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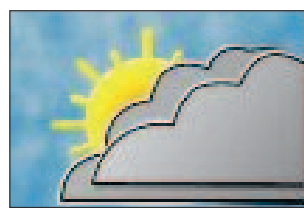
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Reinvestment zones approved

County moves to assist wind energy developers

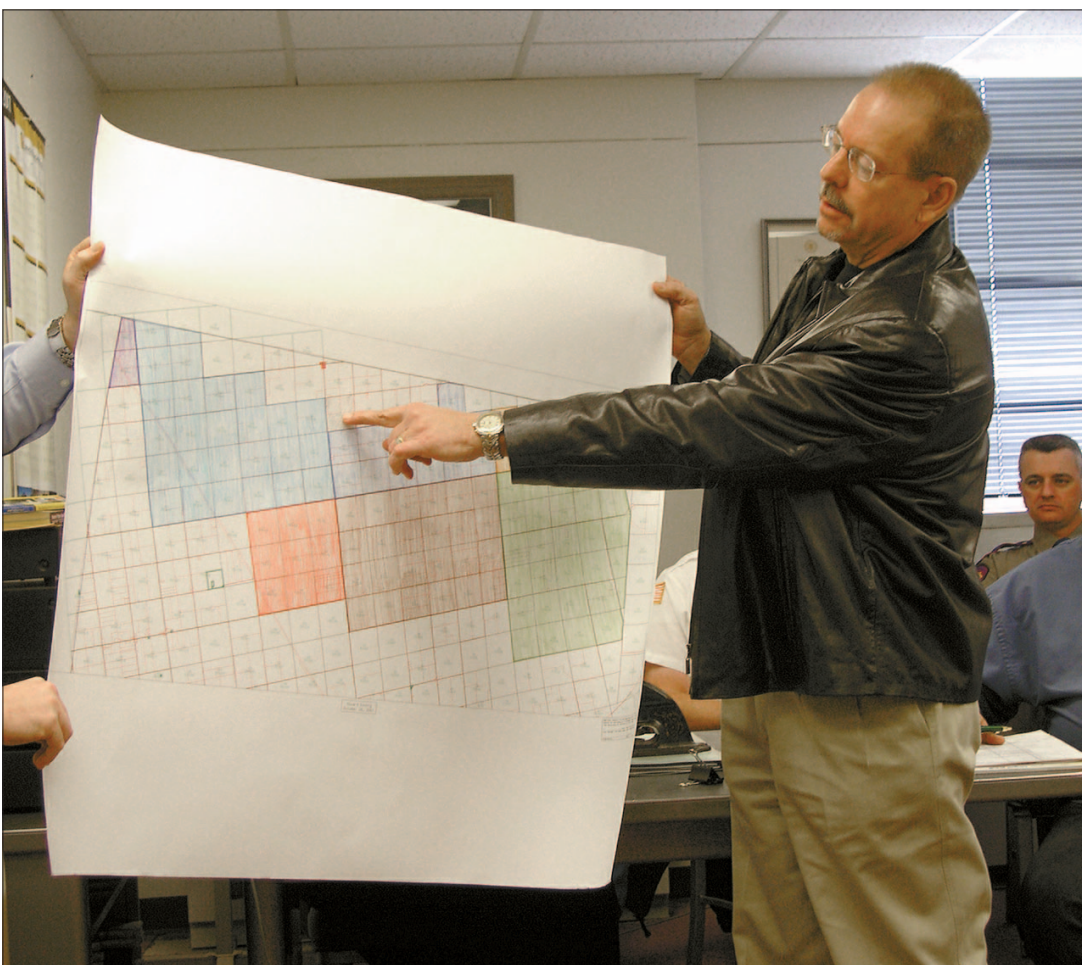
By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners approved a "do-over" Monday morning, re-approving a pair of reinvestment zones in the county to make way for several possible wind energy developers.

According to Terry Wegman, executive director for Moore Development for Big Spring, re-approving the zones was much tidier from a legal stand point than having to make several amendments. Moore Development acts as liaison between the wind energy companies and the county's taxing entities for the purpose of tax abatements

"This kind of feels like round two, but as the Judge (Mark Barr) and a few of you are aware, a couple of our developers ... came back with a section or two and asked us to include them in the reinvestment zones," said Wegman. "After doing a little research, we found out the best way to actually do this is to cancel the existing reinvestment zones approved back in October and re-establish the investment zones, and by doing so include those properties that weren't included. I've checked with all of the developers and I feel like we're in good shape

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Terry Wegman, executive director of Moore Development, shows Howard County commissioners a map of one of three reinvestment zones re-approved by the court Monday morning. The zones would allow local taxing entities to extend tax abatements to wind energy developers currently considering Howard County for several projects that could put as many as 500 new turbines in Howard County.

New voter cards coming

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

With new voter cards expected to be mailed out the first of next week, local elections officials are urging area residents to be on the lookout.

"We expect to mail the new, orange voter cards out either Monday or Tuesday of next week," said Sandra Bloom, Howard County elections administrator. "We've been working with the local post office to try to get them out and not make the holiday rush any worse than it already is."

Bloom said it's important area voters be on the lookout for their card.

"We'll be mailing out 15,681 cards, and we expect approximately 1,500 of them will come back right off the bat," said Bloom. "About 10 percent come back undeliverable each year. The voter the card belongs to is then placed on the suspended list."

"If you haven't received your voter card by the week of Dec. 10, you need to contact our office. There are a lot of different reasons the cards will come back to us, and sometimes it's a mistake. However, if you've moved or changed your mailing



Bloom

Annual parade to bring in holidays

Late entries still being accepted for Saturday's lighted event

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**

Managing Editor

The Christmas season in Howard County will officially start at 5:30 p.m. Saturday when the 22nd annual *Big Spring Herald* Community Christmas Parade gets under way with the long procession moving north on Gregg Street.

While many businesses mark the Friday after Thanksgiving as the start of the Christmas shopping season, others in the community consider the first day of the Yuletide to be the first Saturday in December when the parade is traditionally held.

According to *Herald* Publisher

"It's pretty obvious the community takes as much interest in the parade each year as we do in sponsoring it."

—Ron Midkiff, *Herald* publisher



Ron Midkiff, he and the newspaper's employees tend to think in terms of the parade being the season's kickoff.

"I've really been looking forward to this parade," Midkiff admitted. "This will be the first one I've seen in Big Spring. I was a little surprised to learn that the *Herald's* staff coordinates the

parade by itself, and that really has me excited — especially from what I've heard from the members of our Readers' Advisory Board and all of our employees, who say it's probably the best holiday parade in West Texas.

"It looks like this is going to be a great parade," he continued. "We know several businesses

have been hard at work planning their entries. And I know there are community groups and individuals that have been doing the same."

A \$100 cash prize will be awarded to the entry selected as the winner of the Best of Show Award for the best interpretation of the theme "Peace on Earth."

The winner of the Mayor's Trophy for the best use of lighting will receive a \$75 prize, while the winner of the Grand Marshal's Award for best costuming will receive \$50.

Midkiff stressed that the *Herald* takes great pride in spon-

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FHS STARS IN 16-1A

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Bufs' Head Coach Tommy Thompson was named Co-Coach of the Year and his coaching staff joined him with a Co-Staff of the Year award.



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PANTS NEEDED AT BSSH

Men's pants are in high demand for the patients at Big Spring State Hospital, said Director of Community Relations Billie Christie-Morgan.

"Although, we need all types of clothing, right now we really need men's pants, particularly smaller sizes," she said.

Donations can be taken to The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., or to the hospital's Community Relations office. Please make sure the clothing is clean.

Clothing unable to be used by the patients is sold at The Chalet, the volunteer's resale shop. The hours are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads region varsity sports weekly calendar

Here's a look at the upcoming Crossroads varsity sports schedule:

TODAY

Big Spring girls basketball at Lamesa, 8 p.m.

Big Spring boys basketball at Lamesa, 8 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Snyder, 8 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball vs. Eldorado, 5:15 p.m.

Forsan girls basketball vs. Highland, 6:30 p.m.

Forsan boys basketball vs. Highland, 8 p.m.

Grady girls basketball vs. Wink, 6:30 p.m.

Grady boys basketball vs. Highland, 8 p.m.

NOV 29-DEC. 1

Big Spring girls basketball at Idalou Tournament.

Big Spring boys basketball at Andrews Tournament.

Coahoma boys and girls basketball hosting Coahoma Invitational Tournament.

Garden City boys and girls basketball hosting Garden City Tournament.

Forsan boys and girls basketball at Garden City Tournament.

Grady boys and girls basketball at Garden City Tournament.

DEC. 4

Big Spring girls basketball at Midland High, 6:30 p.m.

Big Spring boys basketball at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m.

DEC. 6-8

Big Spring boys basketball at Midland Tall City Oilman's Tournament held at South Oak Cliff.

Big Spring girls basketball at Clyde Tournament.

Coahoma boys basketball at Stanton's Hooptown Classic.

Forsan boys and girls basketball at Borden County Tournament.

Grady boys and girls basketball at Water Valley Tournament.

NCAA FBS

Bowl Championship Series standings

1. Missouri
2. West Virginia
3. Ohio State
4. Georgia
5. Kansas
6. Virginia Tech
7. LSU
8. USC
9. Oklahoma
10. Florida
11. Boston College
12. Hawaii

Aggies name Sherman head coach

By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M turned to a former assistant to lead the program back to prominence.

Former Green Bay Packers coach Mike Sherman was hired at A&M Monday, three days after Dennis Franchione resigned.

Sherman, an assistant head coach with the Houston Texans for two seasons, will return to the school where he was the offensive line coach from 1989-93 and in 1995-96 under R.C. Slocum.

"It's like coming back home," Sherman said. "I told my wife, you can unpack the boxes on this move. I've moved about 10 times in my career. You can put up the pictures and throw the boxes away, because we're going to be here awhile."

Sherman signed a seven-year contract that will pay him \$1.8 million a year.

"I've had opportunities at other jobs I didn't take," Sherman said. "I've been a head coach. I know what it's going to take to be a head coach. I understand the commitment and sacrifice my

family's going to have to make. So I'm not going to delve into something unless I feel like we have a legitimate chance to win championships."

The formal announcement came with plenty of symbolism.

Current and former players packed an auditorium to see Sherman introduced. John David Crow, the 1957 Heisman Trophy winner for A&M, shook hands with Sherman after the news conference, and Slocum and Sherman posed for pictures.

