at the historic Santa Fe Train Depot in Bricktown. The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Darlene Carroll of Nichols Hills, Okla., formerly of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Dorothy Stephens of Edmond, Okla., the late Davie Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Carroll of Winnsboro.

The groom is the son of James and Sandra Dean of Denison. He is the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Bill Dean of Denison and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Hayes and the great-grandson of Grace Hardy, also of Denison. The bride chose a beautiful ivory a-line strapless gown in soft silk organza overlaying satin. The dress had a contrasting ruffled, cafe colored taffeta accent at the waistline with double streamers in the back cascading the length of the train. The gown featured sparkling Swarovski crystal embellishment adorning the bodice, sides and down the cathedral length train.

Her bouquet, made by designer Randi Froman of Midland, consisted of white hydrangeas, green roses, green hypericum berries and fiddlehead ferns. It was wrapped in satin and accented with pearls. The bride was given in marriage by her father as her brother, Braden Carroll, and Sydney Van Hoose played Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring. Maid of honor was Michelle Kay Froman of Midland. Bridesmaids were Katherine Lea Dean of Anchorage, Alaska, sister of the groom, Patricia Kay Rhoads of Edmond and Jessica Ann Rimmer of Oklahoma City. Serving as best man was Christopher Cowden of Cambridge, England. Groomsman were Casey Jamerson of Greenville, and Chase Carroll and Braden Carroll, brothers of the bride, of Nichols Hills, Okla. The ushers were Jeremy Carroll, cousin of the bride, of Dallas, Ray Owens of Flower Mound and Jerry Underwood of Midland. The program attendants were Bethani Owens, cousin of the bride, of Flower Mound and April Underwood of Midland. Musicians were Braden Carroll, guitarist, brother of the bride; Sydney Van Hoose, violinist; Nathan Mickle, soloist and pianist; and an Edmond

string quartet. The bride is a 2000 homeschool graduate. In 2002, with her father, Kristina founded the real estate investment company Carroll Homes. Along with being an active volunteer for Sen. Tom Coburn's campaign, Kristina was involved in the campaigns of other Oklahoma Republican candidates. She attended the University of Central Oklahoma and will continue her education, majoring in graphic design. The groom is a 2000 graduate of Gunter High School. He attended Texas Tech University, graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is pursuing a master's in business administration at West Texas A&M in Canyon and is employed by Chevron Oil in Midland, where they will reside. Pre-wedding activities included a shower in Edmond, Okla., hosted by several ladies of Faith Bible Church; a shower in Midland, hosted by Randi Froman and Michelle Froman, childhood friends of the bride; a couples shower in Sherman; a personal shower in Edmond, hosted by Patti Rhoads; and a bridesmaid luncheon in Oklahoma City. The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents, was held at Lottenville in Edmond. Due to Hurricane Dean, their honeymoon plans were postponed, and they made a short trip to Angel Fire, N.M. They will honeymoon in London and Paris in the spring.

Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast, pancakes, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, grilled cheese sandwiches, chicken salad sandwiches, potato puffs, chicken noodle soup, apples, milk, ketchup.
Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch, pepperoni pizza, corn dogs, mixed vegetables, garden salad, pears, milk, ranch dressing.
Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuits, sausage, cream gravy, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch, hot dogs, combination burritos, chili, buttered corn, vegetable sticks, fruit cocktail, milk.

Sands CISD

Monday: Breakfast, muffins, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots coins, fresh apples, hot rolls, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast, sausage rolls, juice & milk; Lunch, crispy tacos, lettuce & tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast, waffle sticks, juice, milk; Lunch, grilled cheese sandwiches, chicken noodle soup, fresh broccoli w/ranch, strawberries & bananas, saltine crackers, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, tacos, lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast, biscuits, sausage, gravy,

juice, milk; Lunch, grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, saltine crackers, strawberries & bananas, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast, breakfast pocket, juice, milk; Lunch, spaghetti w/meat sauce, seasoned corn, tossed salad, Texas toast, peaches, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast, donuts, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, sliced carrots, hot rolls, apples, milk.
Friday: Breakfast, toast, peanut butter w/jelly, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken patty sandwiches, baked chips, baked beans, chocolate chip cookies, orange smiles, milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, spiced apples, rolls, milk.
Tuesday: Lunch, nacho grande, border beans, apricot halves, milk.
Wednesday: Lunch, crispy chicken sandwiches, salad, pickle spears, Halloween treats, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast, donuts, ham, grape juice, milk; Lunch, chili dogs, applesauce cups, pickle spears, chips, milk, burritos.
Tuesday: Breakfast, pancakes, sausage, applesauce cups, syrup, milk; Lunch, baked cheese sandwiches, baked beans, pickle spears, milk, corn dogs.
Wednesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, ham, orange juice, milk; Lunch, breaded chicken, gravy, potatoes, strawberry cups, bread, milk, sub sand-

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Big Spring native Sarah Collom has been nominated for homecoming princess at Howard Payne University. Sarah is the daughter of Elwin and Dianah Collom. She is a junior family studies major. She is currently involved in the Student Activities Committee and The Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Sarah was featured, along with the other members of the Homecoming Court, Friday at Homecoming Convocation at First Baptist Church of Brownwood. She will also be featured in the parade and football game Saturday.

VOTE

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That election included several candidates, as well as the first presentation of the jail bond. So it's kind of hard to compare either of those elections to this year's election."

Bloom said she hopes to see totals rise during the final week of early voting.

"I'm not sure if they will, but we're certainly hoping," said Bloom with a laugh. "I think a lot of people are still trying to research the constitutional amendments, because they are pretty complicated this year. I hope to see things pick up next week, and if they don't, we're hoping to see a good turnout on election day."

Bloom said early voting will continue through Friday, 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 period, with polls open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

And while the ballot is dominated by the consti-

tutional amendment election, the election to approve a \$11.57 million jail bond is the center of local attention, 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 estimat-

ed at approximately \$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.

As if matters concerning the existing jail couldn't get worse, Adan Munoz, executive director of the TCJS, said during a town hall meeting concerning the bond the existing jail will be closed permanently if voters fail to pass the bond.

For more information on early voting, contact Bloom at 264-2273.

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"We're seeing a lot more single parents than in the past," she said. "We're also seeing something of a trend with people who are currently unemployed or between jobs. That's also made up a big part of the need this year."

"We also got quite a few applications from single moms currently attending classes at Howard College. Many of them are going on a grant, and that's the only money they have coming in. And once you pay for your classes and books, there's not much left over for Christmas."

Lafler said the names of the children and seniors approved for the holiday program will be placed on cards, which will be hung on special Christmas trees throughout the community.

"They just take the Angel card from the tree and purchase Christmas gifts for that child or senior," said Lafler. "It doesn't necessarily have to be what's listed on the

angel card. Once they purchase the items, they will attach the card to the gifts and bring them to our office, or drop them off where they got the card from. It's very important that they tape or tie the card to the gift, however, so we can make sure it goes to the correct child."

Capt. Linda Keeney said the gifts donated to area needy children through the annual program can make an amazing difference in their lives, and the lives of those that

give.

"It's everything," she said firmly. "A child who has everything they need provided for them has no concept of children out there who do without. If we, as parents, don't show our children to share and to give back, then they won't learn those things. That's why it's important, as a parent, to show these children there are others who are much worse off, who do without things that we take for granted everyday. If we show that to our children, I think it

makes them a kinder, more giving person as they grow."

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Sox hope for Rocky Mountain High

By **RONALD BLUM**

AP Baseball Writer
DENVER (AP) — The Colorado Rockies hope a one-mile increase in altitude will make a world of difference.

The Boston Red Sox are on a high, and it's not just because of their 2-0 World Series lead. After filtering out of Fenway in the dead of night, they arrived at their hotel at 5 a.m. Friday and eight hours later were at Coors Field, checking out the dry, thin air of a ballpark as unique as the one off Kenmore Square.

With no designated hitter in the National League city, Boston will move David Ortiz to first despite a bad knee while regular first baseman Kevin Youkilis is benched and Mike Lowell remains at third. Ortiz played seven times at first this year, all in interleague play. He's not a Hoover. "Anything around me, it's going to be (caught). After that, I don't know," he said. "I've played first base before and it wasn't that bad. It's just not Gold Glove-caliber."

Daisuke Matsuzaka, Boston's \$103 million pitcher, starts against Josh Fogg, who was born in Lynn, Mass., of all places, and is the son of a

World Series

Red Sox fan.

Players weren't the only ones soaking it all up during Friday's workouts. In a silver-colored contraption under the stands between home plate and first base, next to a huge cooler of Coors Light, 142 dozen baseballs were stored behind a padlock in the moist air of the ballpark's humidior.

Since it was introduced in 2002, Coors has been stripped of its reputation as baseball's best launching pad, with home runs and scoring dropping as steeply as a Rocky Mountain ski trail. "Balls aren't as hard," Rockies reliever Latroy Hawkins said. "Not like bricks. They're not hitting rock. They're hitting the same ball as in those

other places." Instead of thinking about Rico Petrocelli or even Doug Mirabelli this weekend, Red Sox fans might be more concerned with Bernoulli — specifically whether Dickey's curveball will flatten out in the thin air under Bernoulli's Principle,



Coors Field in Denver, shown in this file photo, will be the site of Game 3 of the 2007 World Series between the Boston Red Sox and Colorado Rockies.

which explains why airplanes fly.

