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## Senior Center closed temporarily

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The doors to the Spring City Senior Citizens Center were closed Thursday after state

health officials inspecting the facility discovered recently removed floor tiles may pose an asbestos risk.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, officials with the

city of Big Spring — which is currently in negotiations with the county to take over responsibility of the Senior Center — removed approximately four to five tiles from the facility short-

ly before the Christmas holiday.

“I believe they removed the tiles to check the depth of the floor,” said Barr. “However, when an inspector with the

State Health Department arrived to inspect the center Thursday, he determined removing the tiles amounted to

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## Escape trial set to begin

*Hobbs woman faces up to 20 years if convicted*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Jury selection in the trial of a Hobbs, N.M., woman accused of trying to run down a Big Spring Police officer is expected to begin Monday in 118th District Court.

Heather Atkinson, 27, of Hobbs, N.M., was arrested Aug. 19, 2007, on charges of escape - causing bodily injury, aggravated assault against a public servant, evading arrest, theft, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and driving while license invalid.

Atkinson's trial — on charges of escape and UUV — is expected to begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday in district court. District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson will argue the state's case, while local lawyer Tim Yeats will represent Atkinson.

She faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted on both charges.

Another woman arrested in the incident was Maria C. Hernandez, 21, also of New Mexico, on charges of public intoxication, escape - causing bodily injury, aggravated assault against a public

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**Bryson Batla exhibits his hog during the 71st Annual Glasscock County 4-H Junior Livestock Show Friday in Garden City. Batla's hog won champion honors in the Duroc division.**

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

## Time and effort

*Livestock entries require months of preparation*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — Aside from hogs, goats, steers and other animals, hard work was on display at the 71st Annual Glasscock County 4-H Junior Livestock Show.

Youngsters capped months of preparation by displaying their animals at the show, one of the oldest in West Texas.

People who don't grow up on the farm may be surprised just how time-intensive raising a show animal

can become. In some cases, youngsters spend a year or more preparing their entries for livestock shows.

One of those youngsters, 11-year-old Charlie Hollingsworth, was a case in

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## Voters get choices for '08 elections

*Contested races set for commissioner posts, sheriff, county attorney*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A last-minute candidate for the Precinct 1 seat on the Howard County Commissioner's Court will force the race to a November decision, as local political party officials shore up their rosters for the March primaries.

Edwin O. Ware, an employee with Bob Brock Ford, filed with Republican Party Chairman Margarita Durand-Hollis minutes before the deadline, making him the lone GOP candidate in the race.

“I ran for the office four years ago and came pretty close to winning,” said Ware. “A lot of people told me I should run again, and I figure I have a better chance this time around. I feel like I have some good input I can add to the commissioner's court. I feel like I could really do some good.”

Ware said the fact that he's the lone Republican candidate — automatically earning him a place on the November ballot — doesn't change the way he plans to campaign.

“I still plan to get out there and start campaigning right away,” said Ware. “I want to get out there and let the voters know where I stand.”

The race between Democratic candidates Yolanda Mendoza and incumbent Emma Brown will be decided during the March primaries, but Ware's deci-

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**NO MORE MASSAGES**

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australia's new government has banned taxpayer-funded massages for pampered bureaucrats as part of an austerity drive, a minister said Wednesday.

Assistant Treasurer Chris Bowen said public service chiefs have been told that they and their staff must pay for their own back rubs in the new government's clamp-down on public sector largesse and waste. The most recent figures produced in Parliament showed that bureaucrats spent \$95,451 in public money on rub downs in 2004. While not all public servants are eligible, those that were spent an average of \$176 for the year.



**Robert Borella, left, and his son, Wes, chat while waiting for their entry to be ready at Saturday's Sixth Annual West Texas Centers for MHMR benefit chili cook-off at the Eagles Lodge. This marks the second year the Lamesa duo has competed in the event.**

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# Sports

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## IN BRIEF

### Individuals needed to referee area basketball games

Individuals are needed to referee area subvarsity basketball games for the 2008 season.

Anyone interested should call Adam Rodriguez at 517-0300.

### Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar TUESDAY

Big Spring boys basketball vs. Brownfield, 7:30 p.m.

Forsan girls basketball at Midland Trinity, 6 p.m.

Forsan boys basketball at Midland Trinity, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball at Stanton, 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY

Big Spring girls basketball at Frenship, 6 p.m.

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

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Anson, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball vs. Anson, 8 p.m.

### JAN. 15

Big Spring girls basketball at San Angelo Lake View, 6 p.m.

Big Spring boys basketball at San Angelo Lake View, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Colorado City, 6:30 p.m.

Coahoma boys basketball vs. Colorado City, 8 p.m.

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

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

### Texas Association of Basketball Coaches rankings

Several Crossroads high school basketball teams are populating the TABC's latest top 20 state rankings.

#### BOYS

##### CLASS 1A, DIV. I

1. Cayuga
2. Graford
3. White Deer
4. Martin's Mill
5. Valley View
6. Thorndale
7. Clarendon
8. Big Sandy
9. Trenton
10. Avery
11. Poolville
12. Moulton
13. Sudan
14. Albany
15. FORSAN
16. Mumford
17. Cross Roads
18. Anderson-Shiro
19. Spurger
20. Port Aransas

##### CLASS 1A, DIV II

1. Happy
2. Lipan
3. Goodrich
4. Rule
5. Rankin
6. Nazareth
7. Tenaha
8. Laneville
9. Avinger
10. Waelder
11. D'Hanis

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## Bulldogs upset No. 12 Haskell, 48-46

### Coahoma girls dominate Maidens in lopsided contest, 41-8

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Everyone knew coming in the state-ranked Haskell Indians (2-1, 17-1) and Coahoma's Bulldogs (3-0, 12-4) both wanted to make a loud and emphatic statement that they were the team to beat in District 5-2A.

What everyone didn't know was just how far they would go in order to make that statement.

However, when all was said and done, the Bulldogs escaped 48-46 in a game that had the capacity crowd inside of Bulldog Gym on the edge of their seats until the final buzzer sounded.

Coahoma looked to have the

momentum early as Matthew Tatum scored eight of his team-high 16 points in the first quarter, leading the 'Dogs to a 12-6 lead. However, the Indians hit the war path, erasing the lead to trail 12-10 going to the second quarter.

The second eight minutes proved to all in attendance that it was to be a night to remember. The Bulldogs used the first half of the stanza to open up a 21-15 lead, courtesy of a Logan Stone trey with 3:20 left in the second period. Haskell cut the lead to two, but Coahoma was ready with a response.

Jovi Paniagua buried an 18 footer with four ticks left on the clock, giving the home team the

momentum going into the final half, 28-21.

The Bulldogs, thanks in large to the support of a very vocal home section, came out red hot to open the third quarter.

Colter Morgan started things off as the 6-7 post fought his way inside for an easy basket, igniting a 13-4 run that seemingly put the Bulldogs comfortably ahead, 42-27, with just over a minute left in the stanza.

Haskell was not yet ready to call it quits, however, as the Indians slowly began mounting a comeback led by leading scorer D.J. McCulloch.

McCulloch, who scored 10 of his game-high 21 during the last nine minutes of the contest,

started off by hitting a short jumper from the paint to cut the lead to 13. Then, he stole the ball on the next Bulldog possession and pulled up behind the arc to bury a 3-pointer, awakening the small but very outspoken fans who had followed the Indians into Bulldog country.

After a pair of McCulloch free throws drew the Indians to within one, McCulloch pushed his team over the top, outfighting the Bulldogs on the offensive boards for two and giving Haskell their first lead of the game, 45-44.

For its part, Coahoma went stone cold in the fourth, hitting

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## Lady Steers routed in district opener

### Eighth-ranked Plainview blasts Big Spring, 72-15

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

While yesterday's weather forecast shows no precipitation in Big Spring, there was definitely a storm sweeping through Steer Gym Friday night and 3-pointers were raining down from the heavens.

The eighth-ranked Plainview Lady Bulldogs (1-0, 14-3) sank 10 treys as they rolled past Big Spring's Lady Steers (0-1, 0-18), 72-15.

Plainview's Katie Shirley started the 3-point downpour early in the game to give the Lady Bulldogs a 3-2 lead. From there, Plainview outscored Big Spring 28-5 through the rest of the first period, giving the Lady Bulldogs a 31-7 advantage.

The havoc continued in the second period as the Lady Steers didn't score a single field goal in the stanza, scoring just three points on three of seven free throw shooting.

Meanwhile, Plainview stayed hot behind the arch with Caitlin Gilliland hitting three treys for nine of her game-high 12 points in the period.

Turnovers also started to factor heavily into the game. Big Spring was guilty of 23 mishaps, giving Plainview several chances at easy baskets. However, the Lady Bulldogs took care of the ball, committing just three turnovers in the game.

Plainview allowed the clouds to subside in the second half, lead-

ing 52-10 at intermission. The Lady Bulldogs slowed the tempo and started working on executing its offense in the third period. They ended up with just 20 points in the second half.

However, their defensive prowess remained strong, holding Big Spring to just five points combined in the third and fourth stanzas.

One high point for the Lady Steers was their ability to grab defensive rebounds and not allow the Lady Bulldogs many opportunities at second-chance points. Callie Partee and Abbi Lloyd each collected five rebounds to lead Big Spring.

Unfortunately for the Lady Steers, the Lady Bulldogs didn't need many extra opportunities from the field as they shot close to 70 percent.

The Lady Steers continue to search for their first win of the season in District 4-4A play Friday in Wolforth, taking on the Frenship Lady Tigers.

Plainview 31 21 9 11—72

Big Spring 7 3 3 2—15

No. 8 Plainview (14-3): Julea Street 2, Vanessa Vera 4, Caitlyn Gilliland 12, Sealey Owen 3, Ravynn Wideman 9, Jennifer Landers 5, Katie Shirley 12, Alex Mulliken 9, Erika Raymond 11, Jessica Williams 5.

Big Spring (0-18): Kallina Fletcher 1, Randy Phillippe 3, Kenzie Hunt 2, Abbi Lloyd 2, Jordan Chesworth 2, Callie Partee 2, Crystal Woodson 3.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Linzee Yarbar brings the ball up the floor in the Lady Steers' 72-15 loss to Plainview's Lady Bulldogs Friday night in Steer Gym.

## Bufs, Lady Bufs can't handle Midland Classical

Herald Staff Report

MIDLAND — Twenty-eight days later, the Forsan Buffaloes have finally found an opponent they couldn't overcome.

It had been close to four weeks since the last time the Bufs were defeated in the Borden County Tournament and it took the No. 2-ranked team in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' small private school rankings to do it.

The 15th-ranked Bufs almost overcame a 7-point halftime deficit in the third period, but fell just short as Midland Classical held on for a 54-44 victory.

"This was a good, close ball game," said Bufs Head Coach Terry McDonald. "Free throw shooting really made the difference."

The Bufs missed 10 free throws — same as the margin of points they were defeated by — converting just nine out of 19 attempts. Meanwhile, Classical made 15 of 20 of its charity stripe opportunities.

Adam Bailey scored a game-high 15 points and Jeremy

## Area Basketball Roundup

Robbins posted a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. The loss drops Forsan to 14-2 with just one game remaining before district play. The Bufs play Midland Trinity in Midland Tuesday night.

Forsan 9 12 14 9—44

MCA 16 12 11 15—54

No. 15 Forsan (16-7): Adam Bailey 15, Jeremy Robbins 10, Alex Huckabee 7, Blake Grantham 7, Cameron Parker 3, Nathan Atkinson 2.

No. 2 Midland Classical (15-5): Sean Elswick 14, William Leech 6, Drew Barker 11, Patrick Leech 13, Strother Simpson 10.

No. 4 MCA 63, Lady Bufs 30

Midland Classical's Lady Knights proved to be ungrateful hosts Friday night as they quickly disposed on the Forsan Lady

Buffaloes with a 33-point victory.

The Lady Knights led 41-10 at intermission, not allowing the Lady Bufs to find any consistency on offense.

Amanda Longorio proved to be Forsan's main offensive attack, leading the Lady Bufs with 13 points.

The Lady Knights have three players score in double figures, proving to be worthy of their No. 4 ranking.

The Lady Bufs return to action at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday night at Midland Trinity, then begin district play against Roscoe Jan. 15.

Forsan 6 4 13 7—30

MCA 15 26 17 5—63

Forsan (8-10): Alyx Pappajohn 3, Tori Gauer 4, Miranda Park 2, Tessa Kendrick 2, Faith Belew 3, Sandi Golleher 3, Amanda Longorio 13.

No. 4 MCA (19-4): Courtney Frost 10, Emily Hinton 22, Hannah Shelburn 5, Kalen Doan 8, Whitney Taylor 18, Melanie Watson 5.

No. 15 Grady 86, Klondike 20

LENORAH — Grady's Wildcats jumped out to a 25-0 lead after the first period and cruised to victory from there in their District 8-A opener against rival Klondike.

Grady had five players score in double figures led by Tommylee Rivas and Justin Tubb with 15 apiece. Dylan Cox added 12 and Jacob Rodriguez and Lane Shands each scored 11.

Grady benefited from some sharpshooting at the 3-point line, nailing 10 treys in the game. Cox and Rodriguez each made three and Rivas hit two 3-pointers.

Grady continues district play at 8 p.m. Tuesday, hosting Dawson.

Klondike 0 10 5 5—20

Grady 25 26 16 19—86

Klondike: O'Brien 2, Ferguson 10, C. O'Brien 5, Brown 3.

No. 15 Grady (1-0, 10-1): Tommylee Rivas 15, Dylan Cox 12, Roy Rodriguez 9, Justin Tubb 15, Jacob Rodriguez 11, Santon Montoya 3, Leighton Fields 6, Casey Shands 4, Lane Shands 11.

No. 14 Lady Wildcats 53, Klondike 38

Overcoming district rival Klondike wasn't as easy for Grady's Lady Wildcats as it was for the boys' team, but the girls pulled away in the second period

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# Make It CHILI Tonight

Texas-Style Beef Chili

FAMILY FEATURES

**A** bubbling pot of fragrant chili on the stovetop is a delicious signal that cooler weather has arrived. Warm up with four fantastic new recipes, each a twist on the traditional, which are sure to surprise and satisfy.

Blended organic tomatoes and green chiles add a smooth richness to Texas-Style Beef Chili, which tastes — and looks — great served over cornbread wedges. Mole Chicken Chili offers a balanced savory sweetness with hints of cocoa and cinnamon. Black Bean and Chorizo Chili features spicy sausage cut with crumbled white Mexican cheese. There's also a Vegetarian Tortilla Chili that pairs fresh ingredients like zucchini and avocado with the convenience of canned fire roasted tomatoes in a colorful, flavorful presentation.

Whether friends are dropping by on game day or you want to freshen up the weeknight dinner rotation — there's something tasty in store for chili fans of all ages! Visit [www.MuirGlen.com](http://www.MuirGlen.com) for more recipe ideas.



