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Lancelot (Eric Valle) and Guenevere (Hollie Biemeret) share a moment during the joint Big Spring High School-Howard College production of the Broadway musical "Camelot." The first performance is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday in the high school auditorium.

'Camelot' brings college, BSHS thespians together

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School and Howard College drama departments are partnering to present one of Broadway's all-time favorite musicals. The BSHS and HC thespians will hold a joint production of "Camelot," a musical re-telling of the King Arthur saga at the high school auditorium. Performances will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Nov. 13. In addition, there will be a 2 p.m. matinee production Nov. 11. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. BSHS Drama Instructor Tracie Lindsey said this will be the third joint

"We probably have the most musical talent we've had in years with this group of kids. It's been a lot of work — we've been rehearsing since mid-September — but the kids are having fun, too"



Lindsey

high school-college production in the past four years and that everything — the cast, crew and production staff —

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Jury to be chosen for kidnapping trial

Big Spring man's case to begin Tuesday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Jury selection in the kidnapping trial of a Big Spring man is expected to begin Monday morning in 118th District Court. Tuterrence Demaskinni Davis, 28, of 1406 E. Sixth Street, was indicted on charges of aggravated kidnapping and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in June. He was accused in the abduction of a four-and-a-half year old child in April.

Also indicted on kidnapping charges were Christene Michelle Beam, 26, and Tiffinie Monique Vanderbilt, 23, for their alleged part in the April 9 kidnapping young John Ray Lee from the 2500 block of Dow. According to police reports, the child was returned to a relative at approximately 1 p.m. the following day, more than 12 hours after his alleged abduction. "It appears the motive

for the kidnapping may be related to narcotic activity," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, following Beam's arrest. "Investigators feel the only reason the child was released safely was due to the prompt media response and the suspect's photograph and information being shown

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson, presents a certificate of appreciation to Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom during a special ceremony early Friday morning at the Heart of the City Park. The award recognizes Bloom and her staff for promoting democracy in the Howard County area.

'Vote!'

State official urges Texans to cast ballot

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The election in Big Spring got some attention from Austin officials Friday, as Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson made a visit to Big Spring to encourage area residents to get out and vote. Wilson, who was met by Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom and County Judge Mark Barr at the Heart of the City Park early Friday morning, said Tuesday's election — which is dominated by 16 state constitutional amendments and a \$11.57 million jail bond — is important from a number of different views. "Each and every election in Texas is impor-

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Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday. Remember to set your clocks back one hour upon retiring Saturday evening.

If you're confused because DST ended in October last year, don't be. You might recall that it was President Bush who signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005. According to that Act, beginning this year, DST began on the second Sunday of March and ends the first Sunday of November.

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Early voting numbers fall short of projection

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Early voting in the 2007 Constitutional Amendment Election wrapped up Friday afternoon at the Howard County Courthouse with a little more than 2,000 ballots cast, well below early projections from election officials. The polls closed Friday afternoon, well below the 3,000 ballots projected by County Elections



Bloom

Administrator Sandra Bloom. "Friday was definitely our busiest day during early voting," said Bloom. "We collected more than 360 ballots. You can compare that to Thursday, when we managed to get 308 ballots during 12 hours of voting. So it definitely ended on an high note,

which is pretty normal for this type of election. "I'm not sure you can really attribute the dropoff in voting to any one thing. These number are pretty well in line with totals from the 2005 election, when we brought in 1685 votes. That was also an amendment election." And while this year's early voting may have missed the 3,000 mark, Bloom said she

felt fairly certain her office would eclipse that mark Tuesday. "I'm pretty confident we'll be able to break the 3,000 vote mark once we tally in Tuesday's votes, said Bloom. "I'm really hoping to hit sort of a 50/50 mark and collect another 2,000 ballots on election day, which would put us past the 4,000 vote mark. I'm

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IN BRIEF

Youth B-ball league sign-ups have started at YMCA

Registration for the Big Spring Youth Basketball League for boys and girls are now taking place at the YMCA until Nov. 17. Divisions of play include separate boys and girls teams in grades 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6.

Outlying communities may form their own teams, but must have a mix of players from each grade in each division.

Games are played on Saturdays beginning Dec. 8.

Practices start the week of Nov. 26. A coaches meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. Nov. 18 at the YMCA. Teams will be formed at this meeting. Players are not required to attend.

Registration fee is \$45 with an \$8 credit for those who will use the same game jersey as last season.

Call the YMCA at 267-8234 for more details.

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 Assistant Coach Eric Rodewald at 816-4327 or Head Coach Earl Diddle at 264-5043.

Steers clinch playoffs with, 33-27, OT victory

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

Playoffs? Don't talk about playoffs.

No. Let's do.

Big Spring's Steers (2-1, 2-7) have found their way through a tumultuous schedule to clinch a spot in the Class 4A football playoffs. The Steers clinched the final postseason berth available in District 4-4A by defeating the Lubbock Estacado Matadors (2-1, 4-5), 33-27, in overtime Friday night at Memorial Stadium.

"This is just the start," said Big Spring Head Coach Mike Ritchey, who was doused with Gatorade by several Steers players following the win. "We're not satisfied with just clinching the playoffs. I don't want to get in

and lose in the first round. We're looking to build momentum and let teams know that our record isn't indicative of the quality of team we are. We've gotten so much better as the season went on. I'm very happy for these kids. I hope the community keeps up its support as our season is extended."

Big Spring appeared as if it would run away with the win Friday night, scoring 19 unanswered points in the first quarter. The Matadors turned the ball over on their first two offensive plays. Safety LaRay Woodard was involved on both turnovers, picking of a pass on Estacado's first offensive play and recovering a fumble on its second play.

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Big Spring's LaRay Woodard skies for an interception in the first quarter of the Steers' 33-27 overtime victory over Lubbock Estacado Friday night at Memorial Stadium.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Coahoma's Lupe Abrego (44) runs the ball as Stanton's Nathan Nix (20) and other Buffaloes try to corral him in Coahoma's 15-14 win Friday night at Bulldog Stadium.

Coahoma tops Stanton, 15-14

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogs came into their game with the Stanton Buffaloes knowing one thing. Win and their slim hopes for a playoff spot in 5-2A remained intact or lose and be eliminated.

The Bulldogs ain't dead yet.

Riding the backs of P.J. Daylong and Josh Paniagua, Coahoma stayed alive with a hard-fought 15-14 victory over the Buffaloes in front of a very

vocal home crowd.

The two teams punched and counter punched as defenses controlled the game with Coahoma laying claim to the only two substantial drives of the first half.

On the Bulldogs' second possession it looked as if they were going to get things on track, taking the ball over at the Stanton 46 at the 6:17 mark. After four runs by Daylong, the 'Dogs had the ball at the 25, but the Buffaloes recovered a fumble, the first of four Coahoma

turnovers, to stop the drive.

After a Stanton punt put the ball at the Coahoma 31, the Bulldogs looked ready to punch the ball in as Daylong, playing quarterback due to a shoulder injury suffered earlier this week by Donnie Garcia, carried the entire load with eight carries for 44 yards. Unfortunately the turnover bug bit again, as the snap went high off of Daylong's helmet and ended up in the hands of a Buffs defend-

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Forsan pushed off top of district by Eldorado

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — After taking a stranglehold on District 16-1A, winning four straight, the Forsan Buffaloes are finding out life at the top can be rough.

The Buffs dropped their second straight game Friday night in front of a home crowd, as the Eldorado Eagles flew off with a 21-7 win.

The loss puts Forsan (4-5, 4-2) in an almost must-win situation next week in the Buffs' final game against Menard, if they have any hope of making the playoffs.

Forsan, much like last week against Bronte, came out flat, turning the ball over on its first two drives.

On their initial drive the Buffs, continuing to have trouble with the center/quarterback exchange, fumbled the snap giv-

ing the Eagles the ball at the Buffalo 37-yard line.

Five plays later, on a fourth-and-4, second string Eldorado quarterback Rance Cathey found his tight end, Dustin Gauna, behind the Forsan defense for a 38-yard scoring strike, and the Eagles took a quick 7-0 lead.

On the first play of the ensuing drive, Forsan quarterback Alex Huckabee was picked off by Eagle defender Paul Martinez. This time Eldorado took over on the Buffalo 35.

But the Buff defense forced the Eagles into another fourth down play and free safety Adam Bailey knocked down a Cathey pass at the goal line.

The Buffs were unable to make any real threat until late in the quarter when the Eagles, back to punt, snapped the ball over the punter's head. Forsan took over

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Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback
Forsan Buffaloes wide receiver Adam Bailey pulls in a catch in the Buffs' 21-14 loss to Eldorado Friday at Buffalo Stadium in Forsan.

T.O.'s return to Philly an afterthought

By ROB MAADDI

AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens' last trip to the City of Brotherly Love ended with the star receiver sprinting off the field and shouting angrily in the locker room following a loss to his former team.

These are much happier times for T.O. and the Dallas Cowboys.

As for the Philadelphia Eagles, well, it's obvious they had a more potent offense when No. 81 wasn't Jason Avant.

Owens returns to Philly on Sunday night for the second time since he was kicked off the team in the middle of the 2005 season. But this homecoming lacks the luster of his first visit, a 38-24 victory for the Eagles in Week 5 last year.

After all, Owens and Donovan McNabb are buddies again. OK, they're not enemies. Their highly publicized feud ended at the Super Bowl, though Owens probably won't spend Saturday night at McNabb's guest room in New Jersey.

"We had our exchange of words," Owens said. "I felt like it was a load off my chest. I wished him well, tried to tell him to keep up with the rehab. That was it. Other than that, there's no hard feelings."

McNabb, who became a target for

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Friday Night Recap

Big Spring 33
Estacado 27
(OT)

Coahoma 15
Stanton 14

Eldorado 21
Forsan 14

Fort Davis 66
Sands 32

Garden City 54
Grady 48
(Thurs.)



Clockwise from left:
Chopped Italian Salad with Italian Vinaigrette, Loaded Baked Potato Casserole, Curried Peanut Soup and Pan Roasted Chicken Provencal

CREATING

Holiday Mealtime TRADITIONS

FAMILY FEATURES

For many of us, the holiday season stirs up warm memories of home, scents of family meals and generations of rituals. Every family has their own holiday traditions, whether it is a signature dish or an after dinner ritual, and many of those customs happen in the kitchen and at the dinner table. Your mealtime memories influence old and new traditions with each generation adding a chapter to the recipe book.

According to a new survey conducted by Kelton Research, on behalf of The J.M. Smucker Company, families value traditions. More than seven in ten (71%) Americans agree that the best way to continue their family traditions is through gatherings and celebrations. Over six in ten (61%) say that holiday meals are becoming more important to them as they get older, and as families are sitting down to share a holiday meal this season, nearly seven in ten (68%) will have at least three generations gathered around the holiday table.

For generations, home chefs everywhere have trusted The J.M. Smucker Company to help preserve favorite family recipes and create new dishes destined to become traditions. This year The J.M. Smucker Company invites you to begin a new tradition around the dinner table with the help of these classic recipes.

Loaded Baked Potato Casserole

- Crisco*[®] Original No-Stick Cooking Spray
- 2 (12-fl.-oz.) cans PET[®] Evaporated Milk
- 2 cups water
- 6 tbsps butter or margarine
- 3 (4.9-oz.) boxes *Hungry Jack*[®] Cheddar & Bacon Potatoes
- 2 cups sour cream
- 1/2 cup chopped chives or green onions
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese

1. HEAT oven to 350°F. Spray 13 x 9-inch baking pan with no-stick cooking spray.
2. COMBINE evaporated milk, water, butter, potato slices and sauce mix in 5-quart pot. Cook over medium heat, just until mixture comes to a boil. Remove from heat. Stir in sour cream and chives or green onions. Pour into prepared pan. Sprinkle with cheese.
3. BAKE 40 minutes or until bubbly and golden brown.