"The amount of pressure difference created by the spin depends directly on the density of the air itself," Bennett Goldberg, chairman of the Boston

University College of Arts and Sciences physics department, was quoted as saying on the school's Web site.

Matt Herges, Hawkins' bullpen mate, said balls down the lines won't

curve foul at the mile-high ballpark, as they do at sea level. But he also thinks the path to success is to let the issue vanish into thin air.

"I think it's kind of a head game," he said.

"They're so professional, they're going to adjust. I just hope they don't adjust right away."

Of course, it's also a numbers game, and the stats have been pretty bleak for the Rockies, who have done nothing to disprove that the NL might as well be the Pacific Coast League when it faces the AL.

After winning 21 of 22 entering the Series and sitting around for eight days, Colorado is hitting .180 against the Red Sox — 100 points below its NL-leading average during the regular season. Rockies batters have 11 hits and 22 strikeouts, and their pitchers have walked 15 to Boston's three.

Wily Taveras and Kaz Matsui — Nos. 1 and 2 in the Rockies' batting order — have combined to go 1-for-15.

And here's a more daunting stat: 27 of 34 previous teams to open 2-0 at home have gone on to win the Series, including 11 straight since the 1981 New York Yankees flopped with four straight losses to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"They took care of home," Hawkins said, "it's time for us to take care of home."

Perhaps the Rockies will move up shortstop Troy Tulowitzki in the batting order in hopes of finding a spark. Boston wants to squelch that, preferring a repeat of 2004, when the Red Sox opened with two wins at home, then finished a sweep in St. Louis.

"If we win, the opponent might be like, 'Damn, we're done,'" Ortiz said. "And if we lose, that might give them some hope. It is a big game."

Game on: Relieved Chargers ready to take on Texans

By **BERNIE WILSON**

AP Sports Writer
SAN DIEGO (AP) — All the San Diego Chargers needed to be told was when and where.

Forced from their homes and practice fields by deadly wildfires that swept San Diego County, the Chargers did their best to block out the distractions.

"It's not hard. We play football. That's what we do," Pro Bowl fullback Lorenzo Neal said.

The Chargers will host the Houston Texans on Sunday afternoon as originally scheduled. The place and time had been in doubt because Qualcomm Stadium was being used as a major evacuation center.

"That's the best news I've heard since this happened," running back LaDainian Tomlinson said Friday as the team prepared to fly back to San Diego after three days of practice in Arizona. "I never thought I'd feel so good just going home."

Though several blazes still burned Friday, thou-

sands of evacuees were trickling back to neighborhoods stripped bare, and Qualcomm was closed as an evacuation center.

The decision wasn't roundly applauded.

"We can't stay here. I guess a football game is more important," said Tami Swartz, 41, from Ramona, a hard-hit community northeast of San Diego. Swartz said she had been at Qualcomm since Monday, having been evacuated from Ramona on Sunday and then again from a friend's house in Rancho Bernardo, a suburb that was heavily damaged.

Earlier in the week, officials discussed playing this game in Dallas.

The Chargers players wanted it to be in San Diego, to serve as a diversion for all the country had gone through. After canceling practice Monday so players could take care of their families, the team bolted for Phoenix to practice Wednesday through Friday at the Arizona Cardinals' headquarters.

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MENUS

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wiches, salad trays, chips.

Thursday: Breakfast, biscuits, gravy, jelly, sausage, grape juice, juice, milk; Lunch, Frieto pie, ranch beans, pears, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, French toast, syrup, sausage, orange juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, corn, peach cups, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center

Monday: Lunch, steak fingers/gravy, spinach, vegetable salad, peaches and pears and wheat bread.

Tuesday: Lunch, tater tot casserole, Harvard beets, vegetable salad, texas toast and apple crisp.

Wednesday: Lunch, beef tips and rice, squash medley, whole wheat rolls and lemon bars.

Thursday: Lunch, baked ham, roasted potatoes, seasoned cabbage, tossed salad, whole wheat rolls and banana cake with icing.

Friday: Lunch, cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, tater tots and ambrosia.

Military

Kody Jackson, the son of Johnny and Susan Jackson of Big Spring, graduated Marine Corps Boot Camp Oct. 12, 2007, in San Diego, Calif. Kody will go to North Carolina for six weeks of training.



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Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. Randy Lynn Lewis II

Stapp and Lewis

Samantha Renee' Stapp of Big Spring and Randy Lynn Lewis II of Midland were united in marriage at 6 p.m. June 30, 2007, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland with the Rev. Jerry Ellis officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Melinda Stapp Jr. of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Robert and Rosie Stapp Sr. of Big Spring, Tom and Glenda Runyon of Maryville, Tenn., and Doyle and Mary Railsback of Luther.

The groom is the son of Randy and Jeania Lewis I, formally of Midland, now residing in Cairo,

Egypt. His grandparents are Mary Lou Lewis and the late Wendall Lewis of Wimberley and Roy and Jennie Tinkler of Robert Lee.

Given away by her father, Robert Stapp Jr., the bride wore an a-line, strapless, white taffeta, Maggie Sottero gown with silver-lined lace and swarovski crystals. The dress had an elegant lace overlay on the bodice that created an asymmetrical lowered waist with a corset back and a mid-lengthed train embellished with bedding and crystals. A satin empire band sprinkled with crystals decorated the bodice.

She carried a bouquet consisting of a variety of flowers in orange, pink and red. The flowers included roses, ranunculus, freesia, calla lillies, poppies, daisies and marigolds.

"Because you Loved Me" by Joe Dee Messina and "Stand By Me" by Ben E. King, were sung by the groom's cousins, Sid and Wendy Harper.

Amy Barnes served as matron of honor and bridesmaids were Crystal George, Tana Jolly, Joy Thompson and BraShara Brown.

Jeremiah Jolly stood as best man and groomsmen were Bryan George, Bryan Smith, Ron Allen and Matthew Tinkler.

Ushers were Tyler Stapp and Corbin Brown. Flower girls were Chloe George and Ryleigh Tinkler. Ring bearers were Kaleb George and Kyler George.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico.

The bride attended Forsan High School, Angelo State University and graduated from Scenic Mountain in radiologic technology. She now works at Midland Imaging Center in Midland.

The groom went to Midland High School and Midland College. He is a salesman at DOWDCO in Midland.

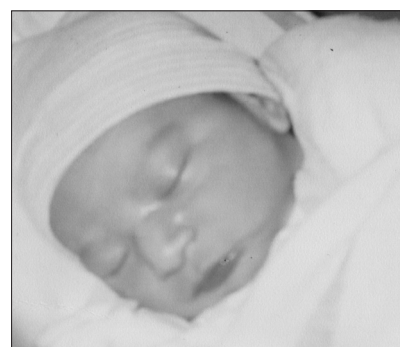
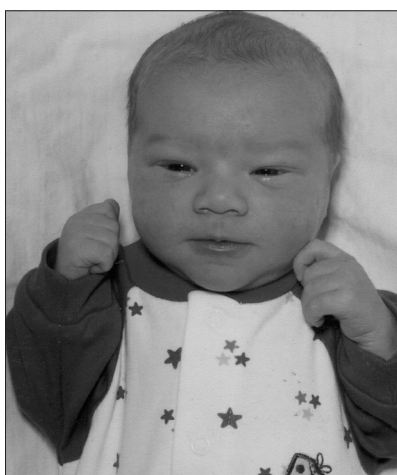
The couple reside in Midland.

Births

Brock Owen Green, a boy, was born at 5:25 p.m. Aug. 26, 2007, weighing 8 pounds, 7 1/2 ounces and was 21 inches long.

He is the son of Randy and Keely Green of Fort Worth. He was welcomed home by big sister Baylee Renee.

His maternal grandparents are Sam and Linda Buchanan of Big Spring. Her paternal grandparents are Tommy and Bridgette Green of Snyder.



Esequiel Manuel Calixto, a boy, was born at 9:44 a.m. Oct. 17, 2007, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

He is the son of Maria N. Calixto of Big Spring. His maternal grandparents are JoAnn Rai and Saboda Rai. His great-grand-

parents are San Juana Rogers and Javier Rodriguez. Esequiel was welcomed home by siblings Ariel and Diago.

M'Kynlee Kay Harland, a girl, was born at 10:04 p.m. Sept. 11, 2007, weighing 6 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 1/4 inches long.

She is the daughter of Aaron and Misti Harland of Big Spring. Her maternal grandparents are Garry and Darla Batla of Garden City. Her paternal grandparents are Danny Harland of Big Spring and LaDeana Davis of Lubbock.



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Left to Right: Dana Rodriguez (Kentwood Principal), Rea Walton (Circulation Asst.), Marvin Boyd (Boyd's Auto Glass)

Newspapers in Education getting started

Pictured (above) are Kentwood Elementary Principal Dana Rodriguez and Marvin Boyd of Boyd's Auto Glass (and below) Paul and Monika Kennemur of the Medicine Center Pharmacy, her sponsors for the NIE program. The NIE Program benefits Kentwood 3rd and 4th graders who receive newspapers on a daily basis. Ms. Rodriguez said that the students will use them to help in their reading and math skills. Ms. Rodriguez and the Big Spring Herald would like to thank these sponsors for their generous support.

If you would like to sponsor a classroom it only cost \$125. You can contact Robert Smith at the Big Spring Herald @ 263-7331. Payment terms are available.



