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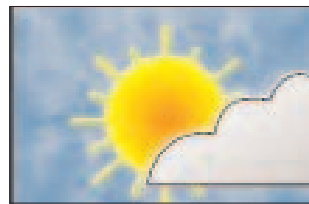
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Four Chaplains service set Monday

A history of the Four Chaplains can be found on Page 9A.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Veterans of the U.S. armed forces who died during the pre-

vious year will be honored Monday morning during the Four Chaplains Memorial Service at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

The memorial service — which is named after four U.S. Army chaplains who sacrificed their lives to save others when the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was

sunk by a German U-boat in 1943 — will get under way at 11 a.m. in Room 219 at the VAMC, according to VA Chaplain Dan Shadix.

"During World War II, four Army chaplains — George Fox, Alexander Goode, Clark Poling and John Washington — went down with the U.S.A.T.

Dorchester," said Shadix. "These four men, all of different faiths, gave up their life preservers and stayed behind on the sinking ship to help comfort the men and women onboard. Although all four of them were from different faiths, that didn't matter at that moment. They worked together

to help people, and that's such an important thing to remember."

The four chaplains were posthumously honored with the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart, and VA hospitals across the country use

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SWCID has new provost

Mark J. Myers to take over Aug. 14

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf has finally got its man.

Mark J. Myers, director of deaf instruction at Northwestern Connecticut Community College, was named SWCID Provost Friday afternoon.

Myers succeeds Ron Brasel, who resigned in August after 21 years as provost at SWCID, the largest community college for deaf students in the United States.

"We are thrilled to have Mark join us as part of the SWCID/Howard College team," HC President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said in a statement.

"He brings with him the skills and experience that will be a perfect fit for this campus and this community."

Myers has more than 18 years of management and supervisory experience in the community-technical colleges system, in private non-profit and governmental agencies in the field of higher educa-

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Dharma Jo Campos arranges boxes of Girl Scout cookies at a stand in front of Medicine Center Pharmacy on Gregg Street Saturday morning. Girl Scouts throughout Big Spring and the Permian Basin have begun their annual cookie sale, which benefits both district and local chapters.

'Evening of Dvorak'

Tribute to outstanding musical immigrant

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**

Managing Editor

One of America's greatest musical immigrants will be celebrated in the third subscription concert of the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's 2007-2008 concert season scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, located at the corner of East Third and Nolan streets.

Titled "An Evening of Dvorak," the concert will feature the music of Antonin Dvorak.

This year's concert season has been dubbed "The Big Spring Symphony in Balance," and Dr. Keith Graumann, the symphony's music director and conductor, says this third concert of the season will be in keeping with that theme by celebrating the music of the great immigrant composer.

Included in the performance will be Symphony No. 9 "From the New World," Slavonic Dance, Op. 46, No. 8, and the Cello Concerto in B minor with guest artist

What: Big Spring Symphony presents 'An Evening of Dvorak.'



Graumann

Where: Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9.

Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, \$5 for students. Available at various locations, including the chamber and the Herald.

Jeffrey Lastrapes.

Graumann said the orchestra will begin the evening with the final dance of the first series of Dvorak's Slavonic Dances.

"The Slavonic Dances are inspired by folk song and written as a type of

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Voter registration deadline nears

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Last chance.

That's the warning from Howard County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom, as her office prepares to close the books on voter registration for the March primaries Monday at 5 p.m.

"Monday is the last day to register to vote, or to make any changes to your registra-



Bloom

tion if you've moved since you last voted," said Bloom. "We're encouraging everyone to check and make sure they have received their voter registration certificate. "If you didn't receive your renewal certificate in the

mail, you need to check with the elections office to verify your voting status."

Bloom said early voting in the Republican and Democratic primaries is set to begin Feb. 19 and continue through Feb. 29 at the Howard County Courthouse.

"The early voting polls will be located in the elections office, which is on the third floor of the courthouse," said

Bloom. "They will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday."

"We'll have extended-hour voting Feb. 26 and 28, when the polls will be open until 7 p.m. We've had a lot of success with these hours in the past because a lot of people have to work until after 5 p.m., and don't have the

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

District play for most girls basketball squads ends Feb. 5.

