



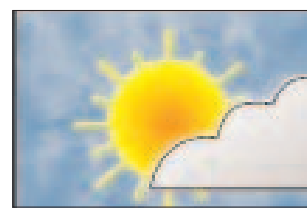
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County to honor King Monday

Program at 6 p.m. in city auditorium

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Howard County will pay tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. and what he stood for during a

program planned for 6 p.m. Monday in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

The program is free, and the public is encouraged to attend. "We will have leaders from the city, the county, our schools and our churches who have been invited to give their thoughts, inspirations and



Horton

prayers," said Stephanie Horton, co-organizer of the event along with the Rev. William Vaughn.

Dr. George Bell, pastor of the Greater Idea Baptist Church of Midland, will pre-

sent Monday's program. Big Spring High School student Joshua Wilson will recite King's stirring speech, "I Have a Dream."

Also invited to comment are members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the League of United Latin

American Citizens, Horton said.

Those who participate in the annual walk honoring the civil rights leader will note that Monday's program replaces that activity this year locally. Organizers said they wanted to

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Lockup property focus for meeting

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The new jail planned for the west side of Big Spring will be the center of attention during a meeting of the Howard County Commissioner's Court Tuesday, as officials move forward with construction of the \$11.57 million facility.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, project architect Jeff Heffelfinger asked the court to convene the special meeting to discuss the property the jail is planned to occupy.

"Jeff wanted to come in and talk to us about the two corner lots we purchased that have buildings on them," said Barr. "He wants to go over the asbestos report on the buildings and look at the situation so we can possibly go out on contract to have them abated."

Barr said the cost of the

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Abygail Saucedo tries to coax her reluctant hog to the show ring at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show Friday afternoon. The show concluded Saturday with awards presentations and auction.

Stock show entries said 'high quality'

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A near-record number of entries vied for awards as the annual Howard County and Martin County 4-H Junior Livestock Show drew to a close Saturday.

The annual events showcased the best this area's future farmers had to offer in the way of rabbits, goats, lambs, swine and steers.

In Big Spring, 342 entries were received for this year's show, said Howard County 4-H Extension Agent Amanda Toerck.

And it wasn't just the quantity of entries that was impressive, she said. "The animals that were entered this year were of very high quality," Toerck said. "This is one of our better years so far."

Competition at the Howard County show concluded Friday with the steer and barrow shows, and the curtain drew down on the show Saturday with the annual buyers' barbecue and awards presentation and auction.

In Stanton, the annual Martin County Junior Livestock Show also drew to a close Saturday with the hog and pee wee

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"They learn responsibility — taking care of something that can't take care of itself."



—Amanda Toerck, 4-H Extension agent

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MLK HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Motorists will face a detour on Scurry Street Monday and Tuesday, city officials announced.

Sidewalk construction at the Heritage Museum will force the closure of Scurry between Fifth and Sixth streets between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on those days.

Also, most city and county offices will be closed Monday in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. There will be no sanitation collection Monday and the landfill and compost facilities will be closed. In addition, the county library and senior citizens center will be closed.

Emergency services, such as police, fire and EMS, will continue normal operations.

ONE MINOR PROBLEM

TOKYO (AP) — A teenager who posed as a wealthy playboy and went on an extravagant spending spree at a nightclub has been arrested after trying to skip out on his bill, police said Saturday.

The 16-year-old boy entered a hostess bar in Niiza City near Tokyo on Wednesday night and — over the course of six hours — ordered two bottles of Dom Perignon champagne as well as 60 glasses of whiskey, beer and cocktails.

When it was time to pay the bill, which had ballooned to \$3,490, the boy told the staff he had no money, Morohashi said.

The staff called police, and the boy was arrested on suspicion of fraud.

ROBBER KEEPS PRIZE

BARNSTABLE, Mass. (AP) — The luck keeps rolling for a convicted bank robber who won a \$1 million lottery prize: Though he violated his probation by buying the ticket, a judge says he can keep the money.

A lawyer for Timothy Elliott, 55, called the violation minor. Barnstable Superior Court Judge Richard Connon said he could keep the winnings. In October 2006, Elliott pleaded guilty to unarmed robbery for a heist at a bank on Cape Cod and was placed on five years' probation. The terms required him to not "gamble, purchase lottery tickets or visit an establishment where gaming is conducted ..."



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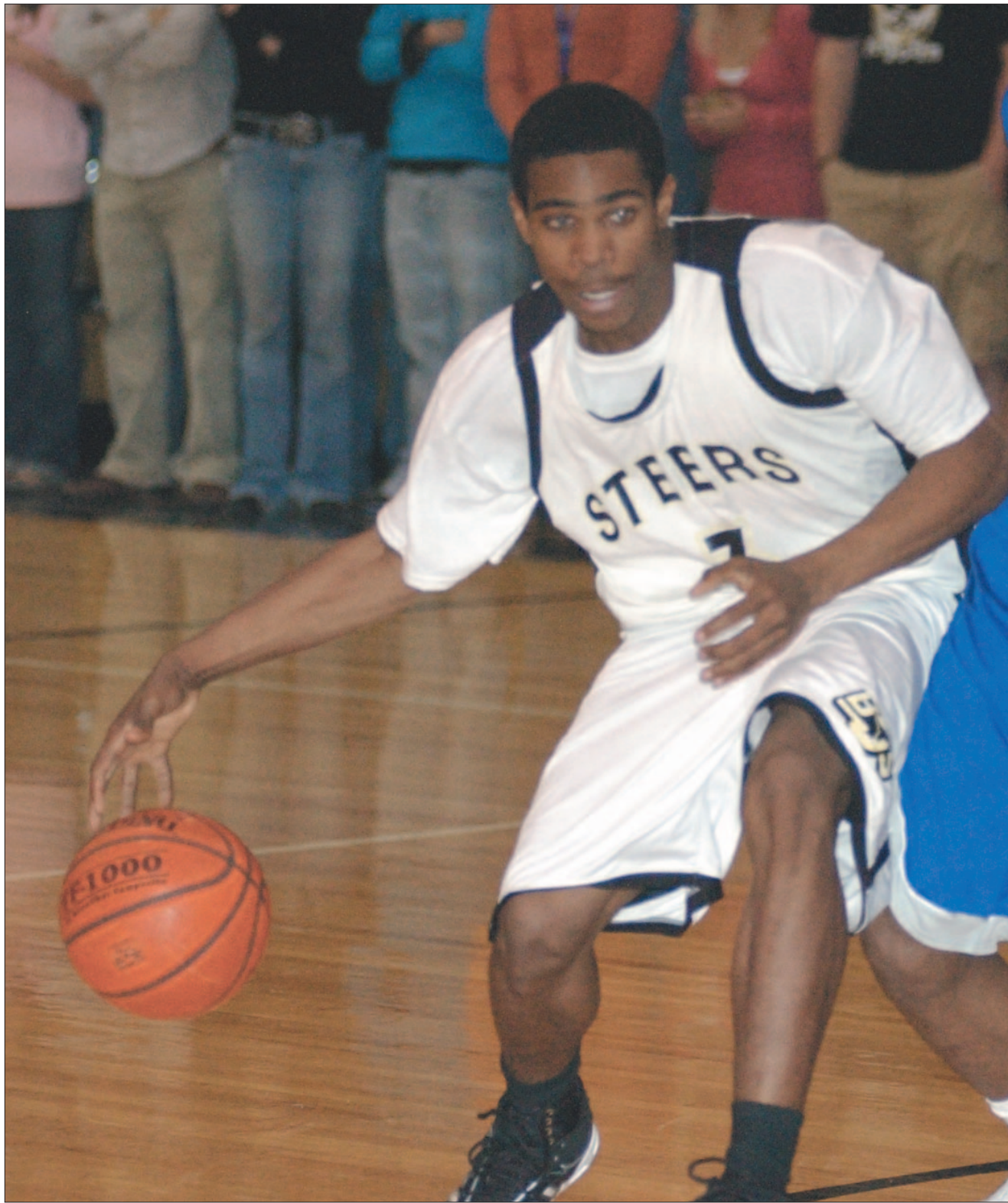
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No. 9 Matadors pull away from Steers late



By **JONATHAN HULL**

Herald Sports Editor

For three periods, the No. 9 Lubbock Estacado Matadors looked ripe for an upset.

Big Spring's Steers had the Matadors on their heels, keeping within striking distance for 24 minutes of game time. However, Estacado started living up to its state ranking in the final stanza, outscoring the Steers 23-4 and taking a 65-44 victory.

"It was fun for three periods," Big Spring Head Coach Marcus Morris said. "I don't know if we gave out in the last period, but something got to us. Their pressure was really good, but I feel like we hurt ourselves more than anything else."

A Jason Walker free throw in the opening moments of the fourth period pulled Big Spring within 1 of the Matadors, 42-41. However, as has been the case for all three of the Steers' district games, Big Spring was unable to pull any momentum away from its opponent.

"We've got to keep playing through this," Morris said. "Basketball season is a marathon and it's still early in the district schedule. We've got things we can improve on, but we've gotten better at a lot of things already this season. That's the last thing we've got to do is learn how to finish tough games."

According to Morris, there was a feeling that the Steers could grab the advantage at any moment. However, the Steers simply couldn't come up with the game-changing play they needed.

"It always felt like we were just a shot away from taking a lot of momentum in this game," Morris said. "It's been that way all season. The ball doesn't quite bounce our way. We're still in this district and we've

got a lot of games left at home. We'll keep working."

Big Spring led by as many as six points in the first period, but Estacado held the 1-point advantage by the end of the opening stanza.

The two squads played even in the second period. With the score tied at 25 with just seconds remaining before half-time, Estacado made a field goal, then stole the ball on the Steers' ensuing possession and took it down for a dunk. The 4-0 stretch gave the Matadors a 29-25 lead at intermission.

Big Spring responded coming out of the locker room, attacking Estacado defensively and keeping the score within reason courtesy of several points off turnovers.

However, Big Spring couldn't keep that pace and fell to 0-3 in District 4-4A play.

Big Spring was led by Walker's 17 points. Terrance Clemons scored 13 as the only other Steer in double figures.

Jamal Johnson racked up a game-high 19 points for the Matadors and Al Duvall chipped in 15.

Big Spring looks for its first district win Tuesday in Plainview.

"We like the challenge and we're going to rise up to it," Morris said. "We know what's in front of us. We've got to play four good quarters and go win some games."

Estacado 12 17 13 23-65

Big Spring 11 14 15 4-44

Estacado: Kevin Wagner 6, D.J. Minjarez 2, Davoyea Johnson 5, Jamel Stewart 7, Latron Perry 1, Jourdan Irvin 4, Jamal Johnson 19, Al Duvall 15, William Spence 2, D.J. William 4.

Big Spring (10-12, 0-3): Terrance Clemons 13, Darius McCallister 3, Jerrell Williams 2, Hayden Phillips 5, Jason Walker 17, Tyler Tannehill 2, Matt Fitchey 2.

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Big Spring Steers forward Terrance Clemons dribbles around a Lubbock Estacado defender Friday night in Steer Gym. Ninth-ranked Estacado defeated Big Spring 65-44, meaning the Steers have started 0-3 in District 4-4A play. Clemons scored 13 points in the loss.

Estacado shuts down Lady Steers, 68-20

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Herald Sports Editor

Big Spring's Lady Steers are still in search of their first win of the season. Lubbock Estacado's Lady Matadors made certain that they wouldn't be the team to give Big Spring that accomplishment Friday night, beating the Lady Steers 68-20 in Steer Gym.

The Lady Steers struggled heavily against an Estacado squad that was obviously quicker and more skilled. Big Spring struggled to even inbound the basketball as the Lady Matadors covered each Lady Steer tightly in a full-court press.

Big Spring committed 13 turnovers in the first period, leading to 17 Estacado points. The Lady Steers managed just one point in the opening stanza — a free throw by Crystal Woodson.

Big Spring committed at least eight turnovers in each period, totaling 38 for the game. Estacado was most opportunistic in the second stanza, scoring

30 points. All but one Matador scored in the quarter and every player registered points in the game.

Big Spring also had its best period in the second, putting up 12 points.

Kallina Fletcher scored all four of her points from the free throw line and the Lady Steers made six of eight from the charity stripe in the stanza.

Highlighting the Lady Steers once again was the play of Abbi Lloyd.

Lloyd led the Steers with six points and eight rebounds. Fletcher also had seven boards. Katie Tompkins was active on the boards as well, pulling down five rebounds.

Estacado had three players hit double figures in scoring led by point guard Karen Grant with 14 points.

Taniqua Ards nearly posted a double-double, scoring 11 points and pulling down nine rebounds.

Ards' sister, Twyla, had 13 points. The Lady Matadors turned the ball over a mere nine times, compared to 38 for

Big Spring.

The Lady Steers travel to Plainview to take on the No. 8 Bulldogs at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Estacado 16 30 11 11-68

Big Spring 1 12 4 3-20

Estacado: Laura Rios 5, Nikendra Sylvester 5, Tiyanna Thompson 5, Kourtnei Niblett 3, Twyla Ards 13, Unisha McNeal 6, Taniqua Ards 11, Lashondra Ray 6, Karen Grant 14.

Big Spring (0-21, 0-3): Randye Phillippe 1, Crystal Woodson 3, Kallina Fletcher 4, Abbi Lloyd 6, Jordan Chesworth 2, Katie Tompkins 2, Porsha White 2.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton
Big Spring Lady Steers point guard Porsha White dribbles into the front court in the Lady Steers' 68-20 loss to Lubbock Estacado Friday night in Steer Gym.

Coaches' routes to NFC title game filled with potholes

By **BARRY WILNER**

AP Football Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Tom Coughlin was halfway out the coaching door heading into this season. Two games and two losses into the schedule, he barely had a toehold on his job.

On Sunday, Coughlin will be coaching for a spot in the Super Bowl.

The New York Giants' head man has maneuvered around and even driven through some huge potholes on the way to the NFC championship game. When the Giants were 0-2 and coming off a lopsided home loss to the Green Bay Packers — their opponent for the confer-

ence title — the Coughlin Countdown was in full force.

Now, the countdown to a contract extension is on.

"He's done a lot for us this year," 1,000-yard rusher Brandon Jacobs said. "A lot of guys have really warmed up to him. We're playing good football, and that's what we need."

What they needed when they were 0-2 was a quick turnaround. In the past, Coughlin might have come down even harder on his players. But he learned from New York's spiraling from 6-2 to 8-8 in 2006, followed by a first-round playoff exit.

So Coughlin, who formed an 11-member advisory committee

of veteran players this year, kept the communication lines open. He sought input from those around him, and the Giants responded with a six-game winning streak on the way to a 10-6 season and wild-card berth.

And they've won nine straight road games, including at Tampa and Dallas in the post-season.

"I think Tom has done a great job with that, really keeping us focused game in and game out," punter Jeff Feagles said. "We do look at the big picture, but every week we look at the small picture and we just keep going."

"We have become a closer team. I think we all believed in

each other after we started 0-2 and then ran off six in a row. When we got those six wins, everyone realized we have something special here."

As they seem to in Green Bay. In fact, tight end Bubba Franks, now in his eighth season, saw it in training camp last summer.

He noted how coach Mike McCarthy, in his second year at the helm after more than a decade as an offensive assistant in various league outposts, made some necessary alterations to the offense. McCarthy's strong work has him on the verge of a contract extension, too.

"We adjusted a little bit to fit the players we had, and that's

important from a coach," Franks said. "They went back and self-scouted and did enough to make it all work. I could see that in camp. I knew coming into this season the offense could take off."

McCarthy's best work was in persuading Brett Favre to rein in some of his riverboat gambler tendencies. But his stamp has been on every aspect of the Packers, who won their final four games of 2006 to finish 8-8, then went 13-3 during the season, 7-1 at Lambeau Field, before beating Seattle here last weekend.

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Honoring an icon

Celebrating the legacy of civil rights leader, Martin Luther King Jr.

BY STACEY HOLLENBECK
McClatchy-Tribune

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made his mark on history during the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s. Motivated by his faith, King fought against the oppression of his fellow African Americans by protesting segregation. His efforts to combat the injustices were met with hostility and hatred, and eventually led to his early death. But King's drive to achieve harmony among the races led to the desegregation of the country and set America on the path toward racial equality.

HISTORY OF THE DAY

In 1986, nearly 18 years after his assassination, Americans celebrated the first Martin Luther King Day, a holiday established to pay homage to the preacher and inspirational leader. By this time, 17 states already had established holidays to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Coretta Scott King, his widow, worked hard to make the national holiday a reality.

In 2003, the theme of Martin Luther King Day became, "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A day on, not a day off." Although some professionals and students see the third Monday in January as a day off from work or school, others see it as an opportunity to volunteer their time. By working to improve their communities and help those in need, these Americans are acting on behalf of King's generous spirit.

A STREET NAMED KING



Martin Luther King Jr.'s portrait hangs over an Oakland, Calif., roadway renamed in his honor.