Franchione alienated himself from many of the program's old

guard, and athletic director Bill Byrne said he hoped to rebuild some of those connections by bringing Sherman back.

"We have a wonderful, rich tradition here," Byrne said. "I wanted to make sure that whoever we had come in here would be able to bridge the issues we had previously and build on strengths we had in the past. Mike can certainly do that."

Slocum and Franchione had an icy relationship and Slocum didn't pass up a chance to bring up

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Thirteen Buffs receive district honors

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

District 16-1A football awards were passed out this week with the Forsan Buffaloes having 13 players and coaches named to the 2007 All-District squad.

Bufs' Head Coach Tommy Thompson was named Co-Coach of the Year and his coaching staff joined him with a Co-Staff of the Year award.

"We are honored by the award," Thompson said. "But we are even happier to see our kids being recognized for all their hard work this season. It is a testament to the talent we have with this bunch of guys and the success they found on the field."

Junior running back Jeremy Freitag was named Offensive Player of the Year. Freitag led all Forsan rushers with 1277 yards and 12 touchdowns on the year.

"Jeremy stepped in this year and immediately became someone defenses had to plan for," Thompson said. "He has great speed and uncanny cutback ability. He is undersized, but he more than makes up for that with his work ethic and his desire to compete."

Players named to the first team offense were junior quarterback Alex Huckabee, junior running back Jace Sandridge, senior tight end Adam Bailey and senior offensive lineman Aaron

Hughes.

Huckabee, a transplant at quarterback from the wide receiver position, ended the season with 1282 yards passing and 10 touchdown passes. Bailey was on the receiving end of half those touchdowns and had 514 yards receiving this year. He ends his high school career with 1044 total yards receiving and 12 touchdowns.

"Bailey and Huck were tremendous for us this year," Thompson said. "Alex will only be better next year and Adam will be sorely missed. He was a constant threat to score and did a great job as our deep snapper."

Sandridge finished the season with 748 yards and eight rushing touchdowns and gave the Buffs a solid one-two combo in the backfield with Freitag.

"Jace has great vision and speed, but he was also an excellent lead blocker," Thompson said. "He has the ability to get the tough yards up the middle and to break a big gainer."

Thompson said team captain Hughes will be tough to replace next year.

"Aaron was great on both sides of the ball this year," Thompson said. "He was a real leader on the field and helped pave the way for our offensive skill positions."

Seniors Blake Grantham and James Marlow were honored as

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Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan Buffaloes running back Jeremy Freitag runs away from a Menard defender in action from Nov. 9. Freitag was named District 16-1A's Offensive Player of the Year Monday.

Redskins' Taylor dies from gunshot wound

By MATT SEDENSKY

Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Washington Redskins safety Sean Taylor died early Tuesday, a day after the Pro Bowl player was shot at home by what police say was an intruder. He was 24.

Family friend Richard Sharpstein said Taylor's father told him the news around 5:30 a.m.

"His father called and said he was with Christ and he cried and thanked me," said Sharpstein, Taylor's former lawyer. "It's a tremendously sad and unnecessary event. He was a wonderful, humble, talented young man, and had a huge life in front of him. Obviously God had other plans."

Taylor died at Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he had been airlifted after the shooting early Monday, Sharpstein said.

Two carloads of mourners, including the athlete's father, arrived at the house Tuesday morning. They remained inside and did not speak to reporters. A single bou-

quet of flowers was left by a palm tree just outside a front gate. Beside the mailbox, an untouched newspaper lay with news of Taylor's shooting.

Doctors had been encouraged late Monday when Taylor squeezed a nurse's hand, according to Vinny Cerrato, the Redskins' vice president of football operations. But Sharpstein said he was told Taylor never regained consciousness after being transported to the hospital and that he wasn't sure how he had squeezed the nurse's hand.

"Maybe he was trying to say goodbye or something," Sharpstein said.

Taylor, the fifth overall pick in the 2004 NFL draft following an All-American season at the University of Miami, was shot early Monday in the upper leg, damaging the key femoral artery and causing significant blood loss.

"According to a preliminary investigation, it appears that the victim was shot inside the home

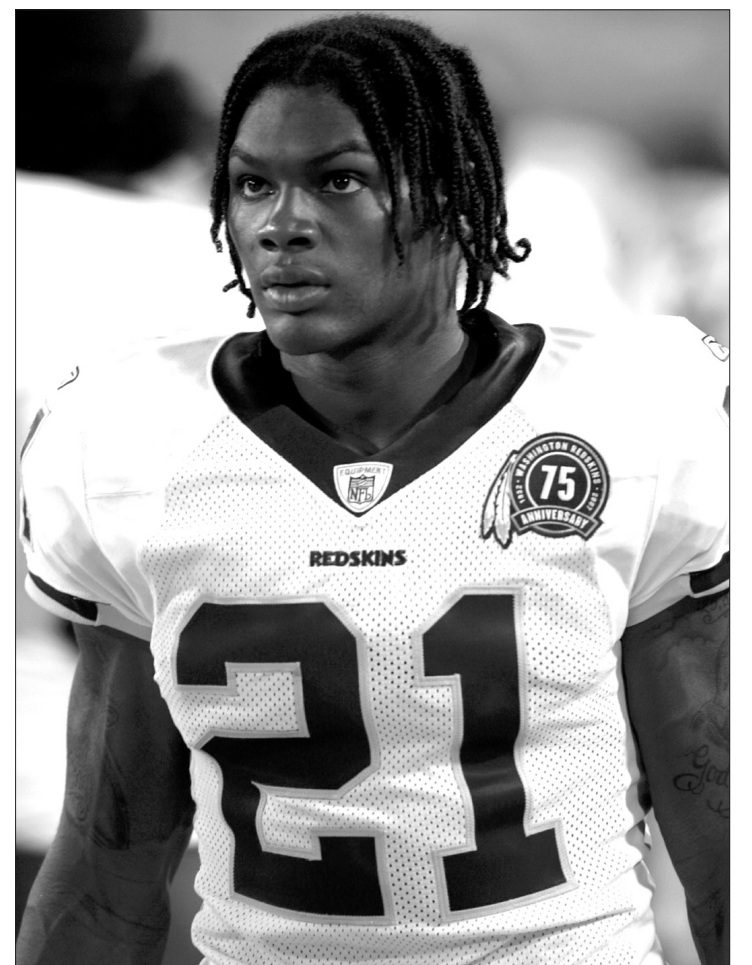
by an intruder," Miami-Dade County police said in a statement. "We do not have a subject description at this time."

But police were still investigating the attack, which came just eight days after an intruder was reported at Taylor's home. Officers were sent to the home about 1:45 a.m. Monday after Taylor's girlfriend called 911.

Sharpstein said Taylor's girlfriend told him the couple was awakened by loud noises, and Taylor grabbed a machete he keeps in the bedroom for protection. Someone then broke through the bedroom door and fired two shots, one missing and one hitting Taylor, Sharpstein said. Taylor's 1-year-old daughter, Jackie, was also in the house, but neither she nor Taylor's girlfriend were injured.

Police found signs of forced entry, but have not determined if they were caused Monday, or the

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AP photo/Peter Lockley/The Washington Times

Washington Redskins football player Sean Taylor is seen before the start of a game against the Jacksonville Jaguars in Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 30. Taylor died Tuesday from injuries sustained from when he was shot in the leg early Monday morning.

Obituaries

Armando Franco



Armando Anthony Franco, 22, of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, at his residence. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 2, 1985, in Big Spring. He was a cook and had worked at Furr's Cafeteria and Texas Cajun Cafe. He had also worked in the oilfield. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Maricela Delgado of Big Spring; a son, Damian Franco of Big Spring; his parents, Armando and Mary Ann Franco of Big Spring; two sisters, Mary Ellen Franco of Midland and April Franco Goillandeanu of Big Spring; paternal grandmother, Petra Franco of Big Spring; maternal grandmother, Precilia Molinar of Midland; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

Cathrine Horton



Cathrine Elaine Horton, 70, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007 at the Berea Baptist Church with the Rev. Dwayne Wheat, pastor, and her brother-in-law, the Rev. Ken Horton, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

She was born Jan. 4, 1937, in Prairie Du Chien, Wisc. and married Milton Horton Sept. 9, 1958 in Beaumont. Mrs. Horton came to Big Spring in 1995 and was a homemaker. She was a member of Berea Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Milton Horton of Big Spring; two daughters, Deborah Clanton and husband, Tom of Avon Park, Fla., and Mary Frances Williamson of Flatonia; three sons, Willard K. Horton and wife, Evelyn of Beaumont, Milton O. Horton, Jr. and wife, Rachael of Magnolia, and Giles Horton of Big Spring; two sisters, Roberta Holst of Beaumont and Georgia A. Reynolds of Houston; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by one brother.

The family suggests memorials to Berea Baptist Church, 4204 Wasson Rd., 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

Dewey Savell

Graveside services for Dewey Savell, 46, of Van, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007, at the Bethesda Cemetery with the Revs. Marc Jennings and Wayne Fancher officiating. Interment followed under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home of Lindale.

Mr. Savell was born Sept. 22, 1961, in Big Spring, the son of the late Thomas Wayne Savell Sr. and Laverne Kennedy Savell. He died Nov. 17, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Savell had lived in the Van and Lindale area since 1999, moving from Big Spring and was a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his mother, LaVerne Lockhart of Lindale; grandmother, Minnie Kennedy of Lindale; son, Joe Don Savell and wife, Britney, of Big Spring; brothers, Deland Wayne Savell of Big Spring, Thomas Wayne Savell Jr. of Bertram and Joe Randell Savell of Hopewell, Va.; and sisters, Lydia Watson of Tulsa, Okla., Mary Sue Starr of Big Spring and Pamela Thacker of Van.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Wayne Savell Sr., on June 16, 2006; and a brother, Leland Dwain Savell, in 1960.

Pauline Smith

Pauline Smith, 92, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, at Heritage Oaks in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Phillip Lopez

Phillip Manuel Lopez, 21, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

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

• Dual Recovery Anonymous meetings have been canceled. They will no longer take place at the Howard County Library. If you have questions, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033.