Pan Roasted Chicken Provencal

- 1/3 cup *Pillsbury* BEST[®] All Purpose Flour
- 3-1/2 lbs chicken breasts and thighs (4 each)
- 2 tbsps *Crisco*[®] Canola Oil

Vegetable Mixture

- 3/4 cup *Smucker*[®] Sweet Orange Low Sugar Marmalade, or Sweet Orange Marmalade
- 1/2 (16-oz.) pkg frozen red, yellow and green pepper strips (about 2-1/2 cups)
- 1 (14-1/2-oz.) can diced tomatoes
- 2 tps minced garlic
- 1/4 tsp crushed rosemary
- 1/2 tsp ground thyme
- 1 tsp cornstarch

1. PLACE flour in 1-gallon resealable food storage bag. Add chicken to flour, one piece at a time, shaking to coat with flour. Repeat with remaining chicken. Season chicken on all sides with salt and pepper.
2. HEAT oil large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken, cooking until well-browned on all sides. Remove chicken from skillet. Drain oil from pan.
3. COMBINE orange marmalade, pepper strips, tomatoes, garlic, rosemary and thyme in skillet. Stir. Place chicken on vegetable mixture skin side down. Bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and cover.
4. COOK chicken 35 to 40 minutes, turning chicken skin side up halfway through cooking time. Cook until internal temperature reaches 165°F and juices run clear when pricked with fork.
5. WHISK cornstarch into 1/4 cup of COLD water. Place chicken on serving dish. Stir cornstarch mixture into vegetables. Cook until thickened. Spoon vegetable mixture on top of chicken. Delicious served over cooked rotelle or fusilli pasta.

Chopped Italian Salad with Italian Vinaigrette

Italian Vinaigrette

- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 tsp Dijon-style mustard
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 pinch pepper
- 2 tbsps chopped herbs (a mixture of basil, oregano and thyme)
- 1/2 cup *Crisco*[®] Canola Oil

Chopped Italian Salad

- 1 head romaine lettuce (about 1-1/4 lbs), cut into 1-inch squares
- 1/3 cup roasted red peppers (one 4-oz. jar), drained and sliced
- 1/4 lb sliced salami
- 1/3 cup red onion, chopped
- 1-1/2 cups ripe black olives, pitted and chopped
- 1/2 container provolone cheese, diced

For vinaigrette

1. COMBINE vinegar, mustard, salt, pepper and herbs in blender or food processor. Process on high speed until mixture is well blended. With motor running, carefully pour oil in a steady stream. Refrigerate after use. (Vinaigrette will last approximately 2 weeks in refrigerator.)

For salad

1. COMBINE all ingredients in large bowl. Toss to combine. Dress with Italian Vinaigrette.

Curried Peanut Soup

- 3/4 cup shredded carrots
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 2 tbsps *Pillsbury* BEST[®] All Purpose Flour
- 1 tsp curry powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 cans (14.5 oz.) chicken broth
- 2 tps Worcestershire sauce
- 3/4 cup *Jif*[®] Extra Crunchy Peanut Butter

1. COOK and stir carrot, onion and celery in butter or margarine, in 2-quart saucepan until tender. Blend in flour, curry powder and salt. Add chicken broth and Worcestershire sauce. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly.
2. REDUCE heat. Add peanut butter, stirring until thoroughly combined. Serve hot with assorted garnishes, if desired.



Chocolate Peanut Butter Nirvana Cake

- Crisco*[®] No-Stick Spray with *Pillsbury*[®] Flour
- 1 (18.25-oz.) box *Pillsbury*[®] Devils Food Cake mix
- 1-1/4 cups water
- 1/2 cup *Crisco*[®] Vegetable Oil
- 4 large eggs
- 1 (3.9-oz.) pkg instant chocolate pudding and pie filling mix
- 1 (12-oz.) pkg semi-sweet chocolate morsels (2 cups)

Frosting

- 1/2 cup *Pillsbury*[®] Whipped Supreme[®] Vanilla Frosting
- 1/2 cup *Jif*[®] Creamy Peanut Butter
- 1/4 tsp almond extract
- 1/2 cup milk
- Chocolate curls or shavings for garnish, if desired

1. HEAT oven to 350°F. Spray 12-cup Bundt pan with no-stick flour spray.
2. COMBINE cake mix, water, oil, eggs and pudding mix, in large mixing bowl, with electric mixer at low speed until moistened. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed. Stir in chocolate morsels. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake 50 to 55 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 20 minutes. Invert onto serving plate. Cool completely.
3. BEAT frosting, peanut butter, almond extract and milk in medium bowl with electric mixer until well combined. Spoon icing over cooled cake. Garnish with chocolate shavings.

Holiday celebrations stop time for a moment, as the seasons and years slide by, and provide families the opportunity to sit down at the table together and reconnect. Miriam Weinstein, author of *The Surprising Power of Family Meals: How Eating Together Makes Us Smarter, Stronger, Healthier and Happier*, suggests these tips on how to get the most out of holiday get-togethers:

- Before the holiday, show your kids photos of the people who will be there; explain their relation and share some memories.
- Decide which traditions are worth continuing or bringing back. What new ones can you make?
- Try to appreciate what is, instead of fretting about what is not.
- Express your appreciation to others.
- Honor your shared past while connecting in the present.

For more delicious family mealtime tradition ideas and recipes visit www.PoweroffFamilyMeals.com.

Obituaries

Eva IdaBell Bankston



In the evening hours of Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007, Eva IdaBell Bankston passed from this world to be with her Heavenly Father and her Lord Jesus Christ. Services for IdaBell will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 5, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Landon McMurtrey, Joe McMurtrey, Kenny Duffer, Steve Sundy, Mark Sundy and Ronald Sundy.

The family will be at her home at 1811 Mittel. IdaBell came into this world Feb. 3, 1931 in Flomaton, Ala. and married Carl H. Bankston June 24, 1950. After sharing 50 years of their lives together in holy matrimony, he preceded her in death on April 24, 2000.

She is survived by their two daughters, Karen Bobette McMurtrey and husband, Larry, of Mertzon, and Brenda Kay McMurtrey and husband, Tommy, of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Vanessa Duffer and husband, Kenny, Landon McMurtrey and wife, Michelle, Joe McMurtrey and Lacy McMurtrey; and four great-grandchildren, Stephanie Duffer, Melissa Duffer, Bryson McMurtrey and Josephine Schindler. She had five brothers: Albert, Monroe and Jimmy Sundy, who have passed on; and Allen and Clark Sundy, who survive her. IdaBell was also preceded in death by her parents, Mack and Susie Sundy.

IdaBell was part of many organizations, including her church home, Calvary Baptist Church, The Mighty Oaks Club and the Senior Citizens Center. IdaBell devoted her life to Christ, her family and helping others, whether a stranger or friend. She is remembered as a loving, generous and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, friend and all-around great woman to all of those who knew her. She was always looking for good deeds to do for people, to bear witness to them and set an example along with a standard of living life and serving the Lord to her fullest extent. IdaBell was one of the most selfless people to all that knew her, she was loved deeply throughout the community and will be missed greatly by all.

The family would like to thank all of the people who helped to care for Mrs. Bankston in her final hours of need, including Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring and Caring Hearts Home Health. The assistance made everything so much easier than it would have been without your help.

The family suggests memorials be made to Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring, 1008 E. Third, Big Spring 79720 or to Calvary Baptist Church, 1200 West Fourth, Big Spring 79720.

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

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Lorene Barbee



Lorene Barbee, 70, of Big Spring died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007, at the Hospice House in Odessa. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, 2007 at the Coahoma United Methodist Church with the Rev. Donita Lee officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born July 31, 1937, in Wingate, and married Jarrell Barbee on May 24, 1955, in Stanton. He preceded her in death on April 6, 2004.

Jessie graduated and was Valedictorian of Stanton High School in May 1955. She taught private piano lessons, math and computer at Coahoma High School from 1974 to 1982, and computer at Howard College until 1997. She was a member of the Permian Historical Society, held offices in the Howard County Historical Commission and contributed articles in The Permian Historical Annual. Mrs. Barbee was a long-time church organist and member of Coahoma United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Amy D. Choate of Coahoma and Polly J. Campbell and husband, Jay, of Merkel; four sons, Michael J. Barbee of Irving, Timothy R. Barbee and wife, Mona, of Arlington and David C. Barbee and wife, Tabitha, and Neal B. Barbee and wife, Lori, all of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Chad Winn and wife, Erica, of Forney, and April Choate of Coahoma, Lane Campbell and Trent Campbell of Merkel, Melanie Barbee and Justin Barbee of Arlington and Corey Green, Rachel Barbee, and Devin Barbee, all of Big Spring; her mother, Era Burns of Big Spring; one brother, Bill Burns and wife, Pat, of Goldthwaite; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jesse Burns.

The family suggests memorials to the Coahoma United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 50, Coahoma 79511, The American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721, Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th Street, Suite A, Big Spring 79720, or to your favorite charity.

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Zula Rhodes



Zula Rhodes, 88, of Midland, formerly of Elbow, died Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007, in Midland. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, 2007 at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Zula was born Jan. 6, 1919, in Wilmot, Ark., to Mary Ella and George Gentry. She married L.Z. Rhodes July 17, 1936, in Sand Springs, Okla. He preceded her in death on July 2, 1988. They moved to the Panhandle in the early 1940s, then moved to Big Spring in 1962.

They collected aluminum cans to start the 4-H and agriculture scholarship fund at Howard College. Zula refinished furniture to pay for her dream trip to England.

She was a member of the Home Demonstration Club, Fair Board, Advisory Council of the Howard County Library, director of the Women's Division for many years, a board member of the 42 Club and a volunteer for the Potton House.

Zula loved to fish, enjoyed knitting, gardening, reading, cooking and her friends. She moved to Midland in 1997. She was a member of Elbow Baptist Church.

She is survived by a son, Ronald Rhodes of Amarillo; a daughter, Judi Coleman of Odessa; a brother, Raymond Gentry of California; a sister, Pearl McLemore of Amarillo; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren, who were the joy of her life.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, David Allen Rhodes and Tim Coleman; a grandson, Tim Coleman; three brothers; and a sister.

Pallbearers will be Calvin Coleman, Geoffrey Coleman, Matthew Carroll, Brad Posey, Robbie Rhodes, and Brandon Posey.

The family suggests memorials to the Zula Rhodes 4-H and Ag Scholarship Fund at Howard College, Attn: Jan Foresyth, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720.

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

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► Anniversary

Don and Mary Holman celebrate 50th

Don and Mary Ann Holman started celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 8, 2007, with a two-week trip to Seattle, Wash. and an Alaskan sea and land

cruise. After the return trip, they were treated to an anniversary party at K.C. Steakhouse Sept. 22. The party was hosted by their children and grandchil-

dren and was attended by their close friends and family members.

Donald was born in Colorado City and Mary Ann in Levelland. The couple met at Colorado High School where they both attended their senior year and were high school sweethearts.

They were married Sept. 25, 1957, in Colorado City at the home of James Carraway, minister of Oak Street Baptist Church.

Their children are Karla Clarke and husband Ralph of Sugarland, Carmen Ritchey and husband Phillip of Big Spring.

