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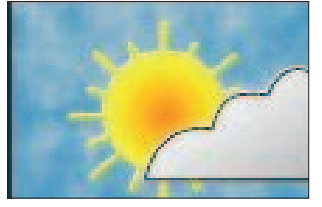


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# Senior Center decision due

*Operations may be turned over to city*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The Spring City Senior Citizens Center will likely be at the center of discussions for Howard County commissioners Monday morning, as the court ponders turning the facility over to the city of Big Spring.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, the commissioner's court will try to come to a decision whether to turn the Senior Center over to the city, ending months of negotiations between the two government entities.

"I'm hoping we'll be able to make a final decision on this Monday," said Barr. "We've been

*"We've been meeting with officials from the city for awhile now, and depending on how the commissioners feel about it, I'd like for us to move forward."*



Barr

meeting with officials from the city for awhile See **CENTER**, Page 3A



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
Jack Nixon, left, and Derek Wash, right, donate blood during a blood drive at Cornerstone Church Saturday morning. Monitoring the two men is Sherry Speed with United Blood Services.

## FISD board to review Johnson's performance

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

FORSAN — School trustees here will conduct their annual evaluation of Superintendent Randy Johnson when they hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration building board room.



Johnson

Johnson, who is in his fourth year as superintendent of the Forsan Independent School District, is currently under contract through June 30, 2010.

January is the month school boards in Texas traditionally review the

performance of their superintendents and decide whether to extend their contracts.

Other 12-month employees will be evaluated in February, followed by teachers in March.

Prior to becoming FISD superintendent during the 2004-2005 school year, Johnson was principal at Elbow Elementary for two years.

In other business, trustees will consider:

- Approving auditors for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Those duties are currently performed by the Stanton accounting firm of Stallings and Herm.

- Approval of selections to the textbook adoption committee.

## Annual chamber banquet to celebrate Howard County

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Chamber of Commerce officials plan to accentuate the positive when they hold their annual banquet this month.

"Celebrating Howard County" will be the theme of this year's banquet, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 24 in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.



Val Verde

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Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased at the chamber offices before Jan. 18. They will not be available at the door, officials said. Breaking from tradition, the banquet will not feature a keynote speaker; instead, offi-

**What:** Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

**Where:** Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

**When:** 6:30 p.m. Jan. 24.

**Tickets:** \$25 each, available at the chamber office, 215 W. Third St.

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## Voters have choices in Martin Co.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Voters in Martin County will have plenty of races to decide during the March primaries, as several seats have drawn both Republican and Democrat candidates.

The race for Martin County sheriff has drawn a trio of candidates, with John Woodward II and Teddy H. Smith both running on the Republican ticket, and Jerry Heflin running as the lone Democrat.

Incumbent Randy Cozart opted not to run for re-election.

The race for the Precinct 1 seat on the Martin County Commissioner's Court may very well be decided in March, as Jesus "Sonny" Garza will take on Bruce Jeffcoat in the Democratic Primary. The winner of the race is expected to go unopposed in November.

The Precinct 3 seat on the commissioner's court managed to draw a trio of candidates. Morgan Cox and Jim Smith will square off for the

Democratic nomination for the position, while Republican candidate Bobby Holland should automatically advance to the November election.

County Attorney James L. McGilvray and Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Hull, both incumbents, did not draw opponents for the impending elections, and will be re-elected by default.

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## IN BRIEF

### Baseball Booster Club meeting Wednesday at ATC

The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club will hold a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of high school baseball players are invited to attend and to meet new Head Coach Burt Otto.

For more information, contact Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

### Howard College presenting the Harlem Starz

The Howard College athletic department will present the Harlem Starz at 7:00 p.m. Jan. 28th at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The game is a fundraiser which will benefit the Howard College athletic program.

With names like Zig Zag, Hollywood, K-Money, Air Bama and Werm, fans will know they are not attending an ordinary basketball game. Almost every play will involve fancy dribbling, no look passes, amazing dunks, and comedy that will have the stands shaking with laughter.

In addition to the game, highlights will include a halftime show, prizes and autographs. The game will provide every fan in attendance with a memorable night of sports, fun and entertainment.

For ticket information, contact Howard College at 264-5040.

### KBYG 1400 AM's scheduled airings of NBA basketball

KBYG 1400 AM is airing both San Antonio Spurs and Dallas Mavericks basketball throughout the NBA season.

**MONDAY**  
San Antonio vs. Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
San Antonio vs. Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.

### Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

**TUESDAY**  
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 and boys basketball vs. Roscoe, 6:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
Big Spring girls basketball vs. Lubbock Estacado, 6 p.m.

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

Coahoma boys and girls basketball at Stamford, 6:30 p.m.

Forsan boys and girls basketball at Rotan, 6:30 p.m.

# Lady Steers drubbed by Frenship



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton  
**Big Spring Lady Steers guard Kallina Fletcher (12) saves a ball from going out of bounds in Big Spring's 82-14 loss to Frenship Friday night in Wolfforth.**

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH — First rule of basketball? Score. A team can't win without scoring.

Unfortunately, Big Spring's Lady Steers are having a tough time putting the ball in the basket this season and full evidence of this was shown in Friday night's contest against the Frenship Lady Tigers in Wolfforth.

Big Spring didn't score until Porsha White hit a 3-pointer from the left wing with 2:50 remaining in the first half. The score was already 40-0 at that point and the Lady Steers went on to lose, 82-14.

In a game as lopsided as this one, it's hard for anyone to find any positives for the losing team. However, Big Spring Head Coach Randal Petty gave it his best shot at

remaining upbeat.

"Honestly, I don't know how many positives there are. The effort is there and we're hustling at times," Petty said. "We've got to play better team basketball and take better care of the ball. We were outmatched. Hopefully, we can learn from this and hit the practice floor harder to get better."

There was a stretch in the second period where the Lady Steers displayed their potential. Big Spring was able to set up in its offense, set screens and get some open shots. The result was six consecutive points. Unfortunately, past that stretch the Lady Steers offense was incredibly inconsistent.

"I think we need to get used to the offense," Petty said. "We're open off our cuts, but we've got to get the ball in the basket. It's going to take a lot of continuous practice and repe-

titions so that we know where everybody is all the time."

Kallina Fletcher led the Lady Steers with five points and also had two steals and two rebounds. Abbi Lloyd had a game-high five rebounds.

Frenship had two players top 20 points and all but one girl on the roster scored. Krista Ford scored a game-high 23 points and Kelsey Miller complimented her with 21.

The Lady Steers visit the San Angelo Lake View Maidens Tuesday still searching for their first victory of the season.

**Big Spring 0 8 4 2—14**  
**Frenship 18 25 21 18—82**

**Big Spring (0-2, 0-19):** Kallina Fletcher 5, Abbi Lloyd 2, Jordan Chesworth 2, Porsha White 3, Callie Partee 2.

**Frenship:** Kelsey Miller 21, Krista McKay 3, Megan Chambers 4, Krista Ford 23, Audrey Sheffield 8, Kelsie Porter 4, Lizzett Palmer 1, Akira Thomas 6, Lindsay Palmer 8, Whitney Pendergrass 4.

# Steers fall short in Wolfforth

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH — Execution is important throughout a basketball game, but the importance becomes much more crucial during the latter minutes of a close contest.

Big Spring's Steers trailed Frenship's Tigers by just five points late in the third period, but the Tigers showed they were more capable of producing in their halfcourt offense, giving them the 51-46 victory in what was a District 4-4A opener for both squads.

"They outexecuted us in the end," Steers Head Coach Marcus Morris said. "Our kids played just as hard as they did. We just had trouble finding the basket."

Big Spring only led once in the game, taking a brief 26-25 advantage with 6:47 remaining in the fourth period courtesy of a Jason Walker free throw. This was after overcoming a 7-point first period deficit.

Frenship played a suffocating man-to-man defense, preventing the Steers from getting good looks at the basket in the first period. However, Big Spring went into halftime hot, outscoring Frenship 8-2 over the last two minutes of the second period.

The Steers held onto

that momentum coming out of the locker rooms, but Frenship's defense once again stepped up and shut down Big Spring. Frenship used several Big Spring turnovers to charge a 9-3 run to end the third period, giving the Tigers a 40-34 lead heading into the final stanza.

Unfortunately, the Steers continued to struggle against the Tigers' defensive efforts and couldn't muster any consistent offensive threat.

"Frenship plays good man-to-man defense," Morris said. "They do a good job of boxing out and staying in their base set. They're a very good defense."

Walker put up game-high stats with 22 points and six rebounds. He also had three steals. Point guard Jerrell Williams scored 11. Unfortunately, only four Steers found the bottom of the net with Terrance Clemons (7) and Matt Ritchey (6) being the only other players to score.

Frenship was led by Lance Ratliff on both ends of the court. Ratliff led the team with 13 points and five rebounds. He also had several key steals and a rim-rocking dunk in the third period that sparked a Tigers' run.

The loss is Big Spring's



HERALD photo/Gary Don Hull  
**Big Spring Steers guard Darius McCallister dribbles past Frenship's Kyler Pool in the Steers' 51-46 loss Friday night in Wolfforth.**

fifth consecutive and drops the Steers' record to 10-10. The look to break out of that streak with a visit to San Angelo Lake View Tuesday. Morris is prepping the Steers for a fight with the Chiefs.

"Lake View's going to be scrappy. They're looking for some improvement in their district

record as well," Morris said. "They've got a couple of good shooters. We're going to have play hard and give it our best shot at trying to beat them."

**Big Spring 3 20 11 12—46**  
**Frenship 10 15 15 11—51**

**Big Spring (0-1, 10-10):** Jason Walker 22, Jerrell Williams 11, Terrance Clemons 7, Matt Ritchey

**Frenship (1-0, 11-9):** Kyler Pool 7, James Montague 8, Lance Ratliff 13, Brian Mathews 9, Jordan Merchant 5, Scott McInnes 9.

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# Coahoma squads sweep Anson out of town

By Brandon Hallford

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — There is a good kind of feeling going around right now on the campus of Coahoma High School.

Then again, what is one to feel when both the boys' and girls' basketball programs are enjoying banner years, posting a combined 36-8 mark on the season with nary a district loss between the two?

It is the kind of feeling that makes Coahoma fans talk of district championships and playoff runs. However, it is also the kind of feeling that makes head coaches more than a bit nervous.

"Another good win," boys' head coach Kim Nichols said after the Bulldogs (5-0, 15-4) demolished the Anson Tigers 82-40 Friday.

"I thought all 10 of the boys did a great job tonight," Nichols went on to say. "Braden Griffin, Josh Jones, and Mikey Mendoza all came in off the bench and

kept the momentum that the starters had gained. We will enjoy this one over the weekend but we have to come back Monday and get ready for Colorado City."

The outcome of the contest was never in doubt as the Bulldogs ripped off 24-5 run during the first eight minutes, laying to rest any thought the Tigers (5-11, 1-4) may have entertained during their bus ride into Bulldog country.

Coahoma shared the wealth during the run as five different Bulldogs scored in the quarter, including two three-point bombs from junior Jovi Paniagua.

The second quarter was more of the same as Coahoma extended its lead to 45-17 at the half, which allowed Nichols to freely substitute and get his reserves some much-needed playing time.

"We are going to need those boys off the bench a lot more as the season goes on," Nichols said

of the effort the reserves gave him. "We are going to have to be able to depend on them to not have a fall-off if they are in there and tonight I couldn't have been any happier with them than I am right now."

Cody Sheppard set the pace for the Bulldogs, scoring 20 points, while the trio of Colter Morgan, Matthew Tatum and Mendoza added 15, 11 and 10 points, respectively.

**Anson 5 12 14 9—40**  
**Coahoma 24 21 17 20—82**

**Anson (1-4, 5-11):** Brown 9, Dickerson 16, Collins 7, Rossos 8.

**Coahoma (5-0, 14-5):** Mikey Mendoza 10, Braden Griffin 5, Josh Paniagua 4, Josh Jones 6, Ray Gutierrez 2, Colter Morgan 15, Matthew Tatum 11, Jovi Paniagua 9, Cody Sheppard 20.

**Bulldogettes 59,**  
**Anson 11**

Coahoma's girls, meanwhile, continued to mow through their 5-2A opposition, registering a 59-11 lambasting of the Anson Lady

Tigers.

The Bulldogettes' defense was especially intense, holding Anson scoreless for the first eight minutes on their way to a 29-5 halftime advantage.

"I thought we played real consistent all night long," Coahoma Head Coach Chris Sumrall said after the game. "I am extremely happy with the way that KaySea Spiller responded off the bench for us tonight. Actually all the girls played really well tonight. There is not a whole lot that I can complain about tonight. We just came out and took care of business."

"We were able to get through the first half of district without a loss so we are sitting pretty good," Sumrall commented when asked about his teams' momentum heading into the second half of the season. "Now we have to focus in on our goal and not let

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# Generations Prepared

## CPR for Everyone

FAMILY FEATURES

Approximately 310,000 Americans die every year due to coronary heart disease, most often attributed to a sudden cardiac arrest suffered outside the hospital setting or in the emergency department. Nearly 80 percent of these arrests occur at home, so after you call 911, you can provide life-saving care to a family member or friend while waiting for help. This critical, life-saving skill — cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) — is one that the American Heart Association wants many more Americans to be ready to perform when necessary.

Although it may not be something we want to think about, sobering statistics compel us to act:

- Effective bystander CPR provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest can double a victim's chance of survival.
- Infant CPR can be effective for infants who suffer cardiac arrest or whose airways become blocked by food or other objects.
- Approximately 94 percent of sudden cardiac arrest victims die before reaching the hospital.
- Death from sudden cardiac arrest is not inevitable. If more people knew CPR, more lives could be saved.