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Police blotter

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

- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 43, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **EMILIA ALVAREZ**, 20, of Odessa, was arrested Monday on four local warrants.
- **PATRICIA GARCIA**, 19, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Monday on four local citations.
- **STEPHEN SPIEKER**, 36, of San Angelo, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia.
- **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 200 block of 16th Street.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE** was reported in the 200 block of 16th Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 1500 block of Runnels.
- **ACCIDENT INVOLVING DAMAGE TO A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2500 block of Gregg Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.
- **DAVID LOUIS FLORES**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
 - **AMBER MICHELLE GUTIERREZ**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of debit card abuse.
 - **JESSE LENDELL VANDERBILT**, 22, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for criminal mischief.
 - **ISHMAEL BALTAZAR**, 26, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court - disobedience of a court order.
 - **ANSELMO HILARIO JR.**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, assault causing bodily injury, accident involving damage to a vehicle, harassment of a public servant, no driver's license (three counts), failure to appear (four counts), failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information and failure to control speed.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 200 block of N. Moss Lake Road. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Wilson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3400 block of Gail Highway. Service refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Washington. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2300 block of Marshall. Service refused.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 2900 block of E. Interstate Highway 20.

Take Note

• The Big Spring High School junior class will meet Thursday at the Big Spring High School library at 6:30 p.m. to form committees and vote on the 2008 prom theme. All juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Carrie Fox at 816-9687, Karen Martin at 213-1388 or Bebe Johnson at 213-2105.

• Angel Food ordes for December be taken Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 267-2203

• 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.

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

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WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center to Monroe Casey and the Prowlers, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows around 40. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday...Increasing clouds. Highs in the upper 60s. WestWinds 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday night...Increasing clouds. Lows in the upper 30s. North winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the northeast after midnight.
Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Highs around 60. Southeast winds around 10 mph.
Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Not as cool. Lows in the upper 40s.
Friday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.
Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the lower 40s.
Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the lower 60s.
Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.
Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.
Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 10-14-17-18-27.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$25,633.
Winning tickets sold in: El Paso.

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The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
3-11-32-33 Bonus Ball: 32
Estimated jackpot: \$375,000

•••
The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-4-9-2. Sum It Up: 23

Road to Recovery

• 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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second team offensive linemen.

"Blake and James have both had stellar varsity careers," said Thompson. "Blake was named one of our captains this year and both led the way for two 1000-yard rushers. They will leave big shoes to fill."

Juniors Kody Willis and Jeremy Robbins were named to the second team offense at the wide receiver position.

The Forsan defense had several players named as well.

Taking honors on both sides of the ball were Bailey at his defensive back position and Hughes for his play on the defensive line.

"It's been a great season, this year," Bailey said. "I hope the tradition we helped start with winning and making the playoffs will continue. Playing

with this team has been one of the best years of my football career."

Bailey finished his career with 47 solo tackles, 91 assists, and seven interceptions. Hughes ended this season totaling nine solos, 29 assists, five tackles for loss, a sack and a fumble recovery.

"We had a good season," said Hughes. "We had a lot of team unity. I enjoyed my senior season."

Grantham got the two way nod as well, being named to the second team with his solid year on the defensive line.

Senior Josh Daniels and sophomore Ryan Flores were both awarded a second-team nomination for their play at linebacker and junior Garrett Pool was awarded a second-team place as a defensive end.

"Josh is another one of our seniors that was very valuable on defense," said Thompson. "This was his first season playing for the Buffs and he was out-

standing. He finished the year with 17 solo tackles, 52 assists, two tackles for loss, a sack and four forced fumbles."

Receiving honorable mention honors are senior Michael Leal and junior Jeremy Gomez for their play on the offensive line and Willis at defensive back. Huckabee was named to the team at punter and Freitag received a nod at the kicking position.

"Michael is another player we will lose to graduation," Thompson said. "He was hurt his junior season, but came on strong in his final year playing left tackle. He was a big part of the group that helped us to a 1000-yard rusher and passer this season."

The Buffs finished their season at 6-6 overall and held a 5-2 mark in district play. They had big wins over Christoval, the 2007 district champion, and at Menard to secure a place in the playoffs for the second straight year.

The Buffs won their first playoff game in over twenty years, knocking off Winters and claiming a little revenge after being ousted by the Blizzards last season and ended its season last Saturday in Brownwood, falling to Valley Mills in the area round in a game plagued with terrible weather and a second quarter they wish they could get back.

They made it one step further than last year and although they did not attain their pre-season goal of a district championship, they have continued to build on a tradition of winning.

Coach Thompson has no problem with that.

"Our main goal was the district title, and we pretty much beat ourselves out of that," said Thompson. "But, you also want to get better each year, and we did that. We played one more game than we did last year and now that we are getting used to winning we will

expect to be right back next year and moving even farther into the playoffs."

District 16-A All-District Teams and Awards

Most Valuable Player - Kellen Gierke, Sr., Christoval

Offensive Player of the Year - Jeremy Freitag, Jr., Forsan

Defensive Player of the Year - Manny Gonzalez, Sr., Eldorado

Coach of the Year - Bryan Green, Christoval; Johnny Burleson, Eldorado;

Tommy Thompson, Forsan

Top Coaching Staffs - Forsan; Christoval; Eldorado.

All-District first team

Quarterback - Alex Huckabee, Jr., Forsan.

Running backs - Jace Sandridge, Jr., Forsan; John Zamora, So., Menard; Tramain Price, Sr., Irion Co.

Utility back - Brent Willis, Sr., Bronte

Tight end - Adam Bailey, Sr., Forsan; Dustin Guana, Jr., Eldorado.

Wide receivers - Lahne Burns, Jr., Bronte; J.T. Hurt, Sr., Christoval; Paul Martinez, Jr., Eldorado.

Offensive line - Reace Springer, Jr., Bronte; Austin McWilliams, Jr., Christoval; Richmond Adame, Sr., Eldorado; Tim Maskill, Jr., Eldorado;

Aaron Hughes, Sr., Forsan; Johnny Martinez, Sr., Menard; Cody Wallace, Sr., Bronte; Zach Ellis, Jr., Christoval; Colby Hasty, Sr., Sterling City.

Defensive line - Colby Hasty, Sr., Sterling City; Tim Maskill, Jr., Eldorado;

Aaron Hughes, Sr., Forsan; Keith Shotwell, Sr., Christoval; Johnny Martinez, Sr., Menard; C.J. McClure, Sr., Bronte; Wade Sorrells, Jr., Christoval; Louie Buitron, Sr., Eldorado; Scotty Blair, Jr., Menard.

Linebackers - Kevin Deanda, Sr., Menard; Reece Springer, So., Menard;

Zack Ellis, Jr., Christoval; Luis Chapa, Sr., Eldorado.

Defensive backs - Adam Bailey, Sr., Forsan; Jorge Mata, Sr., Eldorado; Tramain Price, Sr., Irion Co.; Kyle Schwertner, Sr., Miles; Lahne Burns, Jr., Bronte; Caleb Stark, Sr., Christoval.

All-District second team

Quarterback - Brent West, Sr., Irion Co.

Running backs - Wes Brown, So., Eldorado; Caleb Stark, Sr., Christoval; Pedro Garcia, Sr., Eldorado.

Utility backs - Kyle Schwertner, Sr., Miles; Jesus Vasquez, Jr., Eldorado.

Tight end - Judge Lucich, Sr., Christoval.

Wide receivers - Kody Willis, Jr., Forsan; Jeremy Robbins, Jr., Forsan; Tyler Gibson, Sr., Sterling City; Garrett Barnett, Jr., Irion Co.

Offensive line - Blake Grantham, Sr., Forsan; Josh Ortega, Jr., Menard; Wyatt Terral, Jr., Irion Co.; Kevin Dykstra, Jr., Eldorado; James Marlow, Sr., Forsan;

C.J. McClure, Sr., Bronte; Josh Thompson, Jr., Christoval; Scotty Blair, Jr., Menard.

Defensive line - Blake Grantham, Sr., Forsan; Uriel Barrientos, Jr., Eldorado; Mauro Cano, Sr., Miles; Dustin Guana, Jr., Eldorado; Oscar Galaviz, Jr., Sterling City; Garrett Pool, Jr., Forsan;

Jon Portillo, Sr., Menard; Eric Schwertner, Jr., Miles.

Linebackers - Ryan Flores, So., Forsan; Josh Daniels, Sr., Forsan; Bryan Kenley, So., Irion Co.; Cody Wallace, Sr., Bronte; Clayton Long, Sr., Sterling City; August Huckabee, Jr., Miles.

Defensive backs - James Kothman, Sr., Menard; Brent West, Sr., Irion Co.; Gus Saunders, Sr., Bronte; John Hernandez, Jr., Christoval; Abel Rivas, So., Sterling City; Paul Martinez, Jr., Eldorado.

TAYLOR

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previous burglary.

The shooting happened in the pale yellow house he bought two years ago. Eight days before the attack someone pried open a front window, rifled through drawers and left a kitchen knife on a bed at Taylor's home, according to police.

"They're really sifting through that incident and today's incident," Miami-Dade Detective Mario Rachid said, "to see if there's any correlation."

Taylor's death comes nearly a year after Broncos cornerback Darrent Williams was killed in a drive-by shooting following an argu-

ment at a Denver nightclub on Jan. 1. University of Miami defensive lineman Bryan Pata was shot to death in November 2006 several miles from Taylor's home in an unsolved killing.

Taylor starred as a running back and defensive back at Gulliver Prep in Miami. His father, Pedro Taylor, is police chief of Florida City.

A private man with a small inner circle, Taylor rarely granted interviews. But, behind the scenes, Taylor was described as personable and smart — an emerging locker room leader.

"From the first day I met him, from then to now, it's just like night and day," Redskins receiver James Thrash

said Monday. "He's really got his head on his shoulders and has been doing really well as far as just being a man. It's been awesome to see that growth."

After Taylor was drafted, problems soon began. Taylor fired his agent, then skipped part of the NFL's mandatory rookie symposium, drawing a \$25,000 fine. Driving home late from a party during the season, he was pulled over and charged with drunken driving. The case was dismissed in court, but by then it had become a monthslong distraction for the Redskins.

Taylor also was fined at least seven times for late hits, uniform violations and other infractions over

his first three seasons, including a \$17,000 penalty for spitting in the face of Tampa Bay running back Michael Pittman during a 2006 playoff game.

Meanwhile, Taylor endured a yearlong legal battle after he was accused in 2005 of brandishing a gun at a man during a fight over allegedly stolen all-terrain vehicles near Taylor's home. He eventually pleaded no contest to two misdemeanors and was sentenced to 18 months' probation.

Taylor said the end of the assault case was like "a gray cloud" being lifted. It was also around the time that his daughter was born, and teammates noticed a change.

"It's hard to expect a man to grow up overnight," said teammate and close friend Clinton Portis, who played with Taylor at Miami. "But ever since he had his child, it was like a new Sean, and everybody around here knew it. He was always smiling, always happy, always talking about his child."