Don and Mary Ann have five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Grandchildren are Brent High and wife Brandi of Nazareth, Kambrah Newman of Missouri City, Ian Ritchey of San Angelo, Brandan Ritchey of San Angelo and Cerbi Ritchey of Big Spring. Great-grandchildren are Bryson, Jayden and Caysen High and Jonah and Mason Newman.

Don and Mary Ann have made their home at 401 Rocco Road in the Sand Springs community of Howard County since 1967.

Don is retired from American Petrofina and Mary Ann retired from Big Spring State Hospital. Don retired with 40 years and 7 months with Fina. Mary Ann was a stay-at-home mom for her daughters before taking an out-

side-the-home job and retired from Big Spring State Hospital with 22 years and six months. They both retired the same day, July 31, 2000, and have been busy every since.

The two are members of 14th and Main Church of Christ. They attribute their long marriage to their dedication to God and the fact that, "We understood we would be married forever and never thought of anything but staying together."

They are avid fans of their grandchildren and usually make all of their athletic events and school functions whenever possible.

► Military

Air Force Airman Jacob E. Cortez has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, Cortez studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

In addition, he earned credits toward an associ-

ate degree through the Community College of the Air Force by completing basic training.

He is the son of Rosie Cortez of Big Spring, and is a 2007 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Talon Wade Saverance, the son of Rose and Rusty Bowers of Kingland and the grandson of Dennis and Linda Stapel of Big Spring, graduated from Marine Boot Camp in San Diego, Calif., on Oct. 12.

He will now receive advanced training in North Carolina.



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Obituaries

Lucille Turner Ward

Lucille Turner Ward, 85, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, formerly of Big Spring, died Oct. 21, 2007.

Lucille was born Feb. 14, 1922, in Geromimo, Okla., to William C. and Clara C. (Scheu) Mallow. She married Melvin B. Turner Aug. 14, 1938. They made their home in Big Spring in the 1950s and 1960s. Melvin died in May 1961.

Lucille married Charles Ward in 1966. She lived in Oklahoma City, Okla., during the 1970s, where she was a dorm mother at Oklahoma Christian University. Lucille then moved to the Council Bluffs, Iowa, area where she worked and later retired as a nurse's aide at Jennie Edmundson Hospital. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Council Bluffs and in Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Turner; her husband, Charles Ward; her daughter, Kim Lisa Ward; brothers J.D. Mallow and R.L. Mallow, and her parents.

Lucille is survived by three daughters, Melva Stephens and husband Bill of Ellston, Iowa, Terral Becker and husband Stanley of Nashua, N.H., and Cora Sue Dye and husband Don of Round Rock; eight grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Maudie Laycock of Canyon; a brother, Elwood Mallow and his wife Helen of Walters, Okla.; and half-brothers Hassen Dow of Hugo, Okla., and Donnie Dow and wife Pat of Wichita Falls.

Interment will be held at Trinity Memorial Park at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007. Don Dye will be officiating.

Detrick Lanette Wright



Detrick Lanette Houston Wright, 40, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2007, in Lubbock. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Jerome McNally of New Life Ministries Church of God in Christ and the Rev. Holston Banks of Shiloh House of Praise officiating. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born March 4, 1967, to Emma Leeson and Leon Houston Jr. in Colorado City. She was a member of New Life Ministries Church of God in Christ. She was a Sunday School teacher, speaker of the word, singer and servant.

She is survived by her husband, Anthony Wright of Big Spring; a daughter, Shameka Tanshay Houston of Big Spring; two sons, Edrion Patrick Houston and Terel DeVon Houston, both of Big Spring; her mother, Emma Leeson of Big Spring; her father, Leon Houston Jr. of Dallas; two sisters, Sheree Diane Floyd and Kendra Lashay Caston, both of Big Spring; her grandparents, Bernice Urdy of Colorado City, Clarence and Paula Houston of Austin and Steve and Jeannie Fortson of Dallas; several aunts and uncles; and several cousins.

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

Bertha Ellen Goolsby

Bertha Ellen Goolsby, 88, died Friday, Nov. 2, 2007, in a local nursing home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Guy Bell

Guy Bell, 54, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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

- **GILBERT FRANCO**, 57, 905 W. Fifth, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

Police

• **DONALD HOLSEN-BECK**, 36, 803 Baylor, was arrested on charges of resisting arrest or transport and disorderly conduct.

• **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 900 block of 12th.

• **INTERFERING WITH THE DUTIES OF A PUBLIC SERVANT** was reported in the 2300 block of Kentucky.

• **RESISTING ARREST** was reported in the 2300 block of Kentucky.

Weather

Sunday... Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night... Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Monday... Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Monday night... Partly cloudy. Colder. Lows in the upper 30s.

Tuesday... Partly cloudy. Much cooler. Highs in the mid 50s.

Tuesday night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Wednesday... Mostly

sunny. Highs in the mid 60s.

Wednesday night...

Partly cloudy. Not as cool. Lows in the mid 40s.

Thursday... Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Take Note

• Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

- Beginning Monday,

Lottery

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-6-2-4. Sum It Up: 21

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-8-20-36 Number matching five of five: none.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-2-7

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.

• Vendors are needed for the Christmas Bazaar at Canterbury South for Saturday, Dec. 1. Hours for the bazaar are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Prissy Stanley at 263-1238 or leave a message.

• Christ Community Fellowship is collecting

infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love..

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

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Garnett has 22 points in Big Three's debut; James bounces back with 45

By The Associated Press

The Big Three made a big statement, and King James conjured up memories of past NBA royalty.

Kevin Garnett had 22 points, 20 rebounds and five assists in a dazzling debut with Boston, and the Celtics rolled to a 103-83 victory over the Washington Wizards on Friday night.

Paul Pierce scored 28 points and Ray Allen had 17 in the first game since Garnett and Allen came to Boston over the summer, forming a team capable of going from the bottom of the Eastern Conference right to the top — where the Celtics

used to reside.

Garnett was introduced to a standing ovation and left to cheers that echoed from the rafters where the team's 16 championship banners were hanging.

"Tonight was rocking, man," Garnett said.

Cleveland heard some boos Wednesday night in its home opener, but LeBron James wouldn't let that happen again. He rebounded from a 10-point outing in that loss to Dallas by scoring 45 points, carrying the Cavaliers to a 110-106 victory over the New York Knicks.

"He was as good as that other No. 23 I played against," Knicks coach

Isiah Thomas said, referring to Michael Jordan. "He was exceptional. He wasn't going to let his team lose."

In other games, it was: Detroit 116, Orlando 92; Indiana 87, Miami 85; Charlotte 102, Milwaukee 99; Atlanta 101, Dallas 94; Toronto 106, New Jersey 69; Denver 99, Minnesota 91; New Orleans 113, Portland 93; Philadelphia 96, Chicago 85; San Antonio 96, Sacramento 80; the Los Angeles Lakers 119, Phoenix 98; and the Los Angeles Clippers 120, Golden State 114.

James was scoreless in the first half and finished

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COWBOYS

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Owens' harsh criticism after the Eagles lost to New England in the Super Bowl three years ago, would never criticize any of his receivers. Deep down, he knows having Owens on the opposite end of his passes instead of Kevin Curtis or Reggie Brown easily could solve the offense's red-zone woes.

"I enjoy playing with the guys that I've had," McNabb said. "I never had a Pro Bowl receiver before T.O., either. I spread the ball around, and I spread the ball around when T.O. was here, too."

"While he was here, we had a great year-and-a-half together. Although we know what happened in 2005 during the offseason, it just didn't work out. It could've been great, but there's no need to harp on it."

Long before Owens

joined the Eagles (3-4) and eventually ended up with the hated Cowboys (6-1), this was a bitter rivalry. Passionate Philly fans would rather beat Dallas than anyone else on the schedule no matter records or importance.

Though Buddy Ryan was 0-3 in the playoffs in the late 1980s, the bombastic coach became a legend around here because he was 8-2 against the Cowboys.

Ryan's popularity soared during his second season in Philadelphia when he instructed quarterback Randall Cunningham to fake kneeling down and throw deep late during a blowout win against the Cowboys; he thought Tom Landry ran up the score in a replacement game earlier that year. Two years later, Ryan orchestrated Bounty Bowl on Thanksgiving Day.

There's no price on Owens' head, but he shouldn't feel too comfortable going across the mid-

dle if hard-hitting Brian Dawkins or anyone else gets a clean shot.

The Eagles can't afford another loss, so the NFC East-leading Cowboys will face a desperate team looking to do whatever it takes to get a victory.

"I could care less about what Dallas has," said Dawkins, expected to play for the first time since sustaining a neck stinger in Week 2. "We're concerned about what we're trying to get back to as an Eagles team."

A preseason favorite to win the conference, Philadelphia has struggled. Coaching blunders, special teams miscues and inconsistency on offense doomed the defending division champions.

Meanwhile, the Cowboys have breezed through their schedule, winning five games by a double-digit margin. The only loss came against the unbeaten Patriots, 48-27, in a game Dallas led in the third quarter.

COAHOMA

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er.

The Buffaloes were not able to do anything, however, and punted the ball back to the Bulldogs after just three plays. Stanton was only able to run 17 plays total in the first half, compared to Coahoma's 39.

After another Buffaloes punt set the ball at the Bulldog 46, Coahoma needed just one play to strike. Paniagua, who replaced Daylong at quarterback midway through the second quarter, hooked up with Daylong down the right sideline for a 54-yard touchdown and a 7-0 lead with a little more than a minute remaining in the half.

The Buffs evened the score on the first play of the second half when quarterback Garrett Fulton found tight end David Erives wide open in the middle of the field. The senior did the rest, outracing Coahoma defenders down the field just 20 seconds into the third quarter.

After a muffed punt by Daylong gave the ball to the Buffs at the Coahoma 44, Stanton looked to take control of the game, methodically moving the ball down the field with its running game. The Buffs used three different ball carriers, moving 40 yards in 11 plays before Fulton called his own number and took it in from the five on the quarterback draw to put the Buffaloes up 14-7 with just more than 10 minutes left in the game.

The Bulldogs looked as if they were going to tie things up again on the next possession, moving the ball from their own 31 to the the Stanton 35.

After a six-yard loss when Paniagua was sacked, the Buffs came up with another big turnover, as Erives picked off an errant pass with 8:24 left in the game. However, the Buffs where unable to capitalize on the gift when a fourth and three pass from Fulton to Nathan Nix fell incomplete, giving the Bulldogs the ball back at their own 24.

Coahoma needed just five plays, all passes, to make the Buffs pay. After a two completions to the sophomores Ray Gutierrez and Lupe Abrego set the Bulldogs up at the Stanton 27. Paniagua again found a wide open Daylong up the left sideline pulling the Dawgs to within one, 14-13.

It looked as if Coahoma's inability to hold onto the football was going to come back and bite them again on the extra point attempt when the snap from center Casey Kilpatrick to Daylong bounced off the holder's hand. Daylong, however, remained calm pulling down the ball running to the right before reversing field to outrace the Buffaloes to the left pylon for the two-point conversion giving the Bulldogs a slim 15-14 lead with a little more than four minutes remainin.

The Buffs simply were not able to overcome that bounce of fate, as the Bulldog defense stiffened one more time, forcing Stanton to turn the ball over on downs with only two minutes remaining.

From there it was just a matter of collecting a first down and running out the clock for the Bulldogs.

"I am really proud of all my kids and coaches," an elated Coahoma head coach Jay Kennedy said

after the game. "They overcame a lot of adversity this week with us losing Donnie Garcia again midway through the week. We had been preparing all week to have Donnie back there. He went to see a doctor about his shoulder this week and you know how doctors are, if they say, 'No, you can't play,' it means no, you can't play. My coaching staff did a heck of a job getting the boys ready. I can't say how proud I am of them right now."