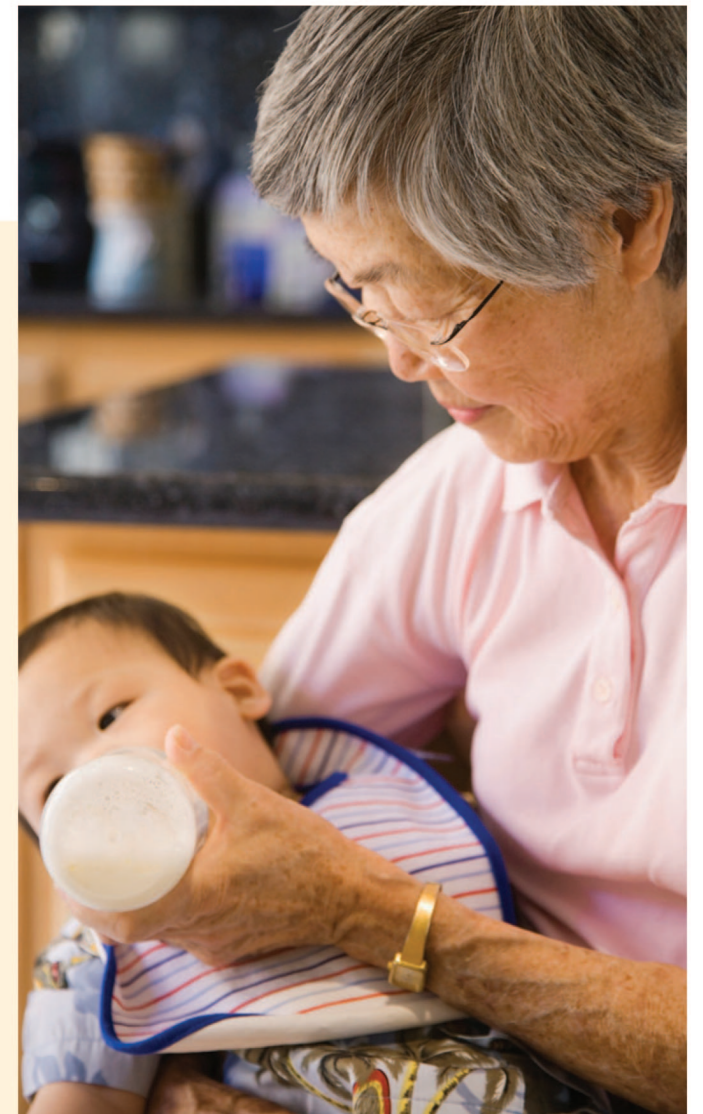
### Special Care for Infants

Grandparents, parents and others who care for children need to know how to perform the relatively simple skills of infant CPR and relief from choking, which can make a life or death difference for infants.

The risk of choking for infants, whose airways can become blocked by food or other objects, is a critical concern for caregivers like grandparents and others. According to the Home Safety Council:

- Unintentional choking and suffocation are the leading cause of all injury deaths for infants under one and the eighth leading cause of injury deaths for all ages.
- More than 36,000 obstructed airway injuries result in emergency room visits.
- Sixty percent of nonfatal choking episodes treated in emergency departments are associated with food items; 31 percent with nonfood objects including coins.
- Candy is associated with 19 percent of choking-related emergency room visits by children under age 15; 65 percent are from hard candy; and 12.5 percent are from other specified types such as chocolates and gummy candies.

"Because the home is the most likely place for an infant to choke or to suffer cardiac arrest, parents and caretakers are among the most important people to be trained in infant CPR and the relief of choking," said Monica Kleinman, MD, Children's Hospital Boston.



### Help Yourself Help Loved Ones

Recognizing that far too many Americans are not prepared to do CPR when it's needed, the American Heart Association created a simple, accessible way for people to learn CPR at home in less than 25 minutes:

- The Family & Friends CPR Anytime kit includes everything needed for self-directed CPR training: a manikin, DVD and resource booklet.
- The CPR home training can be used in the convenience of the living room or family room.
- A single kit allows the whole family — parents, grandparents, siblings and other relatives or friends — to learn life-saving CPR.

"There are many excuses for not taking a life-saving CPR course. People don't have enough time, they're afraid of embarrassing themselves in the classroom, or they don't think they'll ever have to provide CPR," said Robert E. O'Connor, MD, chairman, Emergency Cardiovascular Care committee for the American Heart Association. "Family & Friends CPR Anytime removes traditional training obstacles by providing a brief and convenient way to learn CPR. With CPR Anytime, millions more people trained can result in thousands more lives saved."

Being prepared to act quickly when a family member — adult, child or infant — suffers from sudden cardiac arrest can make the difference between life and death.

### Infant CPR Anytime: Precious Life-Saving at Home

New parents, expectant parents, grandparents and siblings now have a simple, convenient way to learn to perform infant CPR and to relieve choking in less than 25 minutes — the Infant CPR Anytime Personal Learning Program.

- The American Heart Association developed guidelines that were used as the basis of the infant kit.
- This new training program can be used to learn skills that could help save the life of an infant (newborn to 12 months).
- The kit includes a one-of-a-kind infant CPR manikin, a training DVD and two quick-reference skills reminders.
- The Mini Baby manikin is an inflatable version of a traditional infant CPR manikin. An instructional DVD walks users through each step of the training, from inflating the manikin, doing chest compressions and rescue breathing, to how to relieve choking in an infant.

Because the training materials are contained in an in-home kit, Infant CPR Anytime allows all family members to learn and brush up on skills periodically. "Although it's a skill no one wants to use, the more family members that know infant CPR the better," said Monica Kleinman, MD, Children's Hospital Boston. "This enables people to learn infant CPR who otherwise would not have that opportunity."

### CPR: All in the Family

Making CPR training a whole family affair just makes good sense. With so many grandparents actively involved in the care of their infant grandchildren, it's important for them to be current on infant CPR training. Maintaining adult CPR skills are just as critical — to help each other or other family members or friends who experience sudden cardiac arrest.

"Infant CPR Anytime is an important and convenient way for all caretakers like grandparents to gain the peace of mind of knowing they're prepared to help the infants who are part of their lives," said Kleinman.

CPR training should be at the top of every family's "must do" list. Performing effective CPR immediately after someone suffers cardiac arrest or choking saves lives.

Infant CPR Anytime and the Family & Friends CPR Anytime kits can be purchased by visiting [www.shopcpranytime.org](http://www.shopcpranytime.org) or calling 1-877-AHA-4CPR.



## Obituaries

### Michael Puga Chavez



Michael Puga Chavez died Jan. 2, 2008, in Austin. Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, in the Memorial Chapel of Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home in Pflugerville with interment at Cook-Walden/Memorial Hill Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 17, 1980, in Big Spring.

He is survived by his parents, Antonio Chavez and Selia Puga; sisters, Cathy Chavez, Connie Ontiveros, Grace Duncan and Cathy Rivera; brothers, Tony Chavez Jr., Danny Chavez, Garry Chavez and Paul Chavez; seven nieces and one nephew; and an extended family of many aunts, uncles and cousins.

View his memorial online at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com) under Mike Chavez.

### Verna Draper

Verna Draper, of Austin, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008, in Austin. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, at the First Church of God in Big Spring.

She graduated from Forsan High School and had been a nurse at the VA Hospital and at Big Spring nursing homes.

She is survived by two daughters, Lois McDonald of Nebraska and Lori Gomez of Seguin; her mother, Nell Draper of Big Spring; two brothers, J.C. Draper of Big Spring and Cliff Draper of Mesa, Ariz.; and four grandchildren.

### Mary Arnold

Mary Arnold, 90, of Pflugerville and formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2008, in a Pflugerville nursing home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Pilar Resendiz

Pilar Resendiz, 74, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2007, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Take Note

• Devvy Kidd, national recognized investigative journalist, will speak on the North American Union and the NAFTA Superhighway and how he feels they will affect Americans at 7 p.m. Monday in the Hall Center for the Arts at Howard College. Admission is free. For more information, go to [www.bigspringfreedom.com](http://www.bigspringfreedom.com)

• Cross stitchers are needed to complete one or more blocks of this year's Howard County Fair quilt. All supplies are provided. Blocks may be picked up from Posey Cotton Office, 601 Scurry, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 263-1267 or 263-4980. This year's quilt theme is "Wildflowers of Texas." All proceeds from the sale of tickets for the quilt are used to defray the expenses of the Fair. The quilt will be awarded the last night of the fair.

• 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

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- **RICHARD HAFLEY**, 51, Midland, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **LUTHER DAVIS**, 36, Lubbock, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHANCE H. HANSON**, 20, no address given, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest using a vehicle.
- **TOYSHA GRAYSON**, 21, Lamesa, was arrested on a charge of failure to identify and two Midland County warrants.
- **ANTHONY CHAVEZ**, 22, Lubbock, was arrested on a charge of failure to identify.

## Weather

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Light and variable winds.

Monday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s.

Tuesday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

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

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Colder. Highs in the upper 40s.

Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Colder. Highs in the upper 30s.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 40s.

## Lottery

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 7-11-22-24-30

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-1-1-7. Sum It Up: 16.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-2-1. Sum It Up: 10

## 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.

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

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

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and

## Bulletin Board

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

### MONDAY

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

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• 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.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

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

• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

• Big Spring Commandry 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.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

### 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. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

### THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

• Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.

• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.

• American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.

• Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.

• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

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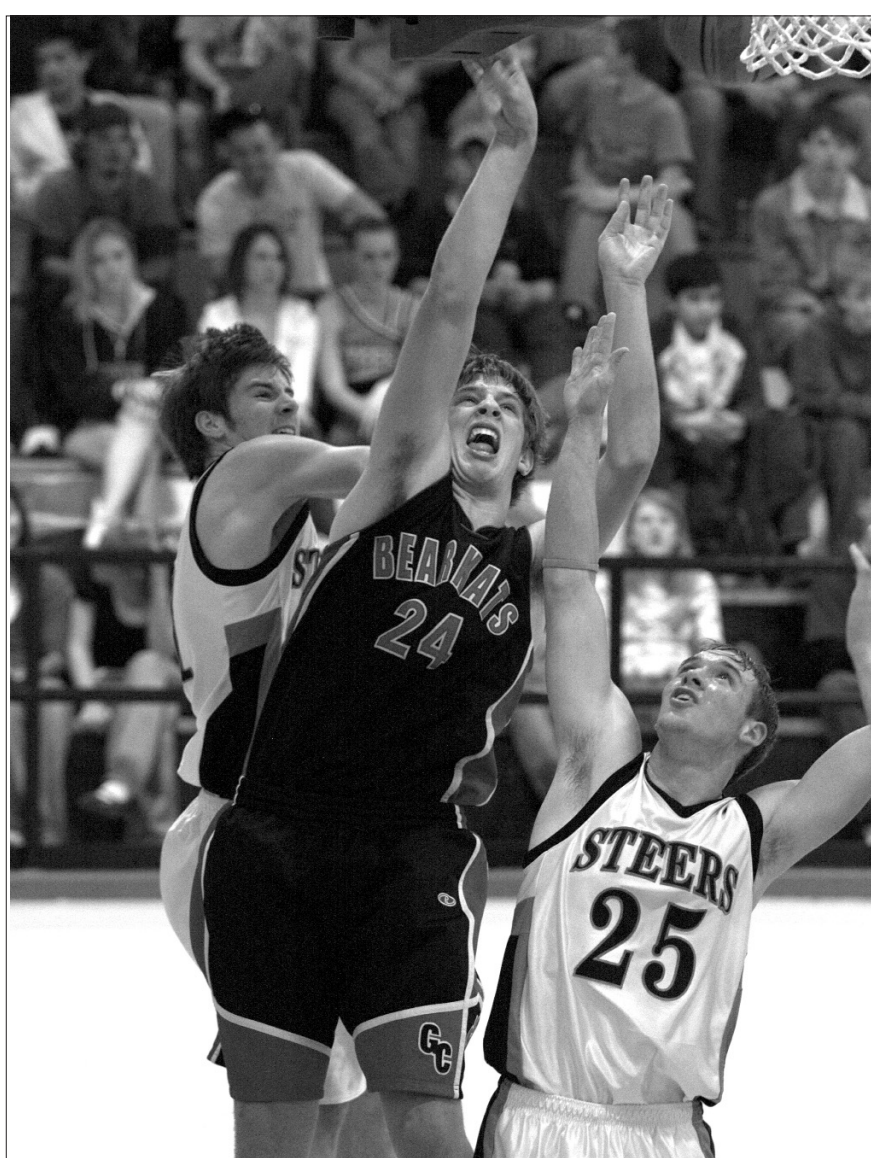
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Direct written request for an application to Peggy Laskoski, Sid Richardson Memorial Fund, 309 Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 or fax # 817-332-2176 or [plaskoski@sidrichardson.org](mailto:plaskoski@sidrichardson.org). Include student's name and qualifying employee's name, Social Security number, qualifying company name, and dates of employment.



# Bearkats tame Robert Lee on last second shot



Courtesy photo/James Schwartz

Garden City's Wade Jansa (24) puts up a shot over two Robert Lee defenders in the Bearkats' 33-31 win Friday night in Robert Lee. Jansa hit a last second shot to clinch the victory for Garden City.

By EVAN JANSA

Special to the Herald

GARDEN CITY — Even an away game for the farming community of Garden City turned out to be a barn burner.

The No. 20 Garden City Bearkats escaped Robert Lee's Steers Friday night with a 33-31 win, maintaining their unblemished record in District 11-A.

Down 31-30 with 20 seconds remaining, Robert Lee's Josh Gallegos stepped to the free throw line with an opportunity to take the lead. A make and a miss later, the ball was in the Kats' hands with the score tied.

Garden City senior Eric Hirt fed Wade Jansa for the game-winning bucket with only 1.8 seconds remaining. The basket was a capstone to an impressive night for Jansa who led all scorers with 13.

"We knew they were vulnerable on the backside. We reversed it and Wade was open," Bearkats Head Coach Koby Abney said.

The Bearkats will look to improve upon their 2-0 mark in district Tuesday, hosting rival Water Valley at 8 p.m.

Lady Bearkats 41,  
Robert Lee 31

Heading into Friday night's district showdown with Robert Lee's Lady Steers, the No. 16 Garden City Lady Bearkats aimed to improve on their 1-1 record in District 11-A. Robert Lee didn't make it easy, but in the end, the Lady Kats prevailed.

The Lady Kats traveled to the unfriendly confines of Steer Gym in Robert Lee and seemingly made themselves right at home with an impressive 41-31 victory.

The Lady Steers, however, proved a worthy foe until midway through the fourth quarter when the Lady Kats went on an 8-2 run to stretch their lead from 31-27 to an insurmountable 39-29 advantage with two minutes remaining on the clock.

The catalyst of their fourth-quarter success was senior Brittney Chudej who scored 12 of her game-high 23 points in the final frame.

"She stepped up and converted opportunities. The girls were finding her and she knocked down open looks," Garden City Head Coach Brent Kirkland said.

The Lady Kats are back in action Tuesday night against the Water Valley Lady Cats at 6:30 p.m. in Garden City at 6:30 p.m.

Garden City 7 12 8 14-41  
Robert Lee 9 6 8 8-31

No. 16 Garden City (2-1, 16-5): Whitney Kellermeyer 8, Melissa Hirt 1, Amy Multer 2, Britton Avery 2, Brittney Chudej 23, Macy Schwartz 3, Liza Lopez 2.

Robert Lee: Perez 6, Skinner 4, Minjarez 4, Hinderliter 4, Byrnes 3, Perciful 3, Walker 4, Saucedo 3.

Grady 72,  
Loop 30

Grady's Wildcats left little doubt after the opening period as to who was the better team on the court. Grady jumped out to a 23-6 lead and never looked back, remaining undefeated in district play.

The No. 9 Wildcats were led by four players scoring in double digits. Justin Tubbs had a game-high 17 points and Dylan Cox contributed 14. Tommylee Rivas and Leighton Fields had 12 points apiece.