On the field, Taylor's play was often erratic. Assistant coach Gregg Williams frequently called Taylor the best athlete he'd ever coached, but nearly every big play was mitigated by a blown assignment. Taylor led the NFL in missed tackles in 2006 yet made the Pro Bowl because of his reputation as one of the hardest hitters in the league.

This year, however, Taylor was allowed to play a true free safety position, using his speed and power to chase down passes and crush would-be receivers. His five interceptions tie for the league lead in the NFC, even though he missed the last two games because of a sprained knee.

His hard work was well-noted.

"He loved football. He felt like that's what he was made to do," Redskins coach Joe Gibbs said. "And I think what I've noticed over the last year and a half ... is he matured. I think his baby had a huge impact on him. There was a real growing up in his life."

SHERMAN

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A&M's successes before Franchione arrived.

"If you look at the history of this school, in the decade of the 1990s, we won almost 77 percent of our games," Slocum said. "I also happen to think our best days are ahead of us. There is an expectation that we take it a notch higher than what it's been."

On Monday, players were still stinging from Franchione's resignation, especially junior quarterback Stephen McGee. He canceled a weekend hunting trip and visited with Franchione at his home Saturday.

The 52-year-old Sherman hasn't coached in college since leaving A&M to become an assistant in Green Bay in 1996. He'll coach the remainder of the season for the Texans (5-6).

Byrne said Sherman was the only coach inter-

viewed for the vacancy. The two talked on the phone shortly after A&M's win Friday.

Sherman met with the Aggies on Monday morning. He has yet to start assembling his staff.

"I want to get it in place as quickly as possible, but not at the expense of making a bad decision," Sherman said. "These are decisions that you want to last a long time and you want them to be the right ones."

Sherman sat down individually with McGee later on Monday.

"He knew the relationship I had with Coach Fran," McGee said. "He understood my loyalty and knew this time was really tough on me. He respected that and certainly I appreciate him acknowledging that, reaching out and taking the time. I know he's extremely busy. For him to do that meant a lot to me."

A&M went 32-28 in five seasons under Franchione and couldn't

gain ground on the Big 12's elite teams, going 3-12 against Oklahoma, Texas and Texas Tech. The Aggies haven't won the Big 12 since 1998.

Sherman called the program "a sleeping giant" and vowed to turn things around.

"There is no doubt in my mind what can be accomplished here," he said. "I know a lot of coaches would say the

same thing. But I know the landscape here. I know the recruiting base. I know what needs to be done."

The Aggies rank last in the Big 12 and 101st nationally in passing offense, averaging 187 yards per game.

They're hoping Sherman can bring some of the Packers' offensive fireworks to College Station.

In 2003, the Packers scored 442 points, just 14 shy of the franchise record. The next season, Green Bay set team records for total yards (6,357) and passing yards (4,449).

Sherman said the main

difference between college and the pros is the limitations on practice time — which reduces how much a coach can teach his players.

"Those are things we'll have to navigate through," he said.

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Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
Some Plays Are Hard to See

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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♠ 6 2
♥ A 5 3
♦ J 8 4
♣ A K J 9 8

WEST
♠ 10 5
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ A 6 5 3
♣ 7 5 2

EAST
♠ K Q J 9 7
♥ Q 10 8
♦ 10 7 2
♣ Q 4

SOUTH
♠ A 8 4 3
♥ K 9 2
♦ K Q 9
♣ 10 6 3

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

Blind spots can occur anytime, anywhere, and to anybody — even the world's best players. Typically, it causes a player to do something he would not do in the same situation on another occasion. When the player later becomes aware of his error, he cannot account for why he went wrong.

Witness this example where South arrived at three notrump on the bidding shown. West led the ten of spades, and declarer took his ace on the second round. A club was led to the king, and then, since nine tricks could not be made without scoring a diamond trick, South next led a diamond to the king.

Declarer was relieved to see West win with the ace and return a heart, but his troubles were not yet over. The club suit still had to be broached, and that was when South's lights went dim.

After taking the heart return with the king, he led the ten of clubs. West followed low, and after much agonized thought, declarer let the ten ride. Down two.

Of course, as anyone can plainly see, if South had played the club ace at the critical moment, the queen would have fallen, giving him 10 tricks. But even though the odds were distinctly against dropping the queen, the fact is that the ace was the right play!

The reason is a simple one: The ace play assures the contract whenever West started with the queen of clubs and also protects against the possibility that East started with the doubleton queen. If the queen does not fall, South then continues with a third club. If West has the queen, he wins the trick, but dummy's two good clubs provide declarer with his eighth and ninth tricks; if East is able to win the club, the contract couldn't be made regardless of how South played.

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State briefs

Board says African immigrant should be denied residency

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An immigration appeals board has ruled that an African immigrant should be denied permanent residency in the U.S. because there is enough evidence that he was aware of 29 executions that took place in his home country in 1992.

Samuel Kombo Kambo, a legal immigrant from Sierra Leone, spent nearly a year jailed while fighting deportation as the government tried to revoke his visa. He was released from custody in October after U.S. District Judge Xavier Rodriguez ruled that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was violating his due process rights.

Kambo, 39, was part of a military government that took power in a bloodless coup in Sierra Leone in 1992. He has denied any involvement with the killings, which occurred after his government was in power.

Kambo has been living in Austin for the last 14 years with his wife and four U.S.-born children.

Neighbor not yet charged in shootings of two burglars

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who told police he planned to kill two men he believed were burglarizing his neighbor's house shot them only when they came on his property and he felt threatened, his attorney said Monday.

Tom Lambright, who represents Joe Horn of Pasadena, said his client was just going to take a look around when he went outside after hearing glass break at his neighbor's house. He had seen Miguel Antonio DeJesus, 38, and Diego Ortiz, 30, crawling into and then out of a window.

Horn went outside, armed with a 12-gauge shotgun, to see where the burglars were heading when he came face-to-face with them in Horn's front yard, Lambright said.

Horn is 61 and heavyset. The suspected burglars were young and strong enough to beat him to death with their bare hands, Lambright said. So when one or both of them "made lunging movements," Horn fired.

"He's trying to protect his own life," Lambright said. "He's scared."

Riff develops over park

AUSTIN (AP) — National Park Service retirees urged the park service Monday to back off plans that would reconfigure the way tours are conducted at the LBJ Ranch and charge admission to Johnson's Texas White House.

The Coalition of National Park Service Retirees issued a statement saying that only four months after the death of Lady Bird Johnson, the park service is considering undermining the agreement the Johnsons made to open their Hill Country land to the public.

National Park Service officials say they have made no decisions yet, but are looking at ways to open the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park to more people in a cost effective way.

"People are just jumping out way ahead of us and making a lot of assumptions based on one option that they've heard about," said park Superintendent Russ Whitlock. "I have to take all the

options and put them on the table."

Huckabee offers to help Perry find a triplewide

AUSTIN (AP) — If Gov. Rick Perry decides to give up his posh digs while the Governor's Mansion is being renovated, Republican presidential candidate and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee said Monday he'd help find the Texas governor a more Arkansas-like residence — a triplewide mobile home.

"If he changes his mind, we'll sure haul one up here and set it up for him," Huckabee joked at a fundraiser Monday night in the same swanky neighborhood as Perry's new rental home. "I'll even help put it on the blocks."

Huckabee and his family spent 16 months in a triplewide on the grounds of the Arkansas Governor's Mansion while it was being renovated in 2000.

But Perry chose a \$10,000-a-month rental home to live in during renovations on the Texas Governor's Mansion.

ENERGY

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now."

The court approved a motion canceling the recently approved order to terminate a tax abatement offer made to Wind Plus due to failure to perform. According to Wegman, the cancellation of the two zones — reinvestment zones A and C, which were also canceled by a unanimous vote during the meeting — would also abolish the Wind Plus agreement.

Barr immediately called for a public hearing concerning the establishment of revised reinvestment zones A and C for tax abatement purposes,

drawing no comments from the audience.

The court then approved an order once again establishing reinvestment zones A and C.

According to Wegman, the sudden surge in interest in the Howard County area from wind energy developers is due to the end of federal tax incentives for such programs, part of the U.S. government's current energy bill.

"The current legislation — which offers a number of incentives for wind energy projects — ends in 2008, and a lot of developers are nervous about its renewal," said Wegman.

"There's little doubt that it will be renewed, but whether or not it will be

in a timely manner is questionable. There was quite a lag a few years ago and that really hurt the industry."

Wegman said most developers are hoping to get their projects in the works before that 2008 deadline.

"If they have the project going by then, they can be grandfathered in and don't have to worry about a lag in the legislation," said Wegman. "That's one of the main reasons we have so many developers interested in our area. It's made Howard County very attractive to them."

Jeff Heffelfinger, the architect charged with designing a new county jail, was unable to attend Monday's meeting, but

according to Barr, he's hard at work finishing the floor plans for the facility, which gained voter approval earlier this month to the tune of \$11.57 million.

"Jeff is finishing the last of the details for the jail floor," said Barr. "This part of the process is very involved for everything to work just right, and takes some time to complete. However, Jeff has asked us to keep putting him on the agenda so we can discuss the jail if need be."

According to County Auditor Jackie Olson, no money has changed hands for the property, a tract of land owned by local resident Tom Land on U.S. Highway 80, between

Utah and Wright, on the city's west side.

Commissioners also gave the go ahead for Midland-based Midwest Glass Company to replace the doors on the county courthouse's west side for approximately \$4,900.

The renovation is in response to a letter the court received claiming the west entrance of the facility is not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, giving the court 90 days to make repairs, according to Barr.

"The letter we received said the ramp on the west side, where the handicapped entrance is, is too steep," said Barr. "It also says the doors on the west side were too hard to

open. "I understand about the doors, and we know we'll have to do something about that. However, I'd really like for them to come back and look at the ramp. If it's the ramp by the curb, that's easy enough to fix, but the main ramp leading to the door... That's something else."

Barr said he had hoped to have Heffelfinger examine the grade of the ramp, but has yet to have the claim that it "appears" to be at too high of a grade confirmed or denied.

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CARDS

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address from or to a post office box, that can cause a problem."

Bloom said area residents receiving a card that doesn't belong to them should be sure to return the card and not just pitch it in a waste basket.

"It is very important to remember if you should get a card for someone

who no longer lives at your address that you return the card to our office so we can update our files," said Bloom. "Even if that person is deceased, we need to know."

Bloom said voters will see some pretty distinct changes in the voter cards this year.