Daylong led the Bulldogs offensively, as the junior carried the ball 23 times for 74 yards and also accounted for another 107 yards in receptions with two touchdowns.

"P.J. stepped up big for us tonight," Kennedy said after the game. "We asked him to accept a lot of responsibility this week and he took it and carried it well."

Paniagua ended the night going 13-for-20 through the air for 228 yards and one interception, while Corey Roberts hauled in four catches for 54 yards.

Coahoma racked up 19 first downs, compared to the five for Stanton.

Robbie Noland led the way for the Buffaloes, as the senior racked up 38 yards on 13 carries while Fulton added another 31 on the ground.

Coahoma amassed 311 yards total offense while the defense only allowed the Buffs a total of 185 yards, 65 of which came on Stanton's one completion of the night.

With the win the District 5-2A race becomes a log jam with Coahoma and Stanton both setting at 3-2 in district, while Merkel and Haskell both have one loss.



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Dusti Darlene Murphy and Justin Robin Williams

Murphy and Williams

Dusti Darlene Murphy and Justin Robin Williams were married at the Greenbranch in Bryan Sept. 15, 2007. Dusti is the daughter of Bill and Nancy Murphy of Garden City. She is the granddaughter of Josephine and the late David Massey, the late Vernon Lewis, and the late G.W. and Ila Murphy, all of Big Spring. Justin is the son of Brent and Brenda Hefner and Bryan Williams, all of Bryan. He is the grandson of Richard and Millie Williams of Dubois, Wyo., Alton and Fay Hefner of Spring, Judy Hefner of Bryan and Cleo and the late Johnny Clark of Emmet, Idaho and the great-grandson of Belle Johnson of Mission. The bride wore a white satin, A-line gown with a chapel-length train. The skirt overlap, bodice and cap sleeves were accented with crystal and pearl beads on light blue embroidery. The bride carried a bouquet of fresh white roses, white Freesia and light blue Delphinium. The bride's attendants wore sleeveless light blue gowns with a side overlap, accented with pearl beads on light blue embroidery. The flower girls wore white satin ankle-length dresses with light blue sashes that tied into large bows in the back. The groom, groomsmen and ringbearers wore black tuxedos with blue ties and handkerchiefs. The matron of honor was Cristi Bridge and the maid of honor was Erika Herrera, friends of the bride. Bridesmaids were Irene Richardson, friend of the bride; Kasey Williams, sister-in-law of the groom; Stephanie Murphy, sister-in-law of the bride; and Kim Cole, friend of the couple. Best man was Jacob Williams, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Cody Nerren, David Smith, David Bourquin, Russell Poling, all friends of the groom, and Brant Murphy, brother of the bride. Ring bearers were Colton Williams, son of the groom, and

Christopher Murphy-Reed, nephew of the bride. Flower girls were Rachel Murphy and Hannah Murphy, nieces of the bride. Ushers were Brandon Coronado and Moses Saldivar, friends of the groom. Honored guests attending were Krystal McDaniel of Dallas, Jamie Bradford of San Marcos, Lee Reece and Matt Ross of Austin and Jason Smith of Lubbock. Groomsmen escorted the bride's attendants across a bridge-covered pond, leading to the gazebo wedding site. The bride was escorted across by her father. White tulle, garland and white bows draped the bridge and gazebo. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the reception building, where the guests enjoyed a dinner and dance. The bride's cake, adorned with fresh flowers, was a white, three-tiered cake with Bavarian cream filling. The groom's cake consisted of two rectangle Red Velvet cakes with white icing, decorated as "Ace" playing cards. During the late evening, the father of the bride surprised her and the guests with a fireworks display near the wedding site. The couple has made their home in Austin, following a honeymoon trip to Playa del Carmen and Cozumel, Mexico.

Newcomers

Betty Cline, daughter, Peggy, of Colorado City. She is retired. Casey Kidd, wife, Cindy, of San Angelo. He works for Weatherford A&M Compost. She is a kindergarten teacher at BSISD. Angela Markunas, daughters, Casey, 13, Karly, 10, Kaly, 1, of Haskell. She is employed by Basic Energy. Terry Sanders, wife, Candy, son, John Paul, 10, daughter, Camilia, 2, of Lamesa. He is employed by Fiberrod. Robert Dunn, wife, Connie, daughters, Romanda, 25, granddaughter, Savonah, 10, of Santa Clarisa, Calif. He is a painter. Erik Sabine, wife, Laura, of Vernon. He is employed by the Big Spring State Hospital. She is an interpreter for the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. Charles Cole, wife, Cindy, daughter, Rebecca, 9, of Galveston. He is a physician for the VAMC. Kelly McElyca of Dallas. She is employed by the Quick Coin Operate Laundry. Eunice Reyes, daughters Santana, 22, Connie, 17, and Anne, 8, of Midland. She is employed by Action Lawn Service. Mario Castillo of Lineoak, Fla. He is a radiologist for Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Freddie Trevino of Amarillo. He is employed by Harris Lumber & Hardware. James Floyd, wife, Patricia, sons, Johnny, 12, James, 19, Joshua, 15, daughters, Candice, 15, Ashley, 13, of Trumann, Ark. He is employed by Fiber Glass Co. Susan Watley of Amarillo. She is employed by Truck Stop Travel Center. Clinton Folsom of Fredisburg, Va. He is employed by DHS/Ice Immigration Department. Wilma Stephens of Seminole. She is retired.

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Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
The Long-Term View

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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♦ A 4
♥ A J 10
♠ A 7 3
♣ 10 9 8 4 2

WEST
♦ Q 9 7 3 2
♥ 9 6 4
♠ J 8
♣ Q 7 5

EAST
♦ 10 8 5
♥ K 7 5 2
♠ Q 10 9 4
♣ A 6

SOUTH
♦ K J 6
♥ Q 8 3
♠ K 6 5 2
♣ K J 3

The bidding:
North 1♣ Pass East 2NT West 3NT
Opening lead — three of spades.

But since the usual approach with this club combination is to start by leading the suit from dummy, declarer opted to postpone the establishment of the clubs temporarily and led a heart to the ten at trick two, hoping to win the finesse. East won with the king and returned a spade to dummy's ace. Now South led a club toward his hand. All would have been well had East followed low to the first club, but instead he made the fine play of rising with the ace and returning a third spade. South won with the king, but it didn't matter what he did next. West could not be prevented from gaining the lead with the queen of clubs, and when he did he cashed two spades to put the contract down one. Declarer clearly contributed to his own demise when he departed from his initial plan to establish the clubs and took a heart finesse instead. This play, which was not needed to make the contract, opened the door for the opposition, and they took full advantage of the placement of the cards to do the rest. Had South been less concerned about losing a trick to the queen of clubs, he could not have been defeated. All he had to do was to lead a club from his hand at trick two — the king is best in case the queen is singleton — and nine tricks would have been assured.

During the play of a hand, declarer must be sure not to take his eye off the ball — the ball in this case being the success of his contract. In today's deal, South blinked for an instant, and that was all it took to do him in. South won East's ten of spades with the jack at trick one and could count six sure winners — three spades, a heart and two diamonds. The club suit was certain to provide at least three additional tricks, so South naturally decided to establish that suit.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Remember, it's time to register parade entries

While many of us are looking forward to election day Tuesday, we should all remember the Christmas season is fast approaching and will officially begin in Howard County on Saturday, Dec. 1, when Santa Claus arrives to take part in the 22nd annual *Big Spring Herald* Community Christmas Parade.

Registration forms are coming in from individuals, businesses and church, civic and school groups who are planning their entries in keeping with this year's theme — "Peace on Earth."

The parade, which first wound its way down Gregg Street in 1986, will again be a lighted parade. But entries will be judged in slightly different categories this year. First-place plaques will be awarded to winners in four categories — Individual or family entries; those from churches, civic groups or schools; commercial entries; and those from industries. Second- and third-place finishers will receive certificates.

And as was the case last year, the entry judged "Best of Show" will receive a \$100 cash prize. The Mayor's Trophy for best use of lighting will earn one entrant \$75 and the Grand Marshall's Award for best costuming will receive \$50.

The parade is again set to begin at 5:30 p.m. that Saturday and we here at the *Herald* want to encourage everyone to come out and help us in getting the Christmas season off to a rousing start.

While it may seem there's plenty of time to make decisions about the Christmas season, it's important to remember that a parade this size takes time to plan and coordinate.

That's why we're reminding our readers about the need to get those entries submitted. The deadline to get those entries submitted is noon Friday, Nov. 16. That deadline will arrive more quickly than we realize.

An entry form is being printed daily in *Herald*. In addition, entry forms are available at the *Herald's* offices located at 710 Scurry, and you can also download them from our Website at www.bigspringherald.com.

So, if you are involved in any of the many organizations or businesses that annually take part in the Christmas Parade, get your entries filled in as soon as possible and let us know what you're planning to do.

Entry forms should be mailed to the *Herald* at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1431. For additional information concerning the parade, call 263-7331.

As always, we're asking the community to help us make this the best Christmas parade Big Spring has ever had.

So come on and join us in kicking off the holiday season in impressive style.

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:

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- By telephone at 263-7331
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

No harm will befall us when we walk with You, Lord, for there is growth in all situations.

Amen

Almost beaten down; Now renewed

All right, enough is enough, already. I'm whipped, beaten down, waving the white flag. At least that's the way I was feeling late last week when it came to the proposed \$11.57 million bond election to fund a new county jail in Howard County.

I'm serious. I'd had it. I was tired of trying to reason with people who quite clearly had no intention of being anything resembling reasonable.

That was, until late last week when I learned a husband and wife disagreement over the issue — he was opposed, she was in favor — resulted in an episode of spousal abuse.

Believe me, in 30 years of newspapering, I've seen enough that very little surprises me these days. That one, however, floored me.

As a matter of fact, for a couple of days I was, if anything, even more demoralized.

All that changed Tuesday night, because as I thought of that episode, I got angry.

And to be honest, the more I think about it, the angrier I get.

And if that's where even one of the opponents of the jail bond has gotten, I have to one more time express my opinion concerning the issue.

Then I received the letter from a gentleman suggesting that you'd probably never see his letter in the *Herald*.

I have to admit, that just helped to fan the flame — particularly when he suggested that the *Herald* is biased on the issue. That's categorically false. The *Herald* has not expressed an opinion one way or

another on the issue to date.

If we had, you'd have seen an editorial endorsing the bond issue. As of yet, the *Herald's* editorial board has not decided to establish an official opinion.

In this space, however, I have clearly indicated that I plan to vote in favor of the bond issue. But this is my column. It's my opinion, not the newspaper's. The *Herald's* news coverage on the issue has been straightforward — telling our readers exactly what we've learned in covering the story.

It should also be noted that previous columns have made it clear I'm not at all happy with everything involved in this bond issue. I still believe county officials are building a jail that is smaller than needed.

However, with construction costs constantly increasing, it only makes sense to build a new jail as quickly as we can. Just remember, a dozen or so years ago, we could have built the same size jail being considered this year for a little more than \$3 million.

A couple of weeks ago in this space, I wrote a column referring to our lack of foresight in that matter, and that led one reader to suggest that the *Herald* had called people stupid or crazy for not supporting the bond issue. Once again, opponents of the jail hear what they want to hear, not the facts. That column clearly explained that I didn't consider the bond issue's opponents stupid or crazy, but that we as a county have simply been challenged when it came to finding bargains.

That same reader suggested that people aren't voting against the jail, they're voting against the sheriff and commissioners court.