According to Derek H. Alderman, author of the essay "Naming Streets for Martin Luther King, Jr.: No Easy Road" published in "Landscape and Race in the United States" (Routledge, \$34.95), there were more than 730 streets in U.S. cities and towns named after Martin Luther King Jr. as of 2003. Most of these exist in the southeast United States. Georgia, where King was born, leads the states in streets named after him with 105. States without a street named after King include Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

FAMOUS QUOTES

Through his eloquent speeches, sermons and writings, Martin Luther King Jr. inspired a nation. Here are a few of his most memorable and moving quotations:

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”
— "Letter from Birmingham Jail," April 16, 1963

“I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'”
— King's "I Have a Dream" speech, Aug. 28, 1963

“I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.”
— King's Nobel Prize acceptance speech, Dec. 10, 1964

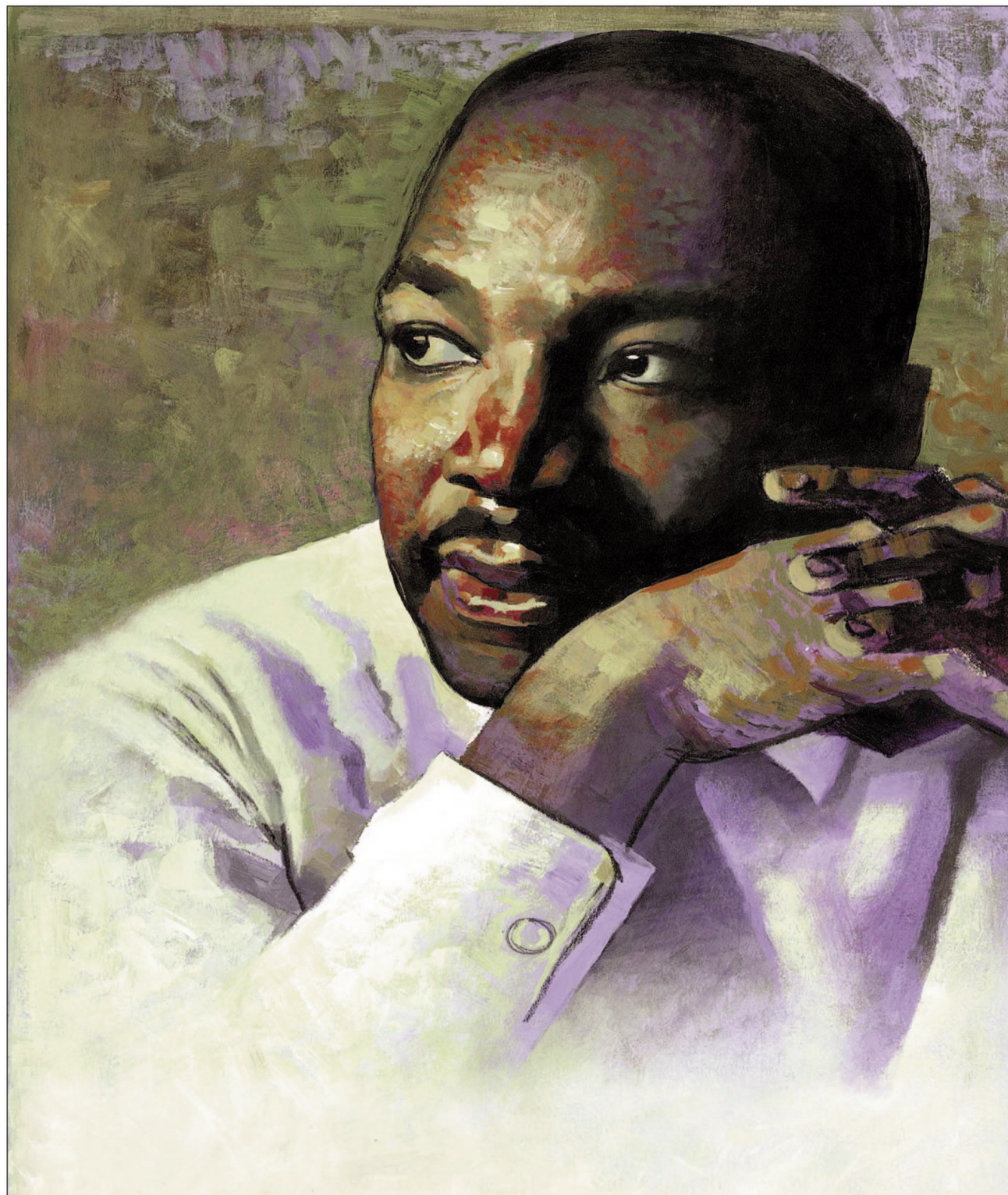
“Like anybody, I would like to live a long life — longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And he's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over, and I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land.”
— King's "I've Been to The Mountaintop" speech, April 3, 1968

REMEMBER! CELEBRATE! ACT!

To truly celebrate Martin Luther King Day and honor its "Day of Service" theme, Americans can work to improve the lives of those in need or help out in their communities. Here are some ways to celebrate the day through community service:

- Bring meals to homebound neighbors
- Shovel elderly neighbors' walkways
- Serve meals at a homeless shelter

To find a specific volunteer opportunity near you, go to www.mlkday.gov and click "Search for MLK Day Project."



A LIFE REMEMBERED

Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life and career to protesting injustice. The following timeline identifies the times and places in King's short life where he significantly influenced the civil rights movement and the future of America.

- **Jan. 15, 1929:** Martin Luther King Jr. was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Martin Luther King Sr. in Atlanta, Ga.
- **1947:** King became licensed to preach.
- **June 18, 1953:** King married Coretta Scott in Marion, Ala. Coretta Scott King continued her husband's legacy as a civil rights activist until her death on Jan. 30, 2006.



Coretta Scott King, pictured here in 2003.

■ **June 5, 1955:** King received a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Boston University.

■ **Feb. 21, 1956:** King and other demonstrators were arrested for participating in the Montgomery Bus Boycott. In December of that same year, the federal government ordered Montgomery buses to integrate.

■ **Feb. 18, 1957:** Martin Luther King Jr. appeared on the cover of Time magazine.

■ **February 1959:** King and his wife spent a month in India studying Mahatma Gandhi's technique of nonviolence, a strategy where demonstrators, instead of using violence, protest peacefully.

■ **Oct. 19, 1960:** King was arrested for trespassing while taking part in a sit-in demonstration at a lunch counter in Atlanta, Ga. Sit-ins were nonviolent anti-segregation protests where black demonstrators refused to leave restaurants and public places that were designated as white-only.

■ **Dec. 16, 1961:** While protesting segregation in Albany, Ga., King was arrested.

■ **July 27, 1962:** King was again arrested in Albany, Ga., after taking part in a prayer vigil. He was charged with failure to obey a police officer, obstructing the sidewalk and disorderly conduct.

■ **April 16, 1963:** After being arrested in Birmingham, Ala., for participating in a sit-in, King wrote "Letter From Birmingham Jail." The letter is now one of King's most famous statements about injustice.

■ **Aug. 28, 1963:** King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the thousands who gathered for The March on Washington. Afterward, he and other Civil Rights leaders met with President John F. Kennedy in the White House.

■ **Dec. 10, 1964:** King received the Nobel Peace Prize.

■ **Aug. 5, 1966:** King was stoned in Chicago as he led a march through crowds of angry whites.

■ **April 4, 1968:** King was shot while on the balcony of his second-floor motel room in Memphis, Tenn. He later died from a gunshot wound to the neck. A day earlier, King gave his final speech, "I've Been to the Mountaintop."

■ **March 9, 1969:** James Earl Ray plead guilty to killing King and was sentenced to 99 years in the Tennessee State Penitentiary.

■ **Jan. 20, 1986:** The first national King holiday was observed.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT DR. KING?

How well do you know Martin Luther King Jr.? Test your knowledge about the civil rights leader whose legacy is celebrated every year.

1. How many children did King have?
A. 1
B. 3
C. 4
D. 5

2. How old was King when he was assassinated?
A. 35
B. 39
C. 42
D. 50

3. King gave his famous, "I Have a Dream" speech Aug. 28, 1963, in front of what landmark in Washington, D.C.?
A. The Washington Monument
B. The White House
C. The Jefferson Memorial
D. The Lincoln Memorial

4. King was named president of what influential civil rights group in 1957?
A. Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

B. Southern Christian Leadership Conference
C. Congress of Racial Equality
D. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

5. Which president signed the bill establishing the third Monday of every January as the Martin

Luther King Jr. national holiday?
A. Ronald Reagan
B. Lyndon B. Johnson
C. John F. Kennedy
D. George H.W. Bush

ANSWERS: 1-C; 2-B; 3-D; 4-B; 5-A.



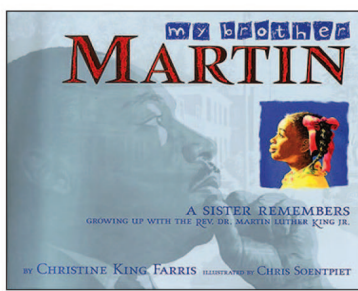
On June 23, 1963, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. led more than 125,000 people on the "Walk to Freedom" down Woodward Avenue in Detroit.

BOOKS ABOUT THE CIVIL RIGHTS ICON

Below are some resources for kids and teens who want to learn more about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy.

Good Reads for Kids:

- "A Picture Book of Martin Luther King, Jr." by David A. Adler and illustrated by Robert Casilla (Holiday House, \$6.95)
- "Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King Jr." by Jean Marzollo (Scholastic Paperbacks, \$5.99)
- "My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." by Christine King Farris (Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, \$17.95)
- "Martin's Big Words: The



"My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." by Doreen Rappaport (Jump At The Sun, \$6.99)

Good Reads for Teens:

- "The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr." by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and edited by Clayborne Carson (Grand Central Publishing, \$15.95)
- "A Knock at Midnight: Inspiration from the Great Sermons of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr." by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and edited by Peter Holloran and Clayborne Carson (Grand Central Publishing, \$20)
- "A Call to Conscience: The Landmark Speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." edited by Clayborne Carson and Kris Shepard (Grand Central Publishing, \$14.95)

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Obituaries

Eileen Zant



Eileen Zant, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21, 2008, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jim Smith, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Eileen married Lonnie A. Zant in 1938 in Abilene and they came to Big Spring in 1958 from Abilene. She owned and operated the Singer Store in the mall for 10 years. Mr. Zant preceded her in death in 1976. She later married Antonio Rodriguez in 1984 in Big Spring and helped him operate Tony's Services. Mr. Rodriguez preceded her in death in 1994.

She was a 50-year member of the First United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the Women's Circle, the Epworth Sunday School Class and the choir. Eileen was a member of the American Business Women and had been honored as Business Woman of the Year. She had been involved in the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Mavis Zant of Odessa; one daughter and son-in-law, Sara and Bill Huhn of Fort Worth; seven grandchildren, Whitney Zant of Austin, Michelle Zant DeAngelis and husband Jonathan of Los Angeles, Calif., Danny Ray Light of Odessa, LaVern Herrera and husband Ernie of El Paso, Kristi Light of Odessa, Jeffrey Huhn of Fort Worth and Ashley Huhn of Fort Worth; and one great-grandchild, Nicolas Herrera of El Paso.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Katie Grace Roberts and Jacob Elvis Roberts, and two brothers, Doyle Roberts and Wayne Roberts.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 1229, Big Spring 79721-1229.

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

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Margaret Rigdon



Margaret Rigdon, 73, of Coahoma died Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Bishop Burr Lea Settles officiating. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 5, 1935, in Big Spring to Molly and Clifton Henry. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County and worked most of her life in the restaurant business. Margaret and her husband had owned Smokey Joe's Café in Sand Springs. She later worked in the cafeteria in Coahoma. Margaret was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She was an active member of The Relief Society of the church and was a stake missionary for the church. Margaret married Vernard "Smokey" Rigdon, Oct. 31, 1974, in Lovington, N.M. Smokey preceded her in death, July 10, 2006.

She is survived by three sons, Glen "David" Overton and Donald Overton, both of Big Spring, and Danny Mar and his wife Terrie of Clyde; two daughters, Vickie Fontana and her husband Ray of Coahoma and Polly Speaker of Big Spring; one step son, Richard Rigdon of Lubbock; two step daughters, Kathy Highley and her husband Dee and Debra Ivie and her husband James, both of Big Spring; three sisters, Pat Nichols and Brenda Walker, both of Big Spring, and Donnie Massey of Texarkana; 31 grandchildren; and 40 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Lloyd and Gene Henry; two grandsons, Joey Fontana and Roy Lynn Overton; and one great-grandson, Sergio Gonzales.

Pallbearers will be Keith Fontana, Brian Fontana, Matt Fontana, David Overton, Robert Rister and Derek Mar. Honorary pallbearers will be all other grandsons.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 West 7th Street, Big Spring 79720 or High Sky Children's Ranch, 870 West County Road 60, Midland 79707.

The family will be at 102 Basswood in Coahoma.

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

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Bulletin Board

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

MONDAY

• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffet.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

Weather

Sunday...Increasing clouds. Highs in the mid 50s.

South winds 15 to 25 mph..

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

South winds around 15 mph.

Martin Luther King Jr Day...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph..Monday

night...Partly cloudy. Lows 28 to 33.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs around 40.

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

Wednesday...Cloudy with isolated showers. Highs in the upper 40s.

Wednesday night...Cloudy with a slight chance of light freezing rain. Lows in the mid 30s.

Thursday...Cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Friday...Mostly cloudy. Highs around 50.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JESSICA RANGEL**, 25, 403 N.E. Ninth, was arrested on seven local warrants.

• **JOE CORREA**, 49, 500 N.W. 10th, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger.

• **CHRISTOPHER PAINTER**, 26, 4116 Muir, was arrested on three local warrants.

• **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 43, 1038 College, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MOSES OLIVAREZ**, 18, 2602 Carlton, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• **JUAN GONZALES**, 19, 510 Donnally, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of a dangerous drug.

• **JUAN JUAREZ**, 40, 1506 Mesa, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ELEUTERIO TORRES**, 58, 410 County Rd. 29, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **RAY JONES**, 21, 1308 Baylor, was arrested on a local warrant.

• **BRANDI HUTCHESON**, 23, 316 Davis Rd., was arrested on a Mitchell County warrants.

• **MICHELLE BUSTAMANTE**, 29, 1300 Sycamore, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky and the 1200 block of Third.

• **ASSAULT BY THREATS** was reported in the 1000 block of 15th.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of Anna.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth, the 1500 block of Connally and the 2600 block of Gregg.

• **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE**

SUSPENDED/INVALID was reported in the 300 block of Gregg.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 2600 block of Barksdale.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

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 263-6819 or 263-1758. Leave a message.

Take Note

• 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.



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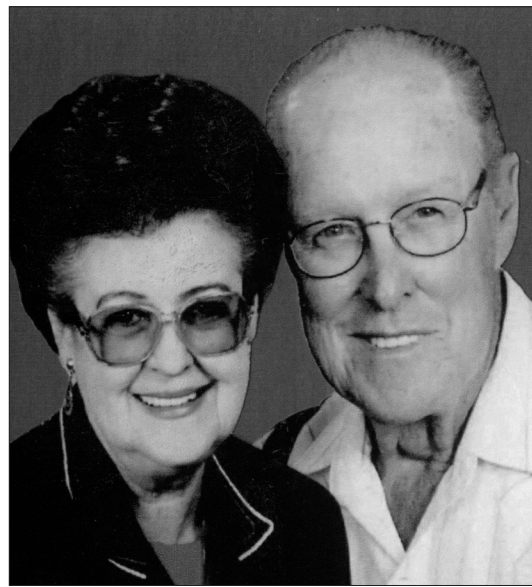
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Anniversary



Lyndon Gene and Joyce Maydean Priest

Lyndon Gene and Joyce Maydan (Dean) Priest of Big Spring celebrated their Golden Anniversary with a reception held at College Baptist Fellowship Hall. Dillard Harris provided light musical entertainment. The hall was decorated in traditional gold with displays of family photos and handmade decorations.

Kathy Daniel, daughter of the couple, hosted the celebration.

Gene was born in Bertram while Joyce Rogers was born in Clyde. The couple were first introduced by a mutual friend in 1952 while in Sweetwater. They were in their early teens; he was 15, she was 14. Gene asked Miss Rogers for a

date but she informed him unfortunately she needed to wash her hair.

Later that night, their mutual friend brought Gene to Joyce's house where Gene notice the absence of dampness on Joyce's hair and informed her of this. They got to know one another and started dating.

They were married Jan. 11, 1958, at Lamar St. Baptist Church in Sweetwater.

Gene and Joyce have three children, the late Danny Gene Priest, Kathy Linda Daniels and Gordon L. Daniels and Kenneth Ray Priest; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

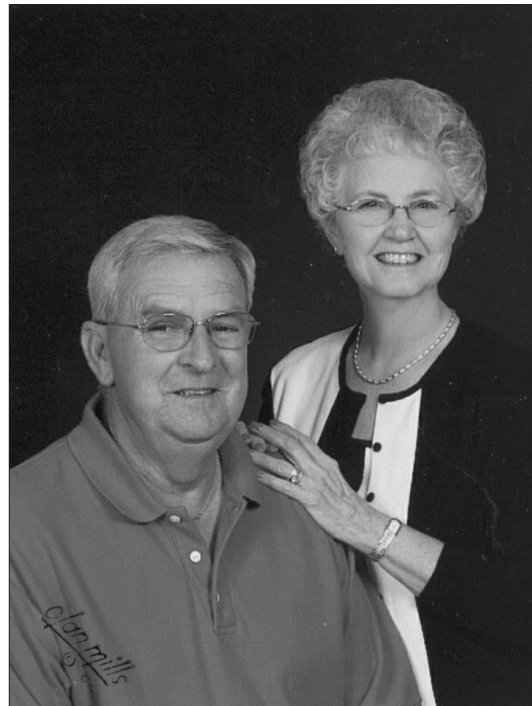
During their first year of marriage they traveled a lot and lived in El Paso,

Marfa, Post, Hobbs, N.M. and Sweetwater, finally making their home in Big Spring.