Grady faces the Sands Mustangs Tuesday, looking to continue its perfect district record

Grady 23 17 21  
11-72  
Loop 6 10 3  
11-30

Grady (12-1, 3-0): Tommylee Rivas 12, Dylan Cox 14, Justin Tubbs 17, Jacob Rodriguez 8, Santos Montoya 2, Leighton Fields 12, Casey Shands 3, Lane Shands 4.

Loop: Armedariz 8, Brasher 3, Sellers 4, Soto 3, Mitchell 2, Foster 4, Bingham 6.

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blessing for those around us. That's what a good life and good manners are all about!

Your good manners and social graces are golden nuggets others never forget. They may forget your name, but never your politeness, kindness and goodness. Your personal habits reveal your character. Someone who has little or no respect for their personal appearance or the order of their home generally has no respect for themselves. And this is a pity, understanding that we are all created in God's image. What an awesome heritage we have.

January is the month for new beginnings. I hope you will look inside your heart and make the changes that will enhance your life for the coming months. Good manners and kindness to others should top your list. If you will, you'll be sooooo glad you did! God bless.

**Dear Jerrie,**  
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## Manners Matter

month. The parents leave at 7 p.m. sharp for a business meeting and do not get home until around 11 p.m. I put the children to bed at 8 p.m. at the parents' request. I am bored and have nothing to do from 8 until 11. Would it be alright if I ask my boyfriend to come over to sit with me until just before the patents arrive?

**Carol**

**Hello Carol,**  
My answer to you is absolutely no. Unless, however, you know the parents very well and they know the young man. You are, after all on a job and being paid. Baby sitting children at that age is a serious job. It is not professional to have your friend over to keep you from becoming bored. Why don't you bring a book to read or tidy up the house? If there are dishes in the sink, wash them. This will help the time to pass and you will be going the

extra mile.

**Dear Jerrie,**

Why don't restaurants bring their customers a bread plate for their rolls when they bring their food? When the meal is brought to the table, where do you put your bread when you have no bread plate?

**Cheryl**

**Hello Cheryl,**

Thank you for an important question. All up scale restaurants in large cities will serve their customers bread on an individual bread plate. And some large chain restaurants do so in smaller cities. When there is no bread plate, your only choice is on a side of your dinner plate or salad plate, but never on the table. You always break your bread over the plate so as not to

leave crumbs on the table. You do not cut the bread.

*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 yourmanner-scourt@suddenlink.net.*

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## Who's Who

Wayland Baptist University has announced that Vince Edward Ochotorena was to receive his master of arts in management degree at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the First Baptist Church in Lubbock.

He is son of Gus Ochotorena Jr. of Big Spring and the late Gloria S. Ochotorena.

He and his wife, LeeAnn, have two children and reside in Lubbock.

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# Crime Stoppers: Big Spring police investigating case of deadly conduct

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department and Crimestoppers are asking for the community's help in solving a shooting that took place last week.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information Officer with the BSPD, the report — which is being investigated as a case of deadly conduct — was received during the

late night hours of Sunday, Jan. 6.

"We received a report of several fireworks going off in the 1200 block of E. 12th Street," said Everett. "However, nothing unusual was discovered when officers arrived on the scene.

"Later, officers were called to a residence in that area in regard to damage to a home. Officers found that at least three bullets had

struck the home in various locations. A bullet was recovered, and appears to be 9mm in caliber."

Everett said the trajectory of the bullets indicated they were fired indiscriminately.

"The trajectory of the bullet holes indicated that some unknown subject fired several rounds into the air with no regard for where they landed," said Everett. "Thankfully, the

family that lives at the residence was gone at the time of the offense, or serious bodily injury — even death — could have easily been the result."

Everett said he doesn't believe the incident is related to the rash of shootings reported in November.

More than a half-dozen reports of deadly conduct — discharge of a firearm were reported in November in the city,

leading to at least three local residents being injured.

Everett said anyone with information regarding this criminal act should call the local Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477) or 264-TIPS (8477).

"You may be eligible for a reward," said Everett. "Crimestoppers is authorized to pay up to \$1,000 in cash for information leading to the arrest and indictment of any person

or persons involved in criminal activity.

"If you have any information about this or any other crime, call 263-TIPS. Information is confidential and callers may remain anonymous. No caller-ID is ever used."

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

## CENTER

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now, and depending on how the commissioners feel about it, I'd like for us to move forward."

During a Nov. 12 meeting, Commissioner Bill Crooker presented a proposal to the court that would transfer responsibility for the facility to the city.

"I've given you (the commissioner's court) a proposal for the transfer of management of the Senior Citizens Center," Crooker told the court at the time. "There is the matter that we would guarantee for the 2007-2008 fiscal year the \$108,000 we have in our budget for operational costs, and that we would turn over the funds from the grants — approximately \$84,000 — and all money and accounts held by the county for the Senior Center would be given to the city of Big Spring."

Barr said he supported the transition, but felt at the time trying to hammer out the financial details was premature.

The court has disbanded the center's board of directors.

The Big Spring City Council recently approached the issue, saying it would be happy to take over responsibility of the facility.

"This is a matter I really feel strongly about," said Mayor Russ McEwen shortly after the city announced it was willing to negotiate with the county on the matter. "The people who are seniors in this community deserve a place to go and congregate, and in many cases, it's the only meal they get each day."

McEwen told the council one of the major concerns would be whether to keep the facility where it's currently located — on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark — or look at moving it to a better location.

"The center is in tough shape right now," said McEwen. "And there are some discussions we need to have as to whether we upgrade what we have out there, or do we abandon it and do something at another location. This is something we'll have to

look at in the future. However, I feel there are grants out there our community is not tapping into that we could use. But we would be taking it over. We would be taking over the operation and the management of the center."

Also on the agenda for Monday's meeting is discussion of the new county jail planned for the west side of Big Spring, but that will hinge on the availability of the project's architect, according to Barr.

"Jeff (Heffelfinger, project architect) asked us to put this on the agenda for

each meeting in case he can be here," said Barr.

The county won voter approval in November to build a \$11.57 million jail facility to replace the more than 50-year-old jail in the county courthouse.

County Auditor Jackie Olson is to present invoices, purchase requests and award office supply bids during the meeting, while CPA Don Stephens will make a presentation of the county's financial report.

Treasurer Teresa Thomas will present personnel considerations and a payroll report, as well as her office's quarterly

report during the meeting.

The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. in

the commissioner's courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

## BANQUET

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cials plan on a PowerPoint presentation highlighting area accomplishments during the past year.

"We're going to celebrate Howard County, Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan," said Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the chamber. "We've had a lot of positive things happen in this area, such as downtown renovation efforts, and we want to salute those accomplishments."

An annual feature of the event that will remain is the naming of the chamber's man and woman of the year. JoBeth Corwin and Jim Little, who won the awards last year, will present the honorees.

ValVerde also touted another annual feature of the banquet.

"Anyone wishing to decorate a table and advertise their business needs to contact us," she said. "The cost is \$125 ... and that price includes four tickets to the banquet. This is a great way of advertising your business to others who come to the banquet."

Outgoing Chamber officers, including President Lee George, will be honored and incoming offi-

cers will be recognized.

The event will be emceed by KOSA-TV news anchors Jay Hendricks and Tatum Hubbard, ValVerde said.

Corporate sponsors for this year's banquet are Wells Fargo, State National Bank, First Bank of West Texas and Water Water, she added.

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# Cowboys' Ellis voted AP Comeback Player of Year

By **BARRY WILNER**

AP Football Writer

**NEW YORK** — Players entering their 10th season, coming off a major injury and in the midst of a position change rarely make an impact.

Greg Ellis made a major impact for the Dallas Cowboys at outside linebacker and on Saturday was voted The Associated Press 2007 NFL Comeback Player of the Year.

Ellis went from nonfactor in Dallas to a Pro Bowler in his new position after spending most of his career as a defensive end.

He had 121/2 sacks, forming a dynamic pass-rushing force with All-Pro linebacker DeMarcus Ware.

"It's been great," Ellis said. "I thank God for blessing me, letting me get out there and have a good support group, starting from the doctors. We have good people here, the coaches have done a good job working me back into it. They've been telling me, 'You're fine, you're fine.' It was just getting the confidence to get out there and do it."

He did it so well that Ellis drew 12 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the league. In a season marked by strong comebacks, Ellis beat New England wide receiver Randy Moss, who was chosen on 10 ballots, and Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, selected on seven.

Ellis is the first Cowboy and also the first linebacker to win the award, which went to Jets quarterback Chad Pennington last season.

"Guys will tell you the correct thing — you don't seek after those awards," Ellis said. "But when you're blessed to get any award on a national level ... our (linebackers)

coach, Paul Pasqualoni, says the respect of the game is one of the reasons everybody in the NFL plays. And he's right.

"So once you've got the respect of everybody in the country, if you will, at doing something — whether it's for your efforts on coming back or for your just play on the field, whatever it is — it's a great award to get, obviously."

Ellis became a starter as a rookie in 1998 after being selected in the first round (eighth overall) out of North Carolina.

He has had a knack for finding fumbles, and he has 69 sacks in his career. He also averaged 64 tackles in his first eight seasons as an end, and he had eight sacks in 2005, his first year in a 3-4 defense.

But nine games into the 2006 season, Ware tore his Achilles' tendon, one of the most debilitating of all injuries for a football player.

Even Ellis doubted his comeback at times.

"Oh, yeah," he said with a laugh. "It went through two phases, really, two phases where I felt like that's going to be it. When it first happened, I felt like that's probably going to do it for me, because I'm familiar with the Achilles' and know guys who have torn it before. The guys I knew, most hadn't returned back to that same rare form that they were before they left the game."

"Then the second time was in training camp. Everything started going good. I started rehabbing here, then I got to training camp and started to have pain around the heel part of it."

So Ellis stopped practicing and wound up missing the first three games this season as the Cowboys slowly brought him along. But when he got back on the field, Ellis



AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

Dallas Cowboys defensive end Anthony Spencer, right, and line backer Greg Ellis, left, participate in drills during practice at the Cowboys training facility in Irving Wednesday. Ellis was named the NFL's comeback player of the year for this season.

was a revelation. He had 11/2 sacks in his first game, then two sacks in his first start.

"I have seen him out there week in and week out working really hard," Ware said. "To see him come back and contribute

even more after that injury, it shows the courage that he has.

"He's sort of a like a DE/LB — he's two players playing in the 4-3 and in the 3-4. He contributes on both. Just to have him out there is a really big deal."

Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre got five votes, as did Cleveland running back Jamal Lewis. Seattle wide receiver Bobby Engram earned three and his teammate, defensive end Patrick Kerney, got two. So did Cleveland

quarterback Derek Anderson.

Drawing one vote apiece were Giants receiver Amani Toomer, Titans DT Albert Haynesworth, Houston DE Mario Williams and Washington DE Andre Carter.

## COAHOMA

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all that hard work go to waste."

Laci Sterling paced Coahoma with 18 points, while Heather Sheppard scored 14. Christy Rich tallied seven points while

both Spiller and Janice Gonzales added six.

In junior varsity action, the Bulldogettes remained undefeated in district play with the 50-9 win.

Kylie Gee and Kaylea Neff each scored 12 points while K'leigh Fowler added 11.

In the boys' JV game, Hunter Williams scored

11 points while Jason Martinez added six as the Bulldogs fell to Anson 38-22.

Coahoma teams return to action Tuesday when they host Colorado City. The girls' JV game tips off at 4 p.m., followed by the JV boys. Varsity action will follow immediately afterwards.

## AREA

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### Lady Wildcats 49, Loop 31

Grady's Lady Wildcats held a 32-9 advantage at intermission, which proved to be more than

Loop was capable of overcoming.

The Lady Longhorns did make a run at the No. 19 Lady Wildcats in the third period, cutting the lead to 13. However, Grady didn't let them get much closer.

Kenzie Madison

dropped in 20 points and Eva Dyck had 10.

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The church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring. The family requests no gifts be brought.

Marvin and Margaret were married March 8,

1958, at Two Rock Ranch, near Petaluma, Calif. They moved to Big Spring in 1973 and have made their home here ever since. Marvin and Margaret have three children, Mariella and her husband Jim Levinson of Birmingham, Ala., Morgan and his wife Beverly of Odessa, and Monette and her life partner Bronwyn Allen of Lubbock.

## Menus

### Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, Pop Tarts, juice, milk; Lunch, meat & bean chalupas, lettuce & tomatoes, Spanish rice, Rosie applesauce, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, pancakes, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, submarine sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, baked chips, chocolate pudding cups, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, breakfast pockets, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, brownies, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, breakfast pocket, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, English peas, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, donuts, juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue hot-dogs, sliced bread, pinto beans, mashed potatoes,

pineapple-orange salad, milk.

### Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast, french sausage, toast, syrup, grape juice, milk; Lunch: grilled cheese sandwiches, corn, pickle spears, milk, corn dogs.

Tuesday: Breakfast, biscuits, jelly, gravy, sausage, apple juice, milk; Lunch, Shake and Bake chicken, macaroni, sweet peas, fruit cup, bread, milk, burritos.

Wednesday: Breakfast, pancake sausage on a stick, orange juice, milk; Lunch, Frito pie, baked beans, baby carrots, Ranch dressing, cookies, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, Pop Tarts, sausage links, applesauce, milk; Lunch, chicken fried steak, gravy, green beans, mashed potato, rolls, milk, Sloppy Joes.

Friday: Breakfast, waffles, sausage, orange juice, syrup, milk; Lunch, hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, pears, milk.

### Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast, pancakes; Lunch, choice of pizza or corndog, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, apple.

Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal; Lunch, chicken casserole or chili pie, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pineapple, cornbread.

Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuit, sausage/gravy; Lunch, chicken nuggets or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, carrots, peaches, hot roll.

Thursday: Breakfast, french toast; Lunch, cheeseburger, hamburger or chicken burger, french fries, hamburger salad, fruit cocktail.

Friday: Holiday.

### Spring City Senior Center

Monday — Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned green beans, buttermilk biscuits, mixed fruit.

Tuesday — Grilled chicken breast, buttered potatoes, green peas with mushrooms, biscuits, cherry crisp.

Wednesday — Roast beef with brown gravy, roasted potatoes, spinach, vegetable salad, apple raisin crisp.

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

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

## Newcomers

Audie Cole, wife, Charlie, of Artesia, N.M. He is a truck driver for Pecos Petroleum.

Adrian Ibanuz, wife, Maria, sons, A.J., 15, John Paul, 7, Christopher, 6, of Colorado City.

Jimmie Werlinger, wife, Michelle, daughter, Haley, 7, son, Jonathan, 2, of Lampasos. He is employed by P.L.C. Trenching.

Valarie Bradshaw, son, Jonathan, 2, of Austin.

Ricki Loya of San Jose, Calif. He is employed by the Big Spring State Hospital.