Left To Right: Connie Campos, Monika Kennemur (Co-Owner), Dana Rodriguez, (Kentwood Principal), Rea Walton, (Circulation Asst.), Paul Kennemur (Co-Owner), Paul Diaz.

EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Abuse victims need to know help's available

As we wind down the month of October, closing out the observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month for another year, it's important to remember that domestic violence occurs throughout the year and it's important to let victims know help is always available.

Perhaps one of the most troubling facts about domestic violence is how often the victim doesn't realize they're actually in an abusive relationship. Time and time again, professionals working with abuse victims say their clients often spend years in denial about their situation.

While some consider the topic of domestic abuse uncomfortable to think about, much less discuss, it's something our community must care greatly about, because domestic violence is a problem in our community, just as it is in every community. And sadly, it all too often is a problem that seems to be passed on from generation to generation.

The cycle can be broken, however, and our community has resources to help those who find themselves in jeopardy. That's where the staff and volunteers of our local Victim Services office come in.

Victim Services Executive Director Shann Smith says it is vitally important that women know the "15 Warning Signs of an Abusive Relationship." They are:

- Pushing for quick involvement: Coming on very strong, "I've never loved anyone like this before."
- Jealousy: Excessively possessive, calling constantly, visiting unexpectedly.
- Controlling: Interrogate you on your whereabouts or who you've talked to, checks mileage on your car, keeps control of the money or insists you get permission to go anywhere.
- Isolation: Tries to limit your contact with family and friends, deprives you of a phone or car, may insist that you quit your job or prevents you from working.
- Verbal abuse: Constantly criticizes you or says things that hurt your feelings.
- Threats of violence: "I'll break your neck," then later says things like, "I didn't really mean it. I was just kidding."
- Blames others for mistakes: It is always someone else's fault when things go wrong.
- Sudden mood swings: In a matter of minutes goes from loving and affectionate to explosively violent.
- Makes everyone else responsible for his feelings: "You make me angry. You hurt me when you don't do what I tell you. If you had just done what I said, I would not have had to hit you."
- Hypersensitive: Carries on about injustices of every day life.
- Playful use of force during sex: Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex.
- Rigid sex roles: "Serve, honor and obey."
- Unrealistic expectations: Expects you to be perfect and meet their every need.
- Past battering: Admits to hitting partners in the past but justifies the abuse.
- Cruelty to animals and children: Punish or kills animals. Expects children to do things beyond their ability or teases them until they cry.

A combination of three or more of those 15 behaviors could indicate a potential batterer.

We here at the *Herald* encourage those who see warning signs in their relationships to contact Victim Services by calling 263-3312. The agency's staff and volunteers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Please, please, please get the help you need. Your life could depend on it.

HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions. In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

- In person at 710 Scurry St.
- By telephone at 263-7331
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we listen to Your voice, Lord, for our life.

Amen

A great nation poisoned by war

*Gives our souls,
An awful chill;
Sending soldiers,
Off to kill.*

The full-page Army ad in the NAACP magazine reads, "You made them strong. We'll make them Army Strong." Besides focusing on these vulnerable minority parents, recruiters are nowadays even trolling homeless shelters, their lures baited with offers of \$20,000 to leave "home." Further, enlistment standards have been lowered for intellectual capacity, emotional stability, and criminal record. These are our own homegrown mercenaries, sifted largely from among the poor.

And while such troops may sound expensive to muster, they're a bargain compared with the real live mercenaries we hire for Iraq and Afghanistan.

American civilians over there get paid like generals, and foreign workers command princely sums compared to the scrabbly farms or brutal sweatshops back home. Like the Romans and British before us, our imperial military has become totally dependent on private workers.

Halliburton and Blackwater are the new Hessians.

Locally a heroic-looking young man has just returned from early boot camp to start his senior year in high school. He wants to give

something "back" to his country. His dad's not worried. After all, he survived war in his native El Salvador. His son probably will survive too.

Maybe. Battlefield care is surely outstanding now, and only 3,800 troops have actually died at the front. Unfortunately, we don't keep such close tabs on the wounded. Too depressing. If we did publish true figures of the emotionally maimed or the economically disabled, it might discourage some of our potential cannon fodder from enlisting. That in turn could undermine the \$700 million we spend each year on recruiters and the \$583 million for advertising and promotion.

But even recruiting has now gone mercenary. At the Veterans for Peace convention in St. Louis this summer, a group of Iraq vets stumbled upon an army recruiting team at the adjacent African American Expo. An impromptu peace demonstration ensued, where the vets discovered that the recruiters were not soldiers at all, but civilians looking military. Such is our shortage of troops.

For Iraqis, of course, the war is infinitely worse. We don't even count their casualties. We just assume that everyone we kill is an al Qaida "suspect." This self-fulfilling prophecy has made plain just how sinister those blackguards really are, enlisting women and small children for their nefarious work. Iraqi wounded are simply assumed to die of their injuries in the privacy of their own battered homes. This is probably not a bad guess, since we

have contrived to demolish their hospitals and water purification plants, and to chase their doctors abroad.

Our own wounded remain nearly as uncounted. Governors and veterans officials continually plead with the Pentagon and the Veterans Administration for data on who will be returning in need of care. Unfortunately, such recordkeeping conflicts with a White House policy of downplaying the wounded, so as not to sap enthusiasm for the battle.

And now, verifying what we already knew in our hearts, Alan Greenspan, of all people, has confirmed that the war is actually just about oil.

No kidding. Good thing our potential high school recruits don't read the financial pages. They might begin to wonder just what it is they're giving "back" to their country. Though it's possible, I suppose, that kids are in fact rooting for oil company profits. They'll root for almost anything these days.

But this poisonous oppressing of another country is quietly doing its insidious work on our souls. We're becoming hardened to dead and dying foreign civilians, homeless refugees, Muslim bashing, and destroyed cultures. Such forsaking of conscience is a heavy price for a little more oil and empire.

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

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WILLIAM A. COLLINS



YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to ask for support of Proposition 4 in the next election. Proposition 4 is one of 16 constitutional amendments that will go before Texas voters in the Nov. 6 statewide election. Proposition 4 is part of significant new funding for projects appropriated by the 80th Texas Legislature, but requires voter approval.

Proposition 4 would authorize up to \$1 billion in bonds to pay for maintenance, improvement, repair and construction projects for nine state agencies, including the Department of Public Safety. Among other matters, it would provide funding for crime labs, law enforcement officer training and driving facilities and regional offices for the Department of Public Safety.

Proposition 4 would improve statewide crime fighting by providing funds for new law enforcement initiatives in Texas. This would pay for new and expanded crime labs in cities across the state to speed up turnaround time for evidence analysis and prepare for caseload growth in the future. Most departments in the state do not have their own crime lab and rely on the crime lab from DPS. This proposition would fund new crime labs. It would also pay for increased driver training for law enforcement officers that will save lives by reducing the risk of costly and sometimes deadly car crashes.

The State of Texas does not have a driving track to train its troopers. They are trained on large parking

lots and cannot get the training needed for high-speed pursuits. Proposition 4 would give DPS a driver training facility.

As a state law enforcement officer, I ask voters to please vote for Proposition 4 on Nov. 6.

JASON D. HESTER
COAHOMA

TO THE EDITOR:

I have sat back and read all these negative letters week after week, month after month, and, frankly, I have had enough and will no longer be in the silent majority. No sir!

First, I am sick and tired of reading letters rehashing the smoking ban. The research on smoking being bad for one's health is indisputable. Please don't drag our mayor and city council through the mud again. The majority of Big Spring citizens agreed with the ban, so we are keeping it. The suggestion that we ought to ban the sale of cigarettes and close down fast foot restaurants: Oh, come on! Now, about the city council discriminating against citizens choosing to smoke: Well, let me tell you all something, the majority of us are non-smokers and have been discriminated against by smokers for years and years. Did you all ever consider my and wife ad me at the restaurant when you chose to smoke and we started coughing? I don't think so.

You smokers have treated us non-smokers like second class citizens for too long and we will not stand

for it anymore.

Democracy should be "for the people and by the people." Well, we non-smokers are people, too.

One more thing. I work in Midland and I am embarrassed by Midlanders laughing at all of us in Howard County. They laugh about our continued unrest about the smoke ban and our jail issue. The smoke ban is here to stay. Please, let's move on. And on the jail issue, no matter how you slice it, dice it or spin it, we need a new jail and have needed one since A.N. Standard was our sheriff.

I implore the citizens of Howard County to please stop all this negativity and let's move on.

And lastly, please let's get along.

TONY M. MARQUEZ
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

This is written in response to the recent letters written by Anna Robles and Omega Hernandez concerning Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Emergency Room.

The definition of an ER is a "part of a hospital that is staffed and equipped to provide emergency care to persons requiring immediate medical treatment."

When one presents to the emergency room they are triaged first. Triage is a system of sorting patients according to need when resources are insufficient for all to be treated. The ultimate goal is to identify and prioritize patient care

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BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURE

Do you have an interesting item for the Business and Agriculture pages? Call John Moseley, 263-7331, Ext. 230, or leave a voice mail.

BIG SPRING HERALD

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Courtesy photo
Members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce gathered last week to celebrate Texas Chamber of Commerce Week. The Chamber office is located at the corner of Third and Gregg streets.

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.