## Smoke Signals Lead to Secret Ingredient

**Y**ou've heard about them on TV cooking shows and read about their one-of-a-kind flavor in food magazines, but what's the big fuss over fire roasted tomatoes?

Distinct fire roasted canned tomatoes are a convenient offering in the tomato aisle. Muir Glen takes its award-winning organic tomatoes and roasts them using a proprietary blend of natural hardwoods in an open-flame searing and smoking process to blacken the skins and deliver a signature smoky flavor.

"Fire roasted organic tomatoes can be used in place of regular canned tomatoes in most recipes where you want to create a subtle yet rich, smoky tomato flavor," explained Jennifer Kalinowski, test kitchen expert for Muir Glen. "They're a flavorful, versatile option for chili, soup, salsa, pizza and pasta sauce recipes." Look for Muir Glen convenient whole, diced and crushed fire roasted tomato varieties at your supermarket or natural foods store.

### Texas-Style Beef Chili

Prep Time: 25 Minutes  
Start to Finish: 1 Hour 55 Minutes

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 lb boneless lean beef top round steak, trimmed of fat, cut into 3/4-inch pieces
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 can (14.5 oz) Muir Glen organic diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can (4.5 oz) chopped green chiles, undrained
- 1 can (14 oz) reduced-sodium beef broth
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 tablespoons yellow cornmeal
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher (coarse) salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)
- Cornbread wedges, if desired
- Sliced green onions or chopped fresh cilantro, if desired

1. In 4-quart Dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add half of beef; cook 4 to 6 minutes, stirring frequently, until browned. Remove from pan. Repeat with remaining beef. Return all of the beef to pan. Add chopped onion and garlic; cook 2 to 3 minutes, stirring frequently, until onions are crisp-tender.
2. Meanwhile, in blender, place tomatoes and green chiles. Cover; blend until smooth.
3. To beef mixture in pan, add tomato mixture, broth, chili powder, cornmeal, salt and red pepper; stir well. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes, stirring occasionally, until beef is tender. Serve over cornbread wedges; sprinkle with green onions.

5 servings (1 cup each)

### Black Bean and Chorizo Chili

Prep Time: 20 Minutes  
Start to Finish: 45 Minutes

- 1 lb chorizo sausage, casing removed and crumbled, or bulk chorizo sausage
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 large yellow or green bell pepper, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 cans (14.5 oz each) Muir Glen organic fire roasted or regular diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 cup water
- 1 can (15 oz) black beans, drained, rinsed
- 1 tablespoon chopped chipotle chiles in adobo sauce
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- Crumbled white Mexican cheese (such as queso fresco), if desired

1. In 4-quart Dutch oven, cook sausage over medium-high heat 8 to 10 minutes or until browned; drain well. Add onion, bell pepper and garlic; cook 4 to 5 minutes, stirring frequently, until vegetables are crisp-tender.
2. Stir in tomatoes, water, beans, chiles, chili powder and cumin. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low; simmer uncovered about 25 minutes, stirring occasionally, until slightly thickened. Serve with cheese.

8 servings (1 cup each)

### Mole Chicken Chili

Prep Time: 20 Minutes  
Start to Finish: 40 Minutes

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 1/2 lb boneless skinless chicken thighs, cut into 3/4-inch pieces
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 medium jalapeño chiles, seeded, chopped
- 2 cans (14.5 oz each) Muir Glen organic fire roasted diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened baking cocoa or 1 oz unsweetened baking chocolate, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher (coarse) salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Roasted salted hulled pumpkin seeds (pepitas), if desired
- Soft corn tortillas, if desired

1. In 4-quart Dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook 5 to 6 minutes, stirring frequently, until browned. Add onion, bell pepper, garlic and jalapeño chiles; cook 2 minutes, stirring frequently.
2. Stir in tomatoes, water, cocoa, chili powder, salt and cinnamon. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low; simmer uncovered 15 to 20 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink in center and chili is desired consistency. Sprinkle individual servings with pepitas. Serve with corn tortillas.

6 servings (1 cup each)

### Vegetarian Tortilla Chili

Prep Time: 20 Minutes  
Start to Finish: 45 Minutes

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 Anaheim or poblano chile, seeded, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 cans (14.5 oz each) Muir Glen organic fire roasted or regular diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can (15 oz) pinto beans, drained, rinsed
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher (coarse) salt
- 1 medium zucchini, chopped
- 3 oz yellow corn tortilla chips
- 1 medium avocado, pitted, peeled and chopped
- 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

1. In 4-quart Dutch oven, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion, chile and garlic; cook 5 to 7 minutes, stirring frequently, until tender.
2. Stir in tomatoes, beans, water, chili powder and salt. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in zucchini. Simmer uncovered 5 to 7 minutes longer, stirring occasionally, until zucchini is tender.
3. To serve, place tortilla chips in individual serving bowls. Spoon chili over tortilla chips. Top with avocado, cheese and cilantro.

6 servings (1 cup each)



Mole Chicken Chili



Vegetarian Tortilla Chili



Black Bean and Chorizo Chili

## Obituaries

### Betty Jane Malone



Dec. 14, 2007, Mrs. Betty Jane Malone was released from the suffering of cancer and taken to eternal peace with the Lord. She was born May 8, 1927, in Columbia, Tenn. She grew up in Pecos and attended Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

April 29, 1950, she married Louie Scott Malone. She was a homemaker and he was a locomotive engineer for the Southern Pacific Railroad. They Raised three children together, Susan Jo Waters of Trinidad, Okla.; Walter Scott Malone and wife, Carol, of Arlington; and Ann Elizabeth Smith and husband, Kenny, of Yuma, Ariz.

After Louie retired they moved to Fort Davis, Big Spring and Ruidoso, N.M. For 15 years they were happy in Ruidoso, which they dearly loved, making many friends with neighbors and fellow members of the First Baptist Church. After Louie was stricken with Alzheimer's Disease, they moved to Arlington for one and a half years. After that, they moved to Yuma, Ariz., where Betty has lived for the past two years. Even though Louie preceded her in death Feb. 18, 2006, she remained in Yuma. For the past one and half years the loving staff at Copper Hills House cared for Betty. In the past year, Judy Carter of Home Instead also joined in to care for Betty with devotion and unending encouragement. When the cancer symptoms became more severe, Hospice of Yuma joined the ranks of gentle, loving care for Betty in her final weeks.

Members of the Foothills Church of Christ, who bring a worship service to Copper Hills every Sunday, also provided for her spiritual needs and extended friendship with visits, beautiful hand-crafted cards and a hand-made shawl. Betty once said, "I'm surrounded in a sea of love." Her youngest daughter, Ann, wishes to thank all those who cared for Betty and provided support for the whole family.

Betty leaves two grandchildren, Rachel (Waters) Horn and Kenna Marie Smith. She also had two great-grandchildren, identical twin boys Eoin and Liam Horn. A private family memorial service was conducted at the home of Ann and Ken Smith Dec. 31, 2007. Relatives and friends from Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Texas and Tennessee will dearly miss Betty.

*Paid obituary*

### Mrs. Odessa Dean Wood

Mrs. Odessa Dean Wood, age 91, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2008 in Big Spring.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, at 2 p.m. at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel in Colorado City. Burial will be in the Colorado City Cemetery with Mr. Rick Cunningham officiating.

Mrs. Wood was born June 12, 1916, to Albert Krop and Minnie Allen Krop in Nolan County. She graduated from Dunn High School in 1936 and was valedictorian. Mrs. Wood lived in Scurry County and Mitchell County until she moved to Big Spring 41 years ago. She also worked in the pharmacies in Colorado City and Big Spring and retired with her husband in 1975. Mrs. Wood loved to fish with Jim and family, most vacations were spent on the lakes. She was a master story teller about life and family when growing up. She loved to be around friends, family and especially her grandchildren.

Mrs. Wood is preceded in death by her husband, Jim V. Wood in 1998; a son, Michael Wood in 1965; three brothers; two sisters; and her parents, Albert and Minnie Krop.

She leaves behind her son, Jimmie Wood and wife Nancy of Big Spring; a daughter, Judy Young of Irving; granddaughters, Shelley Choate and husband Mark of Artesia, N.M., and Stacey Parum and husband Russell of Big Spring; great-grandchildren, Jason Choate of Lubbock, Kristin Choate of San Marcus, Caleb Choate of Roswell, N.M., Brett Griffin and Brittney of Leesville, La.; Erin Griffin of College Station; and Faith and Aubrey Parum of Big Spring.

Visitation was held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

*Paid obituary*

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DAVID ANTHONY JUAREZ**, 1300 College, was arrested on a charge of unlawful restraint.
- **ANGELA ANN MCGEE**, 25, no address given, was arrested on a charge of possession of two ounces or less of marijuana.

## Take Note

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

- St. Mary's and friends of St. Mary's are holding a lap blanket drive to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

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

- Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming an Odyssey Healthcare volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

## Support Groups

### MONDAY

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

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

call Alex at 264-6921 or 1-800 392-8677.

### TUESDAY

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

- Dual Recovery Anonymous 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.

## Bulletin Board

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

### MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

### TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- The American Cancer Society meets at noon at the Home Hospice Office for lunch and its monthly meeting. For more information, call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.
- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.
- The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483.

### WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- 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.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. 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.

## Weather

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Windy. Highs in the mid 70s. SouthwestWinds 10 to 20 mph increasing to 20 to 30 mph in the afternoon.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds10 to 20 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the mid 50s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Colder. Lows around 30.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 60.

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

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

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

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

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Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize: \$29,985.

Winning ticket sold in: Brownsville.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-0-0. Sum It Up: 1.

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# Phillips' easy hand big reason for Cowboys' success



By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Quick, name the key coaching ingredient Wade Phillips shares with Bill Parcells and Jimmy Johnson, Super Bowl-winning masterminds who used to have his job running the Dallas Cowboys.

The obvious link is a background in defense, but the answer isn't that easy. Dave Campo was a defensive guy, too, yet his tenure was a disaster.

Hmm. What else? There sure doesn't seem like much. It's easier to come up with opposites, like Parcells and Johnson having jumbo egos and Phillips being humble.

They have contrasting coaching styles, too. Parcells and Johnson got the most out of players by threatening their jobs and challenging their manhood; Phillips puts guys at ease, often with humor.

Dig deeper into their methods and the secret comes out: They all use mind games to win football games.

"It's just a different mind game," quarterback Tony Romo said.

Phillips' soft approach is exactly what the Cowboys needed after four years of Parcells' pounding.

With almost the same lineup that Parcells turned into a 9-7, wild-card team last season — but without the tension team owner Jerry Jones referred to as "walking on eggshells" — Phillips has guided Dallas to the top seed in the NFC and a 13-3 record, tying the franchise-best mark set by

Johnson's first Super Bowl team.

Thanks to a bye this weekend, the Cowboys are into the second round of the playoffs for the first time since 1996. They're two home wins from reaching the Super Bowl.

"We wouldn't be accomplishing this if he wasn't here," Romo said.

Parcells was the right guy at the right time when he took over, his disciplinarian style needed to clean up the mess of the Campo Error, uh, Era.

Coming off three straight five-win seasons, the Cowboys won 10 games in Parcells' debut season and made the playoffs. Over the next three years, he straightened out an organization that had gone astray, yet he never won as many games as his first season. Never won a playoff game either.

When Jones went looking for a replacement, he wanted someone who could improve in two areas where Parcells came up short: unleashing the expensive playmakers on defense, and making Terrell Owens happy to be here, even happier to be a big part of the offense.

Head coaching experience was important. Creating a new atmosphere was, too.

Phillips hit every area so well it's hard to imagine he was available. Of course, there was a reason.

The son of former Oilers and Saints coach Bum Phillips, Wade had been in the league 30 years and earned the reputation as a great coordinator whose

aw-shucks style didn't work in the top job. He'd never had a losing record in five seasons as a head coach in Denver and Buffalo, but he'd also never won a playoff game, going 0-3.

Parcells quit so late into the coach-hiring season that Jones had to take the best of what was left and hope for the best. Maybe that's why he cried at Phillips' introductory news conference.

Twice. Jones used the line about the eggshells that same day. Soon, players were the ones cracking up.

At his first team meeting, Phillips announced, "Anybody who is not here, raise your hand."

The corny line was a perfect tension breaker. Phillips let everyone know the bully was gone, replaced by someone more likely to be called the class clown.

It was his first mind game, too.

"It let you know what you're in store for, what kind of season you're getting ready to have," linebacker Kevin Burnett said.

Phillips' attitude was refreshing but not a surprise because he already was known as a "player's coach." The surprises were how effectively he got his point across and how good those points were.

There wasn't a single moment when he won over the locker room. It was more a collection of moments.

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Dallas Cowboys coach Wade Phillips signals touchdown after the Dallas Cowboys scored against the St. Louis Rams Sept. 30, 2007, in Irving. Phillips is trying to end a franchise-worst 11-season drought without a playoff win.

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an illegal asbestos abatement.

"The inspector spoke with the Senior Center Director, Leslie Grantham, and gave her a lit of specialists she could

call to get advice on what to do next. She contacted a specialist out of Houston and he told her they should shut down the center. She contacted me with the information, and I told her to go with the advice of the specialist until we can get an expert to look at it and

determine if it poses any kind of health risk."

While the center itself is closed, Barr said arrangements have been made to make sure local citizens who rely on the facility for delivered meals won't go hungry.

"We've made arrangements with Scenic

Mountain Medical Center to prepare the meals, and we'll continue to deliver them," said Barr. "We're going to make sure the people who rely on that mobile meals program don't have to do without in the meantime."

According to Barr, the "meantime" should not be

more than a week.

"The city's contractors are expected to begin abatement of the asbestos Thursday, and have the whole thing wrapped up by the end of the week," said Barr. "So, we will keep the center closed all next week, and should have it opened back up by

Monday, Jan. 14."

Attempts to reach Big Spring Assistant City Manager Todd Darden for comment were not successful.

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**RACES**

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sion to run will force the election to a November vote, too.

Brown defeated Mendoza in her last bid for re-election approximately four years ago.

Other races in Howard County failed to draw any last-minute attention from political hopefuls.

Sheriff Dale Walker filed to run for re-election on the Republican ticket, bringing his eight-year run with the Democratic party to a close. Walker will face Charles Morgan and Stan Parker in the March contest, with former HCSO deputy Pat Carter the lone candidate on the Democratic ticket.

In the race for the Precinct 3 seat on the commissioner's court,

nearly a half-dozen hopefuls have thrown their hats into the ring. Dick Dubose, who ran for the seat four years ago, is the lone Democratic candidate, automatically earning him a place on the November ballot. However, Steve Gray, Winston Paschal Odom, Jimmie Wayne Long and Fred Green will have to duke it out in March in hopes of winning the

Republican nomination.

Incumbent William Crooker announced in late 2007 he would not seek re-election.

Howard County Constable Bill Holden has also filed to run for re-election on the Democratic ticket, and while he failed to draw a party opponent, Kneel B. Stallings has filed to challenge on the Republican card.

County Attorney Mike Thomas will run for re-election with the Democratic Party, drawing his only opponent in local attorney Joshua Hamby, who will run on the Republican ticket.