Chase Wallace of Dallas. Brittney Molina of Austin. She is employed by StarTek.

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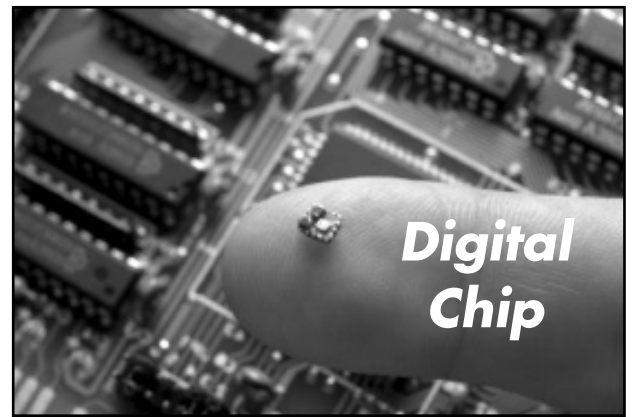


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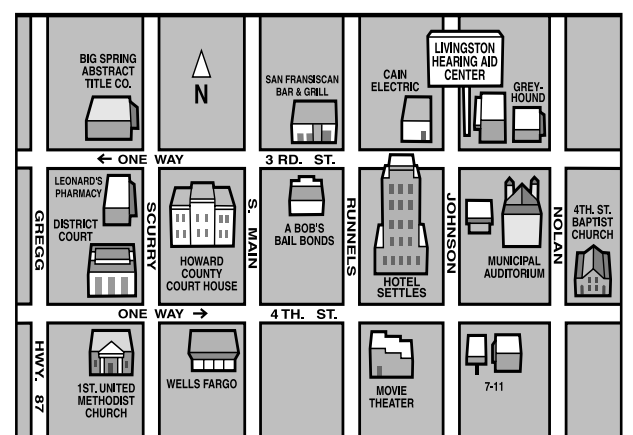
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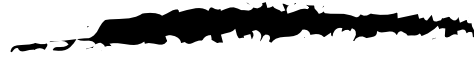
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## OUR VIEWS

# Time to get Girl Scout cookies

It's a tradition that dates back as far back as many of us can remember — girls throughout the nation going door-to-door taking orders for Girl Scout Cookies during their annual sale.

In fact, it was 90 years ago that Girl Scouts began selling homemade cookies to raise money. It was an idea so successful that since 1936, the Girl Scouts of the USA began enlisting commercial bakers to handle the growing demand.

Now, we all know commercially produced cookies are never going to taste as homemade, but it's hard to find a better commercially prepared cookie than those offered by the Girl Scouts during the annual sale.

Girl Scouts throughout the area are in the midst of their fund-raising event, offering local residents any or all of the eight different varieties of cookies available at \$3.50 per box.

Of course, all of our favorites are on sale — Thin Mints, Caramel DeLites, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Shortbread, Thanks-A-Lot, Lemonades and Peanut Butter Patties — but there are also the Cinna-Spins, a new cookie in the Girl Scouts' offering.

Each \$3.50 box of cookies we purchase, however, provides a great deal more than just a good-tasting treat.

Girl Scout officials note that the cookie sale helps girls learn important skills related to handling money, goal setting, teamwork and meeting the public.

In addition, one of the things that makes the Girl Scout Cookie Sale different from most youth fund raisers is that a portion of the revenue goes directly to the local troops so that the girls involved in the sale can make a decision on how it's spent.

So when a Girl Scout arrives on your doorstep or approaches you elsewhere, we hope you'll help make the local council's 2008 sale a success.

After all, when we buy Girl Scout cookies, we're not only supporting Girl Scouts and all the good things they do in our community, but we're helping fund the future.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*We know we have limits, Lord, but You are limit-less.  
Amen*

# Looking at what's not working

The most interesting thing about the Republican race for president, at least so far, is not what's working, but what isn't.

The best known candidate, the superstar, America's Mayor Rudy Giuliani is floundering in the early contests.

The best financed, best organized candidate, not to mention the best looking, has been unable to translate all his money and organization, not to mention the neighboring state advantage in New Hampshire, into better than a second-place finish in either of the first two major contests.

The most sought-after candidate, the one conservatives fell over themselves encouraging to get into the race and propping up when he did, Fred Thompson has practically fallen off the radar screen.

Presidential politics looks easy until you try it.

The Republican race may not have a true front-runner, but its two winners thus far are probably the last two choices of what passes as the Republican elite.

I don't mean to laugh, but in the weird world of political punditry, few things are funnier than watching conservative commentators try to restrain their displeasure when Mike Huckabee and John McCain start talking. In the usual pair-up, I'm supposed to be the one trashing the Republican winner, but I don't have to say a thing. It's clear that Rush has no use for either of them. Neither does my friend and frequent sparring partner Laura Ingraham. Sean Hannity gives them a much harder time than I

do. Why don't the talkers like their winners?

In their book, Huckabee isn't a true conservative and McCain isn't conservative at all. Huckabee raised taxes to finance roads and schools, allowed the children of illegal aliens equal access to public universities and wasn't tough enough on crime. The only one with a worse record than that, from a conservative standpoint, is John McCain, who actually worked with Ted Kennedy to try to fashion a comprehensive approach to immigration, and with Wisconsin liberal Russ Feingold to reform campaign finances and fundraising.

Far better, at least for the elites and opinion shapers, are the candidates who, whatever their past records of accomplishment or lack thereof (Fred Thompson) or conservative consistency or lack thereof (Romney and Rudy), have openly and actively courted the conservative base of the party with promises to cut taxes, shrink government, deport immigrants and take the fight to the Democrats.

The only problem is that it's not working with voters.

Listen to the Republican also-rans and you get the impression that things are pretty great in America. Mitt Romney got rich — proof that capitalism is still creating fortunes for those who work hard and play by the rules. Rudy Giuliani got cured — proof that America has the best health care in the world. Fred Thompson got famous — proof that the Hollywood dream is for real. If anything's wrong, it's probably the Clintons' fault.

Listen to voters, look at exit polls, study the results to date,

and you get a very different picture. Voters are anxious about the economy, worried about access to affordable health care and sick of partisan bickering. They know that some people get rich, but they worry that they do it by outsourcing jobs, laying off longtime workers and cutting back on benefits. They know some people in America get the best health care in the world, but they worry that they aren't those people, or won't be, and that premiums keep going up and even minor illness makes you uninsurable. They don't like partisan bickering and slick campaigning.

I'm no fan of Mike Huckabee, but he speaks a different language than most of the Republicans I know. He talks about anxiety on Main Street and economic insecurity. I like John McCain, more than many Republicans I know, precisely because he is not hide-bound to the partisan divide, precisely because he is an independent thinker and is willing to take unpopular positions. His campaign phase one, the top-heavy, well-funded, Washington-based effort to convince conservative diehards that he was really one of them was a total failure. It was only when he became, for want of a better term, more Huckabee-like in his approach, when he jettisoned conventional thinking and conventional campaigning and got back on the bus, speaking his mind straight to people, that he came back.

There may be a lesson in this for the rest of the Republican field, but as a Democrat, I'm not sure I'm all that eager to see them learn it.

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## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I hardly know where to start to say what I want to say. First, I was accused of writing an ugly note and putting it in the Senior Center suggestion box. I have since been accused of many things I did not do.

I have been a volunteer at the Senior Center for 15 years or more — many days from four to five hours a day. I enjoyed every moment of it. That place is my heart and soul. Why would I want to hurt it? All I want is to be respected, considered and loved. I have not been treated right for the last 15 months.

I am forbidden to do the things which I have been doing for a long, long time. In fact, the director brought some paperwork for me to do at the back door where I was sitting as a greeter. Meanwhile, the office help was leaning on the counter, doing nothing. I refused to do it. I suggested she let the paid help in the office do it.

I am only allowed to do the peon

jobs. For example, I was asked to open large bags of potatoes, remove the rotten ones and repackage the good ones to give away. In fact, I was called in early two different times to do a job that one of the paid workers had time to do but didn't want to do. I guess they thought they were too good to do peon jobs. Of course, I went and did them. I won't say no, but the more you do, the more they will ask you to do.

Recently the center was closed with no prior notice. All the paid help was notified the night before but I, a volunteer they knew would come in early in the morning to do my regular job, was not informed even the following morning. It looks like they would have had the decency to call. I usually go out with my daughter-in-law around 8 a.m., but that day she had to go out of town. If I had gone with her, I would have had to walk three miles home. It was very cold and windy that day. Don't you think the volunteers should have been

called the night before, just like the paid help? I guess the volunteers don't count.

I guess I will be without a job after this is published. If not, I will go back and do whatever I am asked to do, as always. But knowing what I know now, my advice to a newcomer would be not to volunteer. They can run the place without you.

Regardless of everything, it looks like the director of the center should speak to everyone the same, instead of ignoring everyone but the favorites. I feel like sometimes I am being used, but I guess I like it because I keep going back.

We were told a few days ago that the director would be running the place. I wonder how long it will stay open if she does that. I have been thinking of making a moderate donation, but I won't as long as the present authorities are in control.

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# Candidates love to change subject

The good folks of Iowa must be relieved now that the caucuses are over and the media and candidate armies have packed up and moved on to New Hampshire and beyond. Whether both parties have settled on a candidate before another month passes is anybody's guess. But now that we're into the presidential pickin' season for real, we need to ask ourselves what we really care about.

Candidates and parties, with a good deal of help from the media, are notorious for turning the debate in campaigns to issues that most people don't rank very high on their list of concerns. I call these "false posturing" issues. Case in point: immigration. Almost half of the CNN-YouTube debate four weeks before the Iowa caucus was devoted to it — though only 4 percent of the American people say it's the most important problem facing the country. That means 96 percent of us don't rate immigration as high on our list of worries. But never mind — research shows that politicians with the fewest immigrants in their states are the most prone to "grandstand" the issue, since they

don't actually have to deal with it.

False posturing issues are most often so-called "hot button" social issues. They could also be called "bait and switch" issues, because candidates talk a lot about them during the campaigns, but do nothing once elected. (If they actually solved the "problem" they would not have the issue to run on again next time.) Abortion and gay marriage are two perennials. Here are some other topics we can expect to hear more about than they deserve:

Gun control is another area where politicians like to posture, and many falsely characterize it as a top issue for voters.

While poll numbers vary slightly, the majority of Americans favor stricter gun control laws — though most do not want guns banned outright. Whether it is a top issue for voters and one they want to hear more about from candidates is another matter. Not only does it not even get mentioned when people are asked about their most important issues, gun control does not make the list when people are given a second choice and asked "What do you think are the two most important issues for the government to address?"

"Tort reform" is shorthand for limiting the ability of individuals to bring lawsuits for medical mal-

practice, nursing home abuse, harm from tainted or unsafe products, personal injury, insurance abuse, and other wrongs, and to limit awards when such suits are successful. Conservative think tanks relentlessly push the idea that courts are hopelessly clogged with "frivolous lawsuits," and candidates push the idea that we all wake up every morning worrying about the plight of the poor corporations victimized by out-of-control lawsuit-wielding citizens. In fact, voters polled last summer considered corporate misconduct much more important than "lawsuit abuse." Regardless, neither "tort reform" or "lawsuit abuse" is mentioned at all when people are asked to name their top concerns about priorities the government ought to address.

That said, if you are a voter who puts one of these at the top of her list, by all means vote accordingly. But if you are not, ask yourself (and the candidate) why he or she is talking about one of these so much, when the issues the majority cares most about are mentioned only in passing, or not at all.

Martha Burk is the author of "What's At Stake for Women in 2008 and Beyond," due out in the spring.

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# Stakes highest for Dallas, Romo

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — With a monster contract, a sexy girlfriend and all the other perks of being the star quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys, Tony Romo has a life most would envy.

Except this weekend. The Cowboys' playoff game Sunday against the New York Giants is as much for a spot in the NFC championship game as it is a fork in the road for Romo's reputation. And there's a steep difference between the paths.

Get the win and it'll be the first of his postseason career, the best medicine for the sting of last year's loss in Seattle when he bungled the hold of a chip-shot field goal. Another reward: A spot in the Super Bowl play-in game against either those same Seahawks or Brett Favre and the Green Bay Packers, the quarterback and team he grew up watching.

A playoff win also would be a first for coach Wade Phillips, validating Jerry Jones' decision to hire him and Phillips' treat-them-like-men approach that has worked so well all season but come under scrutiny this week — mainly because of Romo.

Most of all, a win would be the Cowboys' first in the post-season since Dec. 28, 1996. Ending that drought would make Jones feel even better

about the \$68.5 million contract he gave Romo a few months ago. Having another home game will help pay for it, too.

Now think of what happens if Dallas loses.

Romo will be 0-2 in the playoffs, Phillips will be 0-4 and the franchise-worst postseason skid will drag to 12 seasons and counting. The Cowboys' 13-3 regular season will have been nothing but a tease.

"It's all for naught if you lose," cornerback Terence Newman said.

A loss would make Jones hiss — and that'd be tame compared to what the critics say about Romo's south-of-the-border beach bash with his sweetie Jessica Simpson and some teammates last weekend.

Still envy him? Romo knows the deal and welcomes it. He loves being challenged, couldn't care less about perception and is eager to see if his best is good enough.

"It's going to be a lot of fun just because it's the playoffs," he said. "This is why you play. This is why you work as hard as you do during the offseason."

Eli Manning, Tom Coughlin and the Giants are looking forward to this game, too, especially after relieving their own playoff pressure by beating Tampa Bay last weekend.

Manning did an efficient job en route to his first playoff win after two straight first-round

losses. It also gave him some family bragging rights — big brother Peyton didn't win a playoff game until his sixth season; this is Eli's fourth.

The win also likely helped Coughlin get a new contract. His agent said this week talks are on hold until after the playoffs, but it's always a good sign when the issue is "when," not "if." (Jones, meanwhile, held a news conference Thursday partly to shoot down talk of Phillips getting fired if Dallas loses.)

The big knock against New York is the quality of its wins. Last weekend's road win over a division champion is a good one, but not great considering Tampa Bay wound up 9-8. The Giants beat only one other team that finished with a winning record: Washington, also 9-8.

Still, it's impressive that the Giants have won eight straight road games since losing the season opener, way back on Sept. 9 — at Texas Stadium.

Now they're back for the first postseason game between clubs that have met 91 times, the last three won by Dallas after a 4-1 streak by New York.

"We feel good about where we are right now," Manning said. "You can look back at the other two games (against the Cowboys this season) and learn from them, but it doesn't mean anything. This is a whole new game, a whole new situation,

and that is what we are looking forward to. It should be a good game."

History favors Dallas.

The NFC's No. 1 seed has won 17 straight division-round games and teams that have swept two regular-season meetings are 11-6 the third time.

New York's strength is a pass rush that produced an NFL-best 53 sacks, yet the Giants got to Romo only twice in two games. He also threw for 592 yards and eight touchdowns.