For the first time in history, the OPEC Basket traded over \$80.00/bbl. The benchmark is a weighted-average of the main export crude oils from each of the cartel members. The group produces over 40 percent of the world's oil. OPEC Secretary General el Badri said the cartel is concerned about oil prices being at these levels. He noted that market fundamentals do not support the recent run-up. He did not suggest, however, that OPEC would put more crude on the market than the planned 500.0 kbpd production it agreed to back on September 11th. Nevertheless, if there is a disruption in supply, the group does plan to make up the difference. Not only is OPEC worried because prices are at current levels, the White House too is "very concerned" about rising energy prices. The administration has thus capitalized on crude oil's rally to again prod Congress to move forward on alternative energy legislation.

- According to the Department of Energy, as cited recently in the Wall Street Journal, "The Iraqi invasion and aftermath now ranks as the biggest, cumulative oil-supply disruption since WWII, surpassing other big interruptions such as the first Gulf War, the 1979 Iranian revolution, and the nationalization of Iranian oil fields in the 1950s."

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) recently warned that production capacity expansion will fall short of the expected increases in demand, and that -- absent a global slowdown -- upward pressure on oil prices can be expected in the mid-term. According to the IMF, under current conditions, the only cost-competitive biofuel in comparison to its oil-derived counterpart is sugar-based ethanol. The IMF suggested that jatropha diesel production may become cost-competitive.

- The IMF also reported that between January and August, 2007, food prices increased 10.5 percent as grains were diverted to biofuel production and weather conditions drove grain prices higher.

- According to British Petroleum, biofuel may replace upward of 24 percent of gasoline and diesel by the year 2030.

- The California Public Utilities Commission has directed gas and electricity utilities to devise programs that would encourage builders to make new homes capable of generating as much energy as they use by the year 2020. New commercial buildings are expected to meet the same goal by the year 2030.

- The U.S. Climate Change Science Program has concluded that global warming may impact U.S. energy production in several ways:

- 1) Increased hurricane activity could limit production of oil and gas in the Gulf of Mexico;
- 2) Rising sea levels may impact the placement of power plants and other energy infrastructure along the coasts;
- 3) Less snowfall in the Rocky Mountains could reduce water supplies for hydroelectric power production;
- 4) Thawing permafrost in Alaska may alter the energy infrastructure in that state;
- 5) A thawing ice cap could result in year-round access for tankers in Alaskan waters and may open up areas to exploration.

- According to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Winter 2007-08 Energy Market

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Weevils down, not out

The cotton industry's No. 1 enemy, the boll weevil, may be down but is still not out, said Texas Cooperative

Extension experts.

"The boll weevil eradication program continues to make good progress overall, but 2007 will go down as a real learning year for the 13-year-old program," said Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension entomologist at San Angelo. "Boll weevil eradication in the Southern Rolling Plains Zone, made up of parts of nine West Texas counties, was almost 100 percent successful until this year."

Sansone said when the program began in the fall of 1994, monitor trap catches of 3 million weevils were not uncommon. Today's catches of 2,000-3,000 seem insignificant in contrast, but those familiar with the pest know constant vigilance is paramount to keeping it in check.

"The boll weevil situation the Southern Rolling Plains Zone is not good," said Richard Minzenmayer, Extension entomologist for Runnels and Tom Green counties. "The Texas Boll Weevil

Eradication Foundation has sprayed a cumulative 230,000 acres (most fields needed no treatments; however, others required multiple treatments) of the zone's almost 210,000 acres. "Basically, the whole southern part of the zone is affected," Minzenmayer said. "Weevils are actually reproducing in some areas. To complicate matters, windy conditions are preventing aircraft from applying pesticides to affected fields."

As of Oct. 22, aerial applicators were behind in spraying by about 10,000 acres, he said.

"It's not a good situation and producers are encouraged to get cotton harvested and the remaining plant material destroyed as soon as possible," he added.

Minzenmayer said problems started showing up in September when it became apparent that Tropical Storm Erin and other weather systems brought weevils along with some much-needed rain.

"These fronts pushed weevils from southern zones into our area," Minzenmayer said. "To add to the problem, South Texas has had lots of problems this year. Wet weather there made weevil numbers high, the cotton crop very late, and the fronts made it easy for weevils to enter the Southern Rolling Plains Zone resulting in

the serious problems we're now having."

Minzenmayer said volunteer cotton re-sprouting on its own from last year's crop is proving to be a major problem because it serves as a host for boll weevil reproduction.

"Most producers in this area plant the new genetically engineered Roundup (glyphosphate herbicide)-resistant varieties and practice conservation tillage," he said. "These are good practices, but cotton that comes up the following year is a weed, and because it is Roundup-resistant, it is hard to kill with herbicides."

"Tillage is the best way to control volunteer cotton, but producers practicing conservation tillage want to leave the crop residue on top of the soil to conserve moisture. As a result, we have lots of acres of fallow ground growing volunteer cotton. It's a major problem."

Despite the problems, Sansone said the weevil eradication program is working well for the majority of the state. Even in the Southern Rolling Plains, pesticide applications are expected to be less than one application per acre for the season. That's far less than the multiple pesticide applications

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TOMMY YEATER



Courtesy photo
KBST Radio, in partnership with H-E-B and Bob Brock Ford, recently presented a \$1,490 check to the Big Spring Quarterback Club that will go to assist the school athletic department purchase new digital video equipment. Pictured with the Quarterback Club are Frank Stilles, Mary Lou Hall, Jana Terry, John Vega and Myron Hall. Pictured with KBST Radio are Jerry Rhattigan, Jan Rhattigan, Bernadine Grissett and Joseph Garza.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Turf, Pest & Ag Expo slated

The second annual Turf, Pest and Ag Expo will be held Nov. 16.

This annual event is designed to provide the most current information on landscape and turf management and agricultural pest control.

Five continuing education units will be provided for both Structural Pest Control and Texas Department of Agriculture licenses. Updates on turfgrass, landscape irrigation requirements, rangeland and right-of-way vegetation management and much more will be presented.

Registration is on-line at <http://www.tpaexpo.com>, at the Tom Green County Extension Office at 113 West Beauregard or at Bes-Tex at 3808 Devonian in San Angelo.

Running concurrently with the presentations on managing plants and pests, there will be an outdoor power equipment maintenance service school. The Tom Green County 4-H Facility is located at 3168 U.S. Highway 67 North near San Angelo. For more information, contact the

Tom Green County Extension Office at 659-6522 or Bes-Tex at 653-1300.

Governor nixes free shots of liquor at grocery stores

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsinites can forget about getting free shots of liquor at their local grocery store.

Gov. Jim Doyle vetoed that provision of the new state budget Friday before signing the new two-year spending plan at a ceremony at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's student union.

A provision slipped into the budget at the last minute would have allowed up to 1.5 ounces of liquor to be handed out for free.

"To me, it's absurd that you walk into a grocery store and start taking shots," Doyle said.

Free beer is still OK, though. Doyle signed a law earlier this year allowing stores to pass out sample brews.

Doyle also vetoed a new three-tiered distribution system for wine sold in the state, saying the system would have stifled the state's small wineries.

LETTERS

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needs to determine how soon the patient should see the physician.

In triage, one is asked their complaint, medical history, medication, allergies and who their primary care physician is (in case they have to be phoned later) and their vital signs are taken.

There are five levels to the triage system: First and foremost being emergent, which of course means one requires immediate treatment due to life-threatening conditions, either cardiac, respiratory or trauma situations.

The second category is semi-emergent; the third is urgent; the fourth is semi-urgent; and the fifth is non-urgent, meaning one can wait in the wait-

ing room anywhere from two to 24 hours.

I have had a toothache in the past and if I had decided to go to the ER for it, I too would have felt like it was a major emergency and been upset at having to wait.

We are extremely lucky that for the most part, our emergency department gets most folks back within an hour or two. I have spoken to friends who live in Midland, Odessa and Lubbock who only visit the ER under dire emergencies due to the wait times being at least five hours.

I realize that there have been times when one has had to wait longer than two hours in the waiting room. Most likely there was a life-threatening situation which required the doctor and not one, but several nurses to try to save someone's grandparent, mother, father, son,

daughter, brother or sister's life.

I hope the disgruntled ladies who wrote in are never in this situation, but if they are, you'll be happy to know that they are getting the required attention needs and our fine ER does not work on a first-come, first-served basis, because we would all suffer if that were the case.

NANCY REED
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

As a "frequent flyer" to Scenic Mountain ER, I felt compelled to write this letter. Unfortunately I was born with a lung disease that has required me to make many, many visits to the hospital. During these visits, which most of the time I've spent hours in the back, I've had first-hand experiences on how

things in the emergency room function.

Don't get me wrong, there have been times when my breathing wasn't so bad that I've had to wait in the waiting room for hours. I know that it seems like an eternity, because I too have felt and thought, "What are these people thinking? I'm as sick as the next guy."

Like I stated earlier, many interesting things go on in the ER. Unknown to most, an astonishing 80 percent of emergency room nurses have experienced some form of violence at least once, if not more. This can be in the form of being cursed at, spit at, slapped, pushed, punched or kicked. I have experienced not one, but all of these happen to the nurses at our hospital.

I have heard these nurses be cursed at and called names that are appalling,

but they continue to care for the patient.

Texas is one of the leading states with uninsured folks, sometimes leaving the emergency room as their only form of health-care. With the flu season approaching, business in the ER will soon become very busy.