Howard County Tax Collector and Assessor Kathy Sayles and Justice of the Peace Bennie Green will both run for re-election on the Republican ticket. Neither race gar-

nered an opponent.

Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson will also run for re-election, having filed with the state's Republican office. Wilkerson failed to draw a challenger.

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**TRIAL**

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servant, evading arrest and theft.

Atkinson was indicted in September on charges of escape causing bodily injury, a second-degree felony, and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, a state jail felony, for her part in the mid-August incident.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, Atkinson — who was driving — and Hernandez were pulled over by BSPD Lt. Lance Telchik at approximately 12:02 a.m. for speeding and erratic driving.

"The vehicle was stopped in the 2200 block

of Main Street," said Everett. "Telchik was in uniform and driving an unmarked police car. Telchik placed both females in the back seat of the unmarked unit, which has no screen or cage between the front and back seats.

"While he began securing the suspects' vehicle, Atkinson was able to get her hands from behind her back to the front with handcuffs on and climbed into the driver's seat of the police unit."

Everett said Atkinson and Hernandez then attempted to flee the scene.

"As Telchik saw her and moved toward the unit, Atkinson applied no brakes and struck him with the vehicle," said Everett. "He went onto

the hood, hitting the windshield, and off the passenger side of the vehicle."

Everett said Telchik then called for backup, and when officers caught up to Atkinson and

Hernandez, they had crashed the unmarked car into the guard rail on the N. Service Road of FM 700 at Nolan.

Telchik was treated for severe contusions and abrasions at the Scenic

Mountain Medical Center emergency room.

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**COAHOMA**

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on only 2 of 10 from the field over the span. The Bulldogs, although, were not to be denied as Tatum and Paniagua again hoisted the team on their shoulders, combining to score three consecutive points and allowing Coahoma to regain the lead that they did not relinquish again.

"I don't know what happened." Bulldogs Head Coach Kim Nichols said. "We just couldn't make a shot in that final quarter. It wasn't that we got bad shots, they just didn't want to go in."

Morgan and Paniagua ended the night with eight apiece while Paniagua's brother Josh closed with seven.

**Haskell 10 11 14 11-46**  
**Coahoma 12 16 16 4-48**  
No. 12 Haskell (2-1, 17-1): English 8, Rutkowski 10, Adams 3, Guzman 4, McCulloch 21.  
Coahoma (3-0, 12-4): Mikey Mendoza 1, Josh Paniagua 7, Colter Morgan 8, Logan Stone 5, Matt Tatum 16, Jovi Paniagua 8, Cody Sheppard 3.

**Bulldogettes 41, Haskell 8**

The girls' game was nowhere near the nail-biter. Junior duo Laci Sterling and Christie Rich combined with 6-5 senior post Heather Sheppard to lead the Bulldogettes to the easy 41-8 win over the Haskell Maidens

(2-3, 13-10).

The Bulldogettes (5-0, 19-4) wasted little time showing why they are the class of District 5-2A, jumping out 15-4 after one quarter of play and never letting up on their way to a fifth consecutive win in league play.

"I was really pleased with the way we played tonight, but that is to be expected when you win like we did. What I mean, though, is that we executed better than we have all year. Defensively, we did an awesome job of shutting them down. I couldn't have asked for more from the girls than what I got tonight." Bulldogettes Head Coach Chris Sumrall said. "We have set ourselves up well for a shot at the district title, but we

can't let up. We have to maintain our focus and remember what we have set out to do and that is to win the district title."

Sheppard scored 13 to lead the way while Rich added 10 with six more coming from Sterling.

**Haskell 2 2 2 2-8**  
**Coahoma 15 15 5 6-41**  
**Haskell:** Bassett 2, Rutkowski 2, Wallace 4.

**Coahoma (5-0, 19-4):** Veronica Cortez 6, Laci Sterling 6, Janice Gonzales 2, Kaysea Spiller 1, Teryn Bibb 3, Christie Rich 10, Heather Sheppard 13.

**Notes:** In junior varsity action, Coahoma made it a clean sweep as both the boys and girls teams walked away with easy wins.

Hunter Williams lead the way for the Bulldogs hitting for

eight points in the 34-5 win, while Matthew Taylor and M.J. Castillo scored six and five each.

The girls wasted little time dispatching the Maidens opening up an 18-4 lead after the first quarter before finishing off Haskell, 41-22.

The trio of Kaylea Neff, Kylie Gee and K'leigh Fowler led the way for the Bulldogettes with marks of 16, 14, and eight, respectively.

Coahoma will next be in action Tuesday, travelling to Stanton to take on the Buffaloes.

Junior varsity action begins at 4 p.m. followed immediately by varsity action.

**AREA**

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and never looked back.

Grady held Klondike to two points in the second stanza, giving the Lady Wildcats a commanding 21-10 lead at intermission. They separated more from Klondike in the third period and led by 19 heading into the final frame.

Klondike made a run, scoring 20 points in the fourth period, but Grady picked up its offense as well and held onto a 15-point margin of victory.

Kandace Schuelke led Grady with 17 points, including two 3-pointers. Kenzie Madison added 12 and Linsey Chavez chipped in 11.

Grady hosts Dawson at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday to continue district play.

**Klondike 8 2 8 20-38**  
**Grady 12 9 16 16-53**  
**Klondike:** Emily Brock 1, Abby Brock 3, Jordan Gregory 20, M-laci Webb 7, Jessica Wiebe 2, Kimberly Skiles 5.

**No. 14 Grady (1-0, 15-6):** Eva Dyck 6, Linsey Chavez 11, Kandace Schuelke 17, Lauren Robinson 3, Sam Rodriguez 2, Kenzie Madison 12, Rachel Romine.

**Stanton 64, Stamford 39**

**STAMFORD** — Stanton remained perfect in District 5-2A play Friday night with a win over Stamford's Bulldogs, setting up a showdown featuring another undefeated team in district, the Coahoma Bulldogs.

Stanton dominated Stamford from the get go, outscoring the Bulldogs 34-17 in the first half. Stamford trailed by at least 20 points for most of the fourth period.

Garrett Fulton scored a game-high 24 points and

Adam Evans added 11.

The Buffs defeated Coahoma earlier this season in the finals of the Coahoma Invitational, 39-37. However, the Bulldogs were without District 5-2A's Defensive Most Valuable Player Colter Morgan.

Tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday.

**Stanton 17 17 9 21-64**  
**Stamford 8 9 11 11-39**  
**Stanton (3-0, 12-5):** Garrett Fulton 24, David Erives 8, Tyler Fulton 8, Justin Hinojosa 4, Ramsey Fleckenstein 2, Chase Pinkerton 7, Adam Evans 11.  
**Stamford:** Garcia 6, Salazar 2, Maestes 4, Nauert 12, Richards 15.

**Bronte 38,**

**No. 7 Garden City 31**  
**GARDEN CITY** — Offense didn't come easy for the Garden City Lady Bearkats Friday night in their loss to Bronte. The Lady Bearkats were able to keep Bronte from mak-

ing baskets as well in the first half, though, and trailed 12-10 at intermission.

However, Bronte started to find the bottom of the net in the second half, outscoring the Lady Bearkats 26-21 in the third and fourth periods combined.

Morgan Schwartz had a game-high 12 points for Garden City and Lyza Lopez added nine.

The defending District 11-A, Division II champion Lady Bearkats look for their first district win Tuesday when they host Blackwell.

**Bronte 10 2 11 15-38**  
**Garden City 5 5 6 15-31**

**Bronte:** Flores 12, Cook 12, Huskerson 7, Meek 3, McMorris 1, Michael 1, Harris 2.

**No. 7 Garden City (0-1, 14-5):** Whitney Kellermeier 1, Amy Multer 3, Brittney Chudej 2, Macy Schwartz 2, Lyza Lopez 9, Morgan Schwartz 12, Paige Niehues 2.

**BRIEFS**

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- 12. Ira
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- 14. Eden
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Tuesday — Breakfast: Donuts, sausage, applesauce cups, milk; Lunch: Chicken patty, gravy, creamed potatoes, fruit cup, rolls, milk, corn-dogs.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Oatmeal, ham, grape juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken and dumplings, sweet peas, pears, milk, burritos.

Thursday — Breakfast: Pancake sausage on a stick, syrup, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Smothered steak, sweet rice, green beans, peaches, bread, milk, chili dogs.

Friday — Breakfast: Sweetened rice, ham, variety juice, milk; Lunch: Cheeseburgers, tomato, lettuce, chips, apple turnovers, milk.

**Stanton ISD**

Monday — Breakfast: Waffles; Lunch: Burrito or corndog, corn, pars, pudding.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Oatmeal; Lunch: Spaghetti or salisbury steak, green beans, tossed salad, applesauce, Ranch dressing.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage/gravy; Lunch: Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, carrots, peaches, hot rolls.

Thursday — Breakfast: Pop Tarts; Lunch: Beef tacos, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pineapple, cornbread.

Friday — Breakfast: Burrito; Lunch: Ham and cheese or grilled cheese sandwich, tater tots, chicken noodle soup, apple

**Forsan ISD**

Monday — Teacher workday

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, juice, milk; Lunch: Chili-dogs, tater tots, apple & orange smiles, sherbert cups, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Eggs, toast, juice, milk; Lunch: Taco salad, pinto beans, seasoned corn, fancy gelatin, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, hot rolls, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, milk; Lunch: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, baked beans, strawberry shortcake milk.

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Thursday — Chicken and dumplings, harvard beets, crackers, cottrage cheese and pears, banana pudding.

Friday — Meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, buttermilk biscuits, tossed salad, chocolate pudding with wafers.

**New year, new beginning**

**T**his is a wonderful time of the year. It's a time to make a fresh start. A

time to make new commitments and plans for the future. A time to re-evaluate ourselves, physically, mentally and spiritually. A new chapter in life waiting to be written, and you are the author.

In a time that is sadly lacking in integrity, faithfulness, daily courtesies toward others, and good manners, no one should be shamefaced or hesitant in giving back to the world, a portion of this lost art. So if all of us would take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous new year believing that kindness to others and good manners are traits that make our lives happier, then our dreams will give birth to great change.

We often see those who live their lives moving in backward motion. They feel the need to gain more things or more money in order to be happy. Others are striving to reach the top of the corporate ladder, but the way it actually works is in reverse. It's not about the rush to get, the grabbing and pushing to get the latest. It's by living a lifestyle of Christ-likeness, esteeming others first. This is the key that moves all of us forward.

Sister Mary Mercedes of the Dominicans wrote,

**Manners Matter**

"Be who you really are, then do what you need to do, in order to have what you really want." Being your authentic self is in essence a form of worship. It's allowing your everyday life to become a part of your daily prayer.

I hope you will welcome in the new year with excitement, enthusiasm and full of things that have never been. As you paint the chapters of your life each day of this new year, remember, you only live once ... but if you work it right, you can smile all the way!

**Dear Jerrie,**

I just turned 20 and have started to re-evaluate my life since I have been reading your column in the *Big Spring Herald*. I love the good things you write about because they are so true and helpful. I did not grow up going to church, but I have decided to start this year. I am a little shy about going to places by myself. Can you suggest a church for me to attend?

**Robin**

**Hello Robin,**

Thank you for your inspiring e-mail. I'm glad you are going to start going to church. What a great way to start the new year. Why don't you visit several of the churches in the town where you live? When you find one you are happy with, get involved. Sing in the

choir, volunteer to work in the nursery. If there is a singles class, join it and become an active part of the church. It won't be long before you will meet others your age. God bless.

**Hi Jerrie,**

I want to make some change in my lifestyle this year. But I don't have much success with making resolutions. Can you suggest a successful way to do so?

**Hilda**

**Hello Hilda,**

I believe the best way to make a resolution and keep it is not to reach too high. Don't set goals that are impossible to reach. Another thing is to be true to yourself. If you're true to yourself and have respect for who you are, it should not be hard to do. If you slip up, don't become discouraged and quit. It's better to miss the mark, get up and keep going than to start and never finish. God bless.

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



JERRIE STOCKS

► **Births**



Lyndon Bryce Fraley

Lyndon Bryce Fraley was born at 3:01 p.m. Nov. 30, 2007, weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

He is the son of Casey Fraley and David Wittrich of Big Spring and the grandson of Norma and Lyndon Fraley, Tim and Tonya Beck and great-grandson of Lyndon M. and Bonnie Fraley, all of Big Spring.

**Eddie Murphy, Tracey Edmonds start the New Year with a new marriage**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eddie Murphy celebrated New Year's Day by tying the knot with film producer Tracey Edmonds.

The pair exchanged vows Tuesday on a private island off Bora Bora in French Polynesia in front of a small group of family and friends, their representatives told *People* magazine.

A call to Murphy's publicist, Arnold Robinson, wasn't immediately returned. Murphy and Edmonds began dating last year. They were engaged in July.

Murphy, 46, has five children from his marriage to Nicole Mitchell Murphy, who filed for divorce in 2005. He also has a daughter with Spice Girls singer Melanie Brown.

Edmonds, 40, has two sons from her 13-year marriage to Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds. As head of Edmonds Entertainment Group Inc., she has produced the film and television series "Soul Food."



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## OUR VIEWS

# Here's hoping for a 'friendly' political season

Now that we have the list of candidates for the March primaries, our plea — as it has been for several years now — is simply "keep it clean and stick to the issues." Of course, we realize that's wishful thinking, with the current political climate and a raft of candidates seeking the presidential nominations in both major parties.

As a matter of fact, there's been plenty of mud slinging already.

There are a number of statewide offices up for grabs this year, most notably the U.S. Senate seat currently held by John Cornyn, who is challenged in the Republican primary by Mansfield consultant Larry Kilgore. Four Democrats are seeking the nomination for that race, former State Rep. Rick Noriega of Houston foremost among them.

Locally, there are a few races in the primaries — starting with U.S. Rep. District 19 where Dwight Fullingim, a Lubbock consultant, and Rufus Mark, a Lubbock oncologist, will vie for the Democratic nomination to face incumbent Congressman Randy Neugebauer, who is unopposed in the GOP primary.

In the race for state representative District 85, incumbent Joe Heflin, Democrat, will face Hamlin attorney Isaac M. Castro, Republican candidate, in November.

The bid for Howard County sheriff has the potential to be somewhat volatile. On the Republican ticket are incumbent Dale Walker, who has jumped ship from the Democratic Party, and Charles Morgan and Stan Parker. The lone Democrat seeking the job is Pat Carter.

Races for the two seats up for election on the Howard County Commissioners Court could also be interesting. In Precinct 1, Yolanda Mendoza will again challenge incumbent Emma Brown in the Democratic primary. Edwin O. Ware is the lone Republican candidate. And in Precinct 3, where Commissioner Bill Crooker has decided to end 40 years of service on the court, four candidates — Steve Gray, Winston Paschal Odom, Jimmie Wayne Long and Fred Green — are seeking the Republican nomination and will face lone Democratic hopeful Dick Dubose in November.