Dallas comes in rested and healthy, with the notable exception of Terrell Owens' high ankle sprain. He's still expected to start. Even if T.O. is not at full strength, Terry Glenn is ready to go after two knee operations. Should both receivers prove to be viable threats, offensive coordinator Jason Garrett might pull out plays he hasn't called all year.

"I'm excited about the possibilities," Romo said.

The Cowboys still have some things to prove after going 2-2 in December, failing to score a touchdown in the losses and narrowly beating teams with losing records. Romo struggled and Dallas seemed to forget how to run.

Phillips spent the bye week with back-to-basics practices, then gave players last weekend off to get away from football. Romo did. In Mexico.

While outsiders are knocking

the getaway around like a pinata, nobody in the locker room cares. Certainly not tight end Jason Witten and linebacker Bobby Carpenter, who tagged along. Carpenter even turned around and went to New Orleans for the BCS title game, a trip several other teammates made — without paparazzi trailing them.

"If you have to go to Japan, as long as you're back, ready to play, it doesn't matter," linebacker Bradie James said.

The Cowboys don't seem to be feeling any pressure. They sure looked loose Friday afternoon when receivers Sam Hurd and Isaiah Stanback staged one of their faux wrestling matches in the locker room.

"Another distraction," safety Ken Hamlin said, laughing as he walked by reporters.

Odds makers look at it all — including an NFL-record 12 Pro Bowlers for Dallas, one for New York — and say the Cowboys should win by at least a touchdown.

New York players want you to believe the spread should be even wider.

"We are just the 10-6 Giants against the No. 1 seed Cowboys, who are going to win the Super Bowl," linebacker Antonio Pierce said.

"If we are lucky," added defensive end Michael Strahan, "maybe we will have a chance."

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## Safe excavation

*Pipeline Group to hold contractor awareness program*

**Special to the Herald**

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education — Contractor Awareness Program" will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Howard County Fair Barn in Big Spring.

The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities.

A free dinner will be catered by KD's Bar-B-Q for everyone involved in excavation-related activities. Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

The Texas law requiring notifica-

**What:** Safety awareness program for anyone involved in excavation activities.

**Where:** Howard County Fair Barn.

**When:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24.

**Includes:** Free barbecue meal, safety seminar, promotional materials.

**Cost:** Free.

tion to a one-call system before excavating will be discussed. Sponsors will provide promotional materials, including notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other safety reminders.

Each year, many lives are injured or lost, plus millions of dollars in repairs and lost products are incurred due to "third party" inci-

idents — someone digging into a pipeline. Thousands of communications, some life-threatening, may be disrupted when expensive fiberoptic cables are damaged or severed.

These types of excavation can be financially devastating to the responsible party. This safety program is an attempt to help those who do excavation work to avoid such situations.

Sponsors include Alon USA LO, Chevron Pipe Line Co., El Paso Natural Gas Co., Enbridge Pipelines (Texas Intrastate) LLC, Enterprise Products Operating LLC Operators of Seminole Pipeline Co., Holly energy Partners LP, Kinder Morgan CO2 Co. LP, Kinder Morgan Wink Pipelines LP, LDH Energy Pipeline LP, Plains Pipeline LP, Sunoco Pipeline LP and Targa Texas Field Services LP.

For more information, call (800) 982-8752 or visit the Pipeline Group site at [www.pipelinegroup.com](http://www.pipelinegroup.com)

## Energy Watch



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



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

\$100 ... Finally.

Last week, a lone trader bought oil for \$100 for the first time ...an eventful start to 2008. Against the lows of last year, crude prices are roughly two times higher. At the time, the asking price was reportedly 40 cents below triple digits, so it appears someone simply wanted to say he was the first at the \$100 mark.

Nevertheless, media reports of the day tied fresh militant attacks in Nigeria where 13 people were killed in the Niger Delta; those actions meant nothing to the nation's already handicapped production.

While we do note supportive temperatures moving into the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states, we suggest much of the oil rally was tied to a return to the "reflation trade." With the dollar taking it on the chin, thoughts the Fed may cave into economic weakness and become soft on inflation supported real assets, gold and crude oil in particular.

Meanwhile, a study in The Energy Journal titled Evidence of a Shift in the Short-Run Price Elasticity of Gasoline Demand argues, "Today's consumers have not significantly altered their gasoline consumption in response to higher gasoline prices."

The authors contend that unlike the 1970s and early 1980s when high prices led to shifts in demand, U.S. consumers have become less price responsive because of rising household income, few transportation alternatives, better fuel efficiency and altered land-use patterns.

Throughout 2007, the trend was for gasoline consumption growth to lag the average increase of 1.5 percent. The study seemingly suggests consumers are more demand inelastic in the short-run than they were in the past. This may be the case, but we contend that in the longer-term, consumers are still price responsive.

Nevertheless, history was made Jan. 2 and we are glad the hype is over.

- In Saudi Arabia, the kingdom's petroleum ministry has delayed plans to invite requests for proposal for the Jizan refinery. Energy Intelligence reports the planned refinery was expected to be built in the economic city of Jizan and be the first private-sector-led refinery. The requests for proposals have been delayed two times already. The new timeline suggests the latest delay will last at least until the end of the first quarter.

- Elsewhere in Saudi Arabia, the 500 thousand barrels per day Khursaniyah field's production start will also be delayed. The scheduled start was supposed to be December. It remains unclear if the hiccup is technical in nature or if Saudi Arabia has simply chosen to hold off the production. Even so, the kingdom plans to increase its output capacity to 12.5 million barrels per day by 2009.

- Following the announcement the Pakistani elections would be delayed until February 18th, Reuters reported there were no protests against the Election Commission. Anecdotal data suggests violence is declining. President Musharraf has said he welcomes the team of Scotland Yard investigators who have arrived to help investigate the death of former Prime Minister Bhutto.

Musharraf also indicated paramilitary Pakistan Rangers and army personnel will be deployed for the elections to ensure civil unrest is contained. Nevertheless, perceptions of vote rigging may lead to greater unrest in the unstable democracy.

- *The Wall Street Journal* reports Hamilton Sundstrand is scheduled to announce that along with U.S. Renewables Group they plan to commercialize a new solar-power plant. The plan is to use molten salt to store the sun's heat so it can be converted to electric power even if the sun isn't out. The companies' officials suggest rising fossil-fuel costs now make the project cost competitive.

- Japanese crude oil imports rose 7.0 percent to nearly 4.4 million barrels per day during the month

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## CHAMBER RIBBON CUTTING



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Anne Briscoe, with scissors, the co-owner of Granny's Kitchen at 206 Main St., is joined by Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce officials and representatives during ribbon-cutting ceremonies Tuesday afternoon.

## Big Spring native earns top music award

Big Spring native Bob Bryant, currently the executive director of fine arts for the Katy Independent School District, was named Texas Music Administrator of the Year by the Texas Music Educators Association.

Bryant, the son of Neal and Virginia Bryant of Big Spring, graduated from Big Spring High School in 1970. While at BSHS, he was a member of the Steer Marching Band and the Golden

Horns stage band. He subsequently received a bachelor's and master's degree in music education from Texas Tech University.

He was selected for the TMEA honor because of his impact on music education in both Katy ISD and throughout Texas and will be officially recognized at the association's annual clinic and convention in San Antonio in February.

"The honor is a result of all the dedicated elementary music teach-

ers, band, choir and orchestra directors who work day-in and day-out to provide a quality music education to Katy ISD students," Bryant said.

"It is also a direct reflection of the administrative fine arts staff who work tirelessly to support our teachers and students."

Other honors recently bestowed on Bryant include being named the 2006 Texas Tech University Distinguished Educator.

## Sign-up under way for Southern Mesa Ag Conference

**Special to the Herald**

LAMESA — The upcoming Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas Agriculture as well as best management practices for cotton, grain sorghum and peanuts.

The conference will be held Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Movieland Theater, 604 N. Austin Ave. in Lamesa. Registration will

begin at 7:15 a.m. and the program will start at 8 a.m.

The registration fee, which includes a complimentary gift, technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits, is \$20 if paid by Jan. 16. After Jan. 16 and at the door, the registration fee will be \$25.

Registration forms and fees, payable to Dawson Ag Fund, should be

mailed to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa 79331.

The program, sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn and Garza counties, will feature information on the Texas AgriLife Extension Service — Who are we and what do we do?; overview of cotton variety demonstration results; overview of cotton production — picker

vs. stripper, fertilizer management in dryland and irrigated production systems; overview of small grain production: wheat and grain sorghum — varieties and fertilizer management; overview of peanut productions: varieties and fertilizer management; Plains cotton growers update; AgCares update; weed control in cotton production systems; management production for sustaining agriculture while main-

taining profitability; cotton pest management; nematode and wilt control in cotton production; and laws and regulations.

Six and a half continuing education units (3 general, 2 IPM and 1.5 laws and regs) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators who attend.

Speakers will include Dr. Darrell Dromgoole, Dr. Mark Kelley, Dr. Randy Boman, Dr. Calvin

Trostle, Dr. Wayne Keeling, Jay Yates, Dr. David Kerns and Dr. Terry Wheeler, all with the Texas Cooperative Extension; Roger Haldenby with Plains Cotton Growers; and Debbie Slocum with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Producers who wish to pre-register may do so by calling the Dawson County Extension Office at (806) 872-3444.



**▶ Odds and Ends**

**Leaky watering system leads to Conn. bust, seizure of about \$1.6M worth of marijuana**

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Overwatering your plants is never a good idea, especially if they're illegal. Police were called to a three-family house in New Haven on Wednesday on a report of a water leak from a second floor apartment into the first floor. Firefighters responded to the apartment, where they say they found a large marijuana growing operation with a leaking watering system.

State and local police returned with a search warrant Thursday and found more than 331 marijuana plants with a street value of about \$1.6 million, police said.

Mario J. Pena, 29, of New Haven, was arrested and charged with possessing marijuana with intent to sell, illegal cultivation of marijuana and operating a drug factory, state police said. He was being held on \$1 million bond and appeared in court Friday. He did not enter a plea, court officials said. The public defender's office, which is representing Pena, declined comment.

**NJ man makes rare find in plate of fried oysters: pearl 'half the size of a jellybean'**

WASHINGTON BOROUGH, N.J. (AP) — Two weeks after a Florida man found a rare pearl in his seafood, it's happened again — this time to a New Jersey man who was eating fried oysters.

Mike McHenry thought he had chomped down on a piece of shell Wednesday night and instead spit out a pea-sized pearl.

"You might break your teeth on it if you crunch down too hard," the 60-year-old Washington Township man said of his discovery at Russo's Ristorante in Washington Borough.

McHenry's find was rare, according to Gef Flimlin, a marine extension agent with Rutgers Cooperative Extension, who said 95 percent of pearls are cultured for production, unlike the naturally formed pearl McHenry found.

"It's unusual to find one in this type of oyster," McHenry said. "Like one in a million."

Not quite. Last month, George Brock of Royal Palm Beach, Fla., found a rare iridescent purple pearl in his plate of steamed clams while dining in South Florida.

Russo's owner, Rick Giacobbe, said McHenry's dis-



AP Photo/The Post, Bruce R. Bennett  
Leslie and George Brock pose with a rare purple pearl found while eating a plate of steamed clams at Dave's Last Resort in Lake Worth, Fla. At least one expert said the find could be worth thousands of dollars.

covery marked the first time in his 33 years in the restaurant business that a customer found a pearl in an order of oysters. He said the guy he orders seafood from is flummoxed, too.

"He said maybe once in a couple of years his girls will find something and it's a teeny tiny thing," Giacobbe said. "This was half the size of a jellybean."

While Brock's purple pearl may be worth thousands, it appears McHenry isn't so lucky.

Greg Fliegau, who manages Fliegau Jewelers for his uncle, thinks the pearl isn't worth much because it's misshapen and has some discoloration.

"It's a souvenir I'll put on my bar, maybe," McHenry said.

**'Just my day,' says Long Island doctor who gets building violations after home burns**

WEST HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — An obstetrician saved his wife and six children from a fire that ravaged their home, delivered a baby while the house was still smoldering and then got cited with building violations.

Dr. Herman Weiss said Friday "was just my day."

The 37-year-old awoke around 3 a.m. to the screech of a smoke detector and the sight of flames inching up an outside wall of his Long Island home. He got his family to safety, then was paged and went to a hospital to deliver an infant around 6 a.m.

The fire brought scrutiny from building inspectors, who cited the Weisses with a discrepancy in plumbing plans and living in the house without a certificate of occupancy. Weiss said the family had hired a lawyer to get one.

The family has been ordered to tear down the damaged house. Weiss said he hopes to rebuild in the same place.

**Pig prank: Fetuses impaled on car antennas in Iowa high school parking lot**

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Several members of a high school swim team were suspended after they impaled 15 car antennas with fetal pigs and smeared crawfish on hoods and windshields in their rival school's parking lot, their coach said.

Roosevelt High School swim coach Steve Teter said members of his team retaliated after Dowling Catholic High School swimmers lobbed snowballs at them at an earlier meet.

The incident was discovered Tuesday. "You could smell the formaldehyde from a block away," Dowling Assistant Principal Ron Meyers said.

The pigs likely were stolen from a biology lab. Roosevelt Principal Kathie Danielson said pig fetuses aren't labeled and the school doesn't keep inventory, so science teachers "can't be sure" they came from Roosevelt.

"We certainly don't want issues with schools. We want good relationships," Danielson said.

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of November. The top suppliers to the nation included Saudi Arabia, the U.A.E., Iran, Qatar and Kuwait.

• Despite North Korea not allowing citizens to travel freely, the nation's official media called on the South to tear down a border wall separating the two neighbors. In actuality, the wall doesn't exist. A demilitarized buffer zone separates the two. On either side of the zone, razor wire fences are present.

• In Egypt, a third bird flu death has occurred in less

than one week. Thus far, the disease has shown little in the way of mutating to the point where it can be transmitted between humans. If this transformation occurs, pandemic fears would rise.

• *The Wall Street Journal* reports some Western companies are flocking to China and investing in coal-to-chemicals plants throughout the nation. China has vast coal deposits, and gasification capacity can reduce some of their reliance on imports of fuels.

• The U.S. Navy and Boeing have developed an unmanned underwater vehicle (UUV) designed to be launched from a submerged sub and capable of returning to its origin ship. According to *World Tribune*, the

ship was designed for missions in shallow waters like the Gulf.