The nurses work 12-hour shifts, but during this season, they usually work longer many times without taking their 30-minute lunch break in which they don't leave their work area. Most of the nurses joke and say they can inhale their food in five to 10 minutes and can't remember what it's like to sit and enjoy a meal.

Another observation during my visits is the traumatic experiences these gals and guys endure. A lot of times that we were left "waiting and feeling like no one cares,"

and let's not forget the doctor — may be trying to save someone's life. This someone should be your child, husband, wife, mother, father, brother, sister or grandparent.

This staff is also responsible for consoling and keeping the family members updated on their loved one's condition. The sad thing is, these nurses rarely have time to soak in what's going on. I have seen them want to cry with families but unable to, due to having other patients to care for. Even though they are saddened, they must continue on with their duties.

What is a disgrace to me is that I have seen some of our very own citizens from Howard County complain, threaten and even curse at the nurses for leaving them waiting

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Latonya Campbell, 5948 Callaston Lane, Fort Worth
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Aldo Gustavo Galindo, 922 Jeter, Odessa
Claudet Garza, 3106 E. Elm, Laredo
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Jennifer Ann Rositas, 1429 E. Sixth, Big Spring
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Janie Spurgeion, 1212 Wadley, Midland
Shawn Spurgeon, 106 N. Adams, Denver City
Nikita V. Stewart, 711 SCR W. Apt. 2004, Odessa
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Colby Shea Worden, 1707 State St., Big Spring
Jerry Lee Wrightsil Jr., 2816 Ridge Road, Fort Worth

County Court Decisions:

Probated Judgment: Markquin Harris, bail jumping and failure to appear, \$1,500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Markquinn Harris, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Geronimo Ray Calderon, evading arrest, \$320 court costs, 25 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Michael T. Randall, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, \$324 court costs, 45 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Michael Terrell Randall, fictitious/alterd vehicle registration, \$324 court costs, 45 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Geronimo Calderon, driving while license suspended, \$100 fine, \$324 court costs, 20 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Joseph Michael Cook, hindering a secured creditor, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Joseph Michael Cook, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500 (enhanced), \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Brandon Dee Rushin, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction, \$750 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
District Court Filings:
Kenneth Ray Stewart vs. Ramona Stewart, divorce.
Shelly Colene Vela vs. Harold Vela, divorce.
Jennifer Lee Kelley vs. John Eugene Kelley, divorce.
Raul Garcia and Michelle Garcia vs. Michael Cathey, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
Dawn Beck vs. Travis Beck, divorce.
Carol M. McKee vs. Preston McKee, divorce.
Stacey Best vs. Jeremiah Best, divorce.

Belinda Crenshaw vs. Jaime Lee Atkinson, protective order.
Brandie Jetton vs. Tony Leon Jetton, divorce.
Main Street Acquisition Corp. vs. Marianne DeJesus, accounts, notes and contracts.
Marriage Licenses:
Joseph Don Savell, 20, and Brittany Nicole Smith, 18, both of Big Spring.
Brian Keith Allen, 25, and Katie Lynn Hein, 19, both of Big Spring.
Donald Lee Niddiffer, 51, and Barbara Hulsey, 60, both of Big Spring.
Larry Orlo Rolo, 63, and Brenda Henry Chandler, 61, both of Big Spring.
Bullet J. Burchett, 30, and Ladonna Faye Torres, 26, both of Big Spring.
Gabriel Zavala Lara, 23, and Maria Zulema Perez Salazar, 17, both of Big Spring.
Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: Mrs. Jack Turner
Grantee: Jackie Free
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 9, Original Town of Coahoma
Date: Oct. 18, 2007
Grantor: Rita Annette Knox
Grantee: Timothy Wayne Knox
Property: A 4.7 acre tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 19, 2007
Grantor: Gary L. Sturm and Leisa Sturm
Grantee: Douglas W. Alsobrooks and Jill Alsobrooks
Property: A 320 acre tract out of Section 32, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 19, 2007
Grantor: Nell Hoback and R.J. Hoback
Grantee: Ann Krischke
Property: A 384 acre tract out of Section 31 and a 389 acre tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 19, 2007
Grantor: Eunice Durkee
Grantee: Edward N. Billingsley and Nancy Billingsley
Property: A 47.6 acre tract out of Section 20, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
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Grantor: Greasewood Properties
Grantee: ROJAY LLC
Property: A 4.2 acre tract out of Block 9, Hall Addition
Date: Oct. 19, 2007
Grantor: Carole B. Lear Hamlin
Grantee: Carole B. Lear Hamlin
Property: A tract out of Section 33, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 22, 2007
Grantor: Celia Porras
Grantee: Sofia Rubio
Property: The E/2 of Lot 11, Block 99, Original Town of Big Spring
Date: Oct. 22, 2007
Grantor: M&H Medical Properties
Grantee: Big Spring Heights Apts.
Property: A 4 acre tract out of Section 32, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 23, 2007
Grantor: Robert Dale Hooper, James Carrol Hooper, Leslie Wayne Hooper, Terri Sue Marsh, Sheryl Hentze, Gary Don Mince and Jesse Delane Mince
Grantee: Larry R. Parkan and Margaret Parkan
Property: Lot 9, Block 30, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
Date: Oct. 24, 2007
Grantor: Neiberto Flores Gusman and Josie Gusman
Grantee: Tierra Group LLC
Property: Lots 7-9, Block 21, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
Date: Oct. 24, 2007
Grantor: Omer J. Bohannon
Grantee: Sharon K. Walker
Property: Lot 12, Block 18, Monticello Addition
Date: Oct. 24, 2007
Grantor: Joe Rodriguez
Grantee: Guadalupe R. Ramirez
Property: Lot 2, Block 9, Stanford Park
Date: Oct. 24, 2007
Grantor: Roy Allan Johnson and Margie Johnson
Grantee: Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council Inc.
Property: Portions of Lots 19 and 20, Block 4, Original Town

of Big Spring
Date: Oct. 24, 2007
Grantor: Lee Harris
Grantee: Adrian Calvio and Amanda Cole Calvio
Property: Lots 5 and 6, Block 62, Original Town of Big Spring
Date: Oct. 24, 2007
Grantor: American State Bank
Grantee: Mike Abusaab
Property: All of Lot 7 and the S/2 of Lot 8, Block 6, McDowell Heights
Date: Oct. 24, 2007
Grantor: American State Bank
Grantee: Mike Abusaab
Property: Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 11, McDowell Heights
Date: Oct. 24, 2007
Warranty Deeds With Vendor's Lien:
Grantor: Travis Hipp and Paige Hipp
Grantee: Steve Elder
Property: Lot 24, Bates Addition (Coahoma)
Date: Oct. 18, 2007
Grantor: Andrew Brice Good and Marivale Good
Grantee: Steven O. Wallis and Vicki Wallis
Property: Lot 10, Block 2, Washington Place
Date: Oct. 19, 2007
Grantor: Rosie Lee Teakell
Grantee: Heather A. Diffee and Eric Diffee
Property: Lot 6, Block 1, Sunset Place Addition
Date: Oct. 23, 2007
Grantor: Sharon K. Walker
Grantee: Joanna B. Walling
Property: Lot 6, Block 1, Sunset Place Addition
Date: Oct. 23, 2007
Grantor: Eric Herm
Grantee: James W. Johnston and Betty Johnston
Property: Lot 15, Block 4, Belvue Addition
Date: Oct. 24, 2007
Grantor: Lillian Ruth Greenfield
Grantee: Gaylene Hodnett and Darrell Hodnett
Property: A 3 acre tract out of Section 25, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 24, 2007

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once necessary to procure a crop in pre-eradication days.

“Dr. Charles Allen, program director for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, reports that the St. Lawrence area had only caught 54 weevils in their monitoring traps through mid September compared with 667 weevils caught during the same period last year,” Sansone said. “The Permian Basin Zone is also well below last year’s levels. The only other captures in West Texas have been a single weevil south of Morton in the Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone and two weevils in the southwestern part of the Rolling Plains Central Zone.”

Six West Texas zones — El Paso/Trans Pecos, Northern High Plains, Northern Rolling Plains, Northwest Plains, Panhandle and Western High Plains — with more than 2 million cotton acres, have not caught a single boll weevil this year, he said. Nearly all of the fields in the West Texas region have been trapped all season without catching a boll weevil, Sansone said.

The five South and East Texas boll weevil eradication program zones are another story.

“They’ve had many obstacles to overcome during the extremely wet 2007 growing season,” Sansone said. “Trapping muddy turn-rows and getting fields treated as the rains continued week after week were challenges. The rainy weath-

er also made control treatments less effective. In spite of these difficulties, populations were reduced by over 70 percent in the five zones. Compared with last year, the Northern Blacklands and Upper Coastal Bend zones had population reductions of over 90 percent. The Southern Blacklands and the Lower Rio Grande Valley dropped 75 and 68 percent respectively from 2006.”

The South Texas Winter Garden area saw no reduction in weevil numbers.

“The continued harvest with producers effectively removing the weevils’

food source will help the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation control the weevil outbreaks,” Sansone said. “The open weather will also allow aircraft to spray and producers to destroy stalks that have been serving as hosts for the boll weevil. “Though this season has been troubling, it has served as a reminder that vigilance is the key to keeping the boll weevil in check. We just can never let our guard down.”

Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County. He can be reached at 264-2236.

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Ashleigh's "My Page"



Big Spring High School students perform work on the Apple Laptops, the laptops have become a great asset to the students.