Gene is retired from the VA Hospital where he was a boiler operator. Joyce is retired as the family's chief bottle washer and cook. They attend College Baptist Church and belong to the Three G's.

Her hobbies include sewing, church activities, reading, traveling and family time. His hobbies include gardening, fishing, church activities and reading his Bible.

The couple's comments about their long-lasting marriage are: hers — "Go into marriage expecting it to last and work to make it last;" his — "I would do it all over again."



Jim and Novena Butler

Jim and Novena Butler celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 17 with a dinner in Midland followed by a trip to Las Vegas, Nev. Both events were hosted by the couple's children.

Jim was born in Wirt, Okla., and Novena Faye Ward was born in Milo, Okla. They grew up together and attended Dundee School. They still attend the annual all class reunions. They attend church at First Baptist.

They were married Jan. 17, 1958, at First Christian Church in Healdton,

Okla. They have lived in Healdton and Ardmore, Okla., Crane, Lamesa and Big Spring.

He spent 35 years in the oil industry, working for Kewanee Oil Company and Gulf Oil Company before retiring from Chevron Oil Company in 1992. He currently does oil field consulting for various companies.

She is a mother and homemaker as well as retired from Walls Outlet, where she worked as a sales clerk for 23 years.

They have four daughters, Cindy Yater of Big

Spring, Anita and Kelly Johnson of Flower Mound, Debbie and Tim Newton of Big Spring and Robin and Art Hobbs of Midland. They have five grandsons and four granddaughters.

His hobbies include golf and fishing. She enjoys sewing and shopping. Together they share camping, family activities and their grandkids.

"Our life together has had ups and downs, but we have been blessed with four daughters, our son-in-laws and nine beautiful grandchildren."

Menus

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center

Monday — Closed for Holiday

Tuesday — vegetable stew, cornbread, calico macaroni salad and sliced peaches.

Wednesday — chopped steak/gravy, scalloped potatoes, butter beans, cornbread and cottage cheese/peaches.

Thursday — catfish, French Fries, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread and fancy fruit mix

Friday — beef tips and rice, California blend veggies, whole wheat rolls, oranges and pineapples and gingerbread.

French toast, sausage, syrup, apple juice, milk; Lunch, homemade burritos, tater tots, apples, milk, corn dogs.

Wednesday — Breakfast, biscuits, gravy, sausage, orange juice, milk; Lunch, soft tacos, salad, pinto beans, cookies, milk, burritos.

Thursday — Breakfast, pancakes, sausage, syrup, grape juice, milk; Lunch, spaghetti, corn, peaches, bread, milk, barbecue beef on bun, pickle spears.

Friday — Breakfast, oatmeal, ham, variety juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, salad, oranges, milk.

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Monday — Breakfast, waffles; Lunch, hot dogs or burritos/chili, corn, vegetable sticks, fruit cocktail, ranch dressing.

Tuesday — Breakfast, oatmeal; Lunch, baked chicken or beef tips, steamed rice, green beans, peaches, French beans.

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HOUSTON (AP) — A mailer from a congressional candidate's campaign contains a photo of his head attached to an image of a different body that makes him look thinner.

The photo is presented as a true image of Dean Hrbacek, a Republican former mayor of Sugar Land. In reality, it is a computerized composite of Hrbacek's face and someone else's slimmer figure, in suit and tie, from neck to knee.

Hrbacek, a tax lawyer and accountant, did not immediately return a call to his campaign headquarters Friday by The Associated Press.

He is seeking the nomination to run against Democratic U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson.

Campaign manager Scott Broschart acknowledged to *The Houston Chronicle* that the image is a fake. Hrbacek has been so busy that he had no time to pose for a full-length photo for the mailing, Broschart said.

"He may appreciate that we took a few pounds off him," Broschart said. "I think the voters ... are more concerned with the issues as opposed to pretty photo shoots."

Republican political consultant Allen Blakemore of Houston, who has no client in the congressional race, said there's no law against the practice "other than the laws of gravity — the negative effect on your polling numbers and popularity when you do such things."

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- ✓ Led effort to bring a new University of Houston Campus to Sugar Land, providing higher education opportunities for thousands of young people in the community.
- ✓ Instrumental in widening Highway 59, improving mobility and strengthening the economy.
- ✓ As a tax attorney who represents citizens before the IRS, Dean is highly qualified to lead in changing the federal tax system when he's elected to Congress.

To learn more about Dean, visit: www.DeanForCongress.com

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Controversy doesn't deter 'Poe toaster' from annual visit to Edgar Allan's grave

BALTIMORE (AP) — Undeterred by controversy, a mysterious visitor paid his annual tribute at the grave of Edgar Allan Poe early Saturday, placing three red roses and a half-filled bottle of cognac before stealing away into the darkness.

Nearly 150 people had gathered outside the cemetery of Westminster Presbyterian Church, but the man known as the "Poe toaster" was, as usual, able to avoid being spotted by the crowd, said Jeff Jerome, curator of the Poe House and Museum.

The tribute takes place every Jan. 19 — the anniversary of Poe's birth.

The visitor did not leave a note, Jerome said, electing not to respond to questions raised in the past year about the history and authenticity of the tribute.

Sam Porpora, a former church historian who led the fight to preserve the cemetery, claimed last summer that he cooked up the idea of the Poe toaster in the 1970s as a publicity stunt.

"We did it, myself and my tour guides," Porpora, a former advertising executive, said in August. "It was a promotional idea."

Porpora said someone else has since "become" the Poe toaster.

Jerome disputes Porpora's claims and says the tribute began in 1949 at the latest, pointing to a 1950 article in *The (Baltimore) Evening Sun* that mentions "an anonymous citizen who creeps in annually to place an empty bottle (of excellent label)" against the grave-stone.

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Pearl Dean Cotten, 64, died Wednesday. Funeral Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

Charles Dennard, 84, died Wednesday. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Goldthwaite Memorial Cemetery.

Margaret Rigdon, 73, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

KING

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try something different this year — something indoors and out of the sometimes bitter cold which has limited participation in recent years.

"We're going to try this and see how it goes. If it goes well, we will probably continue the program," said Horton. "The important thing is to bring everyone together

— that was Martin Luther King's desire."

In addition to the various speakers, a community choir will perform during the program.

Dr. King was born Jan. 15, 1929, received his B.A. degree from Morehouse College, his B.D. from Crozer Theological Seminary and his doctorate at Boston University.

He accepted the pastorate of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala., in 1954 and was a strong worker

for civil rights. A non-violent leader, he accepted leadership of the infamous 382-day Montgomery Bus Boycott which led to the Supreme Court's 1956 decision that segregation on buses was unconstitutional.

In 1957, he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference — an organization which he helped found. Over the following 11 years, King would travel millions of miles, making thousands of appear-

ances. He organized rallies for the registration of black voters and the rights of all people to be treated equally. He directed a march of 250,000 in Washington, D.C., delivering his famous "I Have a Dream" address.

He was named Man of the Year by Time magazine in 1963 and, in 1964, at 36, was the youngest man to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. He donated the \$54,123 prize to the civil rights movement.

His short life ended

April 4, 1968, when he was shot and killed by an assassin while standing on the balcony of a motel room in Memphis, Tenn.

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asbestos abatements could be considerably higher than commissioners had originally expected.

"It's possible the abatements could cost up to \$50,000," said Barr. "And that's pretty steep, which is why Jeff wanted to come to the commissioners and see what they want to do. We've already purchased the property,

and we need to demolish the buildings, but we want to talk it out before we spend that much money."

Barr said the funds for the abatement are "more or less" included in the \$11.57 million project budget, but were not itemized.

Howard County voters gave the go-ahead for the construction of the new 96-bed jail facility — which is planned for a location on U.S. Highway 80, between Utah and Wright, on the city's west

side — in November.

Barr said he expects Heffelfinger to also bring commissioners up to speed on other matters surrounding the impending construction.

"There are some other minor details we may have to go into and take action on," said Barr. "However, the asbestos

abatements are the most pressing issues right now."

Tuesday's meeting is set for 1:30 p.m. in the county courthouse.

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

STOCK

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hog shows in the morning, to be followed by the awards banquet that evening.

Livestock shows such as those in Big Spring and Stanton allow young farming enthusiasts to pit their animal-raising skills against others.

"This is one of their biggest goals — to come to the livestock show and compete against others," Toerck said.

But the shows were about more than competition, she added.

"They learn responsibility — taking care of something that can't take care of itself," she said. "And they learn communica-

tion skills ... and how to act in front of a judge and an audience."

Senior livestock exhibitors also are eligible for one of five scholarships awarded during the show.

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The family of Gilberto S. Recio

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All of us would like to have happy, healthy relationships with our children, yet successful parenting can be one of life's most challenging experiences. Psalm 127:4 says, "Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth" (NAS Bible).

I believe these words paint one of the most powerful pictures of parenting illustrated in the Bible. It reveals the awesome privilege God has given parents, the privilege of fashioning their children into obedient, well-mannered, and responsible adults.

God's plan and desire are that our children be trained for success — and He's called the parents to do the job. If you, as a parent are not training your children for success, you are failing them in one of the most important areas of their life.

I believe God created children to be winners and to be successful in life. But sadly, too many children have been programmed to lose ... maybe not intentionally, but they have been conditioned by a form of child abuse that gets little attention. They are victims of neglect.

If children receive no spiritual guidance or training by the parents, they have no spiritual foundation to build their lives upon and are left to flounder and fail. And this is widespread in our society today.

We have too many absentee fathers who



JERRIE STOCKS

school to do what God absolutely on purpose called them to do. Then when the children go down a dead end street,

have never answered the call to be a full time father to their children. They leave the most important job they are called to do up to the mother, the grandparents or

parents and society wants to blame them. And this is child abuse.

Dear Jerrie,
I am 14 and keep getting the feeling that I need to go to church. Neither of my parents ever go and will not take me even if I ask them. What should I do? — Suzy

Hello Suzy,
Thank you for your letter. Why don't you call one of the churches listed in the yellow pages where you live? Ask if they have a bus that

picks up children for church on Sunday. Tell them you want to start going to church, but have no way of getting there. If they do not have a bus, call another church until you find one which has a Sunday morning bus pick up for adults and children. God bless.

Dear Jerrie,
I really like to read your column in the *Big Spring Herald*. It is really good. I am 13 and like to read my Bible. I want to become a Christian this year. I always pray before I go to sleep. When my stepfather sees

me reading the Bible, he makes fun of me and says, I'm trying to be Miss Goody Goody. What should I do? — Mary

Dear Mary,
Thank you for your kind letter. Mary, I'm glad you are reading your Bible and that you pray before going to sleep. During your prayer time, ask Christ to come into your heart and He will. He loves you and will never leave you — you can always depend on that. Have patience with your stepfather, and don't be

angry with him. Someday he will see the need to become a Christian, too. Keep him in your prayers every day and don't give up on him. God bless.

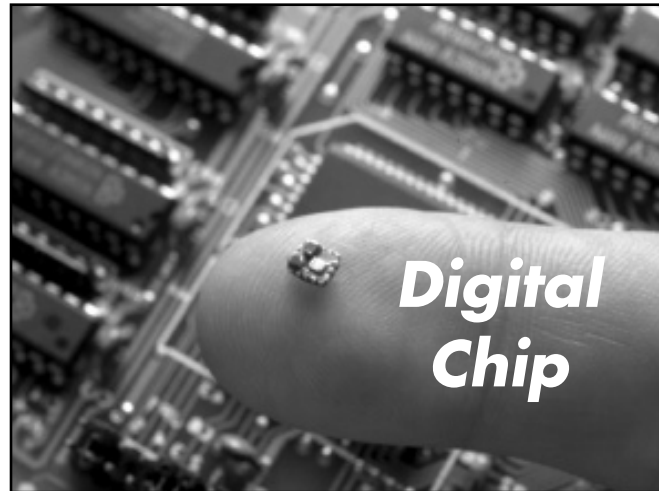
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MENUS

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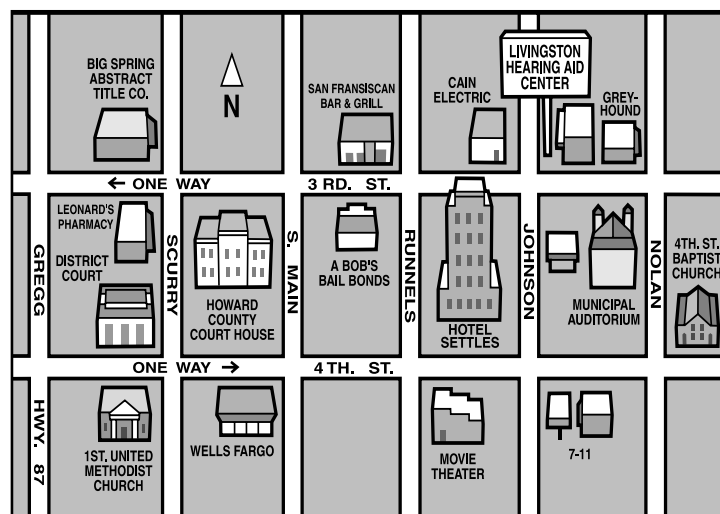
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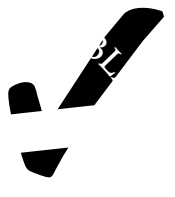


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OUR VIEWS

Taking time to reflect on King's legacy

Something new is in store Monday for local residents who want to recognize the work of Martin Luther King Jr. and remember the message he preached.

Normally on that day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, an annual march is conducted along Martin Luther King Boulevard in Big Spring.

But this year, instead of the march, a program honoring Dr. King is set for 6 p.m. Monday in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

According to City Councilwoman Stephanie Horton and the Rev. William Vaughn, coordinators for the event, the entire community is encouraged to attend the free program.

The Rev. Dr. George Bell, pastor of the Greater Ideal Baptist Church of Midland, will present the program; Big Spring High School student Joshua Wilson will recite King's stirring speech, "I Have a Dream"; and a community choir will provide music.

"We will have leaders from the city, the county, our schools and our churches who have been invited to give their thoughts, inspirations and prayers," said Horton. Also invited to comment are members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the League of United Latin American Citizens.

"We wanted to try something different," Horton added, explaining the decision to replace the traditional march with Monday's program. "It's always been very cold during the walk and we wanted to try and bring everyone together — that was Dr. King's desire. So we decided to try this program instead. We hope it will be well attended and something people will want to do every year."

Born Jan. 15, 1929, and assassinated April 4, 1968, Dr. King's legacy lives on. Many men and women have been civil rights leaders — leaders for all people — through the years, fighting for the simple right to live as equals among others. However, no one captured the nation's heart as well and eloquently as did Martin Luther King Jr.

We encourage you to participate in Monday's program, and to take time to reflect on how the efforts of Dr. King and others have made our nation a better place.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You know what is best for us, Lord, thank You for walking with us.

Amen

Who is it that's supposed to win?

Once in every generation a politician appears who transcends politics; someone who inspires a nation with his grace and eloquence, speaking to the better angels of our nature. Abraham Lincoln was such a candidate, so was John F. Kennedy.



DONALD KAUL

Barak Obama is another.

His performance in the Iowa caucuses was a picture-perfect example of what can be done when a gifted politician hits his stride and becomes one with the spirit of the times. Obama reminds one of a surfer catching the perfect wave, dancing effortlessly in its heart as he hurtles toward shore.

He went into the caucuses with the odds heavily against him. He is black and Iowa is white. He is young and Iowa is old. His opponents were more experienced, many had been through these wars before and had finely tuned organizations working to oppose him.

But he won. He won by reigniting the American dream, by convincing young people, among others, that the future is worth fighting for.

In doing so, he captured that strain of idealism that is the bedrock of the American society. With momentum on his side and the wind at his back, it is doubtful he can be headed off. I wouldn't be surprised if he ran the table from here on in.

(Excuse me, Mr. Columnist.)

I'm not ashamed to admit that I haven't been this giddy about a candidate since Adlai Stevenson. Call it premature if you will, but I'm booking airline tickets for the inauguration right now.

(Mr. Columnist, sir.)

"Will you please stop that? Can't you see I'm writing a political column? Where was I? Oh yes, I've even considered throwing objectivity to the wind and writing a campaign song for Barak. See what you think of it:

"Obama, I've just met a man named Obama

"And suddenly I've found how wonderful a name can be.

"Obama. Say it loud and there's music playing,

"Say it soft and it's almost like..."

(SIR! HE LOST.)

"What? Oh, it's you again. Will you stop? Who lost?"

(Your friend Obama. In New Hampshire, Hillary Clinton knocked his ears off.)

"You're mad. Why, the day before the election the experts were predicting he'd win by 10 points, 12, even."

(Yeah. Makes you wonder about the experts, doesn't it?)

"My good man you don't understand. She couldn't have won. She is cold and aloof. People don't like her. She cried while talking to a voter in a coffee shop. She was being overshadowed by her husband."

(All of that might be true, I suppose, but she won. Now the experts are saying the crying was a good move, made her seem human.)

"That's astonishing. I suppose this means Mitt Romney will be

crying like, a carwash from now on. By the way, how much did Gov. Romney win the New Hampshire primary by?"

(He didn't win either.)

"Whaat? The unstoppable Mitt Romney? The Storrnin' Mormon? Who beat him, Mike Huckabee? I was afraid of that. You know Huckabee doesn't know a lot but he's a very charming guy. I'd vote for him myself if I didn't believe in evolution and indoor plumbing and the rest of it."

(It wasn't Huckabee. He came in third. John McCain won the New Hampshire primary.)

"Surely you jest. McCain is washed up, has been since last summer. Everybody says so.