County Attorney Mike Thomas has filed for re-election with the Democratic Party, drawing his only opponent in local attorney Joshua Hamby, who filed to run on the Republican ticket.

The rest of local ballot will have uncontested candidates. Well, at least until November.

Howard County Constable Bill Holden, who is running on the Democratic ticket, failed to draw an opponent for March, but will face off against former DPS Trooper Kneel Stallings — the lone candidate with the Republican party — in the November election.

Howard County Tax Collector and Assessor Kathy Sayles and Justice of the Peace Bennie Green both filed for re-election on the Republican ticket. Neither race garnered an opponent.

Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson filed to run for re-election with the state's Republican office, and will run unopposed.

What we hope is that candidates will run on their merits with central issues. That's almost always the case here in Howard County. Rarely do we see personal attacks, and we hope it stays that way.

That said, good luck to the candidates. Let the campaigning begin!

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*You, Lord, have what it takes to make a difference in our life.*

Amen

# It's not called silly season for nothing

Once upon a time, not that long ago, I was an all-purpose political commentator, geysering opinions on world affairs, global warming, the price of oil. I was really something.

Now I just write about religion, mainly. Who's Christian, who's not. Who believes in God more; less.

God I'll be glad when the Iowa Caucuses are over.

They used to be kind of fun, you know. They used to be about major issues of the day. I remember back in 1968 when Gene McCarthy challenged President Lyndon Johnson on the issue of the war in Vietnam. People almost came to blows in the caucus meetings that year.

Now you can't even mention the war in candidate debates. Really. In the most recent debates the monitor, the editor of the newspaper formerly known as the Des Moines Register, actually forbade discussion of the war in Iraq. And the candidates, Democrats and Republicans alike, went along with the gag.

Instead of a boring old issue like the war she asked them, I'm told, what their New Year's resolutions were. And they told her.

I haven't checked, but I wouldn't be surprised if the Jefferson Memorial moved three inches off its foundation.

Mike Huckabee, the former Baptist preacher, seems to be win-

ning the God game for the Republicans. The most recent polls put him at 35 percent, compared to 27 for Mitt Romney, the previous front-runner. Asked to account for that, Huckabee said:

"There's only one explanation for it, and it's not a human one. It's the same power that helped a little boy with two fish and five loaves feed a crowd of 5,000"

Poor Mitt. He's forced to spend his time convincing Iowa's conservatives he's more religious than that and, like any good Christian, that he hates illegal immigrants more than Huckabee does. But always he makes sure to say things like: "Most of us believe in God."

"Marriage is between a man and a woman."

To which smart aleck Huckabeephiles might say "...and a woman and a woman and a woman." (I myself, by the way, would never make a joke like that. It is racist. It is sexist. It is Mormonist. I'm just reporting the news.)

Romney tried to gain an advantage by saying that Huckabee, when governor of Arkansas, issued more than 1,000 pardons to convicted criminals.

Huckabee's forces shot back by planting a scurrilous story that Mrs. Romney had given \$150 to Planned Parenthood in 1994.

I'll tell you, politics can be a dirty business.

John McCain, who is disappearing from the radar screen in Iowa, is left with issues like the mortgage crisis or the war (when debate monitors are out of the room) or even campaign finance.

How he ever expects to get nominated talking about things like that I'll never know.

The religious issue isn't that big a deal in the Democratic contest in Iowa. Once you lay to rest the rumor that Barack Obama is a secret Moslem there's not much there.

Democrats tend to argue about which of them is more electable. Hillary Clinton thinks she is because she's spent time in the White House. Obama says he's the one who can mend the frayed seams in the fabric of the party and, later, the nation. John Edwards says he's got the best policy positions and Joe Biden claims to have the most expertise, Bill Richardson the most experience.

There's some truth in all of those claims but you have to wonder whether anyone cares.

Looking at the Republican candidates, you would think that any of the Democrats would be electable. This is the weakest Republican field — in terms of credentials and experience — in memory. The only one among them who seems as though he could do the job without adult supervision is McCain and his party doesn't like him much.

Still, that's why they have elections, isn't it? I'll just be happy to see the back end of the Iowa caucuses. I'm religioneed out.

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## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I just recently saw the front cover of Tuesday's paper with pictures of two military girls that came home for the holidays.

As a Marine Corps wife, I felt that you are forgetting about the rest that are home right now. The two you put on the front just came home from boot camp and being stationed in Florida. They have not put their lives on the line for this country, they came home from being in another area of the U.S.

I do think it is great that you acknowledge the fact that there are

military in our community, it proves that you are pro-military. But, I truly think that you do not need to put pictures of people just coming home from boot camp and being stationed in another area. Show those that are home from Iraq, because there are quite a few. I am not saying that what they do is not important, because it is. I just believe that you should put military in that are doing great things.

KENDRA DIAZ  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Why do people take no responsibility for their actions, and then project their ill-will onto others?

Why do people get their children taken away due to drugs and then tell others, "They came between me and my children?"

Why do people make false accusation after false accusation to ruin someone's credibility?

Why does someone think that someone is "up to something" because they're loving and kind

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# Rededication to conservative principles

Many have discussed whether certain candidates have "fire in the belly." What I'm wondering is whether, at this point in our national history, conservatives in general have fire in their bellies.

Given Gov. Mike Huckabee's remarkable performance so far in the GOP presidential contest in the name of conservatism, and especially after seeing his interview on the "Tonight Show," I question how brightly that flame is flickering.

When Ronald Reagan was running for president in 1980, conservatives had more reasons to be discontented. We had been conditioned to believe that inviolable economic principles dictated that there was a necessary trade-off between unemployment and inflation: You couldn't decrease one without increasing the other.

The Carter years were characterized by full-blown pessimism. Interest rates, inflation and unemployment all soared. Nuclear-freeze liberals were hell-bent on our unilateral disarmament. The ravages of the Warren Court were in full bloom, and the Republican Party was mired in the taint of the Watergate scandals.

Ronald Reagan came along and offered hope. He refused to acquiesce to the defeatism of the period. He refused to accept that half the world would remain under the tyrannical hand of global communism. He revived the latent conservatism in the hearts of the "silent majority" by proclaiming and proving that neither America nor American ideals were dead; they only needed permission to breathe again.

Reagan both campaigned and governed on the power of ideas. Since the Reagan tax cuts first kicked in, other than a few rela-

tively short hiccups, we've enjoyed unprecedented economic growth without substantial inflation. That growth, coupled with the build-up of our military, laid the foundation for the inevitable demise of the Soviet Empire. In just a short decade, America and the world had turned around.

I fear our successes, which are largely due to conservative policies, have led to our complacency. When things are going well, it is easy to take for granted or forget the principles that made it all possible.

Indeed, it seems that only nerdy disciples of German economist Friedrich Hayek remember there is a closely tied relationship between economic and political liberties. Far too many people believe we can continue to piggyback on our legacy of freedom, which is made possible by limited government no matter how big and intrusive government becomes. They believe we can undermine, with impunity, the constitutional pillars that guaranty our liberties, apparently assuming our glorious experiment in constitutional governance was an accident of geography or demographics rather than ideas. They believe we will always be the world's lone superpower irrespective of whether we commit our spirit and resources to that effort. It's just manifest destiny — or magic. Consider, for example, those who interpret our prevention of further major terrorist attacks on our soil since 9/11 as proof the threat has diminished, or perhaps was overblown from the beginning.

We expect liberals to believe: We can punish the producers in this nation without reducing overall output and hurting all economic groups; we can socialize health care without destroying its quality, quantity and affordability; we can assault our traditional values and cultural institutions without eroding the nation's character; unbridled, illegal immigration

without assimilation will lead to multicultural Nirvana; and we will be secure at home if we'll just be nicer to foreign nations and more sensitive to the terrorists' concerns.

But what about conservatives? Do we also need a reminder that free nations are the exception in world history and that our liberty was purchased with the greatest sacrifices and will ultimately disappear without a rededication to our founding principles?

I would assume conservatives agree that America's best hope for continued greatness lies in its foundational ideals and that conservatism offers the best path for the preservation of those ideals.

Their preservation does not depend on everyone holding hands and getting along, bipartisanship, Senate collegiality, a better understanding of the evil little mind of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, or blinding ourselves to other evils that exist in the world.

That's why it troubles me when the ostensibly conservative Mike Huckabee tells Jay Leno he wants us to abandon "horizontal politics. Everything in this country is not left, right, liberal, conservative, Democrat, Republican. I think the country is looking for somebody who is vertical, who is thinking, 'Let's take America up and not down.'"

It's perfectly fine for Mike Huckabee to make such pronouncements. I just hope conservatives understand that what takes America "up" are conservative principles — and that it will always be necessary to fight for those principles against those who don't fully understand them or who are committed to their defeat.

Even we conservatives need to remind ourselves, from time to time, what brought us to the dance.

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WADE

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While Burnett picked that first meeting, line-backer Greg Ellis pointed to the way Phillips ran training camp. Media dubbed it "Camp Cupcake" because it seemed so much less demanding than Parcells' camps. Then again, Parcells' teams wore out at the end of every season.

The Cowboys certainly were fresh when the season began, winning their first two games. Then they went to Chicago for a nationally televised Sunday night game, their first big test, and passed with ease.

The accolades began flowing, setting up Phillips' next challenge: managing expectations. It wasn't easy considering winless St. Louis was coming to town.

Parcells would've hung mousetraps to emphasize it was a "trap game." Phillips got his point across with a speech that went something like this: "Let's pretend they have two Pro Bowl receivers. Oh, they do. Let's pretend they have a Pro Bowl quarterback. Oh, they do."

Dallas won that game, then headed to Buffalo,

site of Phillips' last head coaching job.

Romo was awful that Monday night, throwing five interceptions. When the Cowboys got the ball back in the final four minutes, down by nine points, Phillips found Romo on the sideline. The quarterback braced himself for a stern talking-to. Instead, Phillips smiled and said, "Wouldn't it be incredible if we win this game? Let's go win it."

They did. A week later, Dallas finally lost, albeit to New England. The Cowboys led in the second half, something the Patriots' first five foes didn't do, and they sacked Tom Brady more than anyone else had.

Still, players showed up for work the next day wondering what to expect.

"A bunch of guys were like, 'OK, this is some adversity. Are we going to change? Are we going to get the whip now?'" Ellis said. "But Wade stayed the course. A lot of guys respected that."

That was the clincher. If players weren't believers yet, they were now.

Dallas won its next seven games.

Phillips' first inking about this season came in mid-August, when the Cowboys went from several days of joint prac-

tices with the Denver Broncos to playing them in a preseason game.

Dallas' first-teamers dominated Denver's. It was so lopsided the Broncos accused the Cowboys of having "game-planned" them. "We didn't," Phillips said recently, smirking. "That's when I knew we had something."

Led by Romo and Owens, the Cowboys wound up with one of the most potent offenses in club history. As for the defense, "Mr. Fix It" — as Phillips dubbed himself before the opener — got that going. Ellis racked up a career-best 12.5 sacks and DeMarcus Ware topped him with 14 while becoming one of the league's most feared players.

The local magazine that chastised Phillips' hiring as "Worst. Choice. Ever." pointed out its gaffe in a year-end issue. Phillips even received a couple votes for coach of the year.

"Right guy at the right time, maybe," Phillips said, smirking again. "I don't have an answer for it except things worked out well. Somebody did something good."

His work isn't done, though.

There's a franchise-worst skid of 10 years without a playoff win to

be broken and his own playoff 0-fer to snap. Failing to do so might undermine all that's gone right so far.

Can Phillips handle it? First off, he's not going to change.

"Wade will tell you, 'I'm not going to beat you up, cuss you out, just because I want to prove to you I can do it.' He's more like, 'Get in there and get your corrections done,'" Ellis said. "I think we will."

Another thing is he's never had a team this good.

His other playoff teams were underdogs playing on the road.

Everyone who remembers that he coached Buffalo when the Bills were on the wrong end of the "Music City Miracle" forgets that Tennessee was 13-3 that season and lost the Super Bowl by a yard.

"This is a little different," Phillips said. "We've got a stronger team than I've been around and we're playing at home. ... You just have to keep getting in there and keep trying."

Starting next Sunday, the Cowboys will find out for sure whether Wade's way really is the right way.

Williams named to fifth Pro Bowl

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Dallas Cowboys safety Roy Williams is going to the Pro Bowl for the fifth consecutive season, and he will have plenty of teammates to hang out with in Hawaii.

The addition of Williams to the NFC roster Thursday gave the Cowboys a league-record 12 Pro Bowl selections.

Williams took the roster spot of the late Sean Taylor, the Washington strong safety voted in as a starter.

Williams wouldn't elaborate on the plans to honor Taylor, who died Nov. 27 after being shot during a burglary at his home in Florida.

The NFL also said that Cowboys free safety Ken Hamlin, a first-time Pro Bowler, will replace Taylor in the starting lineup for the NFC. Hamlin is the eighth Dallas player set to start in the Pro Bowl.

Williams received the fourth-most votes for safeties behind Taylor, Minnesota's Darren

Sharper and Hamlin. Sharper was voted in as the starting strong safety.

When the Pro Bowl teams were named last month, Dallas tied a franchise record with 11 selections. That included seven starters: receiver Terrell Owens, tight end Jason Witten, offensive linemen Flozell Adams, Andre Gurode and Leonard Davis, line-backer DeMarcus Ware and rookie kicker Nick Folk.

The other Pro Bowlers from Dallas (13-3), the NFC's top-seeded playoff team, are quarterback Tony Romo, running back Marion Barber and cornerback Terence Newman.

"That's 12 guys in, so that's exciting for us," coach Wade Phillips said Thursday.

Williams has 92 tackles and two interceptions in 15 games. He missed the Carolina game last month while serving a one-game suspension for another violation of the horse-collar rule that is tabbed by some "The Roy Williams Rule" because of his use of the tackle.

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By Steve Becker  
*The Situation Calls for Action*

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Both sides vulnerable.

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♥ 6 2  
♦ K Q J 9 8 5 4  
♣ A 5

**WEST**  
♠ Q J 9 2  
♥ 8 4  
♦ 7 6  
♣ J 10 8 6 3

**EAST**  
♠ 10 5  
♥ A J 10 9 7 5  
♦ A 3  
♣ K 4 2

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

Opening lead — eight of hearts.

A defender can't always sit back and play safe. Passive defense may be best on most hands, but certainly not on all of them.

Consider this deal where South got to three notrump after East overcalled two diamonds with two hearts. East won the heart lead at trick one and continued with a heart to South's king.

Declarer led the diamond ten, ducked by East, and another diamond drove out the ace. South won the heart continuation with the queen, crossed to the ace of clubs

and cashed five diamonds, finishing with 11 tricks in all.

Although declarer appears to have had tricks to spare, the plain fact is that East slipped at the crucial moment. Had he defended more accurately, South would not even have made nine tricks.

After taking the heart ace at trick one, East should realize that three notrump cannot be defeated if declarer is allowed to utilize dummy's diamonds. South is marked with the K-Q of hearts by the play to the first trick, and these two tricks, added to six diamonds and a club, come to a total of nine. Furthermore, declarer is sure to have additional high-card strength in spades for his opening bid.