Last Friday, 14th & Main Church Of Christ provided breakfast to all Big Spring High School Athletics. Thank you to all the members who cooked and participated in this fellowship event.

This week we had the Army Recruiter here at Big Spring High in Mrs. Willbanks class.

Students wore Red Ribbons on Wednesday to represent Drug Awareness.

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while dealing with a life-threatening emergency. It amazes me how these people remain disgruntled even after the nurses attempt to pacify them. I've even heard one say, "I don't care if someone's dying, my wife's in there coughing and we want to see the doctor now."

I have been to many hospitals and have encountered some very friendly healthcare workers and others not so friendly. I try to remember that even though they work in hospitals, they're also human, make mistakes, may be having a bad day or just encountered something traumatic and not had time to deal with it.

My health journey has taken me all over, but I am proud to live in Howard County and call Scenic Mountain Medical Center my hospital. The staff in the emergency room is very knowledgeable and has always been efficient on my visits. I have made many friends there. In fact, when they see me in town, they'll wave and ask how I'm doing. Just want to give you guys a pat on the back and say a big "thank

you" for a job well done.

RANDY OVERTON
COAHOMA

TO THE EDITOR:

Our county commissioners not only want approval of an \$11 million-plus bond, but also want to send this money out of town when a local contractor, using local labor, bid on the project.

Once again, a fine example from "our leaders" about shopping Big Spring first.

DON BOLING
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

It was necessary for me to be away from Big Spring for 11 days. Frankly, I dreaded coming back. Things have seemed so confused here. But this is my home and has been for 27 years. I love my city and its people.

Who am I, a simple Nan about town to take on the 14 people who have been elected to serve us, their constituents? But here I go.

I feel that the city council and the Howard County commissioners have gotten out of touch.

First, Judge Barr ran for election on the promise of "no new jail."

One of the first things he did after being elected was to throw his weight behind firing architect Phil Furqueron for doing what the commissioners had told him to do. That cost the county \$300,000.

After being elected on a promise of "no new jail," he decided that promise meant nothing. He, a man with now law enforcement experience, was elected with help from a man who somehow seems to be able to influence some people with a "know it all" attitude. Frank Parker came back to Big Spring and brought with him a "take over" attitude. At first encounter I found him to have an arrogant air about him. My opinion has not changed.

I did not vote to recall Mayor McEwen. However, my one vote went to Shannon Thomason. His platform made sense to me. My opinion there has not changed there, either.

Thanks for her courage in carrying a hand-printed sign expressing her not liking the threats of the commissioners and state officials about what will happen if the jail bond does not pass goes to Terri Myrick. I stand in agreement with her. Threats do not work with

me. They make me feel like there is a "chigger in the grass between me and the woodpile."

In closing, let me remind us all that jails are not rehabilitation centers. Libraries, schools, colleges, senior citizens centers are. Let's look at the real solutions. Proper maintenance and good law enforcement consistently carried out would have avoided some of these challenges we now face. As some wit (I think it was Pogo) said, "We've surrounded the enemy. It is us."

NANCY LEMOINS PATRICK
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The issue involving a new jail is rapidly coming to a head, again.

Opposition seems to be coming from two directions — one facet opposing the construction because of costs requiring a tax increase, the other from an objection to the location being somewhere other than the down-town area. I offer the following comments referencing the tax issues.

According to my latest tax statement, my city property taxes for the coming fiscal year were increased 58 percent. This is a noticeable number.

Property re-evaluation accounted for 10 percent of the total. The remaining 48 percent is obviously due to a tax rate increase. I would like to think that I am not alone in having this amount of increase applied to my taxes.

I have not heard, nor seen in print, any comments, or opposition to this city tax increase from the parties opposed to a new county jail because of a tax increase. They obviously approve of the manner in which the city proposes to spend their money.

The rate increase is no doubt due to the expenditures delegated to the millions obligated to the golf course, sports facilities on the north side, and downtown "improvements." The majority of the voters, in my opinion, unfortunately approved these projects last year. We also are obligated to provide \$3 million to the renovation of the Settles Hotel. Notice that none of these have had any noticeable progress to date.

The basic infrastructure of the city is literally falling apart. The streets are in terrible condition, and, according to a statement made by the mayor, no plans have been made to ask for any new bonds

to be issued until the currently approved bonds are retired. We can look forward to having the streets become even worse in the future. Also, no major projects have been proposed to correct the ongoing problems with our water distribution system. There are moneys delegated for replacements on a rather small, piece-meal basis. This is an expensive way to approach this. If, in my past profession, I had proposed this approach to correcting a similar major problem, I would either have been at least ignored, or perhaps reprimanded.

The city council chose to propose, and the majority of the voters in the last election approved, projects that could be classified as "fluff," unnecessary for basic needs, and not used by the majority of our citizens. It seems poor judgment to spend money to obtain "state-of-the-art" sports complexes at the expense of necessities. Basic needs should be first priority, with "niceties" following if they can be afforded.

The county is attempting to answer a major problem that would not be

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Choosing Between Alternatives

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 3 2
♥ Q 5
♦ A J 7 6
♣ A K 8 5 4
WEST
♠ A Q J 10 5 4
♥ K 9 3 2
♦ 5 4
♣ 10
EAST
♠ 9
♥ 8 7 6
♦ 9 8 2
♣ Q 9 7 6 3 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ 1♠ 2♣ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♦ Pass
3 NT

Opening lead — queen of spades.
Although declarer does not see the defenders' cards when he is playing a hand, there are many times when he can work out their actual holdings and so obtain the best result possible.

In this deal, for example, if declarer draws the proper inferences, he is likely to make three notrump. If he plays aimlessly, without considering the matter fully, he is apt to be defeated.

West leads the queen of spades, and South must plan his course of action. He sees that taking the spade will give him eight ready-made

tricks but leave him a trick short of his goal.

He also sees that ducking the spade, though it reduces him to seven tricks, assures the contract if West discontinues the suit. In that case, any shift to another suit by West allows South to take a heart finesse that will produce nine tricks, win or lose.

It is therefore safe for South to duck the first spade, since he retains whatever chance he has to make the contract. Let's assume declarer ducks and that West continues with the ace and jack of spades.

South takes the king and is now back to eight winners. The obvious source of a ninth trick lies in hearts. This can be obtained readily enough via a finesse if East has the king. However, South goes down if the finesse loses, as seems likely from the bidding.

Once declarer decides that West is more likely to have the king of hearts than East, his course is clear. After taking the third spade, he cashes the A-K of clubs and four rounds of diamonds, ending in his hand.

These plays reduce West to four cards. If West keeps the 10-x of spades and K-x of hearts, declarer leads his remaining spade to force West to win and lead from the king of hearts. If West keeps three spades instead, South plays the ace of hearts and catches the king.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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► News in brief

Four accused of sham marriage by immigration

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Two Americans and two Israelis accused by immigration authorities of entering into sham marriages are scheduled to appear in court Monday.

Jessica Martinez, a U.S. citizen, and her Israeli husband Eldad Efraim; and Ray Richard Vega, a U.S. citizen, and his Israeli wife, Miri Smoler, are charged with "knowingly enter(ing) into a marriage for the purpose of evading a provision of immigration laws," according to court documents. The felony charge carries up to five years in federal prison and up to \$250,000 in fines.

Both couples married in November 2004. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement allege Efraim and Smoler paid Martinez and Vega \$5,000 each to enter into fraudulent marriages.

Agents arrested the four Brownsville residents on Wednesday after executing a search warrant at a home. It's unclear if the four lived in the home.

Martinez, Vega and Smoler were released Friday after posting \$10,000 unsecured bonds each.

The couples could not immediately be reached for comment on Saturday. It was unclear if they had attorneys.

Federal jury in Mo. decides on death for woman who stole baby, killed expectant mom

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — With a confession and

DNA evidence linking her to the killing of a pregnant woman and the theft of her unborn child, Lisa Montgomery's trial focused not on whether she committed the crime but her sanity.

But the mental illness defense didn't work on a federal jury that rejected it a second time, deciding Friday that Montgomery should be sentenced to death. The same jurors had convicted Montgomery on Monday of kidnapping resulting in death.

Jurors deliberated more than five hours before recommending the sentence. Judge Gary Fenner will sentence Montgomery, but he had told jurors he was obligated to abide by their recommendation. A sentencing date has not been set.

Montgomery, 39, was convicted Monday of kidnapping and killing Bobbie Jo Stinnett on Dec. 16, 2004, in the victim's home in the northwest Missouri town of Skidmore. She was arrested the next day in Melvern, Kan., where she was showing off the newborn as her own.

Montgomery wiped her eyes with a tissue as she left the courtroom. Her attorney, Fred Duchardt, had his hand on her shoulder as the sentence was announced.

When the jurors were asked if they agreed with the decision, each responded: "Yes, your honor." Jurors left the courthouse without speaking to reporters.

U.S. Attorney John Wood said at a news conference that he was confident justice had been served.

"I know that nothing we do can erase the pain that the family members feel," Wood said during a news conference after the verdict. "I only hope that they find some measure of justice in this outcome."

Duchardt told reporters he was saddened by the result.

"Obviously the jury had a hard time getting past the gravity of the offense," he said. "Lisa is a fragile, wonderful person. She is heartsick over what happened to Bobbie Jo and her mother and her family."