Besides, he's old and if it weren't for unpopular opinions, he wouldn't have any opinions at all. He's even in favor of President Bush's war, for crying out loud, and everybody knows the public is against it. Why, I'm told he often goes into meetings with voters and argues with them. What kind of campaigning is that? You can't win an election unless you suck up to voters."

(Apparently, Sen. McCain didn't get the memo.)

"What are the experts saying now?"

(Most say it's a wide-open race.)

"Hmm, that's perceptive. I wish I'd thought of it."

(I wouldn't worry about it. You will.)

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

It's true, we still have a few problems at the center, but please do not let that stop you from coming out to the Senior Citizens Center.

These problems are adequately being solved and this is still the same friendly place it has always been. We do care about one another!

I know a lot of you "younger" seniors are still in the workplace and even though you are quite busy, I would encourage you to come out and pick up a monthly menu, then pick a few days to come to the center and eat a good hot lunch that is moderately priced with no tip, just maybe a smile or a thank you. Even though the cooks are terribly short on help, they do a magnificent job in preparing these meals.

If you need help in getting there, just call the center, a vehicle is provided with a pleasant driver to pick you up.

If you would like to be a volunteer, just go to the RSVP office and sign up. Nancy Jones can probably find a place for you that you will enjoy. Volunteers are needed in so many places.

We have a "perfect example" as to how we can serve one another.

So, dear friends, be happy in helping with all the things that need to be done.

NORMA PERKINS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council, to thank both the P&CC group from the hospital and the group of Alon volunteers that so graciously gave of their time and talents to wrap and deliver the 400-plus Christmas gifts to the patients at the hospital.

With more than 200 patients

receiving two gifts each, that was a very large undertaking and I am not sure we could have pulled it off without your help. I also want to thank the many little elves who helped shop for these gifts. There are too many to name and I would certainly not want to leave anyone out. Without each of these people it would be next to impossible to pull this event off.

I would be very remiss if I did not acknowledge the Community Services staff. They are always an invaluable asset at this time of year. In addition, I must mention the volunteers and hospital staff that assisted with the patients' Christmas party. This is one of the most anticipated events of the year by the patients and many of the volunteers have been assisting with this event for many years.

A simple thank you doesn't seem like much, but it is a very heartfelt

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Cleaner energy means cleaner air

Conflicts over energy production go back at least as far as the 13th Century, when the English nobility attempted to stop commoners from burning what was then known as sea coal for warmth because of the soot it produced.

Of course, the commoners had been forced to burn coal largely because the nobility had kept commoners from acquiring clean-burning wood from the royal forests.



BILL PEACOCK

Today, conflicts over energy production center on two issues: its impact on the environment and its cost.

Energy production from fossil fuels, e.g., coal, oil and natural gas, is often blamed for many of the world's environmental ills.

But no one today was around to experience firsthand how dirty the world was before the invention of the internal combustion engine, when horses — and horse manure — were prevalent on city streets.

It is similarly easy to forget how much the new wealth made possible by cheap energy has enabled society to devote significant resources to environmental cleanup.

In two publications to be released next week by the Texas Public Policy Foundation, research shows that energy production has been largely decoupled from increases in pollution.

From 1980 to 2005, air pollution of all kinds sharply declined, even as coal consumption increased more than 60 percent and driving nearly doubled.

Emissions of lead, sulfur, carbon monoxide and NOx are all lower. Texas already meets federal health standards for most air pollutants.

The key remaining air pollution challenge for the Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston areas is ozone. Yet even here, tremendous progress is being made.

Dallas-Fort Worth is on a glide path to attainment under existing controls, though it will come a year or two after the current deadline.

Of course, energy costs money. At the national level, concerns over costs have focused largely on gasoline and other oil-related products. Remedies to "high prices" — including price controls and taxes on "windfall profits" — have all made prices rise even higher.

In Texas, the cost of electricity has been most hotly debated. During the transition to deregulation of Texas, electric market, peak prices for electricity rose as much as 80 percent. Although critics wanted to blame deregulation, the price shocks were actually driven by the tripling of natural gas prices.

Now that natural gas prices have stabilized, the benefits of deregulation are easily seen. In the last year, electricity prices in Texas have dropped 5.37 percent while the national average has increased 0.82 percent. Texas, comparatively inefficient neighbors in Oklahoma

and Louisiana have seen their electricity prices increase by about five percent.

Deregulation has also provided Texas with a reliable supply of electricity, while other large states — notably California and New York — have experienced supply problems. Since 1995, 37,063 megawatts of new generation have been added to the Texas market, putting Texas above the reserve margin needed to ensure reliability for extreme temperatures and unexpected major generation outages.

The high price of natural gas and backlash against new coal-fired plants had caused a decrease in projected reserve margins. But the market has responded — as the market will when regulators let it — with an additional 4,443 megawatts of capacity now under construction.

The Electricity Reliability Council of Texas recently projected that the reserve margin will remain near or above its 12.5 percent target for the next two years.

The facts clearly show that Texans can have an affordable, reliable supply of energy and breathe clean air, too — if coal and other fossil fuels are allowed to meet Texas, future energy needs.

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Rivers confident he'll be ready for AFC Championship

By BEN WALKER

AP National Writer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The San Diego Chargers like what they're hearing from Philip Rivers.

Forced to leave last weekend's upset win because of a sprained right knee, the mouthy quarterback is "optimistic" about playing Sunday in the AFC championship game against the New England Patriots.

Rivers returned to the practice field Friday for the first time this week and sounded ready to go.

"I think honestly, given the magnitude of the game and given the situation, if I'm out there as I plan to be for the first snap and throughout the game, it won't have an effect at all," he said.

Chargers coach Norv Turner is taking a more cautious approach. He listed Rivers as doubtful and said it would be a gametime decision.

Rivers handled about one-

third of the snaps in practice. He was hurt in the 28-24 playoff win over the defending Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts, and backup Billy Volek led the winning touchdown drive.

Under NFL rules for reporting injuries, someone listed as doubtful has a 25 percent chance of playing that week. Until Friday, teams were required to merely list whether a player practiced — Rivers did not work out Wednesday or Thursday.

Already a two-touchdown underdog against the perfect Patriots, the Chargers are awfully banged up. Star running back LaDainian Tomlinson said he thought his hyperextended left knee would be OK for him to start, but tight end Antonio Gates was put in the doubtful category.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick said San Diego's injury problems were of little concern to him.

"We get ready for all 53 play-

ers every week," he said. "We don't have any control over that."

The Patriots practiced outdoors at Gillette Stadium, showing more spirit than usual. Defensive line coach Pepper Johnson was among the most lively, hollering at his players.

Tom Brady, whose best games often come in the biggest settings, was typically more composed, joking about a future in Hollywood.

For all his experience in pressurized settings, the Patriots quarterback suggested he had more trouble nowadays when it came to keeping his adrenaline in check.

"Everyone is going to be excited. I'm probably the one that needs help on that the most with just the excitement of the game and the excitement of the season on the line," Brady said.

Brady was reminded that six years ago, right before playing in his first Super Bowl, he took a nap on the locker room floor. Brady wound up as the game's

MVP in a win over the St. Louis Rams.

At 17-0, the Patriots get a daily prompt to concentrate simply on the next game, Brady said. There is a sign the players see every day in the locker room with this slogan: Do Your Job.

Because of that focus, the Patriots said they weren't worried about Randy Moss' legal trouble becoming the team's latest distraction. A temporary restraining order was issued this week in Florida, directing the star receiver to stay at least 500 feet from the home of a longtime female friend.

"We're sort of used to dealing with them," linebacker Tedy Bruschi said.

Like it or not, the Chargers (13-5) have grown accustomed to Rivers raising a ruckus.

Still trying to reach the elite level, Rivers has already made his mark with his mouth. He jawed across the field with Denver quarterback Jay Cutler late in the season, then verbal-

ly sparred with fans in Indy last week as he walked off the field.

"I'm aware of it," Rivers said this week. "I'm out there having a good time as I did in the backyard since I was 5 years old. I'm not saying anything out of line."

Volek has had his volatile moments, too.

Upset that he didn't get a chance to start, Volek asked Tennessee to trade him early in the 2006 season. He got sent to San Diego and a day later, Titans coach Jeff Fisher publicly criticized his former player.

Volek is in his eighth season and did well last week, scoring the winning TD on a 1-yard sneak in the final five minutes.

Patriots linebacker Mike Vrabel said preparations were about the same for Rivers or Volek.

"You're not looking at Tom Brady and Vince Young different," he said. "More similar than dissimilar."

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"You feel like he cares about you as a person instead of just what you're out there doing for him," defensive lineman Cullen Jenkins said. "Since he came in here, the atmosphere's just been great. Everybody's been closer, the team is closer. He's led us in what we feel is a good way."

McCarthy's main success before being hired by Green Bay was as a quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator. Coughlin built the expansion Jacksonville Jaguars into an AFC power in the late 1990s, getting to two AFC title games.

Neither seemed prime for so much success this season, though. The Packers are extremely young, and Favre had little familiarity with many of his receivers. Their running backs corps was depleted by injuries from

the outset of the schedule until Ryan Grant, acquired in a trade with the Giants last summer, rescued it.

A wild-card run probably was the most anyone rightfully could have expected when the season kicked off.

Instead, the Packers have been the biggest success story in the NFC, and the players give lots of credit to their coach.

"He has his times where here's going to say this is the way we're going to do something. And you have to respect that because he's the coach, and we listen to him," Jenkins said. "But he will listen to us, he will take into account how we're feeling, what the team may be going through."

"We feel like maybe one of the reasons we've been able to turn it on so big later in the season is because of the training camp we had this year, the way he took care of us in training camp."

The kinder, gentler —

well, at least somewhat — Coughlin also has drawn praise. Not to mention quite a response on the field.

"This is not about me, it is about our team, it is about the New York Giants, it is about our players and our coaches, and the challenge that you get each week in the National Football League, and the attempt to lead your team successfully each time out," he said. "That is what this is all about, it is not about me."

Sorry, Tom, but a lot of it is about you and the way you've gone from near-outcast to nearing the Super Bowl.

"I would rather play for coach Coughlin than anybody else because he knows what we are like," said Jacobs, who replaced Coughlin's main locker room adversary of the past, the retired Tiki Barber. "He came in and it takes some time for guys to warm up to every coach, it doesn't matter who it is."

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CLUCKING SOON: CHICKEN EXPRESS



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Ross Gudnason, left, takes some measurements as Troy Stephens and Patrick King move a scaffold into place at what will soon be the Chicken Express on FM 700. The eatery, which is expected to be ready for business in March, is locating in the old Burger King building.

Energy Watch



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



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

According to a Bloomberg survey, OPEC increased oil production 1.2 percent during December. The survey includes oil companies, producers and analysts. They suggest the cartel pumped 32.07 million barrels per day in the last month of 2007.

OPEC meets again in Vienna on Feb. 1. There, future oil production targets will be set. The producer group will likely consider the winter's demand along with the health of the global economy. Ahead of the summit, hawkish member Venezuela suggests \$100 oil is justified because of the higher costs associated with production and because of the dollar's declining purchasing power.

Bloomberg notes Rafael Ramirez, the state's Oil Minister, suggested the cost of goods and services for oilfield development have tripled. However, he offered no specifics on the assertion. U.A.E. Oil Minister al Hamli said OPEC is prepared to provide more crude to the market if needed; however, he's said today's prices are not being caused by a shortage of supply.

In the wake of \$100 oil, Libyan and Qatari ministers have reiterated OPEC's position the recent run in oil is not reflective of the fundamentals of the market. Libya actually suggested prices are more "likely to increase and exceed \$100, than they are to decrease." Meanwhile, Indonesia's minister said it will propose OPEC boost supplies when it meets in Vienna. According to the modest producer, OPEC doesn't "want prices to stay so high."

The December issue of the OPEC Review maps out three production capacity growth scenarios wherein the cartel may be unable to meet its share of global oil demand by as early as 2024, 2037 or 2048. The studies exclude recent entrants Angola and Ecuador.

The authors write that Saudi Arabia is "somewhat vulnerable to future global oil demand" and in the studies, Kuwait was an "extremely inconsistent and unstable" supplier. We note that using past production growth for Kuwait can be particularly volatile because of Iraqi actions in the nation in the early 90s.

- According to the EIA's latest Short Term Energy Outlook, the oil market will remain tight throughout 2008. They forecast crude will average \$87 per barrel during the year, an increase of \$15 on their 2007 average. However, because of higher production capacity coming from OPEC and non-OPEC nations, the EIA sees prices falling \$5 in 2009 as spare capacity reaches about 4 million barrels per day.

- The EIA also estimates regular gasoline will average \$3.14 per gallon during 2008, up 33 cents from last year and 56 cents from 2006.

- According to Global Insight, as reported by the Wall Street Journal, every \$10 per barrel increase in oil boosts gasoline prices 19 cents per gallon, cutting consumer spending growth by one-third a per-

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State ag agencies change names and renew missions

Two state agricultural agencies that have served Texans for a combined 224 years are beginning 2008 with new names and renewed missions.

Texas AgriLife Research is the new name for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, which annually conducts more than \$150 million in agriculture and life sciences research in such areas as improving food and fiber production, enhancing human and animal health, and conserving water, soils, wildlife and other natural resources.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is the new name of Texas Cooperative Extension, which provides Texans in all 254 counties with non-biased, research-based education programs and services in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H and youth development, family and consumer sciences, and community economic development.

"We are making these changes to



TOMMY YEATER

better communicate the life-sustaining and life-changing impacts that both AgriLife Research and AgriLife Extension deliver to the people of Texas and beyond," said Dr. Mark Hussey, director of AgriLife Research.

Both agencies remain members of The Texas A&M University System, with the same commitment to their partners, clients and mission.

"But we also want to tell our story to a larger audience and a changing state population, attract new resources and build new partnerships, while strengthening our existing ones," Hussey said. "In this way, we hope to better serve the people of this great state."

The name changes are part of a re-branding initiative launching

this year after two years of study and planning. These efforts were led by former vice chancellor Dr. Elsa Murano, who was named president of Texas A&M University on Jan. 3.

"The re-branding efforts are centered on one foundational message: 'Agriculture is Life!'" Hussey said. "The central idea is that life itself is the core value that our agencies seek to sustain and enhance."

"People usually don't realize how much we all depend on agriculture and the life sciences. Discoveries and innovations in these fields directly impact the quality of the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the air we breathe, the water we drink, the homes we live in, and, more and more, even the fuels we pump into our vehicles."

"This is more than a name change, or even a new logo design," said Dr. Ed Smith, director of AgriLife Extension. "These new

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Bush calls for economic package

By **ANDREW TAYLOR**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush, acknowledging the risk of recession, embraced about \$145 billion worth of tax relief Friday to give the economy a "shot in the arm."

Bush said such a growth package must also include tax incentives for business investment and quick tax relief for individuals. And he said that to be effective, an economic stimulus package would need to roughly represent 1 percent of the gross domestic product — the value of all U.S. goods and services and the best measure of the country's economic standing.

"There is a risk of a downturn," the president said in his remarks at the White House.

White House advisers say that in current terms, 1 percent

would amount to around \$145 billion, which is along the lines of what private economists say should be sufficient to help give the economy a short-term boost.

The president and Congress are scrambling to take action as fears mount that a severe housing slump and painful credit crisis could cause people to close their wallets and businesses to put a lid on hiring, throwing the nation into its first recession since 2001.

Bush said that Congress and the administration need to settle on a temporary economic package that could be implemented quickly to "keep our

economy growing and create jobs."

"Letting Americans keep more of their money should increase consumer spending," he said.

Bush outlined several criteria for the package to meet: It must be "big

enough to make a difference in an economy as large and dynamic as ours," it must be built on "broad-based tax relief," it must take effect right away but be temporary, and it must not include any tax increases.

Specifically, he called for tax incentives for businesses, including small companies, to make new and major invest-

ments this year. "Giving them an incentive to invest now will encourage business owners to expand their operations, create new jobs and inject new energy into our economy in the process," Bush said.

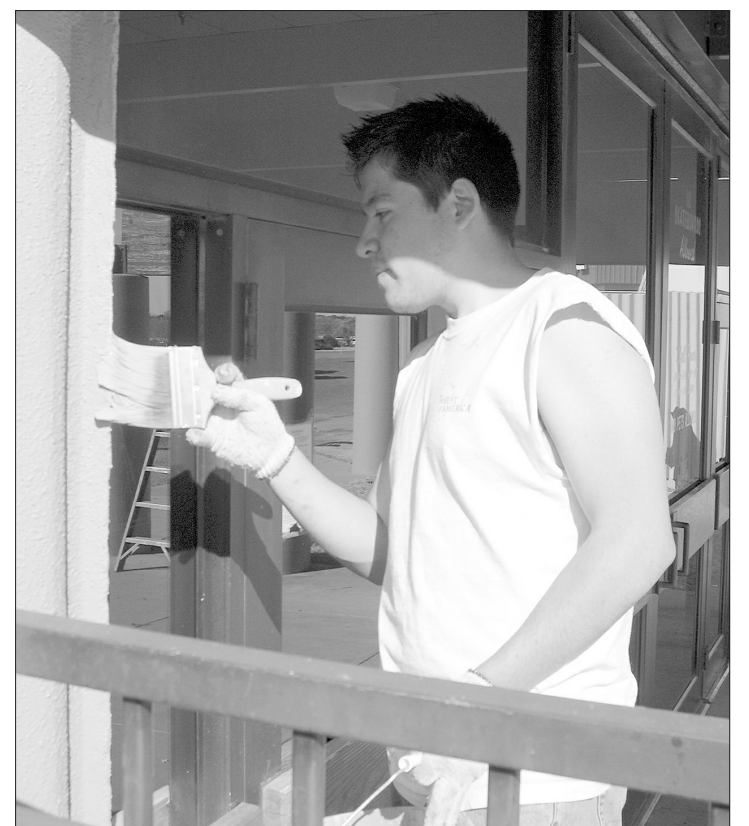
He also called for tax relief for individuals — probably to come in the form of one-time rebates. But he did not say how much money Americans would get to keep or the amount of other tax incentives that could be in the package. Nor did Bush detail how the nation would pay for such a plan.