Well, now I'm ready to call that at least a little stupid.



JOHN A. MOSELEY

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I just read Hollis McCright's Oct. 31 column that informed Howard County residents what may lie ahead for the future of the library if the proposed jail issue isn't passed. I agree fully with her, that it's not a scare tactic. It's reality. I sat quietly biting my tongue for several months now. I've seen the "No Taj Mahal Jail" signs around town. I've also seen those of their counterparts. Knowing how I will vote has been kept a personal issue and I've stayed out of the politics of it. But no longer.

When there is talk of not having enough funding to keep open a public library, a center of learning, a place for people of all incomes to gain knowledge and escape their everyday mundane lives through reading and access to information, you have my undivided attention.

I've spent many an hour taking refuge in our library and I've seen many things. I've seen struggling parents spending a couple of hours on a Saturday with their children. You'll see them in the Children's Section sitting at tables with piles of books askew, lost in one of the only free activities there is in this world — reading.

I've seen people my grandparents' age dive into the age of the Internet in the library's computer room, e-mailing their children and grandchildren.

I've seen countless children and teenagers picking up a book or two for a research paper at school.

One of the most heartwarming scenes I've seen is the weekly children's story hour, tiny tots gathered around listening to one of the oldest arts known to man — storytelling.

So go ahead and vote against your so-called "Taj Mahal" jail, Howard County residents. Take note, however, that while you think you may be saving some money, you will really be losing so much more.

Carl Sagan said it best: "I think the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries."

KATHY S. MCCULLOUGH
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Tuesday is the jail bond election. We as citizens of Howard County have the opportunity to voice our opinion as to whether we should build a new jail. I will be voting for the bond. I am absolutely convinced that the commissioners court has hired expert consultants

and an expert architectural firm. They have done their homework and have a design that is efficient and cost effective. This is not a Taj Mahal jail.

Presently the city of Big Spring spends between \$150,000 and \$175,000 to maintain a city jail. It makes no sense for both the city and the county to run separate jails. The only reason the city is still in the jail business is we cannot close our facility with the county jail in its current state.

If the jail bond passes the city will be able to get out of the jail business with the result that we will be able to contribute our costs toward the operation of the new county jail.

It is time that our community moves forward and builds a jail that will serve us into the future. This is the right jail at the right time. I encourage everyone to vote for the jail bond issue.

RUSS MCEWEN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am one those people who thought I would never be writing a letter to the editor.

Since the whole jail issue started last year, I have been and will continue to be in favor of building a new jail.

Last night, Oct. 31, was the straw that broke the camel's back with me.

I was sitting in my house watching TV when my phone rang, looking at caller ID; I noticed it was a local number. I answered the phone only to hear a pre-recorded message from Boosie Weaver telling me why I should vote against the jail bond. Mr. Weaver, do not under any circumstances program your phone to call me for anything ever again.

I am aware that taxes will go up, but not as much as the people who are against the jail say they will. Finish the story, Mr. Weaver. If the bond issue fails, taxes will also go up to help cover the expense of housing and transporting prisoners to other jails. So we are going to pay one way or the other, and I would just as soon pay for a new jail.

They are also saying the commissioners are using scare tactics by saying the current jail will be closed if the bond issue fails. Didn't you all learn a lesson last year about what the jail commission will do?

I was at the town hall meeting. This is not a scare tactic, the jail will be permanently closed. What part of permanently closed do you

The way to vote against the sheriff, county judge and four commissioners is to vote for their opponents when they come up for re-election.

Suddenly, I've begun to hear people criticizing County Judge Mark Barr, because he campaigned saying he was opposed to building a new jail. Now he's supposedly a traitor to some cause.

In reality, all that happened was people elected the man to serve them. Once confronted with all the facts, he realized there was, in fact, a need for a new jail.

Now that is something I've seen over and over during the almost 30 years I've been in this business.

Time and time again I've seen candidates run for seats on commissioners courts, school boards and city councils — usually spouting some type of opinion that their current representatives have squandered money or raised taxes too much — only to change their tune quite quickly once elected to office.

Isn't that amazing! You'd think that sooner or later, people might see the trend!

It's not that these newcomers to office have turned traitor or sold out, it's simply a matter of learning what's really facing the governmental entity they serve. It's easy to sit in the cheap seats and snipe at those willing to serve. It's not quite so easy to hold uninformed opinions when the facts are staring you in the face and it's your responsibility to do the best job you can for everyone concerned.

But recognizing that, I guess, takes an open mind.

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not understand?

The library being closed also is not a scare tactic. The library is the only place in town where people who don't have access to computers or to magazines and, yes, even the *Big Spring Herald* can have access. It is not supported by any other means than our local tax dollars. Tax dollars along with the aforementioned tax increase that will have to be used to house and transport prisoners to other jails.

I do not need a degree in math to figure which is the better way to go with this. With the new jail it will cost \$1.1 million dollars to operate the new jail per year or it will cost \$1.4 million per year to house and transport prisoners to other county jails.

Let me see if I can figure this out with just my high school and some college hours behind me. That is a savings of \$300,000 per year. To me, that is a lot of savings.

As I said these are not scare tactics. These are pure reality checks.

JERRY GROVES
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

You will probably never read this letter in the Big Spring Herald, but here goes. First, I am not running for any office. I put in my time (nine years) on the city council. I know all the dirty tactics, threats and intimidation, etc.

I also know when the newspaper is biased, as in the case of the new jail. You say it's not Taj Mahal because it's metal. \$11.57 million makes it Taj Mahal. The threats to close the senior center and library come on. Be real. It won't happen because the voters won't let you.

About the oops on not canceling the contract with Dickens County: \$130,000 oops. I'm sorry. It's just taxpayers money. Don't worry, we can raise taxes to cover it or close the senior center.

Better wake up, because if this bond passes, the new taxes will be forever. Not just 25 years. Has anyone out there ever heard or seen their taxes go down after the bond was paid off?

A smart man told me to never vote to raise my own taxes because they would get raised plenty anyway. This is about control and power, not the needs of the taxpayer.

One man comes in here and says he will close our jail. Oops. That's up to a seven-man commission, I believe. One man can't close it.

What's happened to the taxes that have been paid to maintain the cur-

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Good manners enhance your life

▶ Weddings

Basic good manners once was a common occurrence in our society. But sad to say, today it has become an oddity. Living a lifestyle of good manners can only enhance a person's life. It's not a "better than thou attitude." It does not denote your profession, your social standing or where you live.

As our world becomes increasingly indifferent to social rules, the sense of etiquette that was once taken for granted is fast disappearing. We need to restore the Golden Rule to its rightful place of honor, proving that good manners never go out of style.

Life begins within a family. Proper manners are taught and character is molded within the family structure. This is how a child learns to cope with life. Without this knowledge, discipline and support, the child does not grow easily into a social human being.

It's obvious and visible to everyone that well-mannered parents raise well-mannered children. These are the people, too, who are

Your manners are showing

successful in their careers and in their social lives. People with good manners care about others. They are happier people.

Children who are taught good manners in their formative years grow up to have a positive opinion and self confidence in themselves. There have been many budding executives passed over for promotion due to a lack of knowledge in table etiquette.

If we make it a daily habit to practice good manners in our homes, it's unlikely we will not do so in public. We should never save our best manners for company or even strangers. Those who matter most in our lives are family and good friends.

A recent survey noted that 72 percent of Americans today practice little or no manners in their homes or in public places. On a recent television news report it was stated that China had hired etiquette tutors to come to China to teach their people proper etiquette for the upcoming Olympics. Their reason? Too many of their people are practicing the

American's manners.

It has always been a puzzle to me why more of us don't see our lives as one big performance on the stage of life. The artist's brush has been put in our hands. We paint a scene of our lives for the world to see every single day by the choices we make. The choice of right or wrong, we make the decisions.

However, we should remember the clock is always ticking and eventually time runs out. Looking back on lost opportunities often reaps sad memories.

A lifestyle of graciousness, treating others with respect and practicing good manners will not only enhance your life, it dignifies you and will elevate you above the ranks of the average into a higher and happier way of living.

In future columns I will endeavor to answer questions readers ask on matters of good manners and etiquette.

Jerrie Stocks has for a number of years conducted classes on etiquette in public and private schools, colleges, churches and ladies' groups, as well as providing private tutoring and conducting workshops. E-mail your questions concerning etiquette to yourmannerscount@suddenlink.net.



JERRIE STOCKS



Maegan Dyann Fox and Joseph Dwain Lloyd

Fox and Lloyd

Maegan Dyann Fox and Joseph Dwain Lloyd, both of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows at sunset Oct. 6, 2007. The private ceremony was performed at a beautiful outdoor setting in a white gazebo by the coastal waters in Midway, Ga.

The bride is the daughter of Dwain and Diane Fox of Big Spring. She is also the granddaughter of Kenneth and April Boothe, Clifford Fox and Tena Fox, all of Big Spring.

The groom, Joey, is the son of Doug and Sandy Lloyd of Big Spring. He is also the grandson of the late Arnold and Louise Lloyd and the late Jackie Sr. and Clara Richey, all of Big Spring.

Maegan was escorted by her father, carrying a bouquet of stargazer lilies and white roses. She wore a pure white satin and

taffeta gown with beaded metallic lace accenting the scalloped bodice. A chapel length train complimented the elegant pick-up skirt. She was wrapped in a fingertip length veil with a beaded scallop edge.

Shelleyn Fox, the bride's sister, served as the maid of honor. The bride's cousin, Heather Vassar, provided music for the ceremony.

Maegan is a 2006 homeschool graduate and is currently attending the College at Southwestern at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Joey graduated from Big Spring High School in 2005. He is currently serving in the U.S. Army as specialist.

The bride and groom resided at Fort Stewart, Ga. until the deployment of Joey on Oct. 23.

▶ Club News

Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring/Howard County Retired Teachers Association met recently at Howard College. Dr. Jody Reid of Back in Motion Clinic described chiropractic treatment. His main point was that doctors don't heal, but they try to put things where they need to be and release the ability of the body to heal itself. After his presentation he answered questions.

The RTA was asked to help Mobile Meals deliver food to disabled persons.

In the near future all school principals will be invited to one of our meetings. The next meeting will be Nov. 19 with Judy Pumroy presenting a program on "Bless our Veterans."

Anyone interested is invited to attend RTA meetings. We meet at 11:30 a.m. in Howard College's Cactus Room and have a Dutch treat lunch before the meeting.



Courtesy photo

Western District President Sherry Phillips and President-Elect Catherine Travland are pictured at the group's 48th annual fall board meeting in Coahoma.

GFWC/TFWC Western District

GFWC/TFWC Western District held its 48th annual fall board meeting in Coahoma on Oct. 27 with the 1941 Study Club of Coahoma hosting. Western District president Sherry Phillips presided over the one-day meeting.

Phillips brought a message from the state organization and President Patricia Siegfried-Giles entitled "Empowering Women, One by One." Phillips' theme is "Women Volunteers-Looking Out for One Another."

The meeting began with a continental breakfast, registration and a hospitality time. Phillips then presided over an executive board meeting with the following resolutions emerging:

- That all future board meetings will be held in a central location — Odessa at the Alliance Hospital — where meals are catered.
- That the spring convention be held at the new president's discretion and the towns being chosen by alphabetic order beginning in 2009. A nominating committee was appointed at this time. It is made up of Judy Roberts, Shirley Bagley and Sue Riddle.

The board meeting then met with all members present and Phillips presiding. In the roll call of clubs, there were 22 members from 17 clubs in the district which covers from Big Spring to Pecos and south to Presidio and Sanderson back to Big Lake. Coahoma had the most members present with eight.