East's only chance, therefore, is to try to stop South from capitalizing on dummy's long suit. Accordingly, at trick two he should return the king of clubs!

Although this makes declarer's queen a trick, the overall effect is devastating. South can take the king or duck it (if he ducks, East gives him more of the same medicine), but he can no longer come to nine tricks.

After East refuses to take the first diamond lead, declarer can try to establish his spades, but when the suit fails to divide 3-3, he is kaput. In fact, with best defense, he cannot avoid going down two!

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## Forget Tupperware, hold a Taser Party!

By CHRIS KAHN

AP Business Writer

GILBERT, Ariz. — Before she lets them shoot her little pink stun gun, Dana Shafman ushers her new friends to the living room sofa for a serious chat about the fears she believes they all share.

"The worst nightmare for me is, while I'm sleeping, someone coming in my home," Shafman says, drawing a few solemn nods from the gathered women. Shafman, 34, of Phoenix, says she knows how they feel. She says she used to stash knives under her pillow for protection.

Welcome, she says, to the Taser party.

On the coffee table, Shafman spreads out Taser's C2 "personal protector" weapons that the company is marketing to the public. It doesn't take long before the women are lined up in the hallway, whooping as they take turns blasting at a metallic target.

"C'mon!" she says. "Give it a shot."

Shafman isn't an employee for Scottsdale,



AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin  
Law enforcement officer and Taser instructor Doug Scholz, right, answers questions from attendees Lori Bosken, left, and Jamie Heyer, both of Chandler, Ariz., regarding the differences between the police issued Taser and the new commercial model Taser C2 at a Taser Party.

Ariz.-based Taser International. She's an independent entrepreneur who's been selling Tasers the way her mother's generation sold plastic food storage containers.

As a single woman who

lives alone, Shafman says she's the perfect pitchwoman for Taser as it makes a renewed push to sell weapons to families.

The company agrees. Taser officials like Shafman's homespun

sales tactics so much that they plan to build a living room set at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas and have Shafman

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## Energy Watch



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



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

The fallout from the assassination of former Pakistani Prime Minister Bhutto continues.

ABC reports an obscure Italian Web site wrote al Qaeda's commander in Afghanistan, al Yazid, told reporters, "We terminated the most precious American asset which vowed to defeat the mujahedeen." The *World Tribune* writes al Qaeda No. 2, ordered the assassination during October. Earlier attempts on her life were also blamed on al Qaeda, who has denounced her as what the *Times* calls an "American stooge" and "Western heretic."

Bhutto and her Pakistan People's Party could have emerged from the Jan. 8 elections with a majority. Along with President Musharraf, it was Washington's hope Bhutto's party would help make up a more stable civilian/military regime that could reestablish Pakistan's vital role in the war against the jihadists. It wasn't an ideal situation, but the U.S. hoped a compromise government could combat extremism in the region and within the nation's own borders.

In the Western regions of Pakistan, Taliban and al Qaeda fighters are expected to be hiding out. Osama Bin Laden has also been thought to be there. The jihadists want an unstable Pakistan because it allows them to prosper. Thus, Bhutto's death is a victory for them, particularly since it brings into question the government structure going forward. While the Pakistan Peoples Party could still receive a majority of votes in future elections, the face of the party and their leader is gone.

We anticipate that once the immediate chaos subsides, the governance issues will reemerge as vitally important to the United States. Although, eliminating Bhutto has taken out a serious threat to the jihadists, particularly in the near-term.

We note the most powerful organization in the nation remains the military that is still under the influence of Musharraf and his hand-picked successor for military chief, Kayani. The stability of the nation may depend on the cohesion of the military, and so far, it appears the military has not fractured in the wake of her death. We anticipate the jihadists will continue attempting to capitalize on the political instability in an attempt to destabilize the fragile regime.

As you know, Pakistan is nuclear capable. Though the nation's impact on the oil supply-demand balance is minimal, the geopolitical importance of Bhutto's death, particularly in terms of the fight against al Qaeda and Muslim extremism is significant for the oil markets. At least until the dust settles, the lethal event is supportive of crude prices.

• U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, William Wood, defended two European diplomats who were expelled from Afghanistan, seemingly because they were holding unauthorized talks with the Taliban. Wood suggested they were acting "with absolutely the best intentions." His remarks seemingly show modest support for engaging the Taliban. *The Financial Times* reports that amid numerous claims U.S. policy in Afghanistan is inadequate,

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## Morgan, Berry fill seats on Howard SWCD board

Special to the Herald

Howard Soil and Water Conservation District has two new board members, filling spots recently vacated.

Mark Morgan was appointed to represent subdivision 5. He fills the unexpired term of John Wayne Metcalf, who served on the board for 14 years before moving to the Temple area.

Glenn "Ace" Berry was elected to represent subdivision 3. He takes over for Bobby Cathey, who retired after 36 years of service. Cathey has represented the subdivision since the district was organized in October 1971.

Morgan owns and operates a ranching operation in Howard County. In addition, he is a certi-

fied public accountant.

He currently serves as treasurer of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club. He is a member of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Public Accountants.

Berry and his wife Linda own and operate a cattle operation in the Coahoma area. Berry is a director for the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo and has been active in the Howard County Junior Livestock Association.

"The Howard SWCD's purpose is to make available to local landowners and operators technical, financial and educational resources to help them better conserve the soil, water and related resources which they manage or own," said Jimmy

Sterling, chairman of the Howard SWCD board of directors.

The SWCD is a political subdivision of state government as is divided into five subdivisions. Subdivision 3's boundaries include the portion of Howard County between State Highway 350 and Interstate 20. Subdivision 5's boundaries include the area south of I-20 and east of U.S. Highway 87.

"We want to welcome Mark and Ace as members of our board of directors," said Sterling. "As members of our board, they will play a significant role in helping our district provide technical assistance to our district operators who wish to implement conservation programs on their land."

Howard SWCD's headquarters is located in the USDA Service Center in Big Spring.

## Maker of tainted dog food agrees to \$3.1 mil settlement

By MEG KINNARD

Associated Press Writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A company that made contaminated pet food that killed dozens of dogs nationwide will pay \$3.1 million in a settlement with pet owners, an attorney said Friday.

The pet food, which contained a mold called aflatoxin, was produced at Diamond Pet Foods' plant in South Carolina. The company will set up a fund to reimburse pet owners for the loss of their dog, veterinarian bills and the cost of any unreturned contaminated food, said attorney Jim Andrews, who represented a Knoxville, Tenn., family that sued the company.

Diamond Pet Foods,

based in Meta, Mo., acknowledged that workers at its Gaston, S.C., plant failed to follow internal testing procedures to ensure its products were safe. The company made the acknowledgment after the Food and Drug Administration released a report showing the company has no record of test results for 12 shipments of corn in 2005, when grain tainted with the deadly fungus slipped into the plant.

The company contends it did nothing illegal, according to the settlement.

An attorney for the company said Diamond would cooperate with claimants.

"Diamond's taken care of its customers since the very first day that they found out about this, and

I think the settlement that we've entered into continues to do that," lawyer Jeffrey Thompson said from his office in Knoxville, Tenn.

Aflatoxin, a naturally occurring chemical that comes from a fungus sometimes found on corn and in other crops, can cause severe liver damage.

The contaminated pet food was sold in 23 states. Diamond recalled about 20 varieties of dog and cat food when a New York veterinarian said in December 2005 that she had linked a dog's death to the company's food. An estimated 350,000 bags of dog food were recalled, according to the settlement.

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## NEW OFFICERS



Courtesy photo

Newly elected officers for the Howard County Sheriff's Posse are, from left, Ed Ware, treasurer; Rose Armstead, secretary; Bert Sheppard, president; Jammie Armstead, queen; and Robin Thurman, vice president. The Sheriff's Posse normally holds meetings the first Tuesday of each month. This month, the meeting will be at 7 p.m. next Tuesday (second week, due to the holidays) at the posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information about the organization, contact Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.

LETTERS

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and want a wholesome family or just be a friend?

Why do people want to keep "stirring" the pot after decades?

Why does a young, bulimic, anorexic girl have to call you a "fat, ugly, bag of cellulite unlike me who's incredibly thin?" Is she that insecure, insensitive and self-centered? Does she not realize she is the one with the problem?

Last, but certainly not least, why do people put themselves before God? And why do they think they deserve to celebrate Jesus Christ's birthday after he was crucified to save us from our sins, coming up with all kinds of reasons why they do not believe?

I have been writing letters to the editor off-and-on for many years. My letters have been targeted toward inspiration, being responsible pet owners, protecting others, such as the Water Department, U.S. Post Office and the sexually abused. I also wrote a letter several years ago thanking the Big Spring Police Department for arresting a man who was forging checks at the store where I worked.

I have never written a letter criticizing anyone in town, a business, etc. If Big Spring is trying to grow and become a better place to live, I think the first thing to do is live like every day is your last and treat people how you want to be treated. I know that is hard for some people to do, but my son-in-law, only 36 years old, died just three weeks ago in Baghdad. People need to live in the "now."

Really, what good does it do to bash people or blame others for your problems, your insecurities and your irresponsibility? All it does is hurt someone and sometimes the hurt never goes away.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank M.J. Jones from Midland for the heart-felt letter he wrote regarding my son-in-law. I would also like to thank Kelly Myrick of Big Spring for her letter — very well put.

This will be my last letter, as I will be moving away. I want to thank all my loving friends and co-workers I have had the pleasure of working with for the last 20 years here in Big Spring. You know

who you are. You all hold a special place in my heart. God bless you and may your life be filled with the best happiness and health God can give you. Remember to pray and have faith.

SHELLEY EVERETT VELA  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Friends of NRA is the grassroots fundraising division of the NRA Foundation that fosters community involvement while giving 100 percent of its net proceeds to shooting sports and shooting programs. Each state hosts multiple banquets and fundraisers in support of the NRA and the NRA Foundation. Half of the net proceeds support programs in the state in which the money was raised; the other half supports programs on a national level.

The Crossroads Friends of NRA has formed a committee and has plans for an event this spring in Big Spring. Our local committee is currently seeking new committee members and volunteers to help with this event.

For more information, contact Darryl Powell at 267-4902 or me at 267-4843.

RANDY A. MCKINNEY  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

More than 3,000 of our service men and women are dead. How much longer do we stay in Iraq where we are not wanted? Why are we there?

Hundreds of billions of dollars join the people who are dead and die daily. Who will pay the awful debt that we are making, our great-grandchildren?

Who will comfort the mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers who cry for their dead? When we give of our youth and wealth to a people who hate us and each other, who are killing us and large numbers of their own people as we continue to give our sons and daughters, we can see that the conflict there cannot be brought to a good end. In spite of this, we continue to spend our borrowed wealth and our young people.

Who will stand with me and say to all, "We must stop now or we will spend more money than we have and many more lives will come to an end?"

We must stop the killing now and bring our sol-

diers home or we must resolve to kill many more people, making that land a literal killing field. War is a "game" that cannot be played. It must be fought with much abandon. We must kill thousands of people, more than we can imagine.

God forbid that we should continue to kill others and lose our own young people.

Please, let us see that we must make peace and peace alone!

WILLIAM O. ADAMS  
PLANO

TO THE EDITOR:

The Good Samaritan. A metaphor and story that warmly resonates within the hearts and minds of most Americans.

After being injured by one of my high school students in February 2007, I have had the unfortunate displeasure of struggling through the morass of Workers Compensation's barriers preventing me from receiving the expedient and humane return of the good health and active life that I had enjoyed before my injury. I have experienced the gradual removal of my constitutional rights to the pursuit of life, liberty and property.

Life, as I knew it before my student injured me, was as a teacher, artist, singer, interplay per-

former, volunteer, hiker, kayaker and biker, have been stripped from me. I am imprisoned with a chronically pain-ridden and crippled body. I painfully shuffle through each day like Quasimodo, lucky to successfully dress and tie my shoes. Heaven forbid that I drop something and have to pick it up.

Since 1990, my pursuit of property has been badly damaged by the Texas legislature's tort reforms regarding the WC system. In general, they have progressively whittled away at WC's medical and income benefits for injured workers. The tort reforms also made teachers "seasonal workers." As a result, I have been refused income benefits during the three months of summer and the two weeks of Christmas holiday break. I understand that I can also look forward to losing income during the week of spring break as well.

All I have ever wanted and needed since my student injured me in February 2007 is the quick and reasonable return of my health and active life. Instead, I have been thwarted every step of the way by WC's delays, denials and refusals. It does not matter to WC or the insurance lawyers, lobbyists and legislators that I con-

tinue to suffer at the hands of a dysfunctional system. Insurance companies are more interested in saving money for their investors. They do not care about the pain, suffering and broken lives borne by others who exhaustively struggle with the WC system.

I have also discovered that most doctors no longer want to deal with WC patients because of the copious amounts of paperwork forced upon them for every prescription, treatment or procedure. Doctors also have to worry about being paid for their efforts while struggling through the paperwork trail of systematic insurance refusals, denials and delays. Doctors are reticent to champion the best care and best interests of Workman's Comp patients because of the time consumption and exhaustive efforts involved with struggling with the system. Insurance companies, in general, have forced clinics and hospitals to hire extra staff members just to handle the insurance companies labyrinth of rules, regulations, laws and paperwork demands and mandates.

Where might that money be better spent? Perhaps toward direct patient care? Now, that's an original and meaning-

ful idea. In my experience, the Workman's Comp system is no longer medically or patient based.

The needs of the patient have become almost superfluous to the bottom line. The needs of the insurance companies owners and investors are tantamount to proper, just and expedient patient care.

Why do Americans continue to allow our corrupted and dysfunctional medical systems to exist? As thinking, and supposedly enlightened, citizens we need to come together in calm, collective thoughtfulness to humanely and justly deliberate the recreation and restructuring of our nation's medical systems and insurance systems. Free enterprise does not have to become legalized greed. Greed serves no constructive purpose within our medical and healing institutions and practices.

We are what we think and create. Why are we choosing to create and sustain these kinds of systems? Why are we choosing to create and maintain this kind of national identity?

What has become of our Good Samaritan?