"Americans can spend this money as they see fit: to help meet their monthly bills, cover higher costs at the gas pump, pay for other basic necessities," he said.

House Speaker Nancy

"Letting Americans keep more of their money should increase consumer spending."

NEW PAINT



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Oliver Cortez, an employee with Marcos Painting, touches up the side of the Big Spring Mall Friday afternoon. The entire outside of the facility got a paint job.

LETTERS

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thank you and this seemed like a good time to let you all know how very much you are appreciated.

SHIRLEY BODIN
BSSH VSC CHRISTMAS
CHAIRMAN

TO THE EDITOR:

During the Christmas break, my family and I attended the Slaton Invitational Tournament to watch my daughter play in the championship game against Slaton. We arrived at 6:20 p.m., pulled into a school parking lot where we found an empty space in a formed row of cars already parked there and went in to watch the game. After the game, we came out to find a parking ticket on our pickup stating that we were parked in a designated no parking zone. As we searched for a sign to indicate that we were parked in a no parking zone, we noticed that none of the other cars in the same area had parking tickets. We also could not find a sign that indicated this was a no parking zone. In addition, two other rows of cars had formed after we parked in our space — none of them had tickets either. There was indeed a no parking zone in front of a fire hydrant; we were approximately 20 feet away from that with the lane clear for a fire truck. The fire lane against the school was also clear.

I then went to the police station to try to get some resolution before leaving town to drive home (two hours away). I was met by the post-adolescent officer who wrote the ticket, who was apparently quite amused by the situation. As he grinned stupidly, he stated I could fight it in court. I questioned why he had not written the other cars tickets, he held up a few other tickets and indicated that he wrote others tickets. Funny, that parking section had about 20 other cars in it — and he wrote so few tickets? I suggested that we head up to the parking lot and write all of the other cars tickets for parking inappropriately but conveniently he was off duty. The other two officers present were not willing to do so either.

When I contacted the city of Slaton, I found out that this parking ticket would cost \$75. Now, we spent approximately \$40 at the game and \$75 to fill up with gas before leaving town. I think we contributed pretty well to the Slaton economy considering we were only in town for about two hours.

I then contacted the superintendent of Slaton ISD, J. Taliaferro, and he stated that the city takes care of policing the parking lot and he nor the school district had anything to do with it. However, he seemed to back off of that stance when he found out that I, too, work for a school district. Because of this I did a little research into the procedures and law for city police to write tickets in a school-owned parking lot (Remember, that would be considered private property). The law states "A superintendent must write a written order to the police department or the school board must vote, pass and write a request to be sent to the county judge for this to happen."

I wonder if that request specifically stated that only out-of-towners receive the tickets or is that just an understanding they keep to themselves.

Obviously, anyone traveling to Slaton for a basketball game will be very impressed by their facilities. However, I can tell you that we will never see them again and we will encourage our coaches never to schedule anything at Slaton again since we will still have two other children in school after our daughter graduates this year.

I will also be passing along this information to the school district I work for, as well as, any and all family and friends we have in the West Texas area. You see, I know how the small towns supplement their income on giving out tickets to out-of-town guests, and if I had done something wrong, I would be glad to pay the ticket. But in this case, the only thing I did wrong was make the two-hour drive to Slaton.

If this is the way Slaton ISD and that city will be treating their guests, I would strongly advise you to avoid them all together — that is, unless you have an extra \$75 you don't want.

SCOT SHEPPARD
COAHOMA

TO THE EDITOR:

With all the political activity going on around us, I can't help but find myself wondering when someone is going to step up and say, "The American people are tired and they are not going to take it anymore." No more business as usual.

Could you imagine if a presidential candidate would run for the people and true issues that effect me and you?

Let me explain what I mean. As we all know, the United States is not doing so well — with all the financial issues, such as the stock market and people losing their homes because working Americans cannot make ends meet, and the war, just to name a few.

We need a man who doesn't care for a committee to see if baseball players used steroids or not. That is an employer issue, not a governmental issue. The government is supposed to have leaders who take care of Americans' real needs like health care, pay and our elderly. Could you

imagine a government run by a president that would force Congress to act on ways to better the American way of life, before helping other nations. I wouldn't know what to do.

As it stands now, we give billions of dollars in aid to other countries every year. Could you imagine if we could just take some of that money and apply it toward free health care for all Americans, not just members of Congress? That alone would save the working American \$400 to \$800 a paycheck. That would be money put back into the economy and assure that the American people stop working paycheck to paycheck.

Also there should be laws in place to ban all lobbyists from even talking to elected officials. I bet there would be a lot less millionaires running for office if there was such a law. I say this because most of the people in Congress and the people running for president are already well off before even getting into office, but they are well aware of the lobbyists' and large corporations' financial power toward getting what they want and what they would pay to get it.

Oh, that's right, there are laws against such a thing!

What we need are committees to find ways to help the American people first, then we help others. You wouldn't give your last \$5 to your neighbor then watch your family starve. So why is our government doing exactly that?

I guess change starts with us the people. I'm not saying go out and vote, because we have and have you seen a change? No, things have gotten worse.

So pick up the phone, or e-mail your president and elected congressmen or women and let them know we are not going to put up with it anymore.

I know people will read this and say you can't change what has always been. But I ask you what can we gain if we tried? An America for the people, by the people, remember that?

Come on people, we have a Congress that

votes to see if it will get a pay raise or not. Do you actually think they would vote it down? Things like that need to be put to the people to decide.

Will change ever happen?

I wonder what would happen if a man like myself gets elected to office and takes these ideas along. Plant one seed and watch it bloom and spread. It's possible.

SANTIAGO FLORES
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am so slow-witted that I forgot to write about how well the kids did again this year at the football games.

This year we not only had the Goliad section, but we also got the junior high and elementary kids, and they all were very good.

Parents, you should be proud and I am sorry for not writing this earlier.

MARILYN MIEARS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am compelled to add to Leah Sellers' passionate and correct description of the Texas Workers Compensation System. Dealing with this system is not only stressful to the injured worker, but affects the whole family.

She failed to mention the examiners that are assigned to assess your injuries and impairment ratings are obvious skills for the compensation car-

riers. The examiners' only focus is to minimize or eliminate the compensation carriers' obligations under the Law. I am convinced that the examination firms are subsidiaries of the compensation carriers.

Finding doctors of certain specialties is very difficult. If a West Texan suffers psychological problems due to a workplace injury, there is only one doctor in the vast area of West Texas that will accept Workman's Comp patients. He has stated to me that he has about had

enough of the comp carriers' games.

My wife and I (my wife is the injured worker) are dismayed that a Legislature made up mostly by professed Christians could create such a vile and corrupt system. If you sustain injuries on the job that cause you to have chronic and long lasting problems, you will enter into a chamber of horrors and may God help you.

STEVE TURNER
BIG SPRING

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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. Include student's name and qualifying employee's name, Social Security number, qualifying company name, and dates of employment.

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Aldo Gustavo Galindo, 922 Jeter, Odessa
Claudet Garza, 3106 E. Elm, Laredo
Naomi Gonzales, 1606 E. Fifth, Big Spring
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Jerry Lee Wrightsil Jr., 2816 Ridge Road, Fort Worth

County Court Decisions:
Probated Judgment: Levi Patrick Carter, criminal mischief - impairing public communications/supply, \$500 fine, \$326 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Judgment: Moises Cervantes, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction, \$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: James Marshall Long, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,500 fine, \$441 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

District Court Filings:
In Re: Erica Ortega, family court.
In Re: Kylor Jay Mata, family court.
Mary Linda Ramos vs. Jimmy Juarez, protective order.
Brandon P. Woods vs. Lindsay Woods, divorce.
USA Environment LP vs. Wilson Fabrication and Maintenance Inc., Keith Wilson and Tracy Wilson, accounts, notes and contracts.
State of Texas vs. Sara Juarez Martinez (\$2,468), civil suit.
Rebecca Ann Richbourg vs. Wesley Ray Newcomb, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
Charla Sue Walker vs. James William Powell and Tuttle & Tuttle Trucking Inc., injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
Gary Lee Louis vs. Donna Ray Louis, divorce.
Connie Johnson vs. Douglas Johnson, protective order.
Stacey Parum vs. Russell W. Parum, divorce.
In Re: Rance Colton Terry, family court.
Kimberly Kennemur vs. Mattheue Lynn Ellis and Wayne Wright, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.

Douglas Harlin Johnson vs. Connie Dean McCoy, divorce.
Marriage Licenses:
Shawn Paul Carnagie, 33, and Kimberly Michelle Bretz, 34, both of Big Spring.
Benny Ontiveros Islas, 43, of Coahoma, and Susan Marie Sutton, 42, of Big Spring.
Travis Neal McMillan, 25, and Alicia Nichole Brandon, 20, both of Garden City.
Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: Wilson Industries LP
Grantee: Andrews Pump and Supply of New Mexico
Property: Lots 9-15, Block 20, Original Town of Forsan
Date: Jan. 10, 2008
Grantor: Christopher Lee Fuqua
Grantee: Donna Dockey
Property: Lots 14-16, Block 2, Settles Heights
Date: Jan. 10, 2008
Grantor: David Covarrubias
Grantee: Ray DeLeon
Property: Lot 2, Block 1, East Highland Park
Date: Jan. 11, 2008
Grantor: Tommie S. Cooper
Grantee: Clela Pike
Property: Lot 4, Block 17, Kentwood Unit No. 2
Date: Jan. 11, 2008
Grantor: Marzell Earnest
Grantee: Harold L. Woods
Property: A 1.3 acre tract out of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 15, 2008
Grantor: Jimmy Earnest
Grantee: Harold L. Woods
Property: A 0.976 acre tract out of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 15, 2008
Grantor: Troy Koening
Grantee: A.J. Patterson and Violet Patterson
Property: Lot 11, Block 3, Ridgelea Terrace
Date: Jan. 15, 2008
Grantor: Harold Hall, Rinda Wesson

and Cindy Barnett
Grantee: Gay Herren and Carlton Harris
Property: A tract out of Section 44, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 15, 2008
Grantor: Misti D. Muller
Grantee: Jimmy R. Miller and Ellen Miller
Property: Lot 7, Block 17, Kentwood Unit No. 2
Date: Jan. 15, 2008
Grantor: Noel D. Marsalis and Johnnye B. Marsalis
Grantee: Big Spring Independent School District
Property: Lots 1-6, Block 3, Wright's Airport Addition; Lots 10 and 11, Block 2, Wright's Airport Addition; and a 0.597 acre tract out of Section 2, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 15, 2008
Grantor: Marion F. Crabtree
Grantee: Big Spring Independent School District
Property: Lot 1, Block 11, Suburban Heights
Date: Jan. 15, 2008
Grantor: Beverly K. Rhoads, Leon H. Rogers, Margaret Ann Gage and Susan Beard Keith
Grantee: Big Spring Independent School District
Property: A tract of land out of Tract 13 of the Wm. B. Currie Subdivision of the SE 1/4 of Section 42, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 15, 2008
Grantor: Billy Ross Hill
Grantee: Big Spring Independent School District
Property: A tract out of Section 44, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 15, 2008
Grantor: Duane Norgren and Monica Norgren
Grantee: Primacy Closing Corp.
Property: Lot 27, Block 1, Highland South Addition No. 6
Date: Jan. 15, 2008
Grantor: Primacy Closing Corp.
Grantee: Rodney W. Chandler and Ada Chandler
Property: Lot 27, Block 1, Highland South Addition No. 6

Date: Jan. 15, 2008
Grantor: Stacy Alls
Grantee: Susan Gaston
Property: Lots 1-4, Block 47, Original Town of Forsan; Lots 18-22, Block 51, Original Town of Forsan; Lots 1-5, Block 51, Original Town of Forsan; Lots 6-11, Block 51, Original Town of Forsan.
Date: Jan. 16, 2008
Grantor: Scott Emerson
Grantee: Johnny Lee Tidwell and Darlene Tidwell
Property: Lot 8 and the S/2 of Lot 9, Block 4, Porter Addition
Date: Jan. 16, 2008
Warranty Deeds With Vendor's Lien:
Grantor: A.J. Pirkle and Debbie Pirkle
Grantee: Johnnie Leon Hobbs and Frances Kay Hobbs
Property: Lot 10, Block 37, Original Town of Big Spring
Date: Jan. 10, 2008
Grantor: Jerry Doss and Kim Doss
Grantee: Brandon Truitt
Property: Two tracts out of Section 37, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 11, 2008
Grantor: Stephen E. Gay and Shirley Gay
Grantee: Debra Lynn Hines
Property: Lot 23, Block 11, Monticello Addition
Date: Jan. 14, 2008
Grantor: Gary Lee Osburn and Janet Osburn
Grantee: Russell Parks and Lisa Parks
Property: Lot 18, Block 25, College Park Estates
Date: Jan. 14, 2008
Grantor: Flora A. Nobles
Grantee: James C. Turney
Property: A tract out of Section 14, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 15, 2008
Grantor: Tony Castillo and Dillard E. Teal
Grantee: Richard D. Rowland and Brittany Rowland
Property: The E/30 feet of Lot 2 and all of Lot 1, Block 20, Washington Place
Date: Jan. 15, 2008

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brands will impact not only our marketing materials and signage, but also the way we position and prioritize our programs and work with our federal, state and county partners to serve the state of Texas. It is vitally important to tell our story and that people connect our agencies to the tremendous

impacts they have on the state." One of the drivers of the re-branding initiative was a market study that showed that the work of the research and extension agencies was not widely known across the state of Texas. "We hope to help people better understand the vital role that agriculture and life sciences still play in improving the prosperity of their lives," said Smith. "We believe that if they come to know us better,

they will see that connection more clearly, even within a state population that is now 85 percent urbanized." AgriLife Research, established in 1887, employs a team of 425 scientists on the campus of Texas A&M University and at 13 centers across the state. Research has made many innovative advances over the years, including development of the Texas 1015 onion and the TAM Mild Jalapeno pepper, which revolutionized the U.S. salsa

industry. Current major research includes the efficient use and conservation of water resources, the development of fruits and vegetables with higher levels of disease-fighting compounds, and the adaptation of crops and other agricultural products for making biofuels. AgriLife Extension, established in 1915, provides Texans with continuing education programs and services. More than 900 professional educators team

with some 90,000 volunteers to serve families, youth, communities and businesses throughout the state. Some 600,000 children annually participate in Extension's 4-H and youth development programs. Tommy Yeater is the Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent, agriculture, for Howard County. His office is in the bottom floor of the Howard County Courthouse. He can be reached at 264-2236.

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Platinum MusicPass will fail

By **GLENN GAMBOA**

Newsday

Like so many things major labels have tried recently, SonyBMG's Platinum MusicPass — a plan that debuted last week where people buy plastic cards in stores that let them download albums at home — is destined to fail.

It won't go down because of cost. Obviously, it's much cheaper for the company to manufacture and distribute plastic cards than actual CDs. There is also much less overhead associated with the plan compared with making and shipping CDs, which, when returned unused by retailers, have to be stored and/or destroyed.

Nevertheless, Platinum MusicPass will fail for many reasons, mainly because it doesn't serve the customer at all. It doesn't offer music the way customers want it; it offers music the way the company wants. It creates more hoops — an extra step, an increased price, another trip to the store — for customers to jump through in order to get what they want.

Why would anyone think this would work?

Well, things are starting to get a bit desperate in the music industry. CD

sales were down 15 percent in 2007, compared to already-bad 2006 sales. When the 45 percent growth in digital song sales is factored in, album sales were still down nearly 10 percent.

The biggest-selling album of 2007 was Josh Groban's holiday album "Noel," followed by the soundtrack to "High School Musical 2" and The Eagles album "Long Road Out of Eden," which was released by the band and distributed only through Wal-Mart. That means major labels and their regular channels came up short against, respectively, the promotional power of "Oprah," the Disney cable channel and, albeit the world's biggest retailer, a distinctively nonmusic outlet. These are not good signs.

So, yeah, plastic cards it is. But, in 2008, it won't stop there. Major labels will be testing any number of new formats and marketing schemes to get fans to buy albums.

What they refuse to accept is that most fans already are getting their music the way they want — by buying CDs, by subscribing to Rhapsody or eMusic, by downloading songs from iTunes or Amazon.com or from countless peer-to-peer

sites.

Common sense dictates that it would be easier to work through those existing channels to find a solution. If the major labels really wanted to put the illegal downloading sites out of business, they'd create a network that works like those sites, offering high-quality versions of albums at a price low enough to render the sites obsolete.

Label heads say it's impossible to compete with free. That's not true. There is a price point that is low enough — a nickel? a dime? a quarter? — that makes all the hassles of illegal downloading not worth it.

Why waste time searching through fakes and low-quality radio rips — and why risk computer viruses if you could get the song you wanted for a dime or the album you wanted for \$1?

Big Spring woman publishes first book

L.M. Gonzalez, who was raised in Big Spring, has announced the release of her first published book.