Officer fired over 'Ghetto Handbook'

HOUSTON (AP) — A school district police officer suspended for creating and distributing a "Ghetto Handbook" has been fired.

Gang investigator Roby Morris, 34, had worked for 11 years at the Houston Independent School District before being fired this week, according to an investigation report released Friday.

Morris was placed on paid leave in August after school officials learned of his eight-page booklet subtitled "Wucha dun did now?"

The booklet was given to other police officers at a May roll call and tells them learning the definitions in it will allow them to speak as if they "just came out of the hood."

Police supervisors spoke with Morris shortly after the booklet was distributed and he was issued a written reprimand in June. But the report said there was little follow-up and school district superintendent Abelardo Saavedra wasn't told about the booklet until mid-August.

"This incident represents an egregious violation of our standards of conduct and decency," said school district spokesman Terry Abbott.

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upon the taxpayers if the voters had refused to listen to some naysayers in the last election and approved the larger, cheaper jail proposed at that time. The county is at least not proposing large tax increases for bond retirement or moneys to keep existing services intact. Fiscal responsibility is being shown by reducing services to keep taxes in line. The unfortunate result of this is loss of people's jobs. The likely loss of desirable services such as the Senior Citizens Center and the Library will be necessary if inmates are housed in other areas due to a county jail being unavailable. People who think these possibilities are idle threats to try to insure bond approval are certainly naïve. Library closure has happened before in at least one other county because of fiscal problems.

In contrast to the 58 percent increase in my city taxes, my county taxes rose 11.75 percent. Why is there no outcry against the sharp increase in city taxes to pay for unnecessary items, when a much lower increase in county taxes to pay for a basic need such as a jail causes such a furor?

ARDIS MCCASLAND JR.
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

After my last letter to the editor, I had a friend tell me that I was kind of getting a reputation as somebody who wrote letters to the editor. He said that was not a good thing. I am constantly solicited to write letters to the editor by friends who are unable to do so because of the risk to their jobs, the damage to their business or because of friends or relatives. It is a shame for our country that people can't engage in a dialogue anymore.

Consequently, I spend a lot of time listening to people's opinions in town about various political issues. On the issue of the day, the building of the new county jail, the peo-

ple who have spoken to me have indicated that they will not vote in favor of a new jail until two things happen. The sheriff resigns or is voted out of office and at least two commissioners resign or are voted out of office.

I know people who work for the county who have already been told they will lose their jobs if the new jail doesn't pass and in spite of this, they still won't vote to approve the new jail. I know senior citizens who won't even have their taxes raised say they are voting against it.

Even though I'm not convinced it makes economic sense, I was considering voting for the new jail until the Big Spring Herald indicated that we taxpayers are on the hook to Dickens County for another \$129,000 because the sheriff failed to abide by the terms of a contract he had signed. In the corporate world, people would be fired for this kind of negligence. The taxpayers are tired of tax dollars being wasted.

I would say the people who voted against the last jail proposal probably cast the best vote in the interest of the taxpayers' pocketbooks. It sounds like the staffing requirement for this proposed jail will be four instead of seven. That alone should save at least \$18 million in staffing costs over 50 years in today's dollars. Additionally, interest rates are dropping from the time of the last election and that is the expense that almost doubles the actual cost of your jail to \$21.5 million. These two factors alone make this proposed jail cheaper overall than the last proposed jail.

Let's not forget the facts. The state jail commissioner said he would not recommend to the commission to close the existing jail down not because of the existing variances, but because the sheriff had two women sleeping on the floor the day he knew the state jail commissioner would be in town. Right or wrong, people are furious about that and won't vote for a new jail.

Walter Brumley, who is

in the contracting business made some excellent points in his recent letter. Lee George Construction of Big Spring was \$259,000 less expensive to the taxpayers and just as qualified as Dinosaur Valley Construction. Another mistake by the commissioners. The contract should have been awarded to Lee George, the low bidder. I suspect your commissioners aren't quite aware of the can of worms they may have opened by not going with a general contractor. Lee George Construction has probably rendered all of its property in Howard County for 32 years, while Dinosaur Valley has probably never paid a dime in Howard County.

From what people have told me, they will vote for a new jail when we clean house down at the courthouse. A vote against the jail is actually a vote against the sheriff and the commissioners.

I'm voting against the new jail, but unlike you folks at the Herald, I won't be calling anyone who votes in favor of it insane or stupid.

JIM DEPAUW
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

House Joint Resolution 36, which passed the Texas House unanimously, will appear on the ballot on Nov. 6 as

Proposition 14.

The proposition allows judges to complete at least four years of the term to which they were elected after reaching the mandatory retirement age of 75. Allowing a judge to complete the term of office to which the judge was elected fulfills the intent of the voters.

Proposition 14 would not create any additional expense for the state and would bring an end to the delay, expense and inefficiencies in the administration of justice created by the vacancy in a court when a judge reaches the mandatory retirement age of 75 and is required to immediately retire.

We respectfully request that you support Proposition 14 at the polls on Nov. 6.

JUDGE JOHN COSELLI
AUSTIN

TO THE EDITOR:

The American Cancer Society supports the cancer research proposal on the ballot now in Texas, Proposition 15. We encourage voters to vote for Prop 15.

As the foremost private not-for-profit funder of cancer research, we know the importance of an additional \$300 million a year dedicated to cancer prevention and research in Texas. Nobel Prizes were awarded this month and American Cancer Society

researchers won two for scientific breakthroughs, which brings to 42 the number of Nobel Prize winning scientists that have been funded by the Society. We've funded research leading to the first chemotherapy, mammography technology, bone marrow transplantation, the PSA prostate cancer test, a host of life-saving drugs and discoveries related to genetics and molecular biology.

Despite these advances and those of the federal government's National Cancer Institute, it's not enough. About one-third of the 95,000 Texans who will be diagnosed with cancer this year will not survive. One in two men and one in three women in Texas will develop cancer during their lifetime. No dollar value can be placed on the lives lost and the families disrupted by cancer. New research could provide new discoveries that lead to thousands of lives saved.

A vote for Prop 15 could do more for the battle against cancer than any vote ever cast in Texas.

MARK CLANTON, M.D.
AUSTIN

TO THE EDITOR:

Much talk is heard about all the varied tactics in the battle against maniacal powers who are dedicated to the destruction of the United States

and other countries. It appears that the mentioned powers have made much progress in certain European countries.

Now, what are we going to do in our defense? We can continue to disperse our military here and there around the world and these named powers will simply sidestep and continue on their journey toward "paradise." Can we afford, militarily or monetarily, to continue on this zigzag route to oblivion? I don't believe we can.

What can we do to defend against there maniacal forces?

1. We can refuse entrance to our land by any more of their people.

2. We can begin to pull many or all of our armed forces in from the far reaches of the world and began to formulate a defense system, second to none, to protect our people from this onslaught. The people we have here and yonder can encircle our country so that nobody gets in unless we want them to come.

3. These armed people can serve in their own country and it will be much more economically feasible than now.

4. The maniacs will still be after us but their job will be much more difficult.

WILLIAM O. ADAMS
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PARADE RULES

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

2007 Christmas Parade Entry Form

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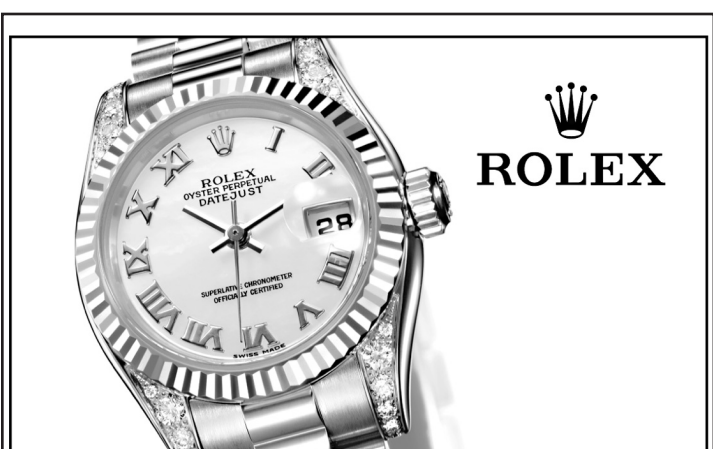
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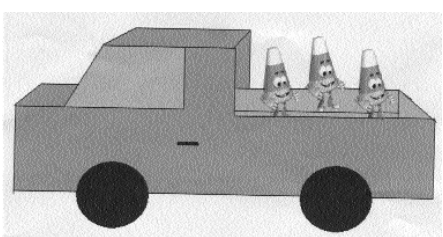
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HANGAR 25 VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Pilgrim recalls double tour in Vietnam

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

An argument and a locked office led to John Pilgrim serving two tours of duty in Vietnam.

Pilgrim, a Snyder native now living in Big Spring, was named Veteran of the Month for October by the Hangar 25 Air Museum during ceremonies last week.

Pilgrim was 17 years old when he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in July 1965.

"I had a pretty bad argument with my dad, and we both decided I was old enough to leave home," Pilgrim told the museum crowd.

After taking a bus ride to Sweetwater, Pilgrim attempted to enlist in the U.S. Navy, but found the office closed.

"So, a guy there said, 'What about the Marines?'" Pilgrim recalled. "I said, 'Let's do it' — and things went downhill from there."

Because of his age, Pilgrim spent more than a year state-side before finally shipping out to Vietnam in December 1966. Soon after he land-

ed, he was assigned as part of a machine-gun crew.