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Andrea Clardy, 2401 Ave. L, Snyder  
Jared Coby, 901 S. High St., Longview  
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Susan Cuellar, 2301 N. Pecos, Midland  
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Randy James Ellis, PO Box 391, Snyder  
Aldo Gustavo Galindo, 922 Jeter, Odessa  
Claudet Garza, 3106 E. Elm, Laredo  
Naomi Gonzales, 1606 E. Fifth, Big Spring  
Raul Gonzales, 2106 Johnson, Big Spring  
Jeffrey Grams, 224 Lelon Lane, Springtown  
Nora Gutierrez, 606 N. Eighth Street, Lamesa  
Dana L. Havink, 600 Star Linda Ct., Arlington  
Kristin Hawkins, 405 N. Moss Lake Road, Big Spring  
Gerald R. Hodges, 4312 Crane, Houston  
Allan J. Hoey, 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. 2, Big Spring  
Sharon Annette James, 1215 Cedar, Colorado City  
Brandy Johnson, 24327 Pleasonton, San Antonio  
Rene M. Johnson, 9205 W. County Road 174, Midland  
Jason E. Key, 803 E. 20th Street, Big Spring  
Alana Marie Lee, 2711 66th Street, Lubbock  
Patricia Luttrell, 2726 Redwood, Odessa  
Carol Lee McNeil, 2601 Westridge, Snyder  
Ebaline Flores Mendoza, PO Box 291, Mertzon  
Melissa Merket, 402 W. Eighth, Colorado City  
Angela Moreno, 1712 N. Third Street, Lamesa  
Anna Marie Moreno, 4656 St. Frances Ave., Dallas  
Jerry Musquiz, 2609 Cotton Flat Road, Midland  
Michael Todd McClinton, 1003 S. Midkiff, Midland  
William Leslie Neal, 2100 Alabama, Big Spring  
Rios Lisa L. Ovalle, 1510 Oriole, Big Spring  
Katherine Hardin Perez, 4908 Parkway, Big Spring  
Lisa M. Portillo, 1200 Stanford, Big Spring  
Richard Wayne Rains, 4501 Parkway, Big Spring  
Patricia Ramos, 538 Westover Road Apt. 226, Big Spring  
Michael Dewayne Renteria, 1810 Owens, Big Spring  
Keyana Cooley Rincker, 1905 Wasson Apt. 56, Big Spring  
Alfredo Riojas Jr., 255, S. 11th St., Lubbock  
Frances Rodriguez, 603 Steakley, Big Spring  
Veronica Rodriguez, 3010 Cherokee, Big Spring  
Rudy Salazar, PO Box 1275, Stanton  
Crystal Ann Schneider, P.O. Box 844, Coahoma  
Harl Bradford Shaffer, 5603 Gail Hwy., Big Spring  
Syretta Diane Shellman, 1101 N. Goliad, Big Spring  
Janie Spurgeon, 1212 Wadley, Midland  
Shawn Spurgeon, 106 N. Adams, Denver City  
Tonya Taylor, 1111 Moseley Circle, Hobbs, N.M.

Tiffney Lee Tindol, 2206 Morrison, Big Spring  
Amanda Wallace, 803 E. 20th Street/1305 Jeffery Road, Big Spring  
Christina Williams, 400 Macarthur, Odessa  
Jerry Lee Wrightsil Jr., 2816 Ridge Road, Fort Worth

**County Court Decisions:**

**Judgment and Sentence:**  
Ray Zapata, burglary of a vehicle, \$500 fine, \$354 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
**Judgment and Sentence:**  
Shannon Boudreaux, driving while license suspended, \$500 fine, \$224 court costs, three days in jail.  
**Judgment and Sentence:**  
Roger Edwards, theft - more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$500 fine, \$344 court costs, 180 days in jail.  
**Probated Judgment:** Jesse Contreras, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).  
**Judgment and Sentence:**  
Roger Edwards, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$1,500 fine, \$324 court costs, 180 days in jail.  
**Judgment and Sentence:**  
Martha Merworth, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, \$274 court costs, 90 days in jail.

**District Court Filings:**

In Re Whitney Jaye Wallace, family court.  
The State of Texas vs. Demarcus Dericko Williams (seizure of \$2,810), seizure.  
Angie Marie Solis vs. Samuel Christopher Castro,

protective order.  
In Re Alexander Mills, Camron Mills and Destiney Mills, family court.

Clay Atkinson vs. Mark R. Foster, Sheila M. Foster and Amanda Nicole Foster, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.

Transpecos Banks, Iraan vs. Robert David Anderson, accounts, notes and contracts.

In Re Quasette Cyncere Woodruff, family court.  
Vanessa Lynn Backes vs. Henry Vernon Backes III, divorce.

Rebecca A. Richbourg vs. Casey Richbourg, divorce.  
Ashley Ellison vs. Michael Stewart Deax Jr., protective order.

The State of Texas vs. Jimmy Giddings (seizure of \$1,628), civil suit.  
Theresa Phelps vs. James Phelps, divorce.

**Marriage Licenses:**

Heath Wayne Mahaffey, 31, and Crystal Nicole Lemond, 23, both of Houston.  
Juan Javier Vasquez, 51, and Concepcion H. Garza, 53, both of Big Spring

**Warranty Deeds:**

Grantor: Ernestine V. O'Dell  
Grantee: Ron Letcher  
Property: The N-1/3 of Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 1, Cole and Strayhorn Addition  
Date: Jan. 4, 2008

Grantor: Carol Rains and Cindy Lyle  
Grantee: Charla Weaver  
Property: A 1.7 acre tract out of Section 13, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Jan. 8, 2008

**Warranty Deeds With Vendor's Lien:**

Grantor: Grassland Partnership  
Grantee: Jerry Mitchell and Patricia Mitchell  
Property: The SE/4 of Section 31, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey; and the NE/4 of Section 42, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Jan. 3, 2008

Grantor: Ronald Howell and Patricia Howell  
Grantee: Augustine M. Moreno  
Property: Lot 1, Block 4, Indianola Addition  
Date: Jan. 3, 2008

Grantor: Gail Rosenbaum  
Grantee: Viola Earlene Verbosh  
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 35, College Heights  
Date: Jan. 3, 2008

Grantor: Robert D'Adamo and Debra Walker  
Grantee: Phillip Melton Jr. and Erica Partlow Melton  
Property: Lot 7, Block 2, Western Hills Addition  
Date: Jan. 3, 2008

Grantor: Sally Grant  
Grantee: Ramon Delacruz and Cindy Delacruz

Property: Lot 4, Block 2, Settles Heights  
Date: Jan. 4, 2008

Grantor: Ronald Howell and Patricia Howell  
Grantee: Tom Cruz  
Property: Lot 5, Block 6, Indianola Addition  
Date: Jan. 7, 2008

Grantor: Cornerstone Church of Big Spring  
Grantee: New Covenant Christian Worship Center

Property: Lot 7, Block 3, Cole and Strayhorn; and Lots 2-8, Block 6, Cole and Strayhorn Addition  
Date: Jan. 8, 2008

Grantor: Betty Joan Thompson  
Grantee: Louis R. Dunnam and Nancy Dunnam

Property: The SW/4 of Section 48, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Jan. 8, 2008

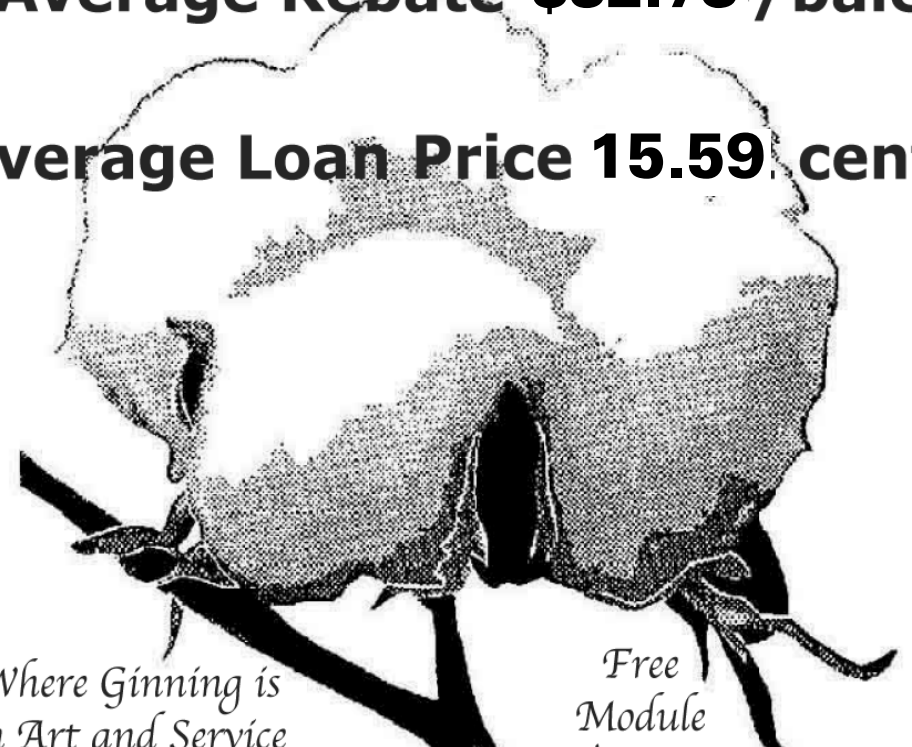
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Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 17, 2008, for the consideration of selecting a financial institution for lease purchase financing of equipment for the City of Big Spring. Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Conference Room, City Hall, Second Floor, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained in the office of the Director of Finance, Room 102, First Floor, City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item. The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. Signed: Russ McEwen, Mayor Signed: Tami Davis, Assistant City Secretary #5648 January 13, 2008

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
1.1.1. The Big Spring Area Local Federal Coordinating Committee (LFCC) is soliciting applications from federated groups, charitable organizations or a combination thereof, interested in being considered to serve as the Principal Combined Fund Organization (PCFO) for the 2008 campaign. A legal notice has been published in The Big Spring Herald announcing this solicitation for a PCFO. The applicable CFC regulations are:  
- Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 950.104 authorizes the LFCC to solicit applications from federations, charitable organizations, or combinations thereof to serve as the PCFO; and to select a PCFO to act as its fiscal agent and campaign coordinator for the CFC.  
- Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 950.105 outlines the responsibilities of the PCFO. In addition, § 950.601 provides additional requirements governing the release of contributor names. The primary responsibility of the PCFO is to support the federal government in managing a comprehensive local workplace fundraising campaign while ensuring the fiscal integrity, accountability, and transparency of the process. A primary goal of the PCFO is to conduct an effective and efficient campaign in a fair and even-handed manner. Only federations, charitable organizations or combinations thereof may serve as the PCFO.  
1.1.1.2. All application proposals submitted for consideration must be received by the LFCC post-marked no later than February 16, 2008. Applications may also be hand-delivered. Interested organizations should submit their application proposals to the LFCC, c/o Elizabeth Lowery, West Texas VA Health Care System, 300 Veterans Boulevard, Big Spring, TX 79720. Only application proposals addressing all of the key elements and deliverables outlined in Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 950.105 will be considered for review by the LFCC.  
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PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 75591L008 APPLICATION Golden Spread Redi-Mix, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 75591L008, which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant. The applicant has provided the following driving directions: from the intersection of State Highway 87 and Brian Road, turn east on Brian Road, travel south on Colter Road, and east on Hali Road approximately 0.5 mile on north side of the road, Forsan, Howard County, Texas.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 11, 2007. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Howard County Clerk's Office, 300 Main, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public hearing, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and Registration Number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to

request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seek to protect, must also be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Golden Spread Redi-Mix, Inc., P.O. Box 31660, Amarillo, Texas 79120 or by calling Ms. Kathy Hagerman, Environmental Manager at (806) 373-3270. Issuance Date: December 20, 2007

COMISION DE CALIDAD AMBIENTAL DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS

AVISO DE RECEPCION DE SOLICITUD E INTENCION DE OBTENER REGISTRO DE PERMISO DE ESTANDAR DE CALIDAD ATMOSFERICA

NUM. DE REGISTRO DE CALIDAD ATMOSFERICA 75591L008

SOLICITUD Golden Spread Redi-Mix, Inc., ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ) por sus siglas en inglés un Permiso de Estándar de Calidad Atmosférica, NÚM. De Registro 75591L008, el cual autoriza la construcción de una Planta de Lotes de Concreto ubicada en from the intersection of State Highway 87 and Brian Road, turn east on Brian Road, travel south on Colter Road, and east on Hali Road approximately 0.5 mile on north side of the road, Forsan, Howard Condado, Texas. La planta que se propone emitirá los siguientes contaminantes atmosféricos: partículas incluyendo (pero no limitadas a) agregados, cemento y polvo de caminos. Esta solicitud se la presentó a TCEQ el December 11, 2007. La solicitud está disponible en la oficina central de TCEQ para revisarla y sacarle copia, en la oficina regional de TCEQ en Midland y Howard County Clerk's Office, 300 Main, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. El expediente de cumplimiento de la planta, si existe alguno, está disponible para su revisión en la oficina regional de TCEQ en Midland.

El director ejecutivo de TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud está administrativamente completa y llevará a cabo una revisión técnica de la solicitud.

COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS / REUNIÓN PÚBLICA Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos, una petición para reunión pública, o solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado a la Oficina del Funcionario Jefe al domicilio a continuación. TCEQ tomará en cuenta todos los comentarios públicos en la decisión final de la solicitud. La fecha límite para presentar comentarios públicos es 15 días después de que se publique el aviso en el periódico.

El propósito de la reunión pública es proporcionar la oportunidad de hacer comentarios o preguntas acerca de la solicitud. Si el director ejecutivo determina que existe un importante grado de interés público con respecto a la solicitud o si lo solicita un legislador local, se llevará a cabo una reunión pública. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia de caso impugnado. Si solamente se reciben comentarios con respecto a la solicitud, la respuesta a los comentarios, junto con el aviso de la acción del director ejecutivo con respecto a la solicitud será enviada por correo a cualquier persona que presente comentarios o si se encuentra en la lista de correos para esta solicitud. Si se presenta oportunamente una petición para audiencia, el director ejecutivo terminará la revisión técnica, expedirá una decisión preliminar con respecto a la solicitud, y se publicará y enviará por correo un Aviso de la Solicitud y Decisión Preliminar a aquellas personas que se encuentren en la lista de correos para esta solicitud. El aviso incluirá el plazo final para presentar comentarios públicos. Después del plazo final para

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OPORTUNIDAD PARA UNA AUDIENCIA DE COSO IMPUGNADO. Usted puede solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado. Una audiencia de caso impugnado es un procedimiento legal similar a un juicio civil en un tribunal de distrito del estado. A menos que se presente una solicitud para una audiencia de caso impugnado dentro de 15 días de esta notificación, el director ejecutivo puede autorizar la solicitud. Si no se recibe una solicitud para audiencia dentro del periodo de 15 días, no se dará otra oportunidad para audiencia. Una audiencia de caso impugnado solo se concederá con base a cuestiones debatibles de hechos que son pertinentes y materiales par alas decisiones de la Comisión con respecto a la solicitud. Además, la Comisión solo concederá una audiencia sobre cuestiones que se presenten durante el periodo de comentarios públicos y no se retirán.