"There will be 10 boxes on the right side of the card. The state now mandates that the U.S. representative, state senator,

state representative and state board of education districts be displayed," said Bloom. "Also required are the county commissioner precinct and justice of the peace precinct. We then have the option of placing the city council district and school districts on the card, which we have."

"Voters in the cities of Big Spring and Coahoma will also notice a change in their voter precinct. For Coahoma, it's simply

the letter C added at the end of 207. This indicates you're inside the city limits and eligible to vote in city elections. For Big Spring, the voter precinct will be changing to a two-digit number, which represent your county precinct and city council district."

Bloom said a voter lives in the county's Precinct 1 and the city's District 1 would have a voter precinct of 11.

"This will allow us to

combine and eliminate some of the 35 voting precincts in our previous system," said Bloom. "We hope this will make it less confusing for voters in the future. It shouldn't have a great impact on the polling locations and most voters won't see a change in their polling location. We plan to release more on the polling places once we get closer to the next election."

Bloom said anyone with

questions regarding their voter card can contact her office at 264-2273.

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PARADE

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soring each year's Community Christmas Parade and employees strive to make every procession just a little better than the one before.

"It's pretty obvious the community takes as much interest in the parade each year as we do in sponsoring it," he noted. "The employees who've been here several years say the entries continue to get better, especially since the parade was changed to an evening start and lighted entries were encouraged."

This year's parade will have 49 registered entries, but even more are expected to join in the event.

Rick Nunez and Elizabeth Flores, the Herald's parade coordinators, stress that late comers are welcomed to get their entries decorated and show up to be included in the parade. Only registered entries will be judged for awards and plaques, but last-minute entries are encouraged.

"This is the communi-

ty's parade," Nunez explained. "So even if you weren't able to register an entry, but want to take part in the parade, we encourage you to come join us in getting the Christmas season started in an enjoyable way."

Nunez noted that letters have been mailed to registered entries, letting participants know where they will be placed in the parade's lineup.

He stressed that all parade participants are asked to make sure they do not block the driveways of homes in the process of lining up for the event and to make sure they clean up any litter created during last-minute preparations.

Participants will begin lining up for the proces-

sion at 4 p.m. the day of the parade. The Big Spring High School and Forsan High School bands will need to arrive at 5 p.m.

As usual, Santa and Mrs. Claus have agreed to make an appearance in the procession.

The parade will start at the corner of East 24th and Gregg streets, moving northward on Gregg Street, take a right on Sixth Street, go all the way up to Main, take a left on Main Street and disperse around the courthouse area.

"The parade route is pretty long and that's good because it gives lots of people an opportunity to view the parade," Midkiff said. "It's a little too early to predict what

the weather will be like, though. Forecasts call for nice weather during the day Saturday, but it does tend to get pretty cold once the sun begins to set. So, begin making your plans now. Remember to dress warmly, bring a thermos of coffee or hot chocolate and head downtown in plenty of time to get a good vantage point. We want everyone to enjoy this with us."

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Phillip Manuel Lopez, 21, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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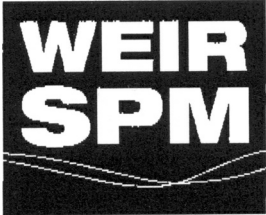
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OUR VIEWS

Help us make sure children receive a toy

For children, Christmas just isn't Christmas without a new toy. We've been saying that in this space at this time of year for several years now and it's just as true to day as it was the first time.

We all know that, of course, because all of us were children. What child doesn't love and want new toys?

And that's most especially true at this time of year. Unfortunately, there are families where there simply is no money for buying new toys — homes where simply coming up with adequate food and clothing is a constant struggle.

Most of us can only imagine what Christmas with no toys is like to a child, but we're certain it's not a joyous experience.

That's something one of our advertising representatives recognized a few years ago and came to work the next morning asking his boss and co-workers if they'd be interested in helping make sure that no child in our community had to experience that feeling.

Thus was born the *Big Spring Herald*/Salvation Army Holiday Toy Drive. The *Herald* put out the call to local citizens asking for toy donations for needy children and the result was nothing short of staggering.

The community responded in almost unbelievable proportions.

We need that kind of response again this year, because we're again concerned that not all the children in our community will receive a gift this Christmas.

Salvation Army Capts. Russ and Linda Keeney have noted they've had more families registering for help this holiday season. And many of those families are larger and that means one thing — there are more children needing gifts.

So, if you can, please heed the call. We'll have the doors open here at the *Herald* every Monday through Friday morning at 8 a.m. and will be here until 5 p.m. on those days for those wishing to donate to the drive.

The toys will be taken to the Salvation Army and distributed on Dec. 21. Help us make sure they can give every child in need at least one new toy this Christmas.

The last day to bring toys to the *Herald* office will be Dec. 17. The toys will then be taken to the Salvation Army corps building so that staff members and volunteers can get them distributed to youngsters who more than likely have desperate need of something to smile about during the holidays.

Help us make sure the Salvation Army can give every child in need at least one new toy this Christmas.

And don't forget, the Salvation Army's Angel Trees have the Christmas wishes of many needy children and elderly citizens on them as well this season.

The Angel Trees are within easy reach, located at the Big Spring Mall, another inside the mall at Bealls Department Store and at Wal-Mart. In addition, the tree for seniors located here at the *Herald*.

Let's all be able to say we did our best to make it a joyous holiday season throughout Big Spring and Howard County.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We have great opportunities that could be heading in our direction, Lord, when we walk in Your love.

Amen

Women gypped in workplace again

Working women and their allies have been crying "foul" to Congress ever since May, when the Bush Supreme Court delivered what could be a devastating blow to sisters experiencing discrimination in pay and promotion.

After many years of employment at Goodyear, Lilly Ledbetter learned that she had been paid less all along than all of the men at her management level, even those with less seniority. She sued and won in a lower court. But the Supremes said she had no case, because she didn't bring the action within 180 days from the time her discriminatory pay was initially set, even though it had been a tightly held secret in the company for more than a decade before she found out about it.

In an extremely rare act for her, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg read a stinging rebuke of the decision from the bench, saying in effect that the majority of the Court is either clueless about sex discrimination in the workplace, or worse,

they don't care. Congress, notoriously slow to act on everything from money to fix bridges to cutting funds for the biggest war folly in the country's history, is, for once, listening.

The Ledbetter Fair Pay Act would put into law what courts had always said prior to the current conservative majority — when someone has been shorted on pay for years, each new paycheck is a new offense. That means women have 180 days to sue from the time they find out about discrimination, not from the time the discrimination initially started.

The bill passed the House of Representatives on July 31, with more than 17,000 letters to Congress helping to make it happen. Whether it has anything to do with the presidential campaign is anybody's guess, but the Democratic candidates are giving the bill (S.1843) a push in the Senate, and talking about it in the debates and on the stump.

Predictably, right wing knives are drawn, led by the business lobby and bolstered by fundamentalist religious groups.

A barrage of instant mythology that has sprung up about what the bill would do — everything from drastically changing our main

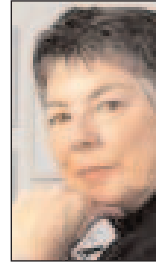
employment law (Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act) to giving women workers unlimited time to pursue stale claims.

All of this is hogwash, but it doesn't stop the misinformation machine that reaches all the way to the White House. In the eyes of some, anything that helps working women is inherently bad — because they ought to stay home in the first place. Never mind that their families need the money to survive.

Meanwhile, advocates are not waiting for the Almighty to provide relief — a broad coalition of groups is calling on the Senate to do it instead. Urging a vote in the next few weeks, advocates are asking women to contact their senators to urge that they sign on by calling 202-225-3121. In this day of national gridlock on other matters of importance, it's the least they can do for working women.

Martha Burk is the author of "Cult of Power: Sex Discrimination in Corporate America and What Can Be Done About It," just out from Scribner, and director, Corporate Accountability Project, National Council of Women's Organizations.

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MARTHA BURK



Pakistan's lawyers superior to ours

It was a sight I never thought we'd see. Lawyers — half-shrouded in tear gas — rioting in the streets, being hit on the heads by policemen, throwing things at policemen. Protesting.

And get this, they weren't protesting in favor of higher fees. They were protesting the violation of their nation's constitution. Nor were these law students mind you, but full-fledged lawyers, willing to risk their skulls in service of the rule of law.

Yes, I know, the lawyers were Pakistanis and the streets were in Islamabad, but it was a stirring sight nevertheless.

(Pakistan, by the way, is that country over there next to Afghanistan and India. It was a frontier of the War on Terror before we abandoned that fight in favor of the War to End the Civil War in Iraq Or At Least Slow It Down.)

Pakistan's president, our friend and ally Pervez Musharraf, had provoked the protests by suspending the constitution, purging the supreme court of all but his toadies, gagging the free press, arresting thousands of his political enemies and declaring virtual martial law.

This is what caused the Pakistani lawyers to revolt (as they had in March when Musharraf tried — unsuccessfully, partly due to the protests — to fire the chief judge of the Supreme Court for political reasons).

A lawyer whose activist mother

had been arrested told "Newsweek" magazine: "There's no rule of law, they've made the country unlivable."

Gee, I wish we had lawyers like that in this country.

Oh, we do but not a lot of them. The rule of law has been systematically eroded in this country these past six years while the legal profession has stood by with hardly a whimper, let alone an organized protest.

Take Congress. Please.

Lawyers in Congress are as thick as flees on a stray dog. You would think this so-called co-equal branch of government would have something to say when the U.S. Constitution is run through a shredder by a power-mad administration.

It hasn't. This Congress, whether controlled by Republicans or Democrats, has rolled over at every critical junction as the Bush administration usurped its powers and responsibilities. On one issue after another — war, torture, right of counsel, illegal surveillance, arbitrary imprisonment, warrantless search and seizure, suspension of the Geneva Convention — Congress has stepped aside, allowing the president to invoke phantom war powers that are nearly (and perhaps totally) limitless.

And if you think this is a partisan problem, you're kidding yourself. They're all in it together. Look at the recently concluded Senate hearings on Attorney General Michael Mukasey. All lawyers on that committee, by the way.

They asked him how he felt about the Justice Department's ruling that the president could approve the use of torture in viola-

tion of the Geneva Convention and U.S. Constitution. He said that ruling was "a mistake." They asked him how he felt about torture. He said he was against it. Then they asked him about water-boarding, a treatment that has been recognized as torture for centuries. He said he didn't know whether it was torture or not.

He didn't know? What, are you kidding me?

But the Senate approved his nomination anyway. That's outrageous. It's stunning.