All departments reported on past projects and future projects reminding for each club. Feb. 1 is reporting deadline. Each club reported on projected club meetings and projects. A very exciting year is in store for the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Western District. New members are always welcome to visit meetings and then decide to join permanently or not.

TFWC has done many exciting things in the past, such as creating over 75 percent of the libraries in Texas, helping get the white stripe on the highways between the highway and the shoulder to make night driving and driving in fog much safer and helping create or support programs to keep children and adults alike safe.

They held a "country store" to help the district raise money which produced many baked goods,

craft items and an oil painting by Joyce Morton of Pecos, a member of the Modern Study Club.

The event's special speaker was author Elaine Coleman of Winters. She has several books out and is working on another. There are two cookbooks with history woven in the pages and two others, "Ghosts in Texas Forts" and "Ghosts in Louisiana Forts." She has shared her "Ghost" stories at other state TFWC meetings. Other entertainment was provided by the Paige Sisters. One was unable to attend so the mother stepped in and performed with the daughter. They sang lovely gospel music to the delight of the audience.

There were many personal stories shared by everyone and much more hospitality visiting. After dispensing door prizes and awarding folks for the farthest traveled, first timer to attend a WD meeting and the club with the most in attendance, Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

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For more information, please call (432) 267-2132.

LETTERS

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rent jail? Oops. You have to maintain all property or it will go down. Age doesn't ruin something. No maintenance will. Or has all this been staged to build a fatted calf?

Maybe it's time for the county commissioners to cut their pay. Before they even talk about the food out of seniors' mouths.

Perhaps the lowlife stealing the No Taj Mahal signs and that egged my truck will be the first in the jail if it's built.

I may not always agree with what you say, but I will always agree with your right to say it.

CHUCK CAWTHON
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to write to the county judge and the commissioners to show them how many kids/teens care about what happens to our community.

The best reason that I can give you is because they are going to shut down the public library and the senior citizens center if the jail isn't built. A lot of people will lose their jobs.

The reason I'm interested in this is because I want to keep the public and our prisoners safe, however rash that may sound.

I know what everyone says "No Taj Mahal Jail," but it's not going to be. They, the people saying that, are saying taxes are going up if we build the jail when, in fact, taxes are going up, either way. At least if we build a jail, the money will stay in Big Spring instead of supporting other cities.

I know that I am a silly little kid when it comes to what most people consider "grown-up talk," but we listen and read the paper also. The kids know more about it than they (adults) do most of the time.

But I ask you to please, please consider what the

people will be passing down to us by the time we can vote. Why can't adults see what's in front of them if the jail isn't built.

ASHLEY BUZBEE
EIGHTH GRADE
FORSAN

TO THE EDITOR:

Tuesday is Election Day — a day when the voters will either vote for or against a jail bond — and really a day when the voters will decide the financial future of Howard County.

On Election Day, Nov. 7, 2006, after the circulation of untruthful, distorted information and outright lies by the Tax Payers Committee and those voters who did not believe the Jail Standards Commission could close the jail, the bond election failed.

Many probably did not know how the Tax Payers Committee was formed and the existing members. By filing with the Texas Ethics Commission in Austin, a specific purpose committee can be formed with certain restrictions and requirements. The Tax Payers Committee declared its purpose was to "oppose the bond proposal to finance construction of a new jail in Howard County." The Texas Ethics Commission requires a chairman be named to report all contributions, expenditures and balances on a periodic basis — the required dates are spelled out in the directive.

In 2006, the chairman was Franklin E. Weber; contributors were Clyde McMahon Jr. (\$500), Frank Parker (\$2,492.34), Phillip Baxter Moore (\$100), Marcellous Weaver (\$100), John Andrew Currie II (\$100), Thilbert Don Osborne (\$100), Verna Davis (\$100), William J. Pollard (\$100), Don Finkenbinder (\$100), Carroll Choate (\$200) and unnamed contributions (\$60). Total contributions reported: \$3,952.34. Total expenditures reported:

\$2,375.15.

The September 2007 report shows Franklin E. Weber to be the chairman, but this was amended on Oct. 1, to show a new chairman, Erven L. Fisher. On Oct. 29, Fisher filed a report. Contributors were Frank Parker (\$1,350), Marcellous Weaver (\$300) and unnamed (\$50). Total expenditures were (0). This is another blatant lie by the Tax Payers Committee. The affidavit, "I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the accompanying report is true and correct and includes all information required to be reported by me under Title 15, Election Code," was signed, Erven L. Fisher. This is another untruth by the Tax Payers Committee.

Most of us received a large postcard on Oct. 15 with "Paid for by Tax Payers Committee - Erven Fisher Treasurer," printed on the front side, with the same lies and misinformation as distributed in their 2006 brochure. This represented approximately 3,000 cards printed in Odessa, mailed by a database in Midland with the database's permit (approximately 18 cents per card), making the printing, processing and mailing cost approximately 33 cents per card.

Additional expenses which should have been reported were a check in the amount of \$38, which Mr. Fisher paid for a list of voters in the November 2006 election and a website cost of approximately \$50 with more propaganda. This would all add up to well over \$1,000.

Mr. Fisher failed to show these expenses on his required report to the Ethics Commission on Oct. 29. This violation can result in an imposed civil penalty by the commission. An amended report will not correct his deliberate exclusion. The violation has already occurred. The Tax Payers Committee obviously cannot be truthful to the State of Texas and now

we know they cannot tell the truth to the citizens of Howard County.

JOYCE CROOKER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

It's said that our town is famous for its big sky and big hearts and it's true. Our skies are quite beautiful and our town has many, many people with big hearts — hearts that give freely to help others in their time of need.

I was touched by all the kind and caring hearts that I met when I had knee surgery at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. From the moment I walked in the door, I was treated with respect, kindness and understanding.

Having any kind of surgery is scary and before my surgery, I prayed to God to send his special angels to help me and he did. Those special angels are the staff at SMMC.

I would like to thank everyone at SMMC, including the kind doctor and nurses in the emergency room who were so kind and understanding when I had to go to the ER because I was having difficulty breathing after I was released from the hospital.

I heard others complain that they weren't happy with the care they received at SMMC, but I was very happy with the care, kindness and understanding that I received there.

LANA ANGUIANO
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for such a nice notice on the Herald's editorial page about the RSVP Fun Fest at the Dora Roberts Community Center Saturday, Oct. 27.

Also a big thank you goes to KBST radio for all its promotions.

Your efforts are truly appreciated. RSVP helped us, the DAVA, promote the call for comfort items for our troops overseas.

Our troops give their all in miserable climates and conditions for us. The very least we can do is make it a little more bearable with thoughtful little reminders of home comfort.

At the Fun Fest, I was so pleased to see such eagerness to write little personal messages on Christmas cards (kindly donated from a caring soul). They will be given to all the troops we are able to reach.

Other items are being collected at the RSVP office at 501 Runnels for shipment overseas.

So, thank you again, Big Spring Herald, for your support and thank you to all who join us in a way to show our appreciation to our wonderful loving troops. They are the best.

MARGIE MYERS
SR. VICE COMMANDER
DAV AUXILIARY No. 47
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The weather was windy and the volunteers were few, but the few that did participate were full of enthusiasm. We had about 24 working on "Love our Lake" and this is the first time the lake was low, so quite a bit was collected.

Mark Sheedy showed up again with his kayak, paddling all around the lake picking up trash. He had a little trash barrel floating on an inner tube trailing behind him for his trash. It was a one-man operation. You should have seen it! Thanks to all that participated, it was a good day regardless.

"Make a Difference" had four groups to take part. Cornell Company, headed by Janice Bishop, brought out 21 volunteers collecting 30 bags from Midway Road. Then, the Tuesday Rotary Club, headed by Jerry Grimes had eight members collect 18 bags from Westover Road. Downtown Lions Club had five volunteers collect five bags from their adopted spot on Wasson Road. The Adult

Probation program directed by Kent Minchew worked its adopted area on FM 700 which it does every other week most of the time.

This time 23 adults collected 45 bags of trash. To me, that is appalling. When will people take responsibility for their own trash and not litter our streets by discarding their trash from their car or elsewhere.

The planting of the wildflowers took place at the base of the dam with about five people involved in getting the project underway.

Thanks to all your volunteers and helpers doing your part in an effort to "Make a Difference" in our community. The Lord looked down on you and "smiled."

PAT SIMMONS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

On Oct. 5-6, I announced Disabled American Veterans Chapter 47's annual Forget-Me-Not drive, and once again the citizens of Big Spring and surrounding area, as well as those passing through, came forth with big warm, friendly hearts and generous donations.

The first time DAV members ever accepted donations from the public in exchange for the little blue Forget-Me-Not flowers was on Feb. 24, 1926. The first Forget-Me-Not drive was held to raise funds to support DAV services and assistance desperately needed by veterans disabled in World War I.

The idea grew out of an image carried home from the First World War in the memories of soldiers who had seen spring flowers growing among the graves of comrades and allies killed in the fighting. A man or woman could respond to such a scene, with its promise of new life following the sacrifices of so many.

Thus, after World War I, the flower became the

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The Big Spring State Hospital Governing Body will convene a public session at 8:30 a.m., Nov. 15 in the Big Spring State Hospital Professional Library Conference Room, 1901 N. Highway 87. Any citizen wishing to address the Governing Body must schedule an appointment through the Big Spring State Hospital Quality Management Department, by calling (432) 268-7386. Appointments must be scheduled no later than Nov. 9, 2007. Public comments are limited to three to five minutes. If you require special accommodations, please advise the Quality Management Department when scheduling your appointment. Written comments also may be submitted to Cindy Sturdivant, Director of Quality Management, Big Spring State Hospital, 1901 N. Highway 87, Big Spring, TX 79720, or e-mailed to Ms. Sturdivant at cindy.sturdivant@dshs.state.tx.us.

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Justice prevails

FCI warden retires, takes over at Cornell

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Same job, different prison.

David Justice, who recently ended a 21-year career with the Federal Bureau of Prisons when he retired as chief warden of the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institute, said he has accepted a similar position with the Big Spring Correctional Center.

Justice's retirement was effective Oct. 6, and he



Justice

accepted the BSCC position two days later.

He steps down after a 21-year career with BOP. He started as a correctional officer with the Big Spring FCI and ended it as chief warden, a position he accepted in June 2005.

"This provides me an opportunity to stay in Big Spring," he explained. "I really didn't want to move

to Washington or Pennsylvania or somewhere else."

Justice is a West Texas native who followed his father, an oilfield worker, all over the area. He has strong ties to Big Spring, having ended his Air Force career at Webb AFB and started his BOP career here a few years later.

As senior warden at the Cornell Corrections-owned BSCC, he will perform similar duties as he did at FCI.

"We've got more inmates and more facilities, but it's basically the same situation," he said.

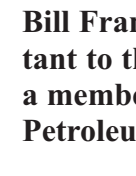
John Ybarra, deputy warden at Big Spring FCI, will serve as acting warden until the arrival of the new chief warden, Rodney Chandler, within the next few weeks, Justice said.

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

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.



According to the American Petroleum Institute, U.S. well completions in the third quarter included 13,543 gas and oil wells and dry holes. 7628 gas wells were completed, which is the most on record for a third quarter. An estimated 4544 oil wells were completed in the period which is a 22-year, quarter high.

The OPEC heads-of-state meeting comes this month. Its next ministerial meeting is scheduled for early December. OPEC ministers recently suggested that Saudi Arabia may be on board for another 500.0 kbpd production increase. Saudi Arabia holds virtually all the spare capacity of the cartel. If it decides it wants to put more oil on the market to dampen prices, it can. Published articles suggest Saudi Arabia is concerned that today's prices will weigh on the global economy.