Una persona que puede estar afectada por contaminantes de emisiones atmosféricas de una planta tiene derecho a solicitar una audiencia. Para solicitar una audiencia, una persona debe de residir permanentemente dentro de 402 metros (440 yardas) de la planta que se propone. Si se solicita una audiencia de caso impugnado, debe presentar lo siguiente: (1) su nombre (o para un grupo o asociación, un representante oficial), dirección, número de teléfono y número de facsimile si lo tiene; (2) el nombre de solicitante y Número de Registro; (3) la declaración "[yo / nosotros] solicito una audiencia de un caso impugnado"; (4) una descripción específica de cómo se vería adversamente afectado por la solicitud y emisiones atmosféricas de la planta de manera que no es común para el público en general; (5) la ubicación y distancia de su propiedad con relación a la planta; y (6) una Descripción de como emplea la propiedad la cual puede ser impactada por la planta. Si la petición la hace un grupo o asociación, el miembro o miembros que tienen derecho a solicitar una audiencia y los intereses que el grupo o la asociación busca proteger, también se deben identificar. Las peticiones para una audiencia de caso impugnado se debe presentar por escrito dentro de 15 días después de este aviso a la Oficina del Funcionario Jefe, a la dirección a continuación.

Si se registra oportunamente una petición para audiencia, se dará aviso adicional. Después del cierre de todos los comentarios que aplican y los períodos de caso impugnado a los comisionados de TCEQ para su consideración durante la reunión programada de la Comisión. Si se concede una audiencia, el tema de la audiencia estará limitado a casos debatibles de hecho relacionados a intereses pertinentes y materiales de calidad ATMOSFÉRICA que se hayan presentado durante el periodo de comentarios. Cuestiones tales como valor de la propiedad, ruido, seguridad de tráfico y zonificación no están dentro de la jurisdicción de la Comisión para abordarse en este proceso judicial.

LISTA DE CORRESPONDENCIA Aparte de presentar comentarios públicos, puede solicitar que lo / la incluyan en la lista de correos para recibir en el futuro avisos públicos para esta solicitud específica que envía por correo la Oficina del Funcionario Jefe enviando una petición por escrito a la Oficina del Funcionario Jefe de TCEQ a la dirección a continuación.

INFORMACIÓN Los comentarios públicos o peticiones para una reunión pública o audiencia de caso impugnado se debe presentar a la Oficina del Funcionario Jefe, MC-105, TCEQ, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Para mayor información acerca de esta solicitud para permiso o el proceso para permisos, favor de llamar a la Oficina de Asistencia al Público, al 1-800-687-4040. Si requiere información general de TCEQ dirigirse al portal electrónico www.tceq.state.tx.us. Se puede obtener información adicional de Golden Spread Redi-Mix, Inc. P O Box 31660, Amarillo, Texas o al llamar Ms. Kathy Hagerman en al (806)373-3270. Fecha de Expedición: December 20, 2007 #5650 January 13, 2008

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS The dreamy Pisces moon contentedly watches the world drift outside her window — until the moon's swift downshift into Aries prods us into action. Some of us feel the hair-trigger change, moving from zero to 60 in five seconds flat. For others, it's a matter of motivating. It's easier to talk about it than actually to get out there and do it.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Keep your eyes peeled. It's a day of haphazard beauties that you'll have to catch on the fly. Try to appreciate what you see as a circumstance that can never be duplicated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As far as you're concerned, praise is only acceptable if it takes you by surprise. Which it does today. Though you don't want to be obviously moved by this attention, it's perfectly natural if you are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Others assume you are talented and accomplished to a higher level than you're used to. Seize the chance to be what you pretend to be, and consider this a sign that you have arrived.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Solutions are suggested to you — probably by people who know very little about the problem at hand. Trust your own take on the situation. But also open your mind to the possibility that the ignorant person could be right.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are people to meet, places to go and things to

buy. Put your attention on the people and places so it seems less important to purchase the extra trappings to prove you were there.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're so busy ignoring that little voice in the back of your head that says "It can't be done!" that that the little voice may disappear into the annals of forgotten and inconsequential entities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Relationships surprise you in good and bad ways, but you're better off for the knowledge. Be flexible, but don't be a pushover. Do what's necessary to bring lingering situations to their full closure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). With a broad view, you keep your equilibrium. Being too focused on the bottom line causes you to miss the rest of the page! Tonight, it's the small gesture that wins the big prize.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Just because you can do it doesn't mean everyone can. Be a patient teacher who accepts that some students just aren't ready or able to learn certain things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You put a new spin on matters of discipline in regard to both yourself and children — new books help. Financial decisions go your way with a little push.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your family life is affected by changes in other areas of your life. When you realize that all things are connected, you can make this adjustment an overwhelmingly positive one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be put in charge of problem solving and practical action. Be

gentler with others than you are with yourself. Introducing loved ones to art and music is fulfilling.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This week opens hearts and minds to love and passion as Venus and Mars eye one another across the celestial sky bar. These two never married in classical myth — instead, they enjoyed a tempestuous lifelong love affair — explaining why passion runs hot and cold between the sexes! We're built differently. Venus in Sagittarius opens hearts to experience love without boundaries or limits, and Mars in Gemini is eager to talk about it and perhaps to flirt outrageously. We may jump to conclusions. Or discover the heat of passion all over again. It's all possible. By remaining open and communicative, playful and creative, we get to know one another better. You say tomay-to, I say tomah-to? We may or may not agree, or maybe it's not what we thought after all. Today, we're recognizing we're more than simply man or woman — we're a balance of yin-yang. As Mars continues moving backward, now in Gemini, the message is: Explore. Modern Mars and Venus are evolving principles; historically, they were distinct gender roles. Now, Mars influences courage and strength inside every woman, and Venus propels intuition and imagination in every man. Be willing to entertain new perspectives this week. Who knows what we might discover!

Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars." If you would like to write to her, please go to www.creators.com.

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# TxDOT goes high tech

**Special to the Herald**

AUSTIN — Texans have a new way to stay informed on statewide transportation issues: The Texas Department of Transportation Podcast Program.

TxDOT, through its www.KeepTexasMoving.com Web site, is offering a weekly podcast covering a wide variety of statewide transportation-related topics.

“There are a lot of ways to get information about TxDOT and transportation issues in Texas,” said TxDOT’s Larry Krantz, the podcast host, “but our podcasts are a good way to get that information directly from us.”

The statewide podcast is part of TxDOT’s efforts to find new ways to communicate transportation issues.

Each statewide podcast episode is a weekly talk-radio-style audio program downloadable from the Internet. Statewide podcasts will be less than 10 minutes long and feature an interview with an expert in a transporta-

tion-related field.

Five episodes of the statewide podcast are currently available, including the most recent episode in which Krantz spoke with Texas Transportation Commissioner Ted Houghton on the upcoming Town Hall Meeting tour, which kicks off next week in Texarkana and proceeds throughout the I-69/TTC project study corridor.

“The Town Hall meeting concept is totally different from our outreach effort for TTC-35,” Krantz said. “The episode with Commissioner Houghton sheds some light on how feedback from the public has shaped — and continues to shape — the way we do business.”

Krantz has also interviewed TxDOT’s Randall Dillard about former Texas Transportation Commission Chairman Ric Williamson, who died in late December, Dr. Joseph Giglio, a college professor and author of several forward-looking books on the future of transportation, for an episode entitled “They Assume the Future Will

Look Like the Past,” and TxDOT’s Deputy Executive Director Steve Simmons on why the I-69/Trans-Texas Corridor study area is so large.

For Krantz, who started the nation’s first state-

sponsored transportation podcast in TxDOT’s Tyler District in June 2006, the challenge was a good opportunity to see if a statewide podcast could have a broad appeal.

“My little Tyler District

podcast got some 5,800 hits last month alone,” Krantz said. “That’s not bad for something that’s never been advertised commercially. Hopefully the statewide podcast will be just as successful, but

on a larger scale.” Find the statewide podcast at: <http://keep texas-moving.com/index.php/podcast>

All TxDOT podcasts are also available on iTunes, search keyword: txdot.



## Ashleigh’s My Blog What’s The Deal With The Laptops?

At the beginning of this year the students at Big Spring High School were issued personal laptops for our own educational benefit. Since then there has been many students finding ways to find different kinds of chat rooms and knock offs of My Space. Every time one of the computer administrators finds one of these chat programs they block it thinking it will stop students from getting on to these programs, but the next day the students have already found another chat room. Noticing that blocking wasn’t stopping students from finding chat rooms, the administrators started pulling kids out of class to take their computers up. Now causing some students to be without laptops and assignments they had saved on their laptops. When we were issued these laptops they told us that they were filtered and we would not be able to get onto certain programs such as chat rooms. If that was the case. Then we wouldn’t be having the problems we are having now! Personally most of my teachers now won’t even let us have the computers out anymore. Which brings me to my question. **What was the whole point in getting laptops in the first place?**



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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Independent Judgment

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ A Q J 3

♥ A 6

♦ K J 9 7 6

♣ 9 5

**WEST**

♠ —

♥ J 7 3

♦ 5 2

♣ A K Q J 10 8 3

**EAST**

♠ 9 7 5

♥ 8 5 4 2

♦ —

♣ —

bridge

The bidding:  
East Pass 1♠ — South 5♣ — West 5♣ — North 6♣ —  
Opening lead — king of clubs.

This deal occurred in a match between Poland and France in the final of the 1984 World Team Olympiad. It illustrates the important role judgment and instinct can play when there is no scientific way of determining what to do in a difficult situation.

When a Polish pair held the North-South cards, the bidding went as shown. Following West’s leap to five clubs, North jumped to six spades, gambling that his partner had at most one club loser and at least one ace. South’s actual hand vindicated North’s judgment, and the slam gave Poland 1,430 points.

At the second table, where a

French pair were North-South, West likewise jumped to five clubs. Here too, the French North came to the same conclusion as his Polish counterpart, bidding six spades over five clubs.

But at this table, the Polish West now exercised excellent judgment of his own. After his partner and South passed, he decided to trust his opposite vulnerability in seven clubs. North went down five, a loss (which would affect the scoring), combined with the outcome at the other table, yielded a net gain of 530 points — 11 International Match Points — for Poland.

Of course, if South had held the doubleton club and East the singleton — certainly a real possibility — the slam would not have been made. In that case, the Poles would have suffered a net loss of 1,000 points — 14 IMPs — on the deal.

West’s final action was also strictly a matter of judgment, and in the actual case the Polish West proved to be right. Usually, a player who pre-empts does not bid again, having already told the story of his hand, but the Polish West here decided to exercise his independent judgment.

The Poles had the edge in this department on a substantial number of other deals, and as a result easily defeated the French to take the 1984 world title.

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# Eagles, chili cooks boost Children in Need fund

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 3188 donated \$6,000 — proceeds from Saturday's Chili Cook-off — to benefit West Texas Centers for M H M R ' s Children in Need fund.



Eagle members presented Smith the check Saturday to West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW, at the conclusion of the Sixth Annual Chili Cook-off.

The money was generated through admission fees, the 22 chili cooks' entry fees, donated auction items and raffle tickets.

More than 100 people attended the event, Smith said. "It was perfect weather for a chili cook-off."

"The event was a huge success, and we were so appreciative to have had the support of the com-

munity through healthy attendance and experienced judges who volunteered their time for a worthy cause," Smith said.

The Children in Need fund helps purchase school supplies, clothing, tuition for summer camps and other financial needs of special children who are receiving services from West Texas Centers for MHMR.

West Texas Center is the mental health authority for 23 rural counties in West Texas.

"We have so many children who have needs and we don't have the funds to pay for them," Smith said. "This chili cook-off is one of the major contributors to that fund. That's why we appreciate their work so very much."

Several awards were added this year to generate more interest in the event, said Landon Sturdivant, West Texas Centers for MHMR Associate CEO and a member of the Eagles organization.

A Best in Show Award, a Horse's Award, and the Fire Marshal Award, which was awarded by Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray, were added to the event's line-up.

Chili Cook-off winners were:

1. Charles Thompson — Corn Dodger, 2. Valerie White and Kelley Howell — Twisted Sisters Red Hot Chili, 3. Tommy Tilley, 4. B & M's — Mike and Mike, 5. Flint Wrye and Tony Meeks, 6. Jeff Thompson and Dan Wright — Zfat Guys II, 7. Chris Willoughby and Jacob Willoughby — The Sooner Willo's, 8. Rodney Jones and Guy White — West Texas Centers Team No. 1, 9. Mark Taylor — Trash Can Chili, 10. Dalton and Carol Lewis — All-American Cabinets and Design.

Best in Show: Valerie White and Kelley Howell - Twisted Sisters Red Hot Chili.

Horses award: M's & B. Carl Condray Fire Marshal Award: Robert and Wes Borella.



Courtesy photo

Chili cooks Rodney Jones and Guy White test their chili during the Sixth Annual Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 3188 Chili Cook-off benefitting the West Texas Centers for MHMR Children in Need fund. More than \$6,000 was raised during the event.

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The U.S. Navy's Ticonderoga class cruiser **USS Port Royal**, equipped with AEGIS combat systems, and Tomahawk ASM/LAM cruise missiles, patrols in the Persian Gulf in this 1997 file photo.

**Pentagon releases video depicting confrontation in Persian Gulf**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon released video Friday it says depicts the entire confrontation last Sunday between U.S. and Iranian naval forces in the Persian Gulf.

The more than half-hour video, shot by a crew member on the bridge of the destroyer USS Hopper, was unedited, said, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman.

The often uneven and grainy video shows crew members answering radio calls and monitoring the five Iranian boats and for much of the time follows one or more of the fast boats moving around the U.S. ships.

It chronicles crew members communicating with each other on the Hopper, as well as U.S. crew on the other two ships in the convoy. And as the incident escalated, sailors can be heard growing more agitated about how fast and close the small boats were moving near the ships.

The Pentagon released the entire video of the event after days of fielding questions about the origin of a voice on the initial video that warns in English: "I am coming to you" and then, "You will explode after ... minutes."

Less than five minutes of the video footage was released Tuesday.

**O.J. Simpson in custody in Florida, accused of violating bail**

LAS VEGAS (AP) — O.J. Simpson was taken into custody Friday in Florida

and will spend several days in a Las Vegas jail before a judge hears allegations that he violated terms of his bail in an armed robbery case here, court officials said.

Clark County District Attorney David Roger alleges that in a November voice message, Simpson told his bail bondsman to contact co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart and express frustration about testimony given at the hearing where Simpson, Stewart and a third man were ordered to stand trial.

"I just want, want C.J. to know that ... I'm tired of this (expletive)," Simpson is quoted as saying in a transcript that was included in Roger's motion to revoke bail, filed Friday. "Fed up with (expletive) changing what they told me. All right?"