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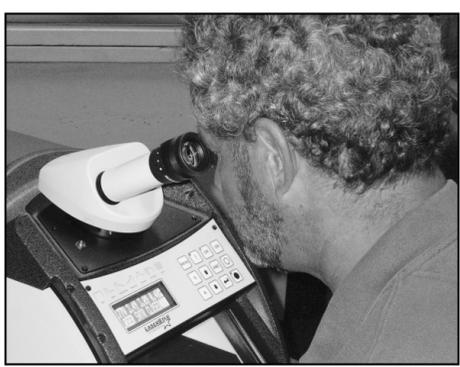
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 Lucy Ann Garza vs. David Garza Sr., protective order.  
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 Grantee: Thomas Posey  
 Property: The S/77.5 feet of the N/155 feet of the west half of Lot 1, Block 2, Lockhart Addition  
 Date: Dec. 28, 2007  
 Grantor: Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Robert E. Haney Jr. and Jimmy

Taylor  
 Grantee: CBG Ranch LLC  
 Property: Tracts out of Section 41, Block 27, H&TC RR Co. Survey; Section 56, Block 27, H&TC RR Co. Survey; Section 57, Block 27, H&TC RR Co. Survey; and Section 31, Block 31, T&P RR Co. Survey  
 Date: Dec. 28, 2007  
 Grantor: Chase Home Finance LLC  
 Grantee: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development  
 Property: Lot 12, Block 1, Haven Addition  
 Date: Dec. 31, 2007  
 Grantor: Lela Pearl Maness  
 Grantee: Bill T. Baker and Erma Baker  
 Property: A .5 acre tract out of Section 48, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
 Date: Dec. 31, 2007  
**Warranty Deeds With Vendor's Lien:**  
 Grantor: Jeffrey Edwards and Andrea Edwards  
 Grantee: Sarah A. Lowery  
 Property: A 15.09 acre tract out of Section 41, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
 Date: Dec. 27, 2007  
 Grantor: Randall Glen Gee and Kimberly Ann Gee  
 Grantee: David L. Ward and Ann H. Ward  
 Property: The N/6 feet of Lot 15, all of Lot 14 and the S/4 feet of Lot 13, Block 8, Coronado Hills  
 Date: Dec. 27, 2007  
 Grantor: Dan Earl Lusk and A. Katherine Lusk  
 Grantee: Tommy Stephen Tilly  
 Property: Lot 13, Block 4, Replat of

Wasson Addition  
 Date: Dec. 28, 2007  
 Grantor: Sylvia Ann Jones  
 Grantee: Elma Denise Gandy  
 Property: Lot 4, Block 9, Marshall Fields Estates  
 Date: Dec. 28, 2007  
 Grantor: Floretta Rau Parrish  
 Grantee: Trevino Tapia  
 Property: A 4.59 acre tract out of Section 17, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey; A 1.52 acre tract out of Lot 2, Block C, Campeste Estates  
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 Grantee: Bill Stone and Erin Stone  
 Property: Lot 4, Block 3, Canyon View Subdivision  
 Date: Dec. 28, 2007  
 Grantor: Martha L. Howard, James D. Winans, Wanda Winans Clayton, Robert Randall Springfield, Albert M. Springfield, Gary Winans, Larry Winans and Claudine Dillard  
 Grantee: John R. Middleton and Cynthia Middleton  
 Property: The S/2 of the NE/4 of Section 25, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey (not including excluded properties)  
 Date: Dec. 31, 2007  
 Grantor: Isela Miranda Rodriguez  
 Grantee: Nola Dale C. Jones  
 Property: A tract out of Section 30, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
 Date: Dec. 31, 2007  
 Grantor: E. Denise Gandy  
 Grantee: Don Estill  
 Property: Lot 31, Block 4, Kentwood Unit No. 1  
 Date: Dec. 31, 2007

**ENERGY**

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Washington has begun a policy review. One issue being debated is whether or not to attempt to try to engage some elements of the terrorist group. To date, the U.S. has a policy of never negotiating with the Islamic group.  
 • On Tuesday, Petrobras, Brazil's state-owned oil company, produced a record 2 million barrels per day. The nation is heading towards having the capability to be a net exporter. Energy Intelligence reports production is expected to

remain near the 2 million barrels per day level through 2008.  
 • Syria's Deputy Foreign Minister Mekdad told *The Financial Times* it will be difficult for his nation to restart the peace process with Israel without the U.S. intervening. *Gulf News* wrote last week that Mekdad had called on the U.S. to reconsider its refusal to help jumpstart talks with the Jewish state.  
 • Sabah reports Iran has halted most natural gas deliveries to Turkey, keeping production at home. Iranian Energy Ministry officials blame the cut in exports on a technical issue. The

shortfall comes as consumption rises with falling temperatures. We note Turkey is a major importer of natural gas.  
 • Record crude oil prices are paying off for shipbuilders. Seoul-based Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Co., the world's third-largest yard, has received a \$2.1 billion order for an offshore oil platform. The contract with an undisclosed European company is a record deal.  
 • Seemingly trumpeting the revival of Russia's military prowess, Moscow is hailing the successful test of its RS-24 intercontinental ballistic missile. The missile, first tested

last May, is capable of carrying multiple warheads. In addition, the Russians also launched a successful test of the submarine launched RSM-54. *The Financial Times* describes this ballistic missile, in its final stage, becomes a cruise missile.  
 • According to an Interfax report, Russia may cut their oil exports by 1.5 percent during Q1 2008. Meanwhile, Energy Intelligence suggests Russia will use Kazakhstan's Atasu-Alashankou pipeline to ship 24.0 thousand barrels per day to China. We note Russian Industry and Energy Minister Viktor Kristenko recently

said Russia would supply up to 100 thousand barrels per day of crude to China using the same pipeline.  
 • Earthrace, an alternative-fuel powered boat, will attempt to circumnavigate the globe starting next March. The skipper hopes to break the speed record for the accomplishment using 100 percent biodiesel and having a net zero carbon footprint. Pete Bethune, captain of Earthrace, underwent liposuction and is using some of his fat to produce the biofuel used in the attempt.  
 • California has been blocked by the EPA from tightening their states' tailpipe emission stan-

dards. California had hoped to cut their exhaust 30 percent by 2016.  
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**TASER**

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hold a Taser party for buyers and dealers. The CES, which runs from Jan. 7-10, is the world's largest tech trade show. Taser doesn't expect its dealers to start imitating Shafman. But spokesman Steve Tuttle says company officials think people can learn from her approach.  
 "When I talk about Taser, I come across as a salesman," Tuttle says. "When you see her it comes across as very real."  
 Shafman, a freelance construction consultant, says she always had a natural interest in self defense products. She loved the idea of the Taser, which would allow her to stop an attacker from across the room without getting physical.  
 She tried moonlighting as a door-to-door Taser saleswoman. But years of negative press about Taser made it tough.

"I got tired of being pushed out of people's offices," she says. "Nobody wants to purchase a product that they think is lethal or going to kill somebody."  
 A lot of people, especially women, need time to get comfortable with a unique product like Taser before they'll consider buying one, Shafman says.  
 So the Taser party was born. Shafman says she's sold about 30 guns per month at \$349.99 since her first Taser party on Oct. 15. She doesn't get a commission from Taser. Instead, Shafman says she gets a discounted dealer rate for the units and keeps the difference.  
 Taser has been surging on Wall Street two years after the Securities and Exchange Commission concluded its investigation into the company's safety claims and business practices. Its stock more than doubled in 2007 from a low of \$7.44 to a high in 2007 of \$19.36 a share.  
 Company officials say they're

now selling Tasers in 43 countries and more than 12,500 police agencies in the U.S. are either using or testing their weapons. With its weapons dominant in law enforcement, Taser is turning its attention back to the civilian market.  
 It launched the C2 in August. Though it packs the same electric punch, the C2 is smaller than the bulky personal stun guns Taser developed years ago, and its sleek exterior makes it look more like an electric razor than a weapon. They're legal in every state but New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Michigan, Wisconsin, Hawaii, and Washington D.C.  
 Shafman says many of her women customers love that the C2 is small enough to fit in their purses, and that it comes in a variety of colors. When it comes to choosing weapons, she says, a lot of women want them in pink.  
 "It's a girl power kind of thing," Shafman says. "You're

kind of making a statement: I know I'm a woman. I know I'm the most sought after victim in regards to sexual assault, sexual abuse. So please stay away from me. If in the event you do come after me, I'm going to use my pink Taser to put you on the ground."  
 Amnesty International, which has criticized Taser's assertion that its weapons are non-lethal, frowns on the C2 and any attempt to spread the use of stun guns. Officials with the human rights organization say the weapons are frequently used in excess by trained police, and they're likely to be abused by the public as well.  
 Mona Cadena, Amnesty International's Western Regional director, says there are already reports of domestic violence using Tasers and other energy weapons.  
 "Of course, we want to stop violence against women like Dana's saying," she says. "But we also want to ensure that Tasers don't end up causing it

too."  
 Shafman has a quick answer for Amnesty International. If she had a choice of getting shocked or being attacked with a knife, a gun or something else, "I'd much rather be assaulted by a Taser."  
 And unlike other weapons, she says, Taser forces its customers to submit to a criminal background check before giving them a code to turn on their weapons.  
 At the party in Gilbert, the shooting goes on into the night as everyone takes a shot.  
 Lori Busken, 48, is the first in line. Busken, who is single, says she'd feel better carrying a Taser than a gun. She didn't buy a C2 right away, but she says she's planning to buy one soon.  
 "It's not heavy," she says after holding the weapon in her hand. "It's great they make them for civilian use. You don't want to kill somebody. You just want to be safe, you know?"

**SETTLE**

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Both attorneys said Friday they did not know how many people were expected to file claims against the company. According to the settlement agreement, Diamond and its insurance company have already settled about 1,200

related claims for compensation ranging from the price of recalled food to veterinary bills and pet deaths.  
 The settlement states that owners of a dog that died as a result of eating the contaminated food could receive up to \$1,000. Owners could also be compensated up to \$1,000 for testing and treatment for aflatoxin poisoning, as

well as payment for up to two bags of pet food.  
 Andrews and other attorneys representing the claimants will receive a fee of \$465,000, which will be paid out from the \$3.1 million, according to the settlement.  
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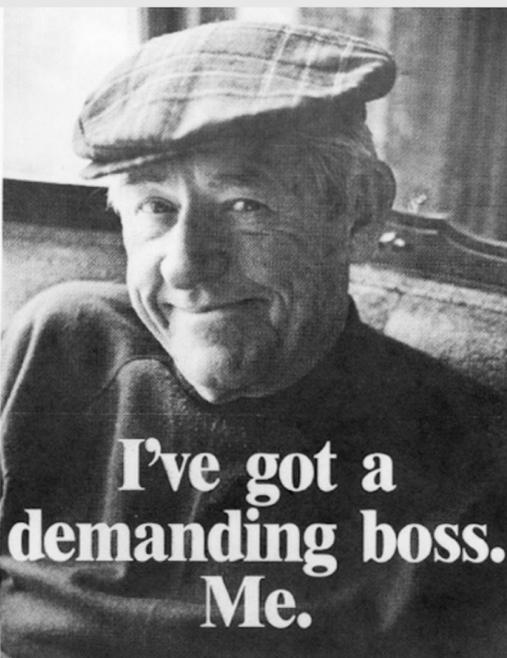
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| <b>ACROSS</b>                          | <b>DOWN</b>                           | <b>ACROSS</b>                 | <b>DOWN</b>                   |
| 1 Gibbon, for one                      | 1 Watering holes                      | 6 Get on                      | 6 Get on                      |
| 10 Give up                             | 2 Opposite of "free"                  | 7 Victoria Beckham, née       | 7 Victoria Beckham, née       |
| 15 Away for a while                    | 3 Declaration signer from Connecticut | 8 Frisked, with "down"        | 8 Frisked, with "down"        |
| 16 SAG Life Achievement honoree of '01 | 4 Broke down                          | 9 Marching order              | 9 Marching order              |
| 17 Evidence of freshness               | 5 Gary Collins precessor, 1980-81     | 10 Good source of B6          | 10 Good source of B6          |
| 18 Photo finish                        |                                       | 11 Essex exclamation          | 11 Essex exclamation          |
| 19 Union-vote facilitator              |                                       | 12 Get on                     | 12 Get on                     |
| 20 First responders, at times          |                                       | 13 Last Beatles film          | 13 Last Beatles film          |
| 21 Land on the Euphrates               |                                       | 14 Visionary                  | 14 Visionary                  |
| 22 Tiger Woods PGA Tour participant    |                                       | 23 Updated version            | 23 Updated version            |
| 24 Drudge                              |                                       | 25 Unconventional             | 25 Unconventional             |
| 26 Hole-in-the-wall fixture            |                                       | 28 Head of a violin           | 28 Head of a violin           |
| 27 Gets by                             |                                       | 30 Appetizing                 | 30 Appetizing                 |
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**Legals**

**CITATION**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

**NOTICE TO: Unknown Heirs of Willy M. Scott, Deceased**

The application of Robert Cox, applicant, was filed in the Probate Court of Howard County, Texas on the 30th day of October, 2007, for the probate cause numbered P-13492, and entitled "Application To Determine Heirship." The application requests the court to determine the heirs of the decedent, Willy M. Scott.

The Court will hear such application at 10:00 AM on the first Monday after the expiration of 10 days, exclusive of the day of publication, from the date this citation is published, which will be Monday, the 24th day of December, 2007, in the County Courtroom in the County Courthouse of Howard County in Big Spring, Texas.

All of the persons named or identified above and all persons interested in the aforesaid estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for said hearing by filing a written contest or answer to said application should they desire to contest it.

Said written contest or answer shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas in Big Spring, Texas.

The officer serving this citation shall, in compliance with the law, serve it by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in this, the county in which such proceeding is pending, for not less than 10 days before the return day hereof, exclusive of the day of the publication, and the date of publication said newspaper bears shall be the date of publication.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

**ISSUED AND GIVEN** under my hand and seal of office this 10th day of December, 2007, at office in Big Spring, Texas.

**Donna Wright, County Clerk Howard County, Texas**  
By: Nancy Porter Deputy #5634 December 16, 23 & 30, 2007 and January 6, 2008

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS**

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Dist/Div: Abilene Contract 6175-23-001 for LITTER REMOVAL in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on February 12, 2008 at 1:30 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$13,271.40.

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**Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need**

Dear Annie: I recently saw my doctor for an annual physical and talked to him about something that had been bothering me. My 14-year-old daughter, "Sara," told me that she and her friend "Donna" had smoked pot for the first time. Since my doctor has a 14-year-old daughter in the same school, I thought he might have some words of wisdom for me.

Three days ago, Sara began receiving angry e-mails from Donna, wanting to know why I was spreading gossip about her. It turns out the person who told her I was spreading gossip was the physician's daughter.

I feel betrayed by my doctor to the point of leaving his practice, but he is otherwise a wonderful physician. I also don't want Donna to bully me into doing something I don't wish to do.

My relationship with Sara is strained over this and I'm considering calling Donna's mother, but I don't want to make things worse for Sara. What should I do? — Need Help in Wisconsin

Dear Wisconsin: Your doctor is the one at fault. Although we understand he may have been concerned about his own child, he had no business discussing your personal problems (and mentioning you by name!) with anyone in his family. If you don't want to leave his practice, at least let him know you are disappointed in his lack of professionalism. Don't confide in him again.

As for Sara, you should apologize for discussing her behavior with someone who lacked discretion. You might also apologize to Donna for dragging her into this, but first discuss it with Sara. She will appreciate your willingness to do so, even if she prefers that you say nothing more. In any event, we recommend using this opportunity to have some frank talks with your daughter about your concerns.

Dear Annie: My neighbors ask us to pet-sit their dogs every holiday, vacation, etc. This started 10 years ago, when my young son was friends with their son. Both boys are now grown and don't live at home.