This year's Tokyo Motor Show highlights the uncertainty over which technology will dominate the energy landscape in the long run. Major automakers are increasing their R&D budgets to improve fuel economy, cut emissions, and help consumers cope with high gasoline prices in a world with generally tighter environment regulations. Among the alternatives are clean-burning diesels and gasoline engines, hybrid systems, electric, and fuel-cell cars.

Nissan has already said that by 2050 it expects one third of its sales to be comprised of electric and fuel-cell vehicles. Another third would come from hybrid cars. The auto show really highlights one of the arguments within the auto industry: Is it better to skip the gas-electric hybrid and instead pursue an all-electric vehicle? The answer likely lies in the advancement of the lithium ion battery. The battery looks promising; however, there are still numerous concerns about the affordability of the battery and its safety.

- According to Ecuadorian Energy Minister Chiriboga, OPEC has conditionally accepted Ecuador's petition to rejoin the cartel. Chief among the requirements Ecuador must meet before being given membership is the payment of \$5m in back dues it owes. Ecuador is a marginal producer of roughly 570.0 kbpd. The Correa administration wants to rejoin OPEC, citing access to technology and loans as reasons.

- Recent moves in the EU to prevent Russian gas monopoly Gazprom and other foreign firms from buying European power grids and pipelines were criticized by Russian President Putin, as he noted that European companies account for \$43b in Russian investment, while Russian investment in Europe is 10-fold lower. Russia has threatened to supply Asia instead of the EU.

- In its fourth Global Environmental Outlook since 1997, the U.N. warned that the international community has been given its "final wake-up call" regarding the environment. The U.N. suggested that population growth, combined with unsustainable consumption, has put the world in a precarious situation, with most aspects of the Earth's natural environment in decline.

- The top 10 suppliers of crude oil to China during the month of September included Saudi Arabia, Angola, Iran, Oman, and Russia. The nation's imports rose 1.6 percent year-on-year to 3.3 mbpd. The Chinese economy is on pace to achieve its fastest annual growth rate since 1993.

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Energy is blowin' in the wind

GE Unit invests in new Texas wind project with Invenergy

Special to the Herald

GE Energy Financial Services, a unit of General Electric Company (NYSE: GE), is investing in a 120-megawatt wind farm in Texas with Invenergy Wind LLC, a leading global wind power developer.

GE Energy Financial Services is investing in the Stanton Wind Energy LLC project. Financial details have not been disclosed. Sited in a region known for oil and gas production, farming and ranching in Martin County, midway between Fort Worth and El Paso, the Stanton Wind farm will employ 80 GE 1.5-megawatt sle wind turbines. Started this summer, construction is scheduled for completion by April 2008, when Stanton will annually produce power sufficient for 37,000 homes and avoid 285,000 tons a year in greenhouse gas emissions, compared to equivalent fossil fuel generation.

With this investment, GE Energy Financial Services holds equity in 51 wind farms worldwide, with a capacity to produce more than 2,550 megawatts of electricity. It plans to double its more than \$2 billion of renewable energy investments by 2010.

The project interconnects with Oncor, the transmission affiliate of TXU, at the Midland East to Big Spring West 138 kV line. All power will be sold into the ERCOT market. Energy price risk is hedged through a long-term agreement with Credit Suisse Energy.

Texas leads U.S. states in installed wind power, and this investment will help the state meet its requirement to produce 5,880 megawatts of its power from renew-



Business Wire photo

GE Energy Financial Services is investing in a 120-megawatt wind farm in Stanton that will use GE 1.5 sle turbines like the one pictured here.

able sources by 2015. With large tracts of flat open land and the second highest wind energy potential in the United States, Texas is an attractive region for wind power investment.

"This investment is a fresh example of how we're pursuing growth opportunities in Texas, with expe-

rienced developers such as Invenergy," said Kevin Walsh, managing director and leader of renewable energy at GE Energy Financial Services. "Stanton Wind brings the number of wind farms in which GE Energy Financial Services has invested in Texas to five, representing 770 megawatts."

Beware of hay fraud

Producers should be aware of a hay fraud scam that is currently being attempted on producers in Texas and Arkansas ...and maybe in other states.

The scam is initiated by someone contacting a local producer from out of state, claiming they are interested in purchasing an amount of hay, 15 round bales in Hempstead, Van Buren and Washington counties in Arkansas and 60



TOMMY YEATER

round bales in Smith County, Texas.

The person needing hay, supposedly from out east, sends the producer a "cashiers check" for the purchase price.

In the Texas case, the "buyer" requested that the producer deposit the check and provide \$1,500 to the "hauler" and an additional \$1,500 to a broker." In each of the cases, the "buyer" would have gotten a free load of hay and the "hauler" and "broker" would have received money from the producer. In each case, producers asked banks to evaluate the checks and in each case the

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Susan Tran and Caroline Nguyen, with scissors, co-owners of the Comfort Inn, are joined by local Chamber of Commerce officials and Chamber Ambassadors for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the motel, located on E. Interstate 20 and Highway 80, Friday morning.

LETTERS

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accepted symbol for commemorating those who had fallen in war. And many — including the fledgling DAV and its Auxiliary — felt the best way to honor the dead was to assist those who came home bearing the scars of war.

It's no wonder the DAV adopted the Forget-Me-Not. This small flower says, "Please, don't forget me," for those who had come home as well as those who had given their lives.

This tradition of the DAV has carried right through to the present day with our young war veterans returning from combat with severe injuries, sacrifices they will live with for the rest of their lives. For more than 80 years, this small, blue flower of remembrance has been the staple of chapter-level fundraising to support DAV assistance to local disabled veterans.

The disabled veteran is being forgotten far too many times in the halls of government. While the DAV and other veteran's organizations are constantly lobbying Congress on legislation for veteran's health and other benefits, our leaders in Washington have a track record of coming up far short of the needs of those heroes fortunate enough to come home to their families and loved ones.

You, the American public, show your trust and belief in the DAV to actively assist our fellow comrades in need, by your constant loyal support which can only come from the heart. The DAV has been and will be there consistently to assist all disabled veterans and their families.

Thanks to your generosity, we will be able to help

provide a little better quality of life for those less fortunate veterans through our service programs at the VAMC, the Texas State Veterans Home and in the general community.

I know that your donations are just one of many ways of saying, "Thank you!"

On behalf of the membership of DAV Chapter 47, and all veterans everywhere, I thank you, the American people, for remembering and caring for those who sacrificed a big portion of their lives for our freedoms today. And just to let you know, we also appreciate all of the "Thank you for serving and God bless you" and all of the other wonderful comments.

Let us always remember those who made these comments possible. Let us always pray for all of our leaders from the local level to state and national level that they will always strive to do the right thing for the well being of all. And may God always continue to bless these United States of America.

The 1.3 million-member DAV, a non-profit organization founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932, represents this nation's disabled veterans. It is dedicated to a single purpose — building better lives for our nation's disabled veterans and their families.

ED MEISER
COMMANDER
DAV CHAPTER 47
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Well, as usual, the city has contradicted itself. Awhile back I saw in the paper an article that said Big Spring was trying to get the word out that we are a city of great potential for the retired.

Funny, we can't even keep the Senior Center

open or in upgraded shape for the retired to enjoy.

LEAH JOHNSON
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Four years ago I moved to Big Spring. I came from a town that lost its hospital. You traveled many miles to see a doctor.

I was admitted to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for a few days. The care I received was outstanding. The nurses, doctors, food and cleanliness was great.

My wife and I are so proud and thankful to have a wonderful hospital in Big Spring.

I don't want to leave out the volunteer ladies. They spend many hours working. It was nice to see their sweet smiles.

J.C. WALL JR.
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

If this letter is going to hurt feelings, I'm sorry, but I thought these letters were to show and express how each one felt.

No need to be so touchy. It's how I feel.

After all, I'm a voting citizen. There's a saying, "If the shoe fits, wear it."

These letters are seen and express how the individual feels. It's like going to the voting polls — you vote your way and I will mote my way.

We'll see whether it wins or not, no?

OMEGA HERNANDEZ
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I find it a sad day when my child does not feel safe at school. Day after day, we are bombarded with media and information encouraging us as parents and citizens to take school threats seriously. Today was a day when my child no longer felt safe.

The tragedy of this though, is the fact that my honor student did not feel safe and that as a parent, I was ridiculed and called "ignorant" for wanting to insure the safety of my child.

I am well aware of how the rumor mill works. I work in the school system. It is a lesson well learned, but my child's safety and welfare does and always will be my highest priority.

I find it appalling that attendance clerks at the high school would be so disrespectful to the parents that are only trying to keep their child out of harm's way.

And, sorry, but if police presence on campus was increased for the day, I don't find that comforting. All that tells me is that there is a problem that they are trying to get a grip on. So, this ignorant parent will take my child home where I know he is safe and sit down and pray to God that this issue really is not as bad as it seems.

ROBBIN D. LEWIS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this to respond to the letter that was written last week. I cannot remember the lady's name, but she was on the money about all that money going to help the golf course when it could put to better use, as our streets, more police watching our school zones — mainly Marcy.

People speed down Wasson Road so much that one day a child will get hit. They pay no attention to the crossing guards. We need a council that is for the people of Big Spring — all of the

people, not just the ones who help keep them in office.

I cannot remember all that she said, but I agree with her 100 percent in all that she said. If our city is so broke, then why are we giving the golf course all of that money? And if we don't get a new jail, why does the senior center and the library have to be closed?

This city does not make any sense at all. Close two great places so the rich can play golf? All I can say is shame on you people that tell us what we can and cannot do. We need people that are for everyone and let us decide what we want. You don't have the right to tell what to do.

In Sunday's paper on the front page was a disturbance that happened at the high school cafeteria

and they said it was a disturbance. Please call it what it really was, a gang fight between two gangs.

Come on people of Big Spring, we need to join all together and send these gangs packing. This is our home and we need to take pride in Big Spring. There are so many ugly places that make our town ugly and people don't want to come here. I am embarrassed of some of the sites that we see every day.

The way some people keep their yards, cars parked on them, broken down cars. These people should be fined as they are supposed to do with the yards that are grown up and weedy. Let's clean up Big Spring and make us proud of our city.

MARILLYN GROESBECK
BIG SPRING

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County Court Decisions:
Judgment and Sentence:
Alisha McGee, failure to identify - giving false information, \$514 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Martin Castaneda, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$389 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Judgment: Sarah Nicole Dunlap, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, \$250 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Judgment: Edward Fuentes, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$439 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Judgment and Sentence:
Alisha McGee, failure to identify - giving false information, \$464 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence:
Alisha Faye McGee, possession of a dangerous drug, \$369 court costs, 90 days in jail.

District Court Filings:
Howard County vs. E.P. Operating Ltd. Partnership, taxes.
Howard County vs. Victor Garcia, taxes.

Howard County vs. Jimmy DeLeon and Rosalinda DeLeon, taxes.
Howard County vs. Adam Edmondson and Olga Edmondson, taxes.
Howard County vs. Tim Flohr and Robin Flohr, taxes.
Howard County vs. Manuel R. Flores, taxes.
Howard County vs. Scott A. Goodblanket, taxes.
Howard County vs. Carol Ann Grantham, taxes.
Howard County vs. Larry W. Henderson, taxes.
Todd Ray Kuykendall vs. Leslie Anne Kuykendall, divorce.
Robert D. Hardin vs. Theresa A. Harden, divorce.
Michelle Corley vs. Jason Partlow, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
Darrell L. Ware vs. the City of Big Spring, injury or damages.
Genice Ovalle vs. Startek USA Inc., Startek Services Inc. and Isidro Virela, injury or damages.
Frank A. Montemayor Jr. vs. Barbara Burnell Montemayor, divorce.
Dale T. Mitchell Jr. vs. Christina Gail Mitchell, divorce.
Kimberley Diann Garrett vs. Kelly Lynn Garrett, divorce.