"Too Late for Romance" is a contemporary romance featuring Hispanic characters, which was published by The Wild Rose Press, an independent press located in Adams Basin, New York.

"I've been writing for years" said Gonzalez, "and my goal has always been publication. I also think the time is right to write about Latino characters, especially about their loves and lives. Some time ago, I became frustrated because of the limited availability of these types of characters in stories. Where they weren't depicted as maids



Gonzalez

or laborers. So, I decided to do something about it."

Krista Braaten, reviewer for Coffee Time Romance, said, "'Too Late for Romancer' is an outstanding read.. Ms. Gonzalez created characters that I wanted to read about."

"This is a beautiful story that is enjoyable for the wonderful things that happen."

"Too Late for Romance" is available now in digital format and will be available in print June 27.

"I enjoyed the realism in the story, it wasn't all a bed of roses and it pointed out real problems that

occur in this day and age when it comes to relationships and romance. A great read," said Mimi, reviewer for Night Owl Romance.

Gonzalez still has family locally — her father, Alberto Mesa Morales, a long-time resident, and her sister, Nora Morales. A graduate of Big Spring High School, Gonzalez also attended Howard College before transferring to Angelo State University to obtain her bachelor's degree.

For more information on the author and forthcoming books, go to www.freewebs.com/lesmora.

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1 Basis for comparison
9 Start of a JFK quote
15 It's available
16 Not crazy about
17 Fore
18 Came after
19 Verb form
20 Maritime harassers
22 Approximate weight of a grain of sand
23 Locale of a Fairbanks film
27 Prefix meaning "oil"
28 Literary monogram
31 Cross
33 Asian capital
35 Cross
36 First-aid applications
38 Like some pockets
39 Not common
41 Advanced deg.
42 Give a hand
44 PC key
45 Abrasive effect
48 Repercussion
50 All those in favor
54 Mercury Theatre player
55 Least subdued
57 Ebb partner
58 Never
59 Expressions of intolerance
60 Practically

DOWN
1 Piccadilly
2 Eight-year Attorney General
3 What two dots may mean
4 Like Vassar
5 Grand suffix
6 Like *War of the Worlds* aliens
7 Tough nut to crack
8 *Quiz Show* sponsor
9 Cooling-off period
10 On top of
11 Biblical prophet

12 Beatles foe in a '68 film
13 Cato's way
14 Unobtrusive signals
21 Of the greatest turpitude
22 Diagonal
23 Authoritative source
24 Secret competitor
25 Symbol of hard work
26 Half of DC
29 Rigel, for one
30 Never happened
32 It's not used much
34 Bar sounds
37 Fussing over finery

40 Voicelessness
43 Flops
46 Army of the Potomac VIP
47 Some Byzantine art
48 Wants to get
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CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE
January 17, 2008
THE BIG SPRING PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A SPECIAL SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2008 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4th, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:
A Zone Change described as N/35 of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12, of Block 4, College Heights Addition, Howard County, Big Spring, Texas, from Single Family-2 (SF-2) to Neighborhood Service (NS) #5659 January 20 & 27, 2008

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals until 4:00 p.m., February 12, 2008, on the following:
Closed Crankcase Filtration Systems for School Bus Emission Reductions
Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648, phone number (432)264-3620. The school district will begin opening bids on January 28, 2008 in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. The Business Office will continue to receive and open bids through 4:00 p.m., February 12, 2008. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening. Bids received after the opening date and time will be returned unopened. Bids will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on February 14, 2008 at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
#5655 January 17 & 20, 2008

Answer to previous puzzle

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These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on February 4, 2008. You have until August 2, 2008, to redeem any tickets for these games: #685 **Lucky Millions** (\$30) overall odds are 1 in 2.26, #762 **Yahtzee™** (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.33. This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on February 18, 2008. You have until August 16, 2008, to redeem any tickets for this game: #1006 **Scary Money** (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.31. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over \$999,999 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at 1-800-37LOTTO or visit the Lottery Web site at www.txlottery.org for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures, and final decisions of the Executive Director. A Scratch-Off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. PLAY RESPONSIBLY. The Texas Lottery Supports Texas Education. #5658 January 20, 2008

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The sun enters Aquarius today, and life is a trip to the outer limits. Now that we can buy real estate on the airwaves and camp out on other people's bandwidths, what's next? Funny thing, the future — we scheme, dream, hope and plan, but the future never seems to arrive just so. The future remains a successive string of "right nows."



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Procrastination ends now. You feel the urgency in your projects and realize that a decision will be made, so it may as well be yours who makes it. Your "take charge" attitude is so attractive to a Cancer. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Cleaning and clearing isn't your favorite pastime, but when you know it comes right before shopping and styling your world, the tasks don't seem quite so bad. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You don't like to put a lot of rules on your relationships, which is why it's easy to be your friend. However, today, if you don't set some kind of structure, you'll get the kind of surprises you do not prefer. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). When you see your chance to connect with someone, go forward with your best, most open-ended question (not one that requires a "yes" or "no" answer). One good question paves the path to good will. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Your labor of love is becoming more "labor" than "love." Change it up. Take a break. Doing something different — or nothing at all — restores your creativity and drive. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You want a relationship to be more than functional. You're looking for romance, glamour, thrills. You find it, too, although the excitement you seek may come in a down-home, domestic package.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Chase your shadow and it eludes you. Turn your back on it and it follows you. Use this principle to attract a hard-to-reach someone. You'll be thought of as cool, mysterious and ultimately irresistible. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your relationships develop naturally, and your creative work ripens before you offer it for sale. Maturity means going as slow as it takes to be certain of your every move. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your realm of influence expands as you accept a new responsibility. How are you going to leave your legacy? Expressing your creativity in all you do is a move you won't regret no matter how you are received. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're like the sage on the mountaintop. Your pursuit of inner peace is admirable. Reconciling your spiritual practice and commercial interests will be a challenge. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're suddenly in the mood for a change. Your appearance, your job and your environment could be the target of your improvement mission. Capricorn and Leo have advice that agrees with you. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). One good idea leads to another. It's as though hundreds of brilliant, colored light bulbs turn on over your head. Your activities are infused with new meaning — you may even be in love. **FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** Change is in the astral airwaves this week. The sun's precession into Aquarius points to progress, while Pluto's monumental passage into Capricorn opens doors on the past, to the structures of tradition that sustain or destroy human life. Is it a planetary episode of "Back to the Future"? Will humanity need to go back to its roots to move forward? As a transpersonal planet, Pluto shines a flashlight into the dark corners of the sign he's visiting, illuminating the abuse, misuse and misunderstanding of power in order to transform it. In Capricorn, the clock is ticking. It's time to take personal and collective responsibility, to become good parents of Earth, to use our past experiences to inform future wisdom. "We've always done it this way, why change?" is no longer acceptable, the cost is too great. We're only beginning to understand the real-world damage too much freedom can wreak. Pluto always tells the truth — not the fluffy, light side but glimpses into the soul of humanity. While we're not always able to take responsibility for what went wrong then, with Pluto's entry into Capricorn, we're each singularly empowered with the awesome responsibility of making choices with integrity today, for tomorrow.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Born on the cusp of Capricorn/Aquarius, movie director of the strange and stranger David Lynch is a Capricorn. His movies peek behind the facade of small-town, ordinary life to discover its macabre darkness, full of suspect. Capricorn trepidation is exaggerated by David's Saturn and Mars joined in Cancer. White picket fences can't keep the bogeyman out of Lynch's surreal reality.

Tax Season Savings

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- 2005 Dodge Neon SXT Sedan 4D - Stk# H082A. Was \$10,495.....**NOW \$9,495**
- 2005 Chrysler Sebring Coupe - Stk# H098. Was \$12,995.....**NOW \$10,495**
- 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt LS Sedan 4D - Stk# H231. Was \$11,495.....**NOW \$10,495**
- 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt LS Sedan 4D - Stk# H254. Was \$12,495.....**NOW \$11,495**
- 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt LS Sedan 4D - Stk# H247. Was \$12,995.....**NOW \$11,995**
- 2006 Chrysler PT Cruiser Touring - Stk# H102. Was \$13,495.....**NOW \$11,495**
- 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt LS Coupe - Stk# H149. Was \$12,995.....**NOW \$11,495**
- 2006 Chevrolet Malibu LT Sedan - Stk# H146. Was \$12,995.....**NOW \$12,495**
- 2007 Saturn Ion 2 Sedan 4D - Stk# H212. Was \$13,495.....**NOW \$12,495**
- 2007 Saturn Ion 2 Sedan 4D - Stk# H211. Was \$13,995.....**NOW \$12,995**
- 2006 Chevrolet Malibu LT Sedan - Stk# H204 & H203. Was \$14,495.....**NOW \$13,495**
- 2003 Chevrolet S10 Pickup - Stk# H249. Was \$14,495.....**NOW \$13,495**
- 2005 Chevrolet Impala LS Sedan 4D - Stk# H138A. Was \$14,495.....**NOW \$13,495**
- 2006 Mazda 3 i Sedan 4D - Stk# H200. Was \$14,995.....**NOW \$13,995**
- 2004 Honda Civic EX Coupe 2D - Stk# H177A. Was \$14,995.....**NOW \$13,995**
- 2006 Pontiac Grand Prix Sedan 4D - Stk# H232. Was \$14,995.....**NOW \$13,995**
- 2006 Chevrolet Impala LT Sedan 4D - Stk# H209. Was \$15,495.....**NOW \$14,495**
- 2006 Pontiac G6 Sedan 4D - Stk# H234. Was \$15,495.....**NOW \$14,495**
- 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix Sedan 4D - Stk# H179. Was \$16,995.....**NOW \$15,495**
- 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix Sedan 4D - Stk# 236. Was \$16,495.....**NOW \$15,495**
- 2007 Pontiac G6 Sedan 4D - Stk# H216. Was \$16,495.....**NOW \$15,495**
- 2007 Pontiac G6 Sedan 4D - Stk# H201. Was \$16,495.....**NOW \$15,495**
- 2007 Pontiac G6 Sedan 4D - Stk# H237. Was \$16,495.....**NOW \$15,495**
- 2007 Pontiac G6 Sedan 4D - Stk# H214. Was \$16,495.....**NOW \$15,495**
- 2007 Pontiac G6 Sedan 4D - Stk# H215. Was \$16,495.....**NOW \$15,495**
- 2006 Chevrolet Impala LT Sedan - Stk# H129. Was \$17,495.....**NOW \$15,995**
- 2006 Buick LaCrosse CXL Sedan - Stk# H019. Was \$18,495.....**NOW \$15,995**
- 2007 Chevrolet Impala LT Sedan 4D - Stk# H208. Was \$17,495.....**NOW \$16,495**
- 2005 Ford Five Hundred Limited Sedan - Stk# H088. Was \$18,495.....**NOW \$16,495**
- 2007 Buick LaCrosse CXL Sedan 4D - Stk# H213. Was \$17,995.....**NOW \$16,995**
- 2006 Buick Lucerne CX Sedan - Stk# H058. Was \$20,995.....**NOW \$17,995**
- 2004 Pontiac GTO Coupe - Stk# H089. Was \$21,495.....**NOW \$19,795**
- 2007 Ford Mustang Convertible 2D - Stk#H238. Was \$21,995.....**NOW \$20,995**

★ CARS ★

- 2005 Mercedes-Benz C-Class C 230 Sport Sedan 4D - Stk# H277. Was \$23,495.....**NOW \$22,495**
- 2006 Mazda RX-8 Coupe 4D - Stk# H070. Was \$27,995.....**NOW \$23,995**
- 2006 Buick Lucerne CXL Sedan 4D - Stk# H020. Was \$25,495.....**NOW \$22,995**
- 2007 Cadillac DTS Sedan 4D - Stk# H181. Was \$33,495.....**NOW \$32,495**
- 2007 Cadillac DTS Sedan - Stk# H143. Was \$40,995.....**NOW \$35,995**
- 2007 Cadillac DTS Sedan - Stk# H145. Was \$40,995.....**NOW \$35,995**
- 2005 Chevrolet Corvette Coupe 2D - Stk# H195. Was \$40,995.....**NOW \$39,995**

★ TRUCKS ★

- 2000 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 PU - Stk# H227. Was \$10,995.....**NOW \$9,995**
- 2002 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 - Stk# H195. Was \$13,995.....**NOW \$12,995**
- 2003 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 PU - Stk# H191. Was \$14,300.....**NOW \$13,300**
- 2006 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Pickup - Stk# H064. Was \$20,995.....**NOW \$18,995**
- 2006 Dodge 1500 Pickup SB - Stk# H151. Was \$19,995.....**NOW \$17,495**
- 2006 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 PU - Stk# H067. Was \$22,995.....**NOW \$20,495**
- 2005 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 PU - Stk# H242. Was \$22,995.....**NOW \$21,995**
- 2007 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 PU - Stk# H245. Was \$22,995.....**NOW \$21,995**
- 2006 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 PU - Stk# H274. Was \$22,995.....**NOW \$21,995**
- 2006 Ford F150 Short Bed - Stk# H172A. Was \$24,995.....**NOW \$23,995**
- 2006 Ford F150 SuperCrew 5 1/2" - Stk# H107. Was \$24,995.....**NOW \$23,995**
- 2005 Ford F250 Super Duty Crew Cab - Stk# H259. Was \$25,995.....**NOW \$24,995**
- 2005 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 PU - Stk# H271. Was \$25,995.....**NOW \$24,995**
- 2004 Ford F250 Superduty Crew Cab - Stk# H221. Was \$26,495.....**NOW \$25,495**
- 2006 GMC Sierra 1500 Pickup - Stk# H118. Was \$27,495.....**NOW \$24,495**
- 2006 Ford F250 Super Duty Crew Cab - Stk# H275. Was \$30,995.....**NOW \$29,995**
- 2005 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 PU - Stk# H279. Was \$32,995.....**NOW \$31,995**
- 2006 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 PU - Stk# H263. Was \$34,995.....**NOW \$33,995**

★ VANS ★

- 2005 Buick Terraza CXL Minivan - Stk# H264. Was \$18,495.....**NOW \$17,495**
- 2007 Chevrolet Uplander LS 4D - Stk# H180. Was \$19,995.....**NOW \$18,995**

★ SUV's ★

- 2003 Buick Rendezvous CXL - Stk# H273. Was \$11,995.....**NOW \$10,995**
- 2003 Saturn VUE - Stk# H124A. Was \$12,495.....**NOW \$11,495**
- 2004 Ford Explorer 4D - Stk# H139. Was \$14,995.....**NOW \$13,995**
- 2005 Chevrolet TrailBlazer - Stk# H251. Was \$15,495.....**NOW \$14,495**
- 2005 Buick Rendezvous CX - Stk# H101. Was \$16,995.....**NOW \$15,495**
- 2005 Hyundai Santa Fe GLS 4D - Stk# H137A. Was \$16,495.....**NOW \$15,495**
- 2005 Buick Rendezvous CX 4D - Stk# H185A. Was \$16,495.....**NOW \$15,495**
- 2006 Jeep Liberty 4D - Stk# H197. Was \$16,495.....**NOW \$15,495**
- 2003 GMC Yukon XL 1500 - Stk# H111. Was \$18,495.....**NOW \$15,995**
- 2006 Mitsubishi Endeavor LS 4D - Stk# H222. Was \$18,995.....**NOW \$17,995**
- 2003 Chevrolet Suburban 1500 - Stk# H281. Was \$18,995.....**NOW \$17,995**
- 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe - Stk# H120. Was \$19,995.....**NOW \$16,995**
- 2007 Chevrolet Equinox 4D - Stk# H166. Was \$12,995.....**NOW \$18,995**
- 2006 Pontiac Torrent 4D - Stk# H160. Was \$20,495.....**NOW \$19,495**
- 2005 Ford Explorer Sport Trac - Stk# H105. Was \$19,995.....**NOW \$18,995**
- 2007 Chevrolet Equinox - Stk# H141. Was \$21,495.....**NOW \$19,495**
- 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe - Stk# H262. Was \$20,995.....**NOW \$19,995**
- 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe 4D - Stk# H159. Was \$21,495.....**NOW \$20,495**
- 2006 Honda Pilot EX - Stk# H267. Was \$24,495.....**NOW \$23,495**
- 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe 4D - Stk# H161. Was \$25,495.....**NOW \$24,495**
- 2007 Jeep Wrangler - Stk# H219. Was \$25,495.....**NOW \$24,495**
- 2004 GMC Yukon XL Denali 1500 - Stk# H258. Was \$26,995.....**NOW \$25,995**
- 2006 Chevrolet Avalanche 1500 - Stk# H150. Was \$26,495.....**NOW \$26,995**
- 2005 GMC Yukon - Stk# H253. Was \$27,995.....**NOW \$27,995**
- 2007 Cadillac SRX - Stk# H140. Was \$35,995.....**NOW \$32,995**
- 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe 4D - Stk# H165. Was \$36,495.....**NOW \$35,495**
- 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe 4D - Stk# H205. Was \$40,995.....**NOW \$39,995**
- 2007 Cadillac Escalade - Stk# H270. Was \$43,995.....**NOW \$42,995**
- 2007 Cadillac Escalade 4D - Stk# H164. Was \$48,995.....**NOW \$48,995**

Legals

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:
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Give your home a little cheer on the cheap

By Mary Beth Breckenridge

Akron Beacon Journal

AKRON, Ohio — When the Christmas decorations come down, your house can seem as blah as the winter landscape.

Now would be the perfect time for a decorative makeover — perfect, that is, if holiday bills weren't threatening to make off with what's left of your bank account.

Take heart. We'll help you give your surroundings a little cheer on the cheap.