These neighbors have an elderly dog that can barely walk and they also have a puppy. This entails at least three or four daily visits to their house to walk and feed the animals. The last few times they asked, I made excuses that we were too busy, but they persist. They are nice people, but we are not otherwise close. We have a dog, too, but have never once asked our neighbors to care for it. We put Fido in a kennel when we go away. Why can't these people get the hint? — Frustrated Neighbor

Dear Neighbor: Stop pussyfooting around and tell them directly that you no longer have the time or energy to take care of their dogs. Give them the name and phone number of the kennel. Say you've found the place trustworthy and suggest they try it next time. Don't let them guilt you into changing your mind.

Dear Annie: I read the responses from children of divorce who never forgave their fathers for leaving the marriage, usually for another woman. While I don't approve of the actions of these men, I think you should present the opposite situation.



**KATHY MITCHELL**  
**MARCY SUGAR**

My wife of 17 years had several affairs. I found out after the first and told her I didn't want to ever catch her doing that again. I felt everyone deserves one "Aw, heck." Well, she didn't let me catch her again. She went deeper underground. With the inevitable divorce, I was kept out of my children's lives for 10 years. It wasn't until they grew up and really looked at their mother's behavior that they came back into my life. Women aren't all saints like those responses painted them out to be. — California Dad

Dear California: You're right, but the responses we printed were a sampling of the ones we received — and not one came from a child whose parents divorced because the mother walked out for another man, although we know this surely happens. But apparently, it doesn't happen as often.

Dear Annie: I love my husband dearly. We have one child, who was not planned. My husband seems to enjoy being a father, but when I told him I want another child, he freaked out. He said he doesn't like "responsibility" and doesn't want any more children.

I'm an only child and don't want my child to be one as well. There's nothing wrong with being an only child, but to this day, I have always been envious of the special relationship siblings have. That bond can never be re-created in other relationships.

I told my husband I wasn't going to be taking birth control anymore so he needed to figure out what he was going to do. He told me he would divorce me if I got pregnant. I don't really believe that, but it's a strong stance. I'd just wait him out, but I have a history of ovarian cysts and tumors and have been told by my doctor that I might need an ovariectomy by the time I'm 30. I'm almost 28 now, so I don't have a lot of time. Any insight? — Ticking Clock

Dear Ticking: Whether or not to have children, and how many, is a major deal-breaker for most marriages. If you become pregnant, your husband may come around, as many fathers do, but you can't know for sure. He may decide to withhold sex or get a vasectomy to make sure there is no pregnancy. We also think it is unfair for him to make a unilateral decision not to have more children knowing how much a larger family means to you. Please find a third party to mediate this — perhaps your clergy or a counselor — and decide if your marriage is as important to you as having another child, because it may come to that.

Dear Annie: Two of my children are getting married next year. My side of the family is quite large. I have more than 60 first cousins, who are married with children. I am not close to all of them, even some in the

same family, and my children don't know most of them. I definitely want to invite all my aunts and uncles, and I would like to invite the cousins we know best.

Is it OK to invite some cousins from a family and not others? I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings, but we cannot afford to invite everyone. Nor will the facility hold so many people. What is the proper thing to do? — Wedding Woes

Dear Wedding Woes: Since your cousins are all grown with their own families and you have individual relationships with each, you may invite those with whom you are close and perhaps put the others on your "B" list. However, if doing this will create a family rift, you might prefer to limit the guest list to your aunts and uncles and have an informal party for the cousins to meet the bride and groom at a later date.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Pressured Wife," who says men too often focus their relationships on sex. I can totally understand how men could develop that sort of attitude.

I consider myself a giving partner, but I've found that many women have the attitude that men need to "earn" sex. I dated a woman for a long time who was very selfish about intimacy. One evening I asked, "Why is it never focused around my satisfaction?" She replied, "I don't think you deserve it."

I have several male friends with similar stories, who feel they only receive attention on their birthdays or special occasions. It creates a vicious cycle when guys believe they can only get sex when they do something nice for their partner, and their partners believe guys only do something nice to get sex. — Patient Partner

Dear Patient: This is why open communication is so important in a relationship. Intimacy should be an act of love, willingly given by each partner. It shouldn't be about reward and punishment.

Dear Annie: My husband comes from a family with a history of manic depression, mood disorders, suicides, addictions, etc. He self-medicates by overeating, gambling, watching too much TV and wanting a lot of sex. It is exceptionally bad in the winter, and I am on edge all the time, not knowing what kind of mood he will be in.

I go to therapy to cope. I have repeatedly told his cardiologist, family physician and sleep disorder doctor about his behavior and his family history, but they ignore me or say they can't do anything if my husband won't admit he's depressed. He does, of course, put on a good front to others.

Why do all the experts say "tell your family doctor" about a loved one's problems when the doctors refuse to deal with it? Do you have any suggestions? — MSFM

Dear MSFM: A doctor can only do so much. If your husband refuses to admit he may have mental health issues, he is not likely to accept help from anyone. The best you can do is get help on your own, and you already are doing this. Discuss the situation with your therapist so you can determine whether there is any aspect of your husband's behavior that

you can work on at home and, if not, what the best course of action is for YOU. Also contact the National Alliance on Mental Illness (nami.org) at 1-800-950-NAMI (1-800-950-6264) for support and suggestions.

Dear Annie: Recently, the parents of two of my closest friends have divorced. This has caused me to look at my own parents, who have been married over 30 years. Mom and Dad are wonderful people who gave my brother and me a loving childhood. Yet, I've seen a growing strain in their relationship.

Whenever they talk to me, they end up griping about the other one at some point in the conversation. I realize venting frustration can be healthy, but I honestly can't remember the last time either of them said anything positive about the other. For years, I have suggested they talk through their problems and grievances instead of sweeping them under the rug, but they don't listen. They continually throw themselves further into their separate lives as the rift grows wider. Most of my mother's friends are in unhappy marriages, and I'm afraid she believes this situation is normal.

I want to talk to them about their marriage, but I don't know how to do it. Both of them are very poor communicators. I'm afraid talking could make it worse and they will resent me for bringing it up. Neither of them would consider marriage counseling. I want them to be happy. How can I help? — Worried Out West

Dear Worried: Some long-married couples get into the habit of griping, and you shouldn't jump to the conclusion that they are looking to divorce. But the next time Mom disparages your father, ask "Are you unhappy?" The question alone may force her to think carefully about the relationship, and more importantly, make her see the impact her complaints are having on you. (You can do the same with your father.)

Dear Annie: This is for "The First Wife," who asked if the relationship between a parent and child suffers when the parent abandons the marriage. In my case, divorce was a godsend for the relationship between my ex and our sons.

Before the divorce, my husband would refuse to come home at a reasonable hour and basically ignored the boys. Once we divorced, he actually made an investment in the time he spent with them. It forced him to be a "hands-on" father when he used to believe parenting was all "women's work." He actually started coming to their ball games and school functions. — Happier Ex-Wife

Dear Ex-Wife: We're sorry it took such a huge knock in the head for your husband to wake up, but better late than never.

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**Answer to previous puzzle**

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# Police question 'person of interest' in hiker's disappearance

By DANIEL YEE

Associated Press Writer  
ATLANTA — Authorities questioned a man Saturday in a 24-year-old hiker's disappearance from a state park, while trained searchers combed the mountainous area and volunteers took up the ominous task of posting fliers of the missing woman.

Meredith Emerson's friends pledged Saturday to continue posting sheets bearing her photo, saying that while they were worried that she hasn't been seen in five days, they were encouraged that authorities had found both Emerson's dog and the man seen with her on the trail.

"We're just happy to have some news. We've been waiting on news, anything," said Julia Karrenbauer, Emerson's



AP Photo/The Atlanta Journal & Constitution, Vito Wong  
Members of the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Rapid Response Team aid in the search at Blood Mountain at Vogel State Park Friday in Blairsville, Ga. Another search was underway for an aging backpacker now wanted for questioning in the disappearance of Meredith Emerson of Buford.

roommate. "We're still looking for Meredith. We still need her face out there."

Emerson's black

Labrador retriever, Ella, was found Friday at a grocery store at least 40 miles from where Emerson's car was discovered two

days earlier. Emerson was last seen Tuesday when she went hiking with the dog, which authorities identified

Friday using an implanted microchip, Union County investigator Kimberly Verdone said.

Also on Friday, Gary Michael Hilton, who authorities said was seen with Emerson several times Tuesday, was picked up by police at a convenience store in an Atlanta suburb and taken for questioning at a Georgia Bureau of Investigation office, Verdone said. She described the 61-year-old as a "person of interest," not a suspect.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation declined to specify how investigators learned Hilton's name and other details about him.

Emerson's car was found at the base of Blood Mountain, and authorities also found a water bottle and a dog leash that belonged to her.

Clear weather Friday had allowed helicopters to join rescue workers and canine teams in the search.

Karrenbauer described Emerson as an experienced hiker who has a blue belt in martial arts. Other friends said she was familiar with the trail near where her car was found, having jogged on it several times with a partner.

Emerson is formerly of Longmont, Colo., and recently became a resident of Buford, Ga., in suburban Atlanta.

One of Georgia's oldest and most popular state parks, Vogel State Park is at the base of Blood Mountain in the Chattahoochee National Forest. The area includes the Appalachian Trail, the famous hiking route that stretches from Georgia to Maine.

## News in brief

### Saakashvili seeks to restore democratic credentials in Georgia's presidential election

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Georgians voted Saturday to determine whether to keep Mikhail Saakashvili as president in the former Soviet republic, where he was once considered a symbol of democratic reform but now faces accusations of authoritarian leanings.

The U.S.-educated Saakashvili led mass street protests that ousted a Communist-era veteran from power following fraudulent elections in late 2003. He won a January 2004 election with more than 96 percent of the vote and set out to transform the bankrupt country into a modern European state.

Now the Rose Revolution hero, who was much lauded in the West, is fighting to stay in office amid opponents' claims that he has ignored the needs of the poor and shown a tendency toward authoritarianism.

In November, many Georgians were angered after police violently dispersed peaceful demonstrations and Saakashvili imposed a state of emergency that included banning independent TV news broadcasts. The crackdown called into question Saakashvili's commitment to democracy. Saakashvili defused the crisis by calling an early election, cutting short his own five-year term.

Saakashvili's challenge Saturday is to win an outright majority and avoid a runoff two weeks later that

would allow the opposition, now split among six challengers, to unite behind a single candidate.

### Leading U.S. diplomat for Africa meets with opposition leader for talks on disputed vote

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The leading U.S. diplomat for Africa met with Kenya's president and the head of the opposition on Saturday to encourage a peaceful resolution after the disputed presidential election that sparked days of deadly riots.

Jendayi Frazer first held talks with opposition candidate Raila Odinga and then was meeting with President Mwai Kibaki, officials said. Kibaki was declared re-elected after a tally that international observations say was seriously flawed.

"They discussed how to find a solution for this crisis in the country," Odinga's spokesman, Salim Lone, told The Associated Press after the talks concluded Saturday morning. Lone said Odinga repeated his call for a rerun of the Dec. 27 vote, but offered few other details.

Isaiya Kabira, director of the presidential press service, said Frazer had begun meeting with Kibaki.

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said Frazer's mission is designed to complement other international efforts to encourage a peaceful resolu-

tion.

### Tensions rise as U.S. rejects North Korea claims it provided key list of nuclear programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A dispute over whether North Korea has given the U.S. details of its nuclear programs has become the latest hurdle in efforts to rid the North of its atomic arsenal.

The United States rejects North Korea's claim that it handed over the list in November — ahead of a Dec. 31 deadline that the U.S. says the North missed — and "has done what it should do" on the declaration.

In the face of North Korean charges of U.S. obstruction, Washington on Friday urged the North to fulfill a pledge it sees as crucial to implementing an aid-for-disarmament deal struck by six nations in February.

The spat is evidence of lingering mistrust between the two former war enemies. Some observers believe North Korea is reluctant to reveal its nuclear programs for fear that too much clarity would weaken the country's negotiating leverage.

Despite the North's hardline comments, the State Department expressed confidence that disarmament efforts were moving ahead. Spokesman Sean McCormack said, however, that North Korea has yet to provide a complete nuclear declaration.

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# More than a million lose power as storm blows through California

By SAMANTHA YOUNG  
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Howling winds, pelting rain and heavy snow pummeled California on Friday, toppling trees, flipping big rigs, cutting power to more than a million people and forcing evacuations in mudslide-prone areas.

Flights were grounded and highways closed in Northern California as gusts reached 80 mph during the second wave of an arctic storm that sent trees crashing onto houses, cars and roads. Forecasters expected the storm to dump as much as 10 feet of snow in the Sierra Nevada by Sunday.

Highways from Sacramento to San Francisco were closed because of debris or toppled big rigs blocking lanes, and local roads were flooded. Interstate 80 was closed in the Sierra, the main link between Northern California and Nevada.

"A huge tree, over 100 years old, just fell across the house. It just wrecked

the whole thing," said Faye Reed, whose daughter Teenia owns the damaged home north of Sacramento. "They won't be able to live in it. The whole ceiling fell in, and now it's raining inside."

More than a million people from the Bay Area to the Central Valley were in the dark. Crews worked to restore power, but it could be days before all the lights are on, said Pacific Gas & Electric spokeswoman Darlene Chiu.

In Southern California, authorities in Orange County ordered an estimated 3,000 residents to evacuate homes in four canyons scarred by wildfires and therefore prone to mudslides.

"It's too late once the rain starts. These areas are extremely vulnerable. You're risking your life and your family's life fundamentally" by ignoring orders, said Steve Sellers of the governor's Office of Emergency Services.

Flash flood warnings were issued in canyon burn areas in Malibu and in Los Angeles, Santa



**A man seeks protection from high winds and pounding rain from behind a small umbrella in San Francisco Friday. A fierce arctic storm pounded California, threatening to soak mudslide-prone canyons already charred by wildfires and to paralyze the mountains with deep snow.**

Barbara and Ventura counties. Riverside and San Bernardino counties, east of Los Angeles, deployed swift-water rescue teams as a precaution. The California Highway Patrol reported flooding in the area.

The state opened its emergency operations center Friday morning to

coordinate storm response, and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said he had spoken with Homeland Security Secretary Michael

Chertoff by phone.

"Preparation is really the heart of this whole thing," Schwarzenegger said after touring the state emergency operation center at the Los Alamitos Joint Training Base.

Homeowners in Southern California stacked sandbags and hay bales around their homes while residents in the low-lying areas of the Central Valley piled sandbags to barricade their homes from streams that forecasters warned might swell.

After looking for a missing Clovis family all afternoon, search teams found 64-year-old John Hopper and his 15-year-old twins, Matt and Sarah, safe in a popular hiking destination in the Sierra National Forest.

Crews found the family with three other people who had apparently gotten trapped in the woods

after the storm hit, said Madera County Sheriff's spokeswoman Erica Stuart. All six hikers were in good condition.