Simpson had been instructed by Las Vegas Justice of the Peace Joe M. Bonaventure in September not to have any contact with anyone involved in the case — not even by "carrier pigeon."

**Bush says U.S. should have used bombing to help Jews**

JERUSALEM (AP) — A teary-eyed President Bush stopped in front of an aerial photo of Auschwitz on Friday at Israel's Holocaust memorial and said the U.S. should have sent bombers to prevent the extermination of Jews there.

Yad Vashem's chairman, Avner Shalev, quoted Bush as saying the U.S. should have "bombed it." Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Bush referred to the train tracks leading to Auschwitz, not the camp itself, where between 1.1 million and 1.5 million people were killed by Nazi Germany.

The issue of bombing the Nazi death camps or the rail lines leading to them has been debated for years — and the lack of action was interpreted by some as a sign of Allied indifference.

The Allies had detailed reports about Auschwitz toward the end of World War II from escaped prisoners. But they chose not to bomb the camp, the rail lines, or any of the other Nazi death

camps, preferring instead to focus all resources on the broader military effort.

**Senior Giuliani campaign staffers forgo paychecks, a sign of possible money troubles**

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (AP) — About a dozen senior campaign staffers for Rudy Giuliani are forgoing their January paychecks, a sign of possible money trouble for the Republican presidential candidate and last year's national front-run-

ner. "We didn't ask anybody to do it," Giuliani told reporters Friday after a town hall meeting at a charter school in Coral Springs, Fla.

"Some people volunteered to do it because they wanted to stretch out the money," he said. "We've got quite a bit of money and they wanted to make sure that we had even more money for the end of this situation in Florida, so we could have enough on the air or whatever."



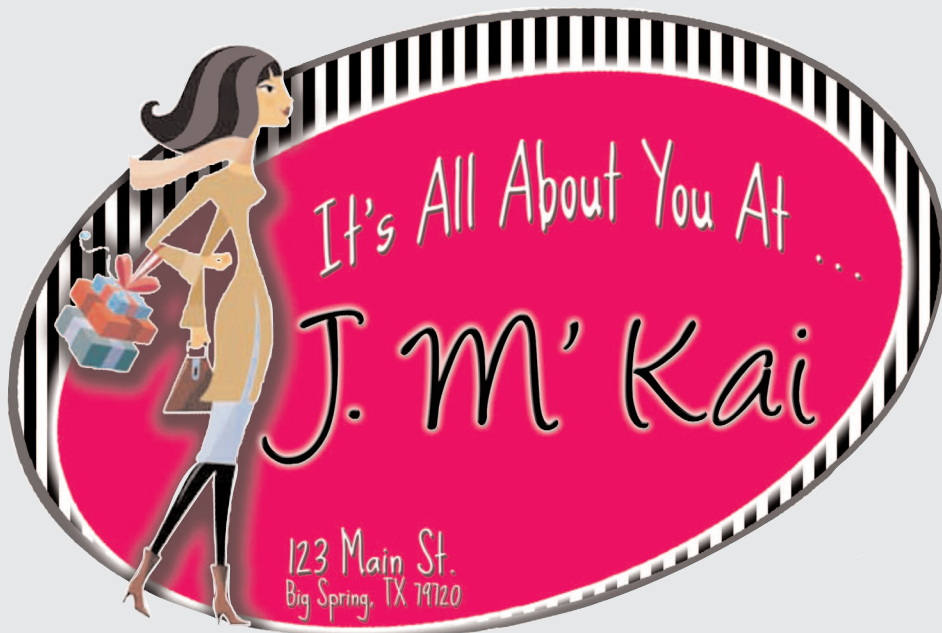
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# Chertoff given OK to use retirees to reduce immigration backlog

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration has authority to rehire retired workers to reduce a backlog of immigration applications that is preventing thousands of people from becoming U.S. citizens in time to vote in November's elections, a Democratic senator said.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., had pressured Citizenship and Immigration Services, a division of the Homeland Security Department, to seek permission to rehire the retirees. The permission was granted Thursday by the Office of Personnel Management.

"This is a welcome breakthrough that has great potential to help sort through the backlog

of pending applications," Schumer said Friday in a statement. "Immigrants who play by the rules and get in line deserve a chance at citizenship, not an endless waiting game. Failed planning led to this backlog, but this is a smart step that could help fix the situation."

Schumer pushed for the retiree hiring after The Associated Press reported that a summer spike in immigration applications caused the backlog.

During the 2007 fiscal year, 7.7 million applications for citizenship, legal residency and other immigration benefits were filed. About 2.5 million of those were filed in July and August.

The flood of applications

came mostly from people applying to be citizens or legal residents and who wanted to beat drastic increases in filing fees last July. The cost of naturalizing rose from \$330 to \$595, while applying for legal residency increased from \$325 to \$905. A required \$70 fingerprinting fee for most applications is now \$80.

Citizenship and Immigration Services announced during Thanksgiving week that naturalizations of anyone who applied after June 1 would take 15 to 18 months. Without additional hires, many immigrants could not become citizens, giving them the right to vote, until after the Nov. 4 elections.

Citizenship and Immigration Services is deciding how to begin hiring the retirees, spokesman Chris Bentley said. Agency Director Emilio Gonzalez told Schumer last month the agency has identified 704 retirees, 469 of whom are in "adjudication-related positions."

Gonzalez also said the

agency has a plan for dealing with the application increase to be shared soon.

Linda Springer, director of the Office of Personnel Management, said Citizenship and Immigration Services estimates it needs 2,500 additional employees over the next few months to meet workload demands.

The backlog coincided with efforts by immigration groups and others to help legal U.S. residents naturalize and register to vote in time for November's elections. Some of the groups and those awaiting to be citizens have questioned whether the delays are politically motivated, which the agency denies.


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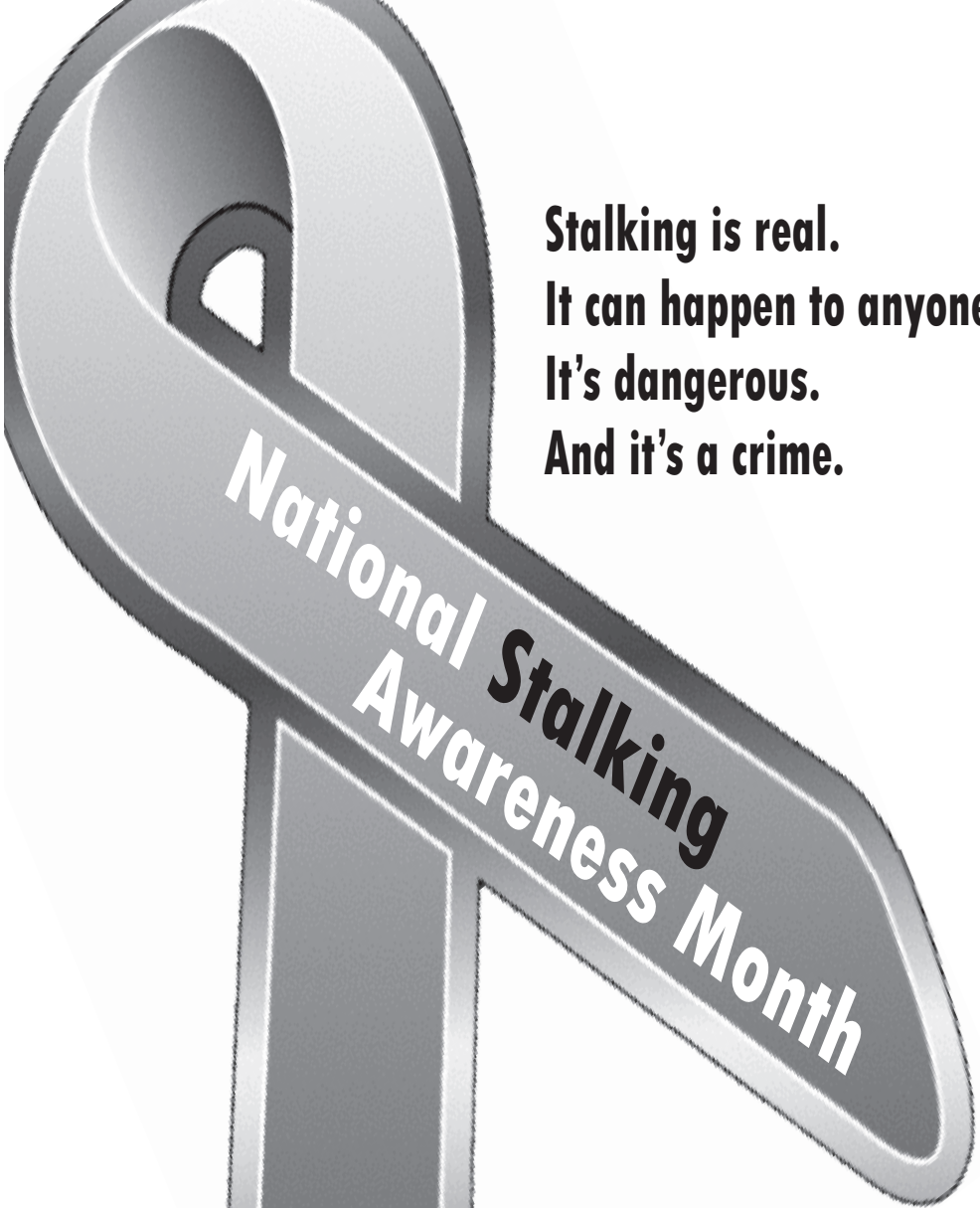
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# Authorities examine fire pit for Marine's remains

By MIKE BAKER

Associated Press Writer

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. — Authorities detailed gruesome evidence of a pregnant Marine's death Saturday as they excavated a fire pit where they believe a comrade she accused of rape burned and buried her body after a horrific attack.

Investigators have found blood spatters on the ceiling and a massive amount of blood on the wall of the home of Marine Cpl. Cesar Armando Laurean, Onslow County Sheriff Ed Brown said. It appeared that someone had tried to wash and paint over the blood, he said.

"I believe this is going to be a bizarre discovery today," Brown said. "The blood splatters indicate a violent, violent attack."

A nationwide search for Laurean continued Saturday, a day after Brown identified him as the key suspect in the death of 20-year-old Lance Cpl. Maria Frances Lauterbach. She disappeared in December, just days after meeting with military prosecutors to talk about her allegation that Laurean raped her.

Before fleeing Jacksonville early Friday, Brown said, Laurean left a note that said Lauterbach had "come to his residence and cut her (own) throat." Brown confirmed Saturday that authorities received the

**Investigators want to question Cpl. Cesar Armando Laurean**



note from Laurean's wife, Christina, around 8 a.m. Friday, about four hours after they suspect he fled.

Laurean wrote in the note that he had nothing to do with Lauterbach's suicide, but that he had buried her body, the sheriff said.

Authorities have dismissed the idea that Lauterbach killed herself, pointing to the blood stains and the obvious signs of a cleanup inside Laurean's one-story, brown brick ranch home. Brown challenged Laurean, who has not been charged with a crime, to come forward and defend his claims of innocence.

Brown declined to comment when asked if authorities thought Christina Laurean was involved or even aware of her husband's actions.

She is "heartbroken," said her mother, Debbie Sue Shifflet.

"I feel sorry for the other family," Shifflet

said. "It's horrible what they're going through. My heart goes out to them."

In the backyard of Laurean's home, authorities found what "appeared to be burnt human remains" in the fire pit, District Attorney Dewey Hudson said. State investigators planned to use garden tools to slowly scrape dirt from the site, protected overnight by a tarp and two white tents.

"We think we have found what will (contain) the skeletal remains of Maria Lauterbach," Hudson said.

Brown said Saturday there had been no sightings of Laurean, 21, of the Las Vegas area. He had refused to meet with investigators and left without telling his lawyers where he was going, the sheriff said.

Lauterbach met with military prosecutors last month to discuss pursuing rape charges against Laurean, said Kevin Marks, supervisory agent

with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service at Camp Lejeune. He said military prosecutors believed they had enough evidence to argue that the case should go to trial.

In court papers filed this week, prosecutors said the anticipated birth of the baby "might provide evidentiary credence to charges she lodged with military authorities that she was sexually assaulted." Lauterbach reported the rape in April and was due to give birth in mid-February, authorities said.

In a brief interview Friday night with reporters outside the family's home in Vandalia, Ohio, Lauterbach's uncle, Pete Steiner, said the rapist was the father.

Authorities said they were not concerned that Laurean would flee because they had information he and Lauterbach carried on a "friendly relationship" even after she reported the assault to military authorities. There is no indication Lauterbach asked the military to protect her after she leveled the rape allegations, investigators said.

Steiner, however, said his niece didn't have any kind of relationship with her attacker, and that Lauterbach had been forced to rent a room off base because of harassment at Camp Lejeune.

"She was raped," Steiner said. "The Marines, unfortunately, did not protect her, and

now she's dead." Originally from Dayton, Ohio, Lauterbach was reported missing Dec. 19 by her mother, who last spoke with her daughter on Dec. 14, authorities said.

Her cell phone was found Dec. 20 near the main gate at Camp Lejeune, and she missed a Dec. 26 prenatal care appointment.

Lauterbach was assigned to the 2nd Marine Logistics Group of the II Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Camp Lejeune. She joined the Marines in June 2006, and had not been sent to either Iraq or Afghanistan. Laurean worked in the same unit, where both were personnel clerks.

# No decision yet on deepening drawdown of U.S. troops in Iraq

By ANNE GEARAN

AP Diplomatic Writer

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait — Facing another decision about U.S. troop levels in Iraq by spring, President Bush said Saturday it's "fine with me" if generals recommend no more reductions than those already planned to take the force posture down to about 130,000.

Traveling for the next few days among Sunni Arab-ruled states jittery about the rising influence and ambitions of Shiite-majority Iran, Bush used part of remarks here that were focused on Iraq to put Tehran on notice — again.

"Iran's role in fomenting violence has been exposed," he said as he listed successes the U.S. is helping to bring about in Iraq. "Iranian agents are in our custody, and we are learning more about how Iran has supported extremist groups with training and lethal aid."

After spending a day in

Kuwait meeting with its leaders and addressing U.S. troops based here, Bush was welcomed as the first sitting U.S. president to visit Bahrain, an oil-refining and banking island in the Persian Gulf that is host to the headquarters of the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet.


Bush was treated to trumpet and cannon salutes as he walked down a long, red carpet at a palace in the capital city Manama. Bahrain's king, Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa, presented Bush with a medal described as Bahrain's highest award, given only to heads of state.

Bush congratulated Bahrain for holding free elections and noted the election two years ago of a woman member of parliament.

"Our two nations share a common vision for the future of the Middle East," Bush said in brief remarks at the welcome ceremony in his honor.

Bush then watched dancers in flowing robes and headdress perform to rhythmic music as they held swords and rifles. The president and King Hamad were presented with swords, too, which they raised over their heads, just as the dancers had done.

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