Marriage Licenses:
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Robert Anthony Esparza, 34, and Angelica Maria Ortiz, 25, both of Big Spring.
Henry Vernon Backes III, 45, and Vanessa Lynn Garvin, 37, both of Big Spring.
Guadalupe Ruben Garcia, 36, Stacey Lynn Freshour, 37, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: Stephanie Harper
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Property: Lot 29, Block 5, Coronado Hills
Date: Oct. 25, 2007

Grantor: Frank Lovell
Grantee: George A. Jansen
Property: A 2-acre tract out of Section 31, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 25, 2007

Grantor: Lee Harris
Grantee: Joey Sosa
Property: Lot 12, Block 15, McDowell Heights
Date: Oct. 25, 2007

Grantor: John Haynes and Mandy Haynes
Grantee: Stephen Michael Oliver
Property: Lot 11, Block 25, College Park
Date: Oct. 26, 2007

Grantor: Guadalupe R. Ramirez
Grantee: Jimmy Minnick
Property: Lot 2, Block 9, Stanford Park
Date: Oct. 26, 2007

Grantor: Elizabeth Hedges
Grantee: Mark C. Hedges
Property: A 5-acre tract out of Section 105, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 29, 2007

Grantor: Cloud Land & Cattle Ltd.
Grantee: David G. Justice and Maria Justice
Property: A 4.8-acre tract out of Section 5, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 29, 2007

Grantor: A.C. Neighbors
Grantee: Marian Brown
Property: Lot 22, Block 4, Central park
Date: Oct. 30, 2007

Grantor: Antonio Chavez and

Josephine Chavez
Grantee: Timothy Rios and Sindy Rios
Property: Lot 2, Block 7, and Lot 16, Block 12, Settles Heights
Date: Oct. 30, 2007

Grantor: Doyle Fincher
Grantee: Roland Gore
Property: The E/60 feet of Lot 4, Block 4, Settles Heights
Date: Oct. 30, 2007

Grantor: Bill L. Hipp and Darlene Hipp
Grantee: Ronnie K. Hipp and Joan Hipp
Property: A 3-acre tract out of Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 30, 2007

Grantor: John Pantoja
Grantee: Margie Garcia
Property: A 1-acre tract out of Section 25, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 30, 2007

Grantor: James Bobo
Grantee: Cindy Langston and Wendy Bobo
Property: Lot 12, Block 24, College Park
Date: Oct. 30, 2007

Grantor: Larry Marquez, Jesse Marquez, Robert Marquez, Tony Marquez, Manuel Marquez and Raul Marquez
Grantee: Big Spring Independent School District as trustee
Property: Lots 1-6, Block 37, Bauer Addition
Date: Oct. 30, 2007

Grantor: Bonnie Colleen Huttegger, Vernon Doyle Permenter and Earl Owen Permenter
Grantee: Oma Mildren Permenter
Property: Lot 12, Block 19, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
Date: Oct. 30, 2007

Grantor: Michael Tedesco
Grantee: Kerr Management Inc.
Property: Lot 49, Block 5, Capehart Addition
Date: Oct. 31, 2007

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Property: Lot 8, Block 6, Banks Addition
Date: Oct. 31, 2007

Warranty Deeds With Vendor's Lien:
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Grantee: Jason Johnson and Annie Johnson
Property: Lot 24, Block 2, Colonial Hills
Date: Oct. 25, 2007

Grantor: John M. Huckabee and Peggy Huckabee
Grantee: Barbara Deann Cannon
Property: Lot 4, Block 1, Harvey's Subdivision
Date: Oct. 29, 2007

Grantor: Carlos Cervantes and Shelbi Cervantes
Grantee: Jose Briseno and Aleticia Briseno
Property: Lot 36, Block 26, College Park
Date: Oct. 30, 2007

Grantor: Sherman Chew and Omega Chew
Grantee: Robert Miller
Property: Lot 4, Block 17, College Park No. 2
Date: Oct. 31, 2007

Grantor: Otto Meyer
Grantee: Weldon D. Nichols
Property: A .7-acre tract out of Section 7, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 31, 2007

Turf, Pest and Ag Expo slated soon near San Angelo

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 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.

ENERGY

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• For the first time, China has surged ahead of Germany to become the world's top exporter. Earlier this year, China eclipsed the U.S. on that list. In the third quarter, China's economy grew 11.5 percent. The value of its shipped goods in August was up 55 percent year-on-year.

• According to Venezuela's 2008 budget, the nation will grow at a 6 percent pace in 2008, but inflation could again be in the double digits. Amid concerns about the oil industry in the nation, and as Hugo Chavez continues to increase his social spending, many are concerned the Venezuelan economy is setting itself up for a collapse.

• China National Offshore Oil Corp. said it does not plan to participate in future lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico.

• In Kazakhstan, President Nazarbayev signed subsoil legislation amendments previously passed by parliament, thereby allowing the nation to force changes to oil contracts or break the terms of the production sharing agreements.

• Nigeria's hints that it may renegotiate its "generous terms" with international oil companies reportedly caught the majors off guard. Evidence suggests that the higher oil prices are, the less open and business-friendly nations with reserves become.

FRAUD

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• The Kyoto protocol expires in 2012. An informal gathering of environmental ministers from over 40 nations agreed to negotiate a new treaty by 2009, in order to allow time for the ratification of the agreement before Kyoto's end.

checks were found to be fraudulent. Before selling any hay to anyone that is not personally known, producers should ensure that the checks they are being paid with are legitimate, even with supposed "cashier's checks." If you suspect you are the potential victim of a scam, report the action to your local law enforcement authorities.

• As the nation attempts to keep pace with its rapid growth, in mid-November India is set to begin marketing its largest auction of oil blocks ever. The nation wants to conduct exploration of its underexplored offshore fields. India currently imports roughly 76 percent of its oil and gas.

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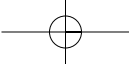
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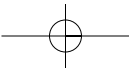
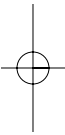
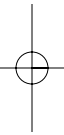
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Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast, Pop tarts, sausage links, applesauce, milk; Lunch, chicken dumplings, apple strudel, peas/carrots, milk, ham sandwiches, salad, chips.

Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, ham, grape juice, milk; Lunch, taco's ranch bean, salad, nacho chips, milk, burritos.

Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuits, sausage, gravy, apple juice, jelly, milk; Lunch, chicken patties, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk, corn dogs.

Thursday: Breakfast, pancake sausage on stick-fruit, syrup, milk; Lunch, pizza, corn, peaches, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, rice, ham, grape juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, apples, milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Lunch, rib sandwiches, (combination food), coleslaw, grapes, milk.

Tuesday: Lunch, chicken rings, mac & cheese (combination food), black-eyed peas, Rosey applesauce, rolls, milk.

Wednesday: Lunch, char meatballs, mashed potatoes, green beans, pear halves, wheat rolls, milk.

Thursday: Lunch, beef

& bean burritos (combination food), Mexicali corn, Mandarin oranges, strawberry banana bar (combination food) milk.

Friday: Lunch, sausage pizza (combination food), potato rounds, pineapple upside down cake (combination food), milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, soft burritos, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, muffins, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch, corn dog, macaroni cheese, tossed salad, chilled pears, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, eggs, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken stir fry, rice, egg rolls, apples, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch, steak patties, mashed potatoes/gravy, English peas, hot rolls, peach cups.

Friday: Breakfast, biscuits, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, corn-on-the-cob, tossed salad, chocolate cake, orange smiles, milk.

Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast, pizza; Lunch, hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries, hamburger salad, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday: Breakfast: scrambled eggs, sausage & biscuits; Lunch, pizza or chef salad/crackers, peas & carrots, tossed salad, fruit.

Wednesday: Breakfast, oatmeal/toast; Lunch, baked chicken or beef tips with rice, green beans, peaches, hot rolls.

Thursday: Breakfast, Pop Tarts; Lunch, tacos with flour or corn tortilla, pinto beans, lettuce/tom salad, pineapple, cornbread.

Friday: Breakfast, burrito; Lunch, barbecue wieners or chicken patties, corn, vegetable sticks, pears, bread sticks.

Senior Center

Monday: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, seasoned green beans, buttermilk biscuits and mixed fruit

Tuesday: stir fry chicken, rice pilaf, peas and carrots, tossed salad and cinnamon applesauce

Wednesday: roast beef/brown gravy, roasted potatoes, spinach, toast and apple raisin crisp.

Thursday: catfish, French fries, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fancy fruit mix.

Friday: Frito pie with beans, mexicali corn, jalapeno cornbread, tossed salad and blueberry cobbler.

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is shared by the two departments.

"Choreography is being provided by Howard, we're providing the vocal training, the college's pop band will be the orchestra and the cast is split between the two schools," she said. "So it really is a big collaboration."

Which is good, she said, because producing musicals is a lot of work.

It's more difficult because you have to build more sets — there are typically more scenes in a musical — you have to schedule time for the kids to work on their songs and you have to take into consideration when the orchestra can work with the cast," she said. "And you have to think about costumes, too. Musicals are expensive. That's why we don't do many."

But if preparations have been a grind, Lindsey

said it has been a good grind.

"I think it's going to be fun," she said. "We probably have the most musical talent we've had in years with this group of kids," Lindsey said. "It's been a lot of work — we've been rehearsing since mid-September — but the kids are having fun, too."

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tant," said Wilson. "From national presidential races to local bond elections, as Americans, it is our duty to protect the democratic process of our state and our nation and exercise our right to vote."

As the chief elections officer for Texas, Wilson is responsible for ensur-

ing elections in the Lone Star State are held in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

Wilson also announced his prediction for voter turnout in the 2007 election, basing it on a number of factors, including prior voter turnout, voter registration totals and current early voting trends.

"Participation throughout early voting has been much lower than I would like to see," said Wilson.

"Based on these numbers and other factors, I'm projecting an overall turnout of 9.5 percent of registered Texas voters."

Wilson challenged voters to prove his prediction wrong.

"This election is important, and I encourage Texans to head to the polls and prove me wrong," said Wilson.

Polls will be open Tuesday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

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optimistic, but it's hard to say at this point."

Voters will have from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. to cast their ballots at one of the following polling places:

- North Side Fire Station, 100 N.E. Eighth Street — Precincts 101-115
- Life Church, 600 E. FM 700 — Precincts 202-205 and 208
- Goliad Middle School, 2000 Goliad —

Precincts 302-305

• Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Kentucky Lane and Birdwell Lane — Precincts 401-407 and 410

• Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Avenue, Coahoma — Precincts 207, 408 and 409

Voters will find 16 constitutional amendments on the ballot, but the item expected to draw the majority of local attention is a bond election to finance a \$11.57 million new jail facility, a topic that has drawn its fair share of both supporters and detractors.

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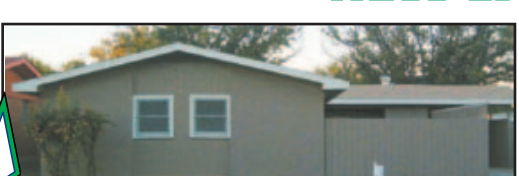

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