TUESDAY

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

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

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

Forsan boys basketball at Hamlin, 8 p.m.

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

Coahoma boys basketball at Anson, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

Coahoma boys basketball at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.

FEB. 12

Coahoma boys basketball vs. Stamford, 7:30 p.m.

Big Spring Tennis Boosters meeting Monday at ATC

The Big Spring High School Tennis Booster Club is meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Big Spring tennis players from the junior high to the high school are encouraged to attend.

Big Spring QB Club electing officers Feb. 11 at ATC

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club is holding a meeting to elect new officers for the 2008 football season at 6 p.m. Monday Feb. 11 at the Athletic Training Center.

Any parent of a child planning to play football in the seventh through 12th grades are invited to attend.

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

BSHS Baseball Booster Club meeting Feb. 11

The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club is meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday Feb. 11 at the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of high school baseball players are encouraged to attend.

Contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685 with any questions.

Steers fall to No. 13 Lubbock Estacado

Herald Staff Reports

LUBBOCK — No more chances. Big Spring's Steers just missed out on their last chance to have an outside shot at making the playoffs Friday night, falling to the ninth-ranked Lubbock Estacado Matadors, 66-56, in Lubbock.

The Matadors used a 23-11 second period advantage to put just enough distance between themselves and the Steers, making a Big Spring comeback bid an steep uphill climb.

Most importantly for the Matadors, they kept Big Spring's leading scorer Jason Walker in check, allowing him to put in just eight points — Walker's lowest point total of the season.

"They were focused on stopping Jason," Morris said. "They put their best defender on him and shifted guys toward him. They didn't want Jason getting loose on them."

Big Spring opened the game with a 9-0 run, but Estacado quickly erased that deficit and trailed by just two after the first period, 18-16. Then the Matadors caught fire and scored on a barrage of 3-point field goals. They ended the night with 10 made shots from behind the arc.

"We tried to play zone and man-to-man defenses against them and they were finding a way to get open looks at threes against both sets," said Morris. "They did a good job of swinging

around our zone and got some penetration and kick outs against the man."

Estacado was led by all-state senior Al Duvall, who scored 21 points, including four 3-pointers. Jamar Johnson complimented Duvall with 17 points.

Terrance Clemson led the Steers with 18 points and Lance Gross added 12, including two 3-pointers.

Had Big Spring won Friday and then finished out the regular season with victories at home against San Angelo Lake View and Plainview, then an outside shot at the third playoff spot from District 4-4A would have still existed. Unfortunately, with this loss, those chances are now extinct.

"We want to go out winning," Morris said. "The players have a lot of heart and aren't going to quit playing. We know that everybody can't go to the playoffs. It's unfortunately that we can't make it, but we want to pick up a couple of wins before the season ends."

Big Spring hosts Lake View Tuesday night at Steer Gym.

Big Spring 18 11 18 9—56
Estacado 16 23 14 13—66

Big Spring (10-17, 0-6): Terrance Clemons 18, Lance Gross 12, Jerrell Williams 6, Hayden Phillips 4, Jason Walker 8, Tyrone Clemons 2, Matt Ritchey 4, Sydney Parker 2.
Estacado (24-3, 6-0): Waggner 8, Perry 9, Jamar Johnson 17, Willard 7, Al Duvall 21, Williams 2, Rosemond 2.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton
Big Spring Steers post Hayden Phillips shoots for two points in the Steers' 66-56 loss to Lubbock Estacado in Lubbock Friday night.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Coahoma's Matthew Tatum dribbles away from a Haskell defender Friday night in Haskell. The Bulldogs lost to the Indians, 60-46.

Haskell takes District 5-2A advantage from Bulldogs

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Herald Sports Editor

HASKELL — There wasn't a bigger marquee high school basketball matchup within West Texas — and perhaps the entire state — than Class 2A's eighth ranked Coahoma Bulldogs paying a visit to the ninth-ranked Haskell Indians.

The Haskell locals packed the gymnasium on the high school campus, anticipating a great showdown that could ultimately decide the winner of District 5-2A with both squads entering the game with an 8-1 league record.