Democrats argued that Mukasey was the best that Bush was apt to offer. He was a good judge, a decent man.

That makes him more of a danger, not less. It is the moderate conservatives — the Powells and Rices — who drag us into dark holes. Because we trust them. Our embrace of torture as an interrogation tool has helped forge the world's view of us as just another cynical, ruthless nation who talks one game, walks another and is without moral standing to criticize other tyrants. That's not a trivial matter; it's a big deal.

If Mukasey doesn't know water-boarding is torture, he is too dumb to be Attorney General.

If he knows but won't admit it, he's too dishonest.

Either way, Congress flunked its test again.

What this country needs are some Pakistani lawyers.

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Bird Poop:

Two vastly different encounters with peregrine falcons



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Leaving the carrier, the female peregrine falcon used the blustery wind to lift her streamlined body toward the sky.

What I thought was my one and only chance to handle such a bird occurred nearly 10 years ago. Found in open country under a scrubby bush, the raptor became an educational bird for the Lubbock wildlife center because of his wing injury. When his death was announced four years later, I was saddened by the loss of such a noble creature. In late August, a call from Andrews alerted us to another. As we drove northwest, we could hardly believe our good fortune. Opening the box, and softly muttering "Oh, my God" to myself, I had startled the veterinary attendant who was standing nearby. "Is something wrong?" she inquired. When I told her that in 33 years it would only be the second time for us to handle this specie, her eyes grew



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large and her respect for the bird was genuine. Emaciated and extremely thin, the bird of prey had no broken bones. During migration and with extreme expenditures of energy, any avian specie, after enduring hunger due to lack of hunting prowess, could become depleted of body fat. After bringing the bird home, we thawed a dove that had been hit by a car months earlier. When we checked back on the raptor two hours later to see if it had eaten, only the dove's skeleton remained. When I relayed this information to South Plains, they were elated. The next morning I noticed the same strange eye movement I had seen the day before, but assumed it could be caused by the results of the bird's arduous journey. Delivering it to the wildlife center, we watched the examination and were relieved that the bird was thought to be a prospect for future release. While there, I noticed the eye movement again. Later that

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Parent's Corner:

Memories are truly special

One of the most precious things we possess is our memory. Memories sustain us and fill us with inspiration and motivation.



DARRELL
RYAN

I received a wonderful letter the other day from my dad's only sister who lives in Dallas. She is now 86 years old and is one of the greatest inspirations of my life. She has such a positive attitude, is filled with energy and is always on the go. She is a lady whom you could easily say is the most unforgettable person you've met and one you'll never forget. The letter she wrote me contained many memories of her brother, my dad, who passed away

eight years ago. As I read her story I was filled with sorrow that he is no longer with us, but also filled with gratitude that he had been such a wonderful part of my life and the memories that he has given me.

He shared his life with me and gave me love. Nothing in life can take the place of love. He received this gift from his parents who were also raised in a loving and caring home. I have been so blessed and am so thankful for my family and the heritage they have given to me.

I found a story provided by a health care professional that exemplifies what I am attempting to say that I would like to share:

It was a busy morning, about 8:30, when an elderly gentleman in his 80s arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. He said he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9 a.m.

I took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him.

I saw him looking at his watch and decided, since I was not busy with another patient, I would evaluate his wound. On exam, it was well healed, so I talked to one of the doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound.

While taking care of his wound, I asked him if he had another doctor's appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry.

The gentleman told me no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. I inquired as to her health. He told me that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer's.

As we talked, I asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late. He replied that she no longer knew

who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now.

I was surprised, and asked him, "And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?"

He smiled as he patted my hand and said, "She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is."

I had to hold back tears as he left, I had goose bumps on my arm, and thought, "That is the kind of love I want in my life."

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Dear Margo: Some time ago, my boyfriend, Laurie (it's a boy's name in England), got me to take some rather saucy photos of myself in my underwear, as he was working in another city and our love life was restricted to phone sex. We were communicating by Yahoo! mail, and I'd send him sexy snaps every week.



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Then I heard a rumor that the young men who work at Yahoo! and places like that have easy access to the e-mails. When I heard that, I thought back over the years about all the private, sometimes quite dirty e-mails that I mailed Laurie and, of course, all those photos. I'm going crazy with

worry. Don't tell me that companies like the phone company and Internet companies like Yahoo! have security measures in place, because a good friend of mine showed me just this week how staff can have access to people's e-mail as easily as taking candy from a kid. — Caught in a WEB

Dear Caught: A Yahoo! News vice-president (my boss) answered your question for me. "User privacy is of the utmost importance in everything we do at Yahoo! You'll find it spelled out in our TOS and Privacy Policy that Yahoo! will not monitor or edit the contents of a user's private communications. All the relevant details can be found at <http://info.yahoo.com/legal/us/yahoo/utos/utos-173.html>. (To translate from geek-speak to English, TOS means

terms of service.) We don't read people's e-mail and we don't target ads based on their contents — unlike, say, gmail — where no human reads the e-mail, but their algorithms do. This is the reason you can write a friend about poor Aunt Hilda in Halifax being depressed, and then get an ad for mental health services in Nova Scotia."

So, my dear, fear not about your private messages to Laurie on Yahoo! unless someone hacks his computer. — Margo, confidentially

Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via e-mail to dearmargo@creators.com. Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.

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Lot 4, Block 90; Lots 2, 3 and 4, Block 91; Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 96; Lot 1, Block 97; all appearing in the plat of the Original Town of Big Spring

The property is commonly known as the Big Spring Independent School District Rannels Junior High School site and located at 200 East Tenth Street, Big Spring, Texas.

Interested parties may contact BSISD Business Office, 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648, phone number (432)264-3620, to arrange for inspection of the premises and for review of the sales contract and Special Warranty Deed.

This property houses buildings that are known to contain asbestos and/or asbestos containing material. A copy of BSISD's Asbestos Management Plan setting forth the location and identity of all known hazardous materials will be provided to bidders upon request. Bidders will be required to assume by contract all current and future responsibilities, costs, abatements, and liabilities of all hazardous materials.

Interested bidders may obtain a bid packet from Sandra Waggoner, at the office of the Big Spring Independent School District's Business Office, 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648. The bid packet contains: a full legal description of the Property, bid instructions and the District's "Contract of Sale." Bidders shall return a completed "Contract of Sale," with the required earnest money, in a sealed envelope marked "Real Property Bid," to office of the Big Spring Independent School District's Business Office, 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648. Attention Sandra Waggoner. Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. on December 11, 2007. All bids received at or prior to such time will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after such time will not be opened or considered. The apparent best bid or bids will be presented to the Board of Trustees for review and possible approval at its next regularly scheduled meeting on December 13, 2007, at 5:15 p.m.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed and will be subject to reversion to the BSISD in the event the property is used for the purpose of establishment or operation of a segregated school system in accordance with standing orders entered in *United States v. Texas*, Civil Action No. 5281, (E.D. Tex., August 9 and 15, 1973). The conveyance is contingent upon re-

view and approval by the Texas Commissioner of Education.

Bids must be based on a lump sum cash payment (net of all closing costs), payable not more than 30 days following approval of the sale by the Board of Trustees. Bidders will be responsible for arranging any desired surveys, title insurance, other inspections of the premises, and all other "closing costs" without cost to BSISD. Bids, which specify other payment terms, will not be considered. Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any formalities.

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they will be read into record. Vendors are instructed that a formal opening will not occur. The college will negotiate with qualified vendors concerning the bids submitted. The final determination of proposal award will be made at a future board meeting.

All questions should be directed to Jason Mims, Director of Business Services, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, e-mail jmims@howardcollege.edu (432)264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Inevitably, at some time, our need for support and/or affection can get swept under a rug — through no one's fault. Those needs resurface during moon-in-Cancer days, making the sweetest souls a bit snappish. Mars, now retrograde in Cancer, challenges you to address the hidden anger or resentments keeping you from the support you need.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Get ready for a flood of work. Is your support team in place? Test out your personal system of checks and balances to make sure that nothing gets washed away in this deluge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What you want to give might not be what others need. But with a slight tweak to your output, the result is a feeling of real contribution and then incredible self-esteem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've got a sixth sense about how to solve other people's problems. You're right, but you've got to make the other person believe it, too, or it does neither of you any good. Employ your powers of persuasion.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The planets give you communication with a twist now, as you consider the multiple meanings behind everything that is said. Yes, a statement can be taken in several different ways. Just pick the one that feels right.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Destiny is in your hands. Strike the words "hope" and "should" from your vocabulary. Now, you're either doing it or not doing it. Success relies on embracing that simplicity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't let a project drag on. You're only about 10 steps away. Rally the troops to sprint to the finish line. Tonight features fun intrigue. Everyone is jealous of everyone else.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're fast becoming very comfortable in a situation, but you'll change that. After all, you don't want to get lazy or stagnate in a scene that's far below your abilities. Look for bigger opportunities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The treadmill of your working life takes more energy than usual. Rest tonight, and don't hang on to useless worries, like whether or not you've done enough or made enough money.

SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Financial options expand once the world finds out that you can do a job like nobody else can. In the meantime, the socializing you do helps, too. Make yourself available for fun and friendship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Obstacles on your career path can be

overcome with a little strength and a lot of stamina. Concentrate on doing what you do well. Others lend their expertise, and together, you create a fine outcome.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's no time to move that mountain in front of you. Your best bet is to blaze a trail around it, assuming there's not already a well-worn path. Before you make any move, ask the people who should know.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Restlessness isn't necessarily a signal that you need a change. It's probably just good, old resistance to diving into the job at hand. And it goes away 15 minutes into the task.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I have had a romance with someone I've been working with. It's been over for some time now, and I'm getting over him slowly. We still work together, and I feel like we're actually reaching a healthy friendship now. Will I be open and able to find love with someone else in the near future while still working at the job I love? My birthday is Oct. 26, 1976."

I don't think it's over. If it is really over, keeping your job and finding someone new is a no-brainer. So the nature of your question is unconvincing. I'm impressed you're able to work with him, which also makes me suspicious. Letting go is difficult for all Scorpios, even the minor flings (you're also infamously unforgiving, especially if the break wasn't mutual). My guess is that you're still slightly attracted to this man, keeping your less-attractive emotions (resentment, jealousy, hurt) in check and your work reputation intact.