Travelers' flight plans were put on hold in the San Francisco Bay Area, Sacramento and Los Angeles when airlines delayed or canceled flights. The state Legislature in Sacramento closed offices and sent employees home early.

A wind gust of 125 mph was recorded in the Sierra on Friday afternoon, the National Weather Service said.

The storm also toppled trees and cut power to thousands of residents in Washington and Oregon.

Meanwhile, a freeze in the East subsided. Florida's citrus growers weathered the cold largely unscathed, but strawberry and tomato growers watched as some of their crops shriveled.

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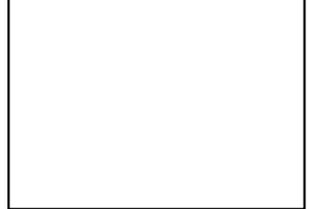
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point. This marks the second year she has displayed animals at the Glasscock show and she and her father, Rusty, admitted it's a time-consuming process.

"Just today, I spent about eight to 10 hours getting my angoras ready," Carlie said. "And with the hogs, I spent about an hour working on them."

And that was just during the livestock show. Preparation leading up to the event was even more time-consuming.

Carlie is a livestock show multi-tasker — she competes in more than one division this year. That translates into months of care and feeding leading up to the show.

Her father wouldn't have it any other way.

"She helps feed them and gets their bedding ready at night, among other things," Rusty said. "She's very involved in her projects. It's important to me that parents don't do all the work."

Father and daughter said preparing hogs, sheeps and goats for the livestock show circuit can take months, but conceded they have it easy compared to others.

"Working with steers is probably the most time-consuming," Rusty said. "Most people probably already have started working on their steers for next year's show."

As for Carlie, she's sticking with the smaller animals, such as hogs and goats.

"Pigs are easier," she said. "And they have more personality."

Following are results from the rabbit and steer judging at this year's Glasscock County 4-H

American Dialect Society chooses 'subprime' as Word of the Year

CHICAGO (AP) — Even the American Dialect Society knows how risky home mortgages are these days.

The group of word-smiths chose "subprime" as 2007's Word of the Year at its annual convention Friday.

"'Subprime' has been around with bankers for awhile, but now everyone is talking about 'subprime,'" said Wayne Glowka, a spokesman for the group and a dean at Reinhardt College in Waleska, Ga. "It's affecting all kinds of people in all kinds of places."

About 80 members of the organization spent two days debating the merits of runners-up "Facebook," "green," "Googleganger" and "waterboarding" before voting for an adjective that means "a risky or less than ideal loan, mortgage or investment."

The choice signifies the public's concern for a "deepening mortgage crisis," the society said in a statement.

"Facebook," as a noun, verb or adjective, was popular with younger linguists, Glowka said.

Junior Livestock Show:

Rabbits

Commercial — Kamie Halfmann, champion; Laura Halfmann, reserve champion.

Fancy — Jaquelyn Hale, champion; Megan Hughes, reserve champion.

Grand Champion — Kamie Halfmann.

Reserve Grand Champion — Jaquelyn Hale.

Junior Showmanship — Megan Hughes.

Intermediate Showmanship — Taylor Hughes.

Senior Showmanship — Laura Halfmann.

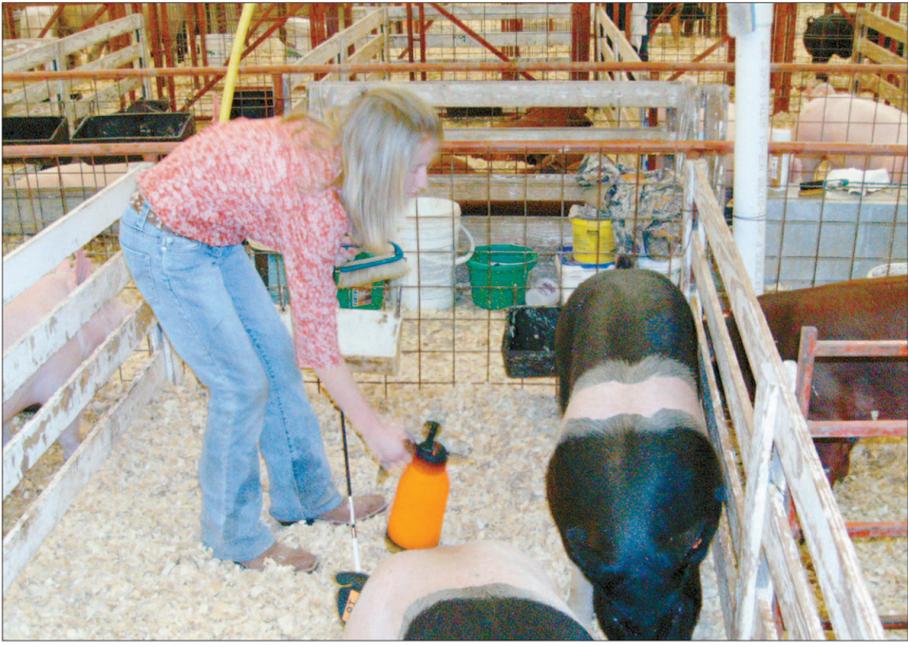
Steers

American — Samantha Kellermeier, champion; Kelsey Jones, reserve champion.

European — Whitney Kellermeier, champion; Cassie Hirt, reserve champion.

Grand Champion — Whitney Kellermeier.

Reserve Grand Champion — Cassie Hirt. Intermediate Showman-



Lexie Schaefer does last-minute preparation before showing her hogs at the 71st Annual Glasscock County 4-H Junior Livestock Show Friday afternoon in Garden City.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

If the planets had a theme song today, they'd be singing, "I've gotta be me!" In the spotlight, far-out Uranus riffs on a live-and-let-live sensibility with the sun. Independence is key in relationships, too, as Venus in Sagittarius spreads her wings to soar while Saturn hesitates, preferring a more structured approach over freestylin'. Honor each person's song.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The spontaneous you emerges, ready to play. Family ties are sources of joy. Don't make too many plans that will have you running around town. All the fun is close to home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're busting through a restriction —

an excellent way to start your new year. More than a few of these rules will be broken before the month is up. The limitations were only in your head from the start.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're extremely charming when you want to be, and today, you definitely feel like it. There's much to gain — attention, affection and money, for starters — from being well enjoyed by your peers.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have a hard time faking enthusiasm when you don't feel inspired. You now have to look for reasons to feel enthusiastic and focus your attention on them until your energy rises.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your influence over your world is increasing. On a practical level, you are stronger, quicker and more able to move on your ideas. On an ethereal level, you have power over things unseen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Your confidence, when applied to the task of making friends, will cause a sensation. You could melt a cold heart or attract the attention of someone who is categorically aloof.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your natural diplomacy comes in handy now as you find yourself smack dab in the middle of a rivalry. You don't have to say much to say just the right things. Friends appreciate how you make them look good.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Every relationship requires maintenance — for some, just a phone call once a month, and for others, constant attention. You're trying to take care of everyone now, and you manage to do a good job of it, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To the exclusion of all else, you're concentrating on getting a particular area of your life under control. Once this zone is restored to a manageable place, you'll be

able to move onward and upward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're on the hot seat. Not because anyone is mad at you but because you are so loved that others are curious about every aspect of your business. Keep your own secrets.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you match the level of enthusiasm of those around you, you are well liked, understood and accepted. But when you raise the level of enthusiasm, you are respected as an independent spirit and leader.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're rearranging your world, and a loved one seems to be standing in the way of that process. Have compassion. For some people, change is scary — even if they are not the ones who are changing.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This first full week of 2008 is marked by the concentration of Sagittarius and

Capricorn energies in the sky, two very distinct influences. What do Sagittarius and Capricorn have in common? Well, Jupiter, for one. Jupiter expands our professional opportunities and material ambitions, though it's hardly business-as-usual for Jupiter. When Jupiter sees something he likes, he reaches out and grabs it, reasoning, "Why shouldn't I have that beautiful house in the Caribbean or the corner office with bay windows?" The sign of Capricorn reins him in — the privilege of experience is earned, not given, with patience and hard work. It's not a bummer to narrow our fields of vision. Life gives us many opportunities to wish upon a star (Jupiter), yet not all dreams are meant to come true simply because we want them to. It's up to us to decide which North Star to follow, and which dream is worth the time and effort (Capricorn). The future is now. It all

begins with an intention, a few practical steps and a clear view of your own North Star.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Nephew of Francis Ford Coppola, Nicolas Cage comes from a lineage of talent. Is it a question of pedigree? Perhaps.

Family inheritances have a certain influence over lives of Capricorn sun-sign people. He's adding his own comic twist to the legacy — Nicolas named his second little boy Kal-El, after superhero Superman's birth name.

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Dear Margo: He said, she said—literally

He Said, She Said — Literally

Dear Readers: It is rather unusual in this line of work to hear both sides of a story. I don't know whether the woman who wrote me showed her boyfriend the letter, merely told him she was going to write or he sneaked a look at her computer. In any case, I thought you would be as fascinated as I was with the following letters:



MARGO HOWARD

Dear Margo: My new boyfriend is extremely uncomfortable with any contact I have with my ex-husband, whether it's phone or e-mail, even in regard to business. I am absolutely forbidden to have even a 30-second phone call. Is his reaction appropriate, or should he stay out of my relationship with my ex-husband since it does not involve him? — C.V.

Dear Margo: My girlfriend recently wrote to you regarding my uneasiness with her continued contact with her ex-husband. I'd like to set the facts straight. First of all, I never "forbid" her to do anything. I'm uneasy with her contact with the ex because she cheated on me with him and lied about it for six months. Even after the truth came out, she couldn't be honest about simple things like saying she called him. All I'm asking from her is that she keep her contact with him to a minimum and conduct it in a businesslike manner. (The divorce is almost final.) What's so wrong with asking her to take my feelings into consideration? Perhaps providing you with the full scope of the situation will help

you render your advice. Thanks. — D.B.

Before I had read the boyfriend's version, I would have answered her this way:

He certainly sounds unreasonable, insecure and far too controlling in his approach. I would have added that I didn't think anyone over the age of 8 could be "forbidden" to do anything. I was taking her at her word that there were no lingering embers between her and the ex. My recommendation probably would have been to get her boyfriend to lighten up, bag the jealousy and go forward. Or not.

After reading his letter, however, the whole picture changed. The particulars had the ring of truth, and I then felt she was presenting a slanted picture to get me to come down on her side. Weighing both versions, a la Judge Judy, I would have to agree with the boyfriend in his request that the communication between the two of them be open and aboveboard, and that the dealings with the ex be brief. I would also compliment him for being able to get past her cheating. Not every man could. There is something particularly galling about cheating with an ex, not to mention lying about it. Readers occasionally carp that I don't have

both sides of the story when I answer letters. I think that is just the nature of this kind of column, and it is unrealistic to expect people to write me in pairs. Plus I have no desire to be Judge Judy. — Margo, evenhandedly

This Is the Time To MYOB

Dear Margo: A friend of mine is happy in her marriage, though I wonder whether her husband is overly controlling. He is a successful chiropractor in the community, and my friend considers him a good source for medical information, often telling people she is married to a "doctor." The issue is that when my friend recently developed a strange sore that concerned her very much, her husband told her not to see a doctor and that he would treat her. My friend agreed because she is afraid her husband would be angry if she disobeyed him. I am concerned that she needs to see a specialist quickly in case it is something serious. Am I overstepping my bounds? What, if anything, should I do? — Ambivalent

Dear Amb: You would be overstepping your bounds, and what you should do is nothing. Your friend's husband, the bone cracker, will likely figure out at some

point that a manipulation is useless when it comes to a skin lesion. In any case, this is not your business. If your friend takes herself to an M.D., it should be her decision, not yours. — Margo, sagaciously

She Is Thinking of Stepping Out

Dear Margo: I have been married to a kind and sensitive man for seven years and we are very good friends. We have two young children we both adore, and our lives are comfortable and basically good. However, we have struggled with communication and intimacy problems for years. He doesn't seem as interested in sex as I am, and I'm tired of being his teacher in bed. We are in counseling, but I'm not very hopeful it will change how he feels about sex. He is not gay, but very sensitive and emotional. I don't really want to get divorced; I just want more excitement and passion in my life. I have had numerous crushes on other men and I really want to pursue some of these feelings. Can you tell me whether open marriages work? — Need Some Passion

Dear Need: Some do, some don't. I have known couples where it allows them to stay together and others where this free-wheeling arrangement

has blown the marriage apart. I am not even sure you mean "open marriage," because that would be when both partners have given each other "permission" to sleep with others. From the sound of things, your husband is not all that interested in sleeping with anyone.

I suspect you are thinking about having an affair. I cannot predict whether or not that would work for you because there are many variables, such as guilt, falling in love and getting caught. From what you write about your wonderful husband, you might want to sublimate your quest for excitement and passion, or at least determine where it falls on a list of things that are important in your life. Just a thought. — Margo, contemplatively

Not Exactly What You'd Call a Gracious Leave-Taking

Dear Margo: In May, I started dating a guy casually. We would get together once a week or every other week for dinner and sex. Sometimes I would sleep over at his house, other times I would leave after sex and snuggle time. Recently he informed me that he'd met someone else. Also, he told me she lost a lot of weight after undergoing

gastric bypass surgery and it was easier having sex with her than with me. I have always had a problem with my weight and recently lost 30 pounds myself. I felt very hurt by his comment, but did not say anything nasty or insulting to him. I wished him good luck with his new relationship. I liked him, but did not love him. So why do I still feel rejected? — Kind of Puzzled

Dear Kind: You feel rejected because you were rejected. O plus, he called you fat. If he'd had more sensitivity he would have left out the part about the slimmer girl being "easier" in the sex department. In this case, that was too much information. I think what you two had was clearly a "friends with benefits" relationship, and I'm glad you were not in love with this man. I hope your next fella will offer you a real romance. — Margo, progressively

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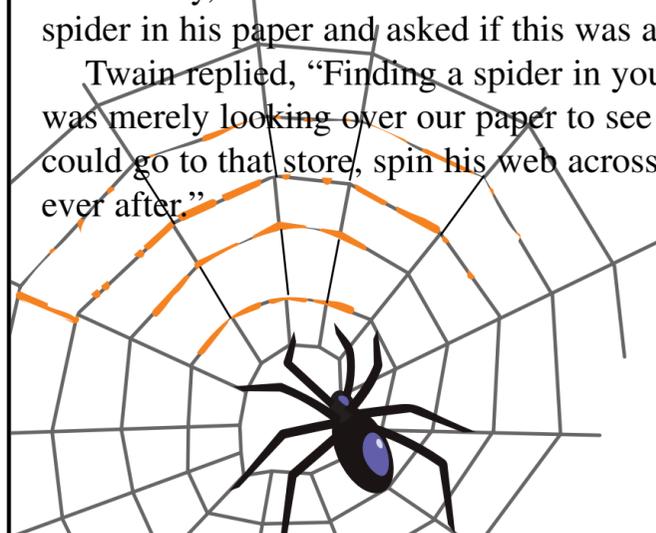
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