We asked interior designers for their suggestions on giving a home a decorative boost for \$100 or less. They came through not only with ideas, but often with money to spare.

The best place to start is with what you already own, several designers suggested. And that won't cost you a dime.

Chances are, you

accents are removed.

Metallics are hot now, Bayer said, so use your gold or silver candles to add sparkle to the winter months.

Paint is an affordable tool for making a big

energy, she said. And for the risk-averse, it's less scary than changing the color of an entire room.

Investing in a few brightly hued glass pieces such as bowls, vases or candy dishes is another simple way to brighten things, Catlette said. They add both color and sparkle at a dreary time of year, and they can often be found inexpensively at places such

spring flowers into real bulbs lined up in a dish so it looks like you forced the blooms, he said. You can even try planting the bulbs outdoors later.

Small fabric items are an inexpensive way to introduce color or texture, the designers said. Invest in a few new toss pillows or a chenille throw to enhance a sofa, or make covers for your existing pillows, perhaps with place mats or runners purchased on sale, Pesce said.

Place mats, napkins, a tablecloth or chair covers give your dining room furniture new interest, Pesce and Bayer said.

In the bathroom, spring for towels or a new shower curtain, maybe in an iridescent copper tone or an interesting texture, Bayer said. Even pretty paper fingertip towels can give the bathroom a boost, and they won't so much as bend your budget, she said.

Just tying back your curtains with a bit of wide wired ribbon adds interest, Pesce said. Or consider using a tension rod to mount your curtains partway down your window frame, so the top part of the window is left uncovered. The effect is almost like a transom, Pesce said, and it lets in more of the light we crave this time of year.

Speaking of light, buy yourself some new candles, and burn them to bring warmth and shimmer to this season of darkness, said Donna Horst of Cynthia J. Hoffman Interior Design. The light of candles symbolizes promise, she said,

so their impact is emotional as well as visual.

And don't ignore the power of scent, Horst said. An aromatherapy diffuser might not add a lot to your decor, but it could lift your spirits as much as a new rug or lamp.

Another decorative element with emotional appeal is personal photos. Computers make it easy to print prized pictures in almost any size you want, so you can change your display on a whim.

Use existing frames and size photos to fit. If you want a more contemporary look, print color photos in black-and-white.

Or try this idea from Jeff Andrew of Garth Andrew's Associates:

Attach photos with double-stick tape to black mat boards — say, a 3-by-5-inch photo on an 8-by-10 mat — and lean them on a ledge hung on the wall. The ledge need be only about 4 inches deep, he said, with a groove cut into it a half-inch from the front edge to keep the photos in place.

If you buy mat boards that are black on both sides, you can flip them over and stick on some new photos when you're ready for a change, Andrew said.

And when spring comes, you can take a whole new crop of photos — to brighten your home next winter, of course.

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as import and discount stores.

Catlette and Brechbuhler are both fans of fresh flowers, which provide an emotional lift along with their decorative appeal. Pick up an inexpensive bouquet every week when you do your grocery shopping and you'll have a colorful, constantly changing accent until it's time for Mother

Nature to take over outside. Think of using bowls, bottles or other containers you already own as vases, Brechbuhler said.

Good artificial flowers can work too, said Jim Pesce, an interior designer. Stick artificial narcissus blossoms or other

decorative difference, but if you balk at the work involved in painting an entire room, focus on just one accent wall, said Suzanne Catlette of Flickinger Interiors. It doesn't involve a big commitment of time or

moved your furniture to make room for a Christmas tree or other decorations. So — though it may be a bit late now — when you take those holiday decorations down, resist the urge to put things back where they were, designer Robin Brechbuhler said. Just rearranging a room can give it a new look, she said.

While you're at it, change the artwork around, too. When art is positioned in a different place, you start noticing it anew, Brechbuhler said. "It's amazing how it just refreshes the room."

Even your holiday decorations might be fodder for some longer-lasting decorative oomph.

"See what doesn't scream holiday," designer Pamela Bayer suggested, and consider giving those items an extended life in your home. A jewel-toned runner can look appropriate throughout the winter, for example, and a topiary can outlive the holidays if bows or other seasonal



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Authorities say woman killed self, 2 children by walking into traffic

By JAY LINDSAY
Associated Press Writer
CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A woman with a history of mental illness purposefully walked her young niece and nephew into oncoming interstate traffic to commit a double-murder suicide, a prosecutor said Friday.

Marcelle Thibault, 39, was driving south on Interstate 495 in Lowell last week when she turned the car sharply, drove across the median and northbound lanes and began driving against traffic in the breakdown lane, authorities said.

She then stopped the car, removed her clothes and undressed the children, took both of them into her arms and walked onto the highway. She and the children were struck by two cars and killed.

"There are not many other scenarios I can think of that are as tragic as this one," District Attorney Gerry Leone said. "It is beyond belief, it is unimaginable, it is unspeakable, and it was a horrible tragedy."

The young victims were

Kaleigh Lambert, 5, and Shane Lambert, 4, of Brentwood, N.H., who were the children of Thibault's twin sister.

Thibault, of Bellingham, was a stay-at-home mom who was active with her church and loved to be with her own two teenage children. She was one of eight daughters and loved organizing family gatherings.

Leone said Thibault had picked up the youngsters Jan. 11 for a "pirate and princess weekend." Young said the woman, who had two teenage children, often took her sister's kids for special weekends.

Kaleigh and Shane were the only children of Ken and Danielle Lambert and were typical youngsters, family spokesman Paul Young said. "They're a great family," Young said.

In New Hampshire, a neighbor said the Lamberts were caring, conscientious parents. When their children drew with chalk, they would draw a line halfway down the driveway to mark how close they could go to the street, he said.

Leone said Thibault had received treatment for mental illness. Young described it as an isolated incident in her life, within the past year.

"She appeared to be fully recovered from that, and there was no indication of a relapse," he said.

Leone said no drugs or alcohol were involved. "It is far too complicated, too complex a dynamic and illness for us to be able to make any real determinations about what exactly the cause was or what exactly was in her mind," he said. The drivers of the vehicles were not injured.

A statement from the family released by Leone's office pleaded for prayers and privacy.

"This is a time of terri-

ble tragedy for our families. We love Marci, Kaleigh, and Shane and we miss them very much," the statement said. "We ask everyone to join us in prayer for their souls, and to help us get through this most difficult period of our lives."

This undated photo provided by the family shows Kaleigh Lambert, 6, and her brother Shane Lambert, 4, both of Brentwood, N.H., who were killed along with their aunt Marcelle Thibault after being struck by cars as she carried them while walking into traffic on Interstate 495 in Lowell, Mass.. Authorities said the incident was a double-murder suicide.



Man in hospital scrubs throws toddler from overpass onto busy highway; boy killed

HONOLULU (AP) — The man in hospital scrubs threw the toddler like a doll from a pedestrian overpass to the freeway humming with traffic. The 21/2-year-old boy fell 30 feet to the asphalt and was pronounced dead at the scene.

The horrifying incident Thursday on the highway cutting through the heart of the city shocked Honolulu residents, causing panicked parents to phone day care centers to check on their children.

Police arrested a 23-year-old man they say occasionally baby-sat the child after witnesses saw him throwing something, followed him and called authorities.

Kraig Hengst told The Honolulu Advertiser he was working in an apartment garage across the street from the overpass when he saw a man "toss the baby" at about 11:40 a.m.

"I saw the baby high in the air. I thought it was a doll at first," Hengst said. The man held the child in one arm and "tossed it into the air," he said.

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By Steve Becker

The Case of the Missing Ace

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
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♥ A 3
♦ K J 8
♣ A K 10 8 7

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

EAST
♠ 9 8 3
♥ K J 7 4
♦ 6 5 2
♣ J 9 6

SOUTH
♠ (A) Q 10 7 4
♥ 10 9
♦ A Q 10 3
♣ 5 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 2♦ Pass
2NT Pass 3♣ Pass
4♣

Opening lead — five of hearts.

Board No. 13 in the 1968 round-robin match between Italy and Australia at the world team championship was a lulu. When Camillo Pabis-Ticci and Massimo D'Alelio were North-South for Italy, they got to four spades on the bidding shown.

It was only after West had led a heart and dummy came down that D'Alelio, to his horror, discovered the ace of spades among his possessions and realized he had been bidding with a 12-card hand!

D'Alelio made seven, and the only

question before the tense Bridge-O-Rama audience that was witnessing the replay of the hand was whether the Australian North-South pair, Roelof Smilde and Tim Seres, would bid six or seven.

The first 12 hands in the 20-board match had resulted in a dead tie, each team having scored 12 International Match Points. Board No. 13 seemed destined to produce a breakthrough for the Australians.

Smilde and Seres did not disappoint their followers. They got to seven spades after a complex auction that included a forcing opening club bid by North, a positive response, an asking bid (four hearts) and a series of Blackwood bids inquiring about aces, kings and queens:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♣	Pass
7♣	Pass	6NT	Pass

Seres had no trouble making the grand slam, and Australia gained 1,500 points to pull ahead in the match, 29 IMPs to 12. The Aussies then went on to beat their more famous opponents 49 to 26, and eventually finished fifth overall. The Italians, as usual in those days, finished first.

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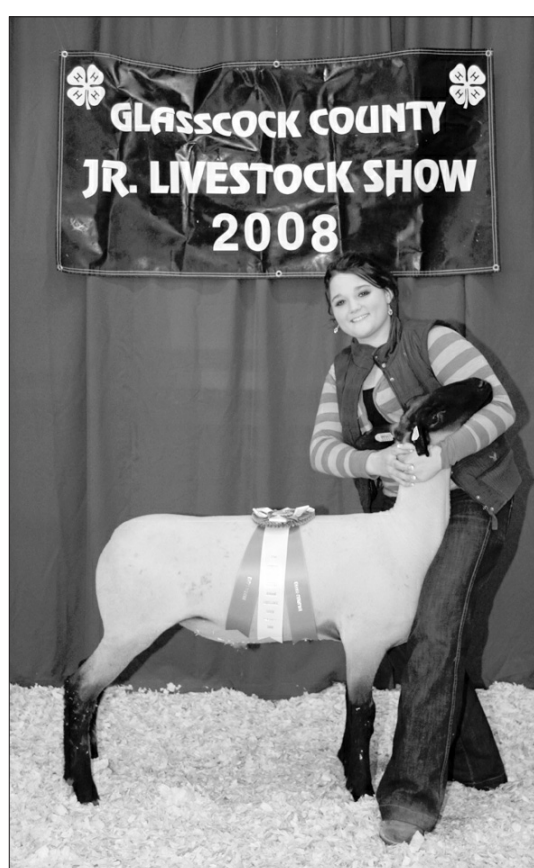


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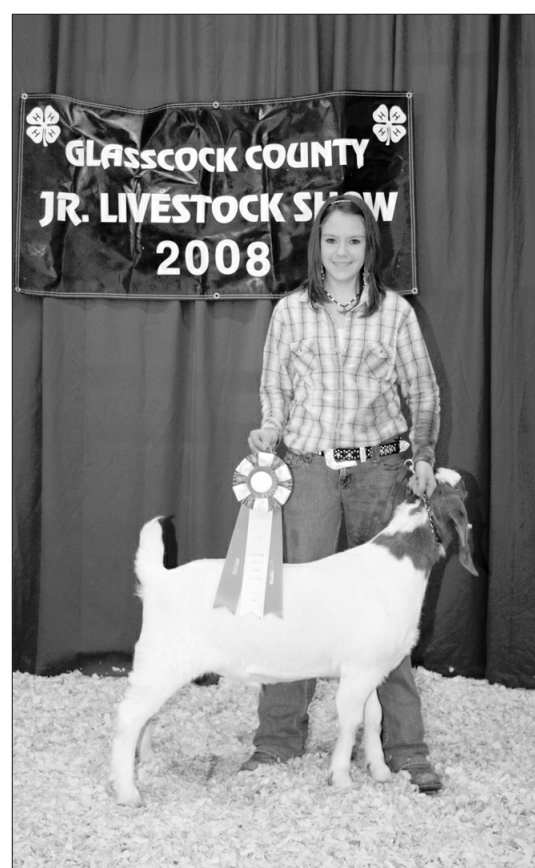


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Man with shotgun arrested near U.S. Capitol, no injuries reported

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police arrested a man carrying a shotgun outside the Capitol Friday, authorities said.

The man, who was not immediately identified, was in custody and no one was injured, U.S. Capitol police spokeswoman Sgt. Kimberly Schneider said.

An officer first spotted the man near Union Station, about two blocks from the Capitol. The man's vehicle had "items of concern" inside and was searched, Schneider said.

Police used a robotic camera to see inside the vehicle but could not determine what the items were, Schneider said.

Authorities were evacuating parts of a nearby building as a precaution so they could use a powerful water hose to destroy the vehicle.

Iraqi troops clash with members of Shiite cult in southern Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — Violence left nearly 50 people dead in two major southern cities Friday when members of a shadowy, messianic cult attacked police and fellow Shiite worshippers — a year after a similar plot was foiled during Shiite Islam's most important holiday.

Iraqi authorities said at least 36 people were reported killed in Basra, Iraq's second largest city, and at least 10 in Nasiriyah, where witnesses said U.S.-led coalition jet fighters and helicopter gunships targeted a police station seized by cult gunmen.

U.S. military spokesman Maj. Brad Leighton said an Iraqi request for air support in the area was approved, but he could not confirm whether airstrikes were carried out. Some clashes raged into the night, raising the possibility of more casualties.

The assaults were launched as hundreds of thousands of Shiites observed the Ashoura holiday by marching, singing and beating their chests to honor the martyrdom of their most beloved saint. Followers of the cult — the Soldiers of Heaven — seek to speed the return of another Shiite figure known as a "Hidden Imam," who believers say will bring justice to the world.

A series of recent high-profile attacks is eroding the security gains of the previous six months, when violence dropped across much of the country. The main insurgent group, al-Qaida in Iraq, has carried out many of the

attacks against fellow Sunnis who have turned against it. But insurgents also struck with deadly suicide blasts this week against Shiites observing Ashoura.

Israel closes Gaza crossings, pounds Hamas targets in bid to halt rocket attacks

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel sought to put an end to a surge in rocket attacks from Gaza, sending its air force Friday against a symbol of Hamas power in the heart of Gaza City and simultaneously choking off shipments of fuel and food across its border with the strip.

An Israeli warplane attacked the downtown offices of the Palestinian Interior Ministry, flattening one wing of the empty building, killing a woman at a wedding party next door and wounding at least 46 other civilians, some of them children playing soccer in the street, hospital staff and witnesses said.

"It was more like an earthquake ... smoke covered the area for a few minutes, we didn't know what was hit at first," said resident Yehia Rabbah.

The attack was the first on a ministry building since Hamas seized control of Gaza last June.

George Clooney appointed as a UN 'messenger of peace'

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon designated George Clooney as a U.N. "messenger of peace" Friday to promote the world body's activities, especially in its far-flung peacekeeping missions.

The 46-year-old actor has been campaigning for an end to the 4 1/2-year war in Darfur and for humanitarian aid for the millions caught up in the conflict. He will become the ninth U.N. peace envoy.


While many U.N. agencies have goodwill ambassadors to promote activities ranging from helping children and refugees to promoting human rights, "messengers of peace" are selected by the secretary-general to promote the broader work of the United Nations.

U.N. spokeswoman Michele Montas said Clooney was recognized "for focusing public attention on crucial international political and social issues."


As a messenger of peace, he will have "a special focus on United Nations peacekeeping," Montas said.