With your sun, Mars and Uranus in Scorpio, brief, sexually exciting relationships hold powerful allure for you. If you want to keep your job and love life intact, limit your love interests to the hotties outside your workplace.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Tough and tender Tina Turner is an exuberant Sagittarian. In mythology, Centaurs are creatures prone to temperamental warring, but when given the tools to actualize their potential, they rise to their higher nature. Tina says her spiritual practices, including Buddhism, saved her from a life of physical abuse. Spirituality empowers Sagittarian courage and valor.

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Woman seeks more punishment for judge accused of sexual misconduct

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal court employee whose allegations of sexual misconduct led to the suspension of a federal judge has asked the Judicial Council of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to consider harsher punishment in the case, her attorney

said. Attorney Rusty Hardin said a private investigation into alleged sexual misconduct by U.S. District Judge Samuel Kent turned up information the panel wasn't aware of.

Hardin on Monday asked the judicial council

to refer the matter to the Judicial Conference of the United States, which has the power to recommend Kent's impeachment.

"We believe we've uncovered some additional information that may or may not have been presented to (the council) in the original investigation

so we thought it was only fair for them to be able to review the information that came from our own investigation," he said.

Hardin said he also planned to turn over his findings Tuesday to the U.S. Justice Department for a possible criminal probe.

Kent has been accused of groping a former employee,

Cathy McBroom, in his court chambers in March in Galveston, located about 50 miles southeast of Houston. Friends and family of the woman say she was repeatedly harassed over four years.

The 5th Circuit judicial council reprimanded Kent in September, ordering Kent on leave for four months.

The reprimand gave no details about the allegations made against Kent, who had served on the Galveston bench for 17 years.

FALCON

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day, volunteer Gail Barnes called to say she saw the same involuntary glance that she, too, had seen earlier. An examination by a veterinarian confirmed our feelings that the bird had a future in the sky. She added that another dove had been placed with the raptor. Again, it had dined readily.

When the phone rang the following day, Gail said, "The peregrine falcon died." Neither of us could understand what had happened. Readily eating twice, the bird had been eager to tear its prey and could digest its food.

My numbness clouded my thinking and I promised to call back. Before we hung up, Gail added, "We had a peregrine falcon turned in today from Wofford, which is close to Lubbock." My response was, "Keep an eye on it."

Since the falcon we had delivered was still on the "threatened list," I asked that it be tested for any toxins. Fortunately, one of only three avian toxicologists in the United States happened to be at Texas Tech. Willing to perform the analysis to determine the cause of death, Dr. Mike Hooper said it would be a while before we heard anything.

Although the wait for news was agonizing, we were all encouraged by the Wofford falcon. A hole torn in one of its wings had prevented the bird from flying. After finding no broken bones, veterinarian Larry Farley delicately sutured the wound. Uncertain if the peregrine would ever fly again, he felt its recovery and rehabilita-

tion held the answer.

After weeks of waiting, the call finally came. Toxic lead in the liver, probably from playa lakes, contributed to the death of the falcon from Andrews. When I called the game warden who had turned it over to the vet clinic, he said he was not surprised. "You can't imagine the amount of lead that falls into the playas during dove season." Since peregrines prey on the birds coming to the playas for water, it was plausible that they would ingest lead from water birds and the doves hit by only a few of the sprays of ammunition. At least the analysis would alert U.S. Fish & Wildlife of the potential danger to the peregrines that had once been labeled "endangered specie."

During this time, thoughts of what "might-have-been" persisted. Helpful were the weekly reports concerning the progress of the remaining peregrine. After a lengthy conversation in which Gail related how the Wofford falcon was flying effortlessly in the flight cage, she ended her story with the question, "Would you like to release the peregrine? It is more than ready."

Our excitement over giving the falcon its freedom was overwhelming. Handling the bird before release was not considered because to chance an accident caused by the bird's eagerness to be free was risky.

With the peregrine in a cardboard carrier and knowing the corridor the species uses during fall migration, we headed south of Stanton the last of September. As the SUV was buffeted by 35 mph winds, we found an isolated rise that would provide an upward direc-

tion for the gusts to turn into rising currents of warm air. A wide dirt road surrounded by low scrubs could be the bird's taxiway.

Before we were able to get out of the vehicle, a turkey vulture suddenly rose from about thirty feet away. With the winds assisting it in flight, we felt we had the right spot. As I carried the container up the road away from the SUV, Art positioned himself for a chance at photographing the peregrine. We were ready for everything we expected to happen. The falcon thought otherwise.

A second after I opened the container, the bird was motionless. Quickly moving its head to survey its surroundings, it purposely slammed its right side into the cardboard to move the carrier in the direction of the wind. With its strong legs and feet, it lunged upward into the gale.

Two powerful, downward strokes of its wings sent it forward and straight toward Art. Not expecting the bird to fly directly at him, he ducked and turned as the falcon flew over him and rose above the scrubs. With wings extended, it circled over the two of us as it continued to lift effortlessly on the rising thermal. "It sensed the wind, it sensed the wind," I yelled to Art, who could barely hear me because of the noise from the gusts. When Art came close enough to hear what he thought he had seen me yelling, then he,

too, realized that the peregrine falcon had momentarily waited until it was sure of the direction of the wind.

Using the powerful lift of its wings and the wind, it gained elevation rapidly. Amazed at how quickly it was ascending and how little effort was used, we realized why the species is so respected. Continuing its upward climb, it became smaller and smaller. Soon it would be so high it would disappear.

"It has company," I exclaimed when another silhouette joined our bird. Together they enjoyed their merry-go-round in the sky. Then Art shouted, "There's another one!" Together, we stood and watched the two seasoned falcons accept our newly released. Only other falcons would be soaring at those elevations.

To know that the Wofford bird had company on its long journey to the south was comfort-

ing. The silhouettes became tiny dots and finally disappeared in the clear sky. The skillful veterinarian and the volunteers had given back to nature one of its fastest creatures. Unable to speak from emotion, we stood silently grateful for the opportunity we thought would never come.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

RYAN

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tance of all that is, has been, will be and will not be.

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have. Isn't it so in the lives of

most of us? We don't have all the things in life that we would like to have but we have one another; we have love. And nothing is greater than love. We are blessed!

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

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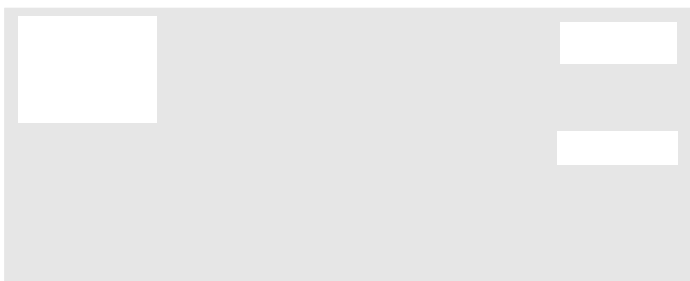
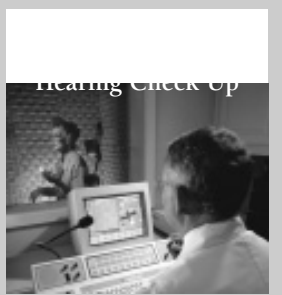
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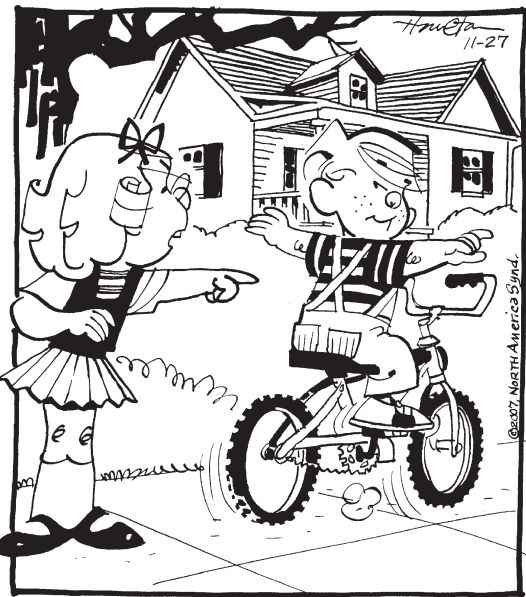
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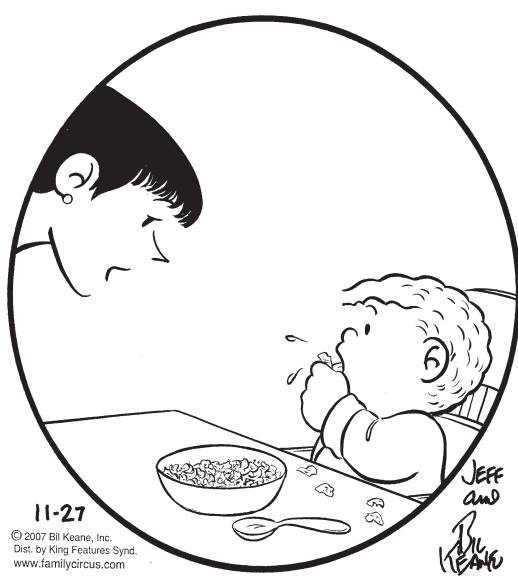
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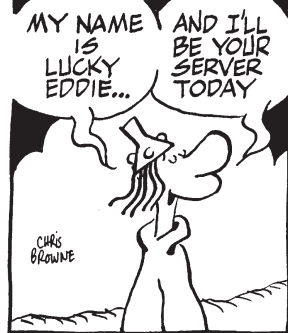
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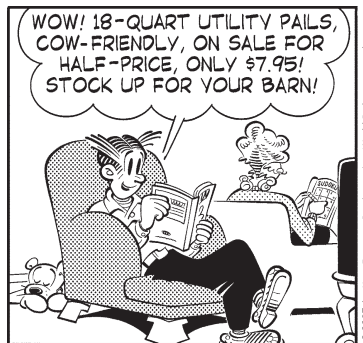


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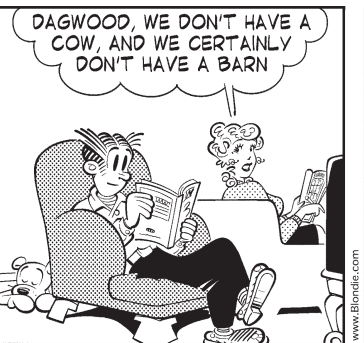