"An officer asked a bunch of us if anyone could handle a machine gun, and like an idiot, I raised my hand," Pilgrim said. Toting the 75-pound weapon on top of an

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—Marine Corps veteran
John Pilgrim

already heavy backpack load, he jokingly said, was what made him so short. "I used to be 6-foot-6," the 5-8 man said.

Assigned to the 4th Marine Division, Pilgrim spent most of his time in country hopping from one firefight to another.

"People asked me if I was scared," he said. "I wasn't scared — I was terrified. I saw things I never saw before."

Even time back at base camp was anything but relaxing, what with almost constant shelling from North Vietnamese artillery and the occasional attack.

Throughout the almost-constant combat, Pilgrim came to a grudging respect for his determined foe.

"They really had bad dispositions," he said. "They didn't want us



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

John Pilgrim was named Veteran of the Month for October by the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

there, and we didn't particularly want to be there, either."

During one brief interlude, Pilgrim joined about 20 of his comrades in "liberating" a shipment of steaks bound for Air Force personnel.

"We ran off with as many cases of steaks as 20 men could carry," he said. Cooking the meat over the flame from a flare left the food tasting "like phosphorus, but it was the best steak I ever tasted," he said.

Pilgrim returned home from his first tour of duty in November 1968, got married, then enlisted for another tour of duty, finally returning home for good in May 1969.

serious when discussing his homecoming.

"I lost a terrible lot of friends over there," he said. "But as bad as the war was, it was almost worse coming home ... I got spit on by a hippie in San Francisco."

After leaving the military, Pilgrim worked in the safety field for a variety of companies. Since moving to Big Spring in February, he has held a similar position with Fiberod.

Asked if he would want to ever re-live his military experiences, Pilgrim had a very direct answer.

"If it would keep some young man or woman from going through what I had to, I'd do it again in a heartbeat."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Don't forget

The Silver Wings Ball, an annual fund-raiser for Hangar 25 Air Museum, will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Big Spring Country Club. Activities will include a silent auction, appetizers, desserts, dancing and live music. Tickets are \$25 per person. RSVP by 5 p.m. Monday by calling (432) 264-1999 or e-mailing hangar25@crcom.net

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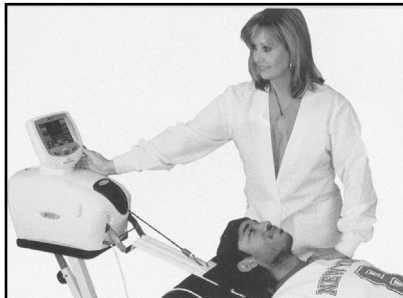
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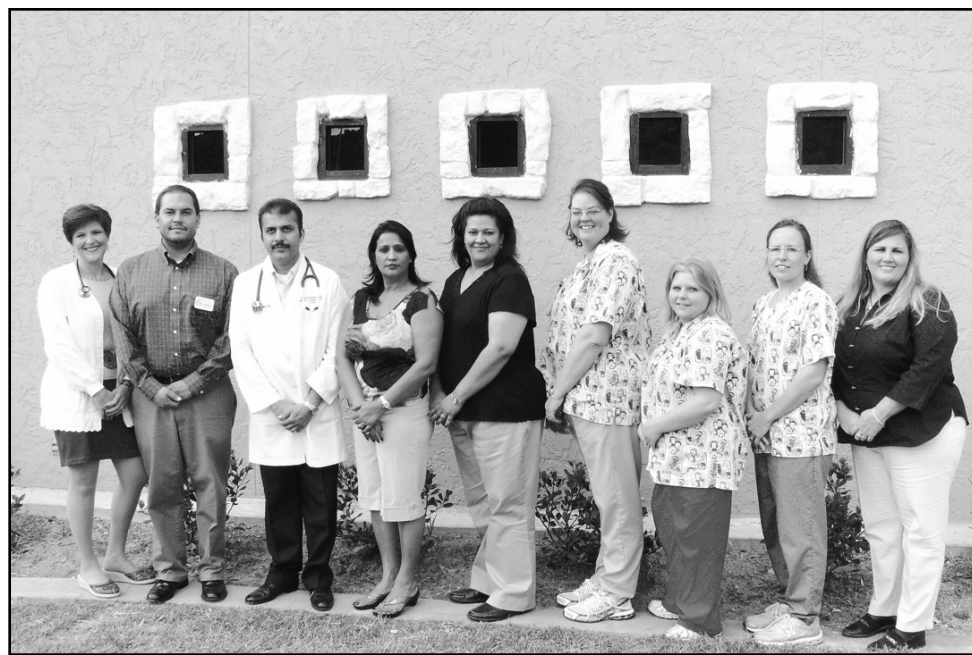
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The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club has chosen Jonathan Smith as the Rotary Youth of the Month for September. Recommended by Big Spring High School Principal Bruce Wilson, Jonathan (Jono) adds this award to a number he has received during his senior year. He was also elected Homecoming King, is president of the high school choir and is captain of the Steer varsity football team. Pictured left to right are Rotary vice president Keith Graumann, Manuella Bernal and Smith.

TAKE NOTE

- 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.
- Beginning Monday, Nov. 5, West Texas Opportunities will have a new number to set up

transportation for local and out-of-town trips. The number to call will be (800) 245-9028. Dispatchers will be Elena and Rebecca. Please call 24 hours in advance. Same day service cannot be guaranteed.

- Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treat-

ment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

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

- The Pet Patrol helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).



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Invites you to join our ...
November 2007 Activities

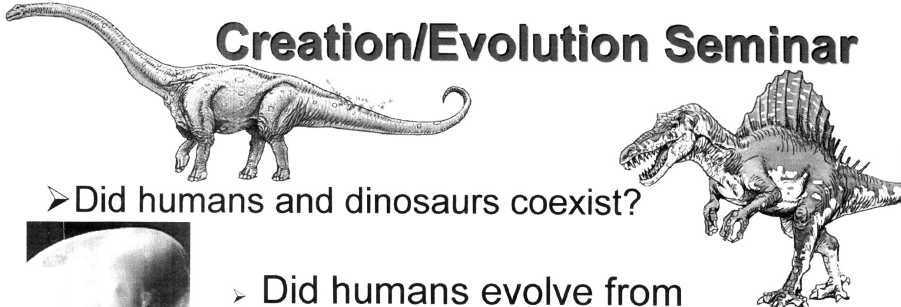
- November 1 * Thursday
 - Mall Walking - 8:00 AM
 - Coffee @ Just Peachy - 10:00 AM
 - BUNKO - 5:00 PM
- November 4 * Sunday
 - Law & Disorder MCT (Comedy) - 1:00 PM - ?
- November 6 * Sunday
 - Mall Walking - 8:00 AM
 - Coffee @ PRL - 10:00 AM
 - Supper Club Pizza Inn - 5:30 PM
- November 7 * Wednesday
 - Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 AM
- November 8 * Thursday
 - Mall Walking - 8:00 AM
 - Coffee @ Just Peachy - 10:00 AM
 - Memory Clinic - 1-4 PM
- November 9 * Friday
 - Lunch Bunch & Birthday's - Big John's 11:30 AM

- November 12 * Monday
 - GAMES - 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- November 13 * Tuesday
 - Mall Walking - 8:00 AM
 - Supper Club Casa Blanca - 5:30 PM
- November 14 * Wednesday
 - Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 AM
 - LUNCH-N-LEARN
- November 15 * Thursday
 - Mall Walking - 8:00 AM
 - Coffee @ Just Peachy- 10:00 AM
 - BUNKO - 5:00 PM
- November 16 * Friday
 - POT LUCK & BINGO - 11:30 AM
 - VOLUNTEER BAKE SALE -7:00 AM
- November 19 * Monday
 - Hobbs New Mexico - 9:00 AM

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	7:30pm	The Dinosaur Dilemma
Sun., Nov. 11 th	9:00am	Scientific Accuracy of the Bible
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Why not check this out? At the library

Having been asked to write the column for this week, I contemplated what I could write about. Since, on several occasions, I have been asked the question, "What can you do in the library?" I decided this would be the perfect opportunity to provide some insight into this matter.

Of course the obvious comes to mind. You can settle into a quiet place to read or study. You can check out, return, renew or reserve books. (You can also renew or reserve books over the phone.) You can read magazines and newspapers. You can do research on anything from a class assignment to a personal hobby. You can surf the Internet or check your e-mail. You can read a bestseller or any book from our collection which includes children's books, young adult books, mysteries, westerns, science fiction, romances and classics, to name a few.

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desk.

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One last note, the library has received a few more new books that should pique someone's interest.

- **"Down the Nile Alone in a Fisherman's Skiff"** (916.204 MAH R) by Rosemary Mahoney recounts her adventurous, dangerous and educational solo trip down the Nile River.

- **"Patron Saints: How the Saints gave New**

Orleans a Reason to Believe" (796.332 DON A) by Alan Donnes tells of the 2006-2007 New Orleans Saints and their inspirational run to the NFC championship.

- **"Bears Boys"** (796.332 GOL E) by Eli Gold discusses 36 men whose lives were inspired, touched and changed by Coach Paul Bryant.

- **"Fire in His Genius: Robert Fulton and the American Dream"** (B FUL R) by Kirkpatrick Sale explores the life of the inventor Robert Fulton. The book delves into little known aspects of Mr. Fulton's life and what drove him to become the ambitious

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