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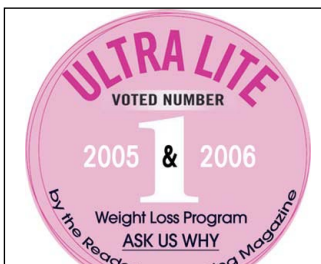
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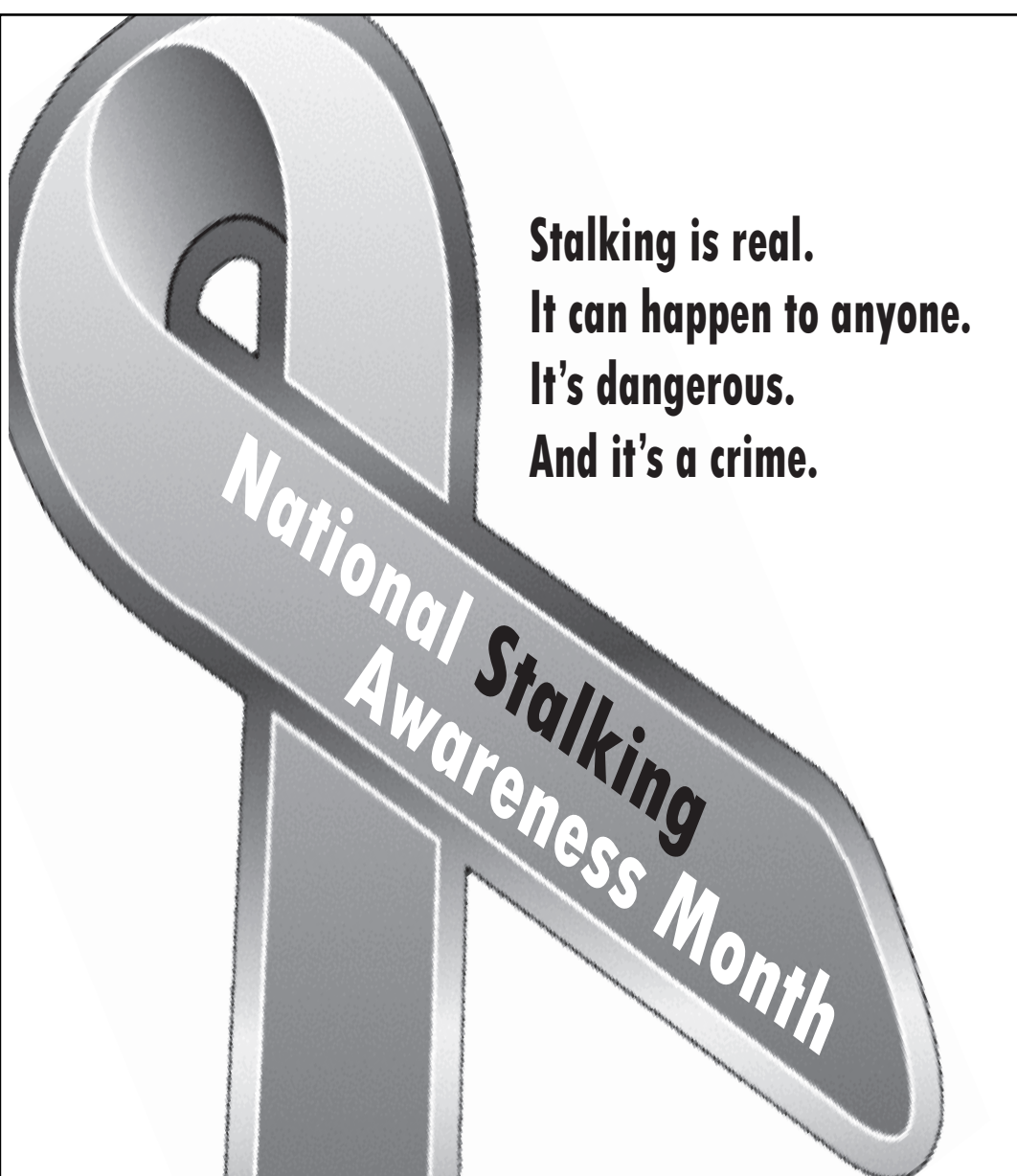
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Stanton falls short against No. 15 Haskell

Herald Staff Report

STANTON — Stanton's Buffaloes showed No. 15 Haskell they weren't impressed by the state ranking Friday, giving the Bearcats all they could handle.

Unfortunately, it wasn't quite enough and Haskell avoided its second loss of the season, defeating Stanton, 51-48.

Stanton was tied with the Bearcats as late as the fine two minutes of regulation and was within 2 points, 50-48, with just seven seconds remaining. However, the Buffs were called for an intentional foul.

Haskell made one of two at the charity stripe and also received another possession due to the nature of the foul, allowing the Bearcats to run the clock out.

Haskell's ability to get to the free throw line was key in the win.

The Bearcats sank 16 of 29 attempts, while Stanton made it to the charity stripe a mere eight times, making five.

Haskell's only loss of the season came to Coahoma. Stanton slips to 4-3 in conference play, but remains in solid position for the third playoff spot in the district.

Garrett Fulton had 15 points to lead the Buffs and Chase Pinkerton chipped in 10, including two 3-pointers.

The Buffs travel to take on Colorado City at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Haskell 9 19 10 13-51
Stanton 10 15 12 11-48

Haskell (21-1, 6-1): Agrez 3, English 10, Rutkowski 7, Adams 20, McColloch 11.

Stanton (13-8, 4-3): Garrett Fulton 15, David Erives 9, Tyler Fulton 4, Justin Hinojosa 2, Chase Pinkerton 10, Adam Evans 8.

Haskell 44, Lady Buffs 23

The Lady Buffaloes of Stanton struggled to get their offense rolling for most of the night and when they finally figure it out, it was too little, too late.

Haskell's Lady Bearcats held Stanton to just 10 points in the first three periods, while putting up 38 points of their own.

Stanton had nine players register points, however, the leading scorer was Rachel Fleckenstein with six.

Haskell 14 9 15 6-44
Stanton 3 3 4 13-23

Haskell: Bassett 2, Thane 2, Adams 2, Rutkowski 5, Wallace 2, Reed 4, Newton 11, Torres 4, Rogers 2, Peiser 6, Johnson 4.

Stanton (8-15, 1-8): Ruby Salazar 3, Laci Luna 2, Naomi Delao 2, Amber Beasley 1, Rachel Fleckenstein 6, Adrian Carrasco 2, Krista Sanchez 3, Nino Buzzell 2, Michelle Barrera.

Garden City 50, Sterling City 29

STERLING CITY — Friday night's game against Sterling City played out similarly to how Garden City's season has gone — with a strong finish.

The Bearcats entered the district season 9-7, but improved to a perfect 4-0 in league play with the 21-point victory over

Sterling City.

The Eagles actually led at halftime, 23-21, but managed a mere six points in the second half. Garden City came out of the locker room hot, scoring 11 in the third period and blistering Sterling City for 17 points in the final stanza.

Wade Jansa was the game's only double digit scorer with 11 points.

The No. 19 Bearcats try to keep their perfect district season alive Tuesday with a visit to Bronte.

Garden City 13 9 11 17-50
Sterling City 12 11 2 4-29

Garden City (13-7, 4-0): Wade Jansa 11, Jake Schwartz 8, Bo Eggemeyer 7, Cole Schwartz 6, Brett Chudej 6, Eric Hirt 5, Michael Clarke 4, Jessie Montez 2, Nick Sanchez 1.

Sterling City: Orosco 9, Rawles 8, Gibson 6, Galaviz 4, Munoz 2.

Lady Bearcats 50, Sterling City 26

The No. 16 Lady Bearcats held Sterling City from scoring in double digits in every period, while they scored at least 10 in each stanza.

Garden City held an 11-point advantage after the first quarter and gradually built on that lead throughout the rest of the contest, eventually winning by 24.

Brittney Chudej scored a game-high 14 points and Whitney Kellermeier added 12. Eight Lady Bearcats registered points in the game.

The win takes Garden City to



Courtesy photo/James Schwartz

Garden City's Morgan Schwartz attempts to shoot over a Sterling City Lady Eagles defender Friday night in Sterling City. The Lady Bearcats won their fourth district game, 50-26.

4-1 in district play with a visit Bronte Tuesday up next.

Garden City 18 10 12 10-50
Sterling City 7 8 7 4-26
Garden City (18-5, 4-1): Whitney

Kellermeier 12, Melissa Hirt 4, Amy Multer 5, Jordan Avery 2, Brittney Chudej 14, Macy Schwartz 3, Lyza Lopez 2, Morgan Schwartz 8.

Sterling City: Myrick 9, Rodriguez 4, Hodges 3, Musick 4, Wright 6.

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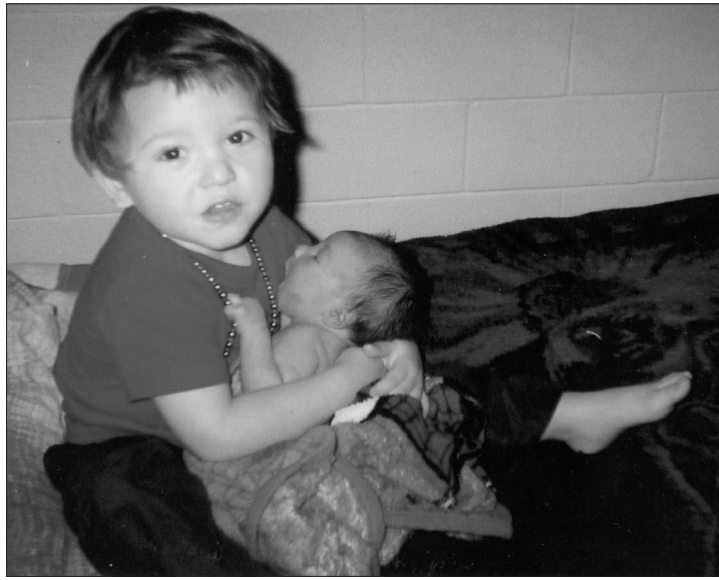
Births

Cloud Ryder Meliton Lee Arriola, a boy, was born at 2:31 p.m. Dec. 30, 2007, weighing 6 pounds, 11.9 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

He is the son of Josh and Misty Arriola of Big Spring. His grandparents are Diana Babcock, Wallace Babcock Jr., the late Meliton Arriola and Rebecca Arriola.

His great-grandparents are Connie Pineda, Eloisa Arriola and Wally Babcock Sr.

Cloud was welcomed home by big brother Phoenix.



Cloud Ryder Meliton Lee Arriola

Isaiah Francisco Rodriguez, a boy, was born at 12:08 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long.

He is the son of Israel and Amber Rodriguez of Big Spring.

His maternal grandmother is Becky King of Lamesa. His paternal grandparents are Ivan and Sylvia Rodriguez of Big Spring.

Isaiah was welcomed home by big sisters Desiree, Mercedes and Lybertee.



Isaiah Francisco Rodriguez

Kennadee Jace Dawson, a girl, was born Jan. 7, 2008, weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Kandace Gard-Dawson and Dr. Tom Dawson.

She is the granddaughter of Jay and Judy Jarmes of Big Spring, Ken and Vicki Gard and Phil and Margie Dawson.

Her great-grandparents are Leo and Carol Gard and Doris Gard.



Kennadee Jace Dawson



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Local attorney Gwen Dunson, with scissors, is joined by Chamber of Commerce officials during ribbon-cutting ceremonies at her offices on Main Street to celebrate her new membership in the local chamber.

ENERGY

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centage point. In addition, employment is reduced by 100 thousand and consumer price inflation increases 5 percent.

• Illustrating the increasing shift in power away from international oil companies (IOC) to nationals (NOC), one of the largest oil field service companies by market value, states that between 2002 and 2006, their revenue from NOC's tripled while revenue from Western oil companies rose a meager 60 percent. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, Western oil companies control only 10 percent of the world's proven oil reserves.

• India said last week that it remains committed to the controversial civilian nuclear deal with the United States despite the government's communist allies opposing it. Nevertheless, Foreign Minister Mukherjee contends "...time is running out" and he is trying to figure out "how we can proceed."

The nuclear deal between Washington and New Delhi was supposed to be the centerpiece of a budding relationship between the two nations. It was the U.S.'s hope that providing India access to American nuclear fuel would help the nation meet some of its growing energy needs.

• During 2006 in India, average oil consumption measured less than one barrel

per person. However, that consumption may dramatically grow now that a \$2,500 auto has been introduced to the market. The car is being touted in the Times of India as "the most cost effective people's car in the history of the automobile."

• Electric cars still face numerous hurdles before commercial production. Currently price and performance remain in question. In addition, battery technology remains insufficient and a charging infrastructure isn't in place.

However, Silicon Valley has become the hotbed for innovation in the electric car industry. Similar to the successes seen there in computers, cell phones and the internet, small, privately held companies are leading the way in electric car technology advancement.

• Russian scientists at the Space Research Institute suggest it is "technically and economically achievable" to put a man on Mars by 2025.

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

Coahoma boys basketball at Hawley, 8 p.m.

Hawk Buddies night at Monday's HC basketball game

The Howard College women's basketball team will honor its Hawk Buddies at half-time of its game against Clarendon College at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Game time is set for 5:30 p.m.

Immediately following the game, the women's team will be available to sign autographs and take pictures courtside.

For more information, contact Head Coach Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Assistant Coach Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

Free junior tennis league playing every Wednesday

A free junior tennis league will take place every Wednesday for several weeks from 4:45 to 5:45 beginning tomorrow.

Boys and girls of any skill level between ages 8-12 are welcome to attend. The league is being conducted by Big Spring tennis instructor Ted Oleson.

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Howard College presenting the Harlem Starz

The Howard College athletic department will present the Harlem Starz at 7:00 p.m. Jan. 29th at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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

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In addition to the game, highlights will include a halftime show, prizes and autographs. For ticket information, contact Howard College at 264-5040.

Bulldogettes rip Stamford

Herald Staff Report

STAMFORD — The sign of a good team is being able to turn a negative into a positive and Friday night the Coahoma Bulldogettes (25-4, 9-0) did just that, taking advantage of a Stamford Lady Bulldogs defense designed to shut down Coahoma's inside game.

So what did the Bulldogettes do, you may ask?

Simple. They put the ball into the hands of their senior guard Janice Gonzales and she responded by hitting five treys, four of which came in the first half, as Coahoma remained perfect in District 5-2A with the 61-33 victory.

"Stamford came in wanting to shut down our inside game and they did that for the most part." Bulldogettes Head Coach Chris Sumrall said. "So that left us some shots from the outside and we were able to hit them."

The Bulldogettes wasted little time showing that they were more than a one-dimensional team, busting out to a 22-8 lead after the first quarter. Gonzales, however, was not the only outside-shooting star of the night. Junior Christie Rich joined in the fun, hitting two three-pointers of her own in the first half on her way to a 17-point night.

The Bulldogettes flexed their defensive muscle in the second half, holding the Lady Bulldogs to a mere 12 points over the final 16 minutes. A lock down that included a third quarter in which Stamford didn't score once.

"I was really proud of our defense all night," Sumrall commented, "especially in the second half. It was one of the better defensive efforts we have had all season."

"But as proud as I am of our defense, I am even more impressed with the way we shot the ball," he continued. "It was like the girls just couldn't

miss." Laci Sterling joined Gonzales and Rich with double figures in scoring, hitting for 15 points.

Coahoma will next be in action at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday night as the Merkel Badgers roll into town.

Coahoma 22 14 13 12—61
Stamford 8 13 0 12—33
Coahoma (23-4, 8-0): Veronica Cortez 3, Laci Sterling 15, Janice Gonzales 17, Hilari White 3, KaySea Spiller 4, Teryn Bibb 1, Christie Rich 17, Heather Sheppard 1.

Stamford: Sorrells 3, McKeever 2, Shane 8, C. Nauert 9, Ch. Nauert 3, Pearson 2, Spicer 2, Locke 2, McDonald 2.

Bulldogs 47, Stamford 26

Not to be outdone, the Coahoma Bulldogs wanted to post a performance similar to the Bulldogettes' shutout in the third period.

Unfortunately for the Bulldogs — but more so for Stamford — their opponent found their way to the free throw line in the third stanza and was able to knock down one of the charity shots, preventing Coahoma from pitching a shut out in the quarter.

However, the 17-1 third-period advantage was all Coahoma needed to put the game away. Leading 20-14 at intermission, Coahoma came out of the locker room with more energy than the Bulldogs of Stamford.

From there, Coahoma coasted to the 21-point victory, remaining undefeated thus far in District 5-2A play.

Colter Morgan dominated the inside, scoring a game-high 18 points. Matthew Tatum complimented Morgan with 10 points.

Coahoma attempts to stay undefeated Tuesday when Merkel pays a visit to Bulldog Gym.

Coahoma 11 9 17 10—47
Stamford 10 4 1 11—26

Coahoma (16-4, 7-0): Mikey Mendoza 2, Josh Paniagua 4, Josh Jones 1, Ray Gutierrez 4, Colter Morgan 18, Matthew Tatum 10, Jovi Paniagua 8.

Stamford: Garcia 4, Bailey 2, Maestas 2, Naeurt 5, Richards 13.

Bufs pick up first district win

Herald Staff Report

Just three days after dropping their district opener to Roscoe, the Forsan Buffaloes got back on track, easily defeating the Rotan Yellowhammers, 57-31.

But, the lopsided victory took some time to take shape.

Rotan, putting a much smaller lineup on the court, played keep away basketball, frustrating the Bufs for the first half of play.

After taking a 16-8 lead in the first quarter, the Bufs were forced to spread out their normally tight zone defense, allowing Rotan to get some easy buckets.

The Yellowhammers closed the gap by halftime, outscoring Forsan 12-9 in the second period and going in at the half down by five, 25-20.

The Bufs apparently made the adjustments

they needed in the locker-room as the torched the Yellowhammers in the second half, 32-11, taking control of the boards and closing down passing lanes against the spread out Rotan offense.

The win takes the Bufs to 1-1 in district play as they get ready to play Hamlin next Tuesday.

Blake Grantham led the Bufs with 16 points and 14 rebounds while Adam Bailey added 14 points and 10 boards.

Forsan 16 9 15 17—57
Rotan 8 12 5 6—31

Forsan: Blake Grantham 16, Adam Bailey 14, Alex Huckabee 9, Jeremy Robbins 7, Nathan Atkerson 3, Cameron Parker 3, Triston Clay 3, Evan Burton 1, Mason Briggs 1.

Rotan: Lee 7, Warren 8, Wells 3, Reese 7, Lucas 4, Reese 2.

Rotan 57, Lady Buffs 36

The Forsan Lady Buffs dropped their second-straight game, losing to the Lady Yellowhammers, 57-36.

Forsan was unable to ever get control of the game as Rotan took advantage of turnovers and good play underneath.

Rotan held an 11-point lead at the half and was able to widen that margin in the third, outscoring the Lady Buffs 9-5 in the period.

Both teams turned it up a notch in the final period, but the Bufs were unable to gain any ground, scoring 14 points in the quarter.


Amanda Longorio led the Lady Buffs with 12 points and Tori Gauer added seven points.

Forsan will hit the hardwood again Tuesday against Hamlin.

Forsan 7 11 4 14—36
Rotan 16 13 9 19—57

Forsan: Amanda Longorio 12, Tori Gauer 7, Shelbi McDonald 2, Miranda Park 2, Faith Belew 5, Sandi Golleher 4, Charlene Stanley 4.


Rotan: Williams 3, Price 4, Speck 15, Ethredge 23, Thornton 12.



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