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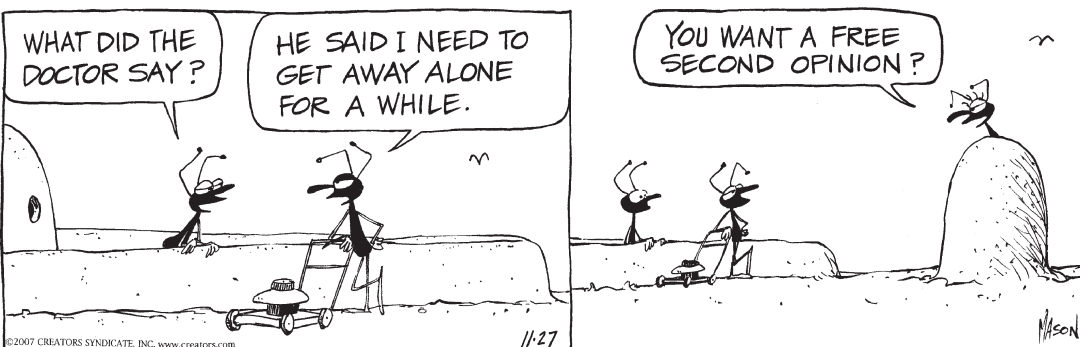


DAGWOOD, WE DON'T HAVE A COW, AND WE CERTAINLY DON'T HAVE A BARN



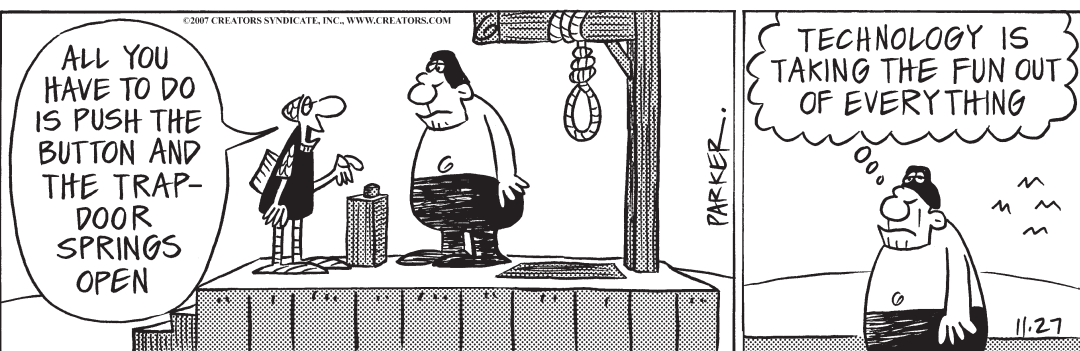
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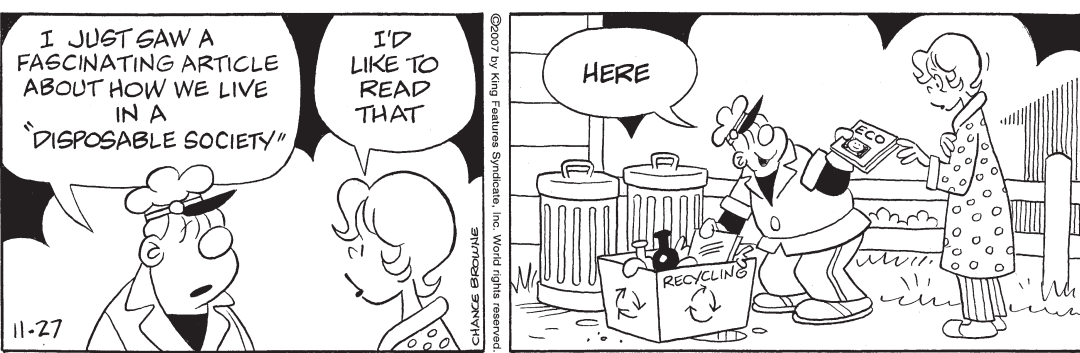
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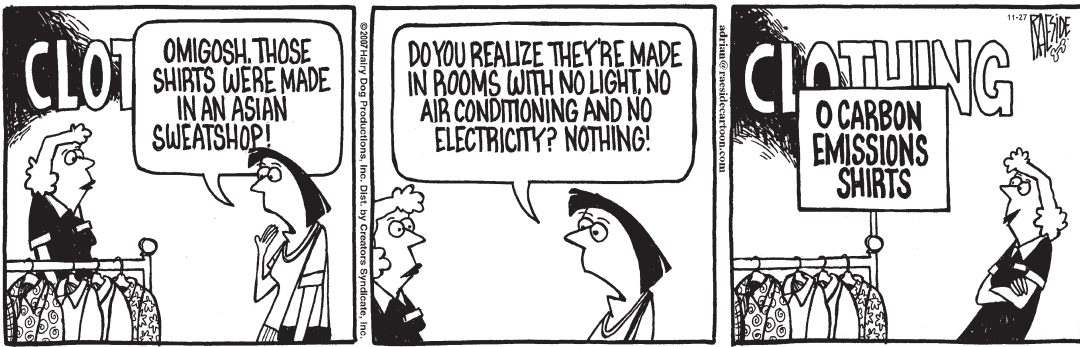
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE? I OPENED A LITTLE LEMONADE STAND. AGNES... IT'S FORTY DEGREES. NO ONE'S GONNA BUY LEMONADE. THEY DON'T BUY BECAUSE THEY'RE HOT AND THIRSTY. THEY BUY BECAUSE I'M SO IRRESISTIBLY CUTE AS A BUDDING CAPITALIST. SOLD ANY? THERE ARE MORE COMMUNISTS ON THESE MEAN STREETS THAN I THOUGHT.

HI AND LOIS



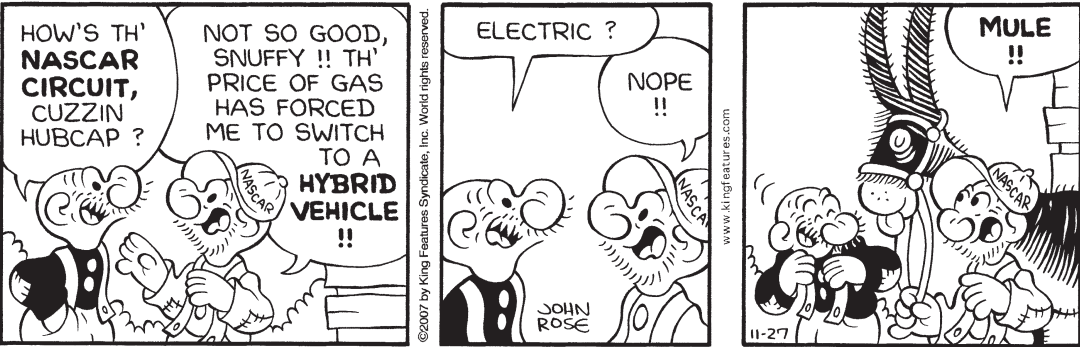
I JUST SAW A FASCINATING ARTICLE ABOUT HOW WE LIVE IN A "DISPOSABLE SOCIETY". I'D LIKE TO READ THAT. HERE

THE OTHER COAST



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SNUFFY SMITH



HOW'S TH' NASCAR CIRCUIT, CUZZIN HUBCAP? NOT SO GOOD, SNUFFY !! TH' PRICE OF GAS HAS FORCED ME TO SWITCH TO A HYBRID VEHICLE !! ELECTRIC? NOPE !! MULE !!

BETLE BAILEY



YOU SAY PEOPLE DON'T LIKE YOU? YES, AND I DON'T KNOW WHY. WELL, I HAVE THAT FEELING TOO, BUT I KNOW WHY. IF YOU KNOW WHY, CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT? I HAVE A SUPERIOR ATTITUDE THAT OTHERS RESENT... BUT THEN I AM SUPERIOR...

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 27, the 331st day of 2007. There are 34 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 27, 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White. On this date: In 1701, astronomer Anders Celsius, inventor of the Celsius temperature scale, was born in Uppsala, Sweden. In 1901, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C. In 1910, the Pennsylvania Railroad began service at New York's Pennsylvania Station. In 1942, during World War II, the French navy at Toulon scuttled its ships and submarines to keep them out of the hands of the Nazis. In 1945, General George C. Marshall was named special U.S. envoy to China to try to end hostilities between the Nationalists and the Communists. In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest. In 1973, the Senate voted 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who'd resigned. In 1983, 181 people were killed when a Colombian Avianca Airlines Boeing 747 crashed near Madrid's Barajas airport. In 1989, a bomb blamed by police on drug traffickers destroyed a Colombian Avianca jetliner, killing all 107 people on board. One year ago: Fire burned down a group home for the elderly and mentally ill in Anderson, Mo., killing 10 residents and a caretaker. Today's Birthdays: Actor James Avery is 59. TV host Bill Nye ("Bill Nye, the

Science Guy") is 52. Actor William Fichtner is 51. Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg is 50. Rock musician Charlie Burchill (Simple Minds) is 48. Rock musician Charlie Benante (Anthrax) is 45. Rock musician Mike Bordin (Faith No More) is 45. Actor Fisher Stevens is 44. Actress Robin Givens is 43. Actor Michael Vartan is 39. Rapper Skoob (DAS EFX) is 37. Rapper Twista is 35. Actor Jaleel White is 31. Thought for Today: "Man's loneliness is but his fear of life." Eugene O'Neill, American playwright (1888-1953).

Answer to previous puzzle

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| 15 Horse's meal | 6 Tax expert: Abbr. |
| 17 Newspapers and TV stations | 7 Large coffeemaker |
| 18 Remedies for poisons | 8 Indian carving |
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| 22 Oxygen or aluminum | 10 Den or kitchen |
| 23 Is appropriate for | 11 Weekly TV-magazine show |
| 26 Last word in prayer | 12 Shorthand expert |
| 27 Angeles | 13 Retired jets: Abbr. |
| 28 61, in Roman numerals | 14 "Not me," for one |
| 29 Install, as draperies | 15 Customary practice |
| 31 Emphatic Spanish agreement | 16 Radar image |
| 33 Othello villain | 17 Praise highly |
| 35 Leaves the premises | 18 Solving when |
| 37 Is not, slangily | 19 Standard level |
| 39 Drain-clearing plungers | 20 Tastes, as of tea |
| 43 Cafeteria plate holder | 21 Make happy |
| 44 Postal delivery | 22 Regions |
| 45 Scissors sound | 23 Repetitive routines |
| 46 Concerning, in memos | 24 Mrs., in Mexico |
| 48 Pesky insect | 25 Two-year-old |
| 50 Air-conditioning unit: Abbr. | 26 Part of TGIF |
| 51 Transgression | 27 "Wow!" |
| 53 Not fooled by | 28 Divs. of a day |
| 55 Found the source of, as a phone call | |
| 57 Etch deeply | |
| 59 Portion of corn | |