Advantage Haskell. The Indians played a physical brand of basketball and pestered Coahoma for a full-court pressure defense, earning a 60-46 victory. The win avenges Haskell's only blemish — a 48-46 loss in Coahoma — on their season.

"Going in, I thought being physical would have been to our advantage. It was a very leniently called game, but it went both ways," Bulldogs Head Coach Kim Nichols said. "They caused a lot

of turnovers with their press and had an answer every time we started to make a run. That's what a good basketball team does."

Haskell led by double digits for a majority of the game, but had to withstand some key Coahoma runs in order to hold the Bulldogs off.

Coahoma's trailed by 11, 31-20, at halftime and fell behind by as many as 17 points early in the third period. However, a 9-0 Coahoma run trimmed the deficit to 8 with 4:30 left in the third.

Unfortunately, a theme for the night started to develop as Haskell's John English nailed a three to keep Coahoma from picking up any momentum. English essentially proved the ball was going to bounce in the Indians' favor the rest of the night by draining a half-court prayer as the buzzer sounded to end the third period.

"You can't lose English. He's a great shooter and you have to

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Bufs on verge of title, Lady Bufs fighting for playoffs

By **JEFF LANE**

Special to the Herald

The Forsan Buffaloes varsity boys team moved one step closer to a district title Friday night, defeating the Rotan Yellowhammers, 63-24.

The outcome was never in doubt as the Bufs stepped onto the court on fire, outscoring Rotan 22-3 in the opening period.

Adam Bailey scored 12 of his game-high 18 points in the first half as the Bufs closed out the second quarter with a 24-0 run opening up a 39-point lead at halftime, 44-5.

"I was real pleased with how the guys handled the game tonight," said Bufs Head Coach Terry McDonald. "It was a completely different game than the other night at Roscoe where it was close to the end. I thought it was good how they were able to maintain focus and just take care of business."

Forsan went deep in their bench in the second half as the teams played to an even 19 points apiece as the Bufs' reserves

were able to preserve the big win.

The Bufs sit in a tie for first place within the district with Roscoe and, if both teams win out, will have to play a one-game playoff to decide the league champion.

Cameron Parker and Jeremy Robbins each added eight points in the win and Robbins collected eight rebounds. Blake Grantham finished with seven points while grabbing seven boards.

Brandtly Kelly led Rotan with 17 points, connecting on five 3-pointers.

Forsan 22 22 5 14—63
Rotan 3 2 7 12—24

Forsan: Blake Grantham 7, Cameron Parker 8, Adam Bailey 18, Jeremy Robbins 8, Alex Huckabee 5, Nathan Atkinson 4, Clint Hobbs 5, Evan Burton 3, Jace Sandridge 5.
Rotan: Kelly 17, Wells 4, Lucas 3

Lady Bufs 54,
Rotan 46

Amanda Longorio scored 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, leading the Lady Bufs over

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Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback
Forsan's Jeremy Robbins looks to pass as he runs up the court in the Buffaloes' 63-24 victory over Rotan's Yellowhammers Friday night in Forsan.

BATTER, BATTER, GRILL! SWING INTO GRILLING SEASON

Baseball great Ozzie Smith and champion pitmaster Chris Lilly offer home run tips and recipes

FAMILY FEATURES

Baseball players aren't the only ones who benefit from spring training — grilling enthusiasts can, too. Many people neglect their grills during the winter. But, as the days begin to get longer again and daylight saving time allows for more fun in the sun, it's time to swing into grilling season. In fact, the extra hour of daylight means more practice time for baseball players and grilling gurus alike. It's never too early to light up some charcoal and share game-winning moments with friends and family while enjoying great food.

World champion shortstop Ozzie Smith believes that even seasoned players need a little pre-season warm-up. Nearly as passionate about charcoal grilling as he is about baseball, Smith said, "I tend to grill year round, but when the teams head to camp, I know it's time to step up my game. Many people wait until summer to grill, which is a shame because, as in all sports, practice makes perfect."

While nationally renowned pitmaster Chris Lilly hardly needs more practice behind a grill, he holds a special fondness for springtime grilling.

"Nothing signals the coming of warm weather and says 'slow down and grill' quite like the unmistakable aroma of the ballpark or the first charcoal cookout of the season," said Lilly. "If you can combine the two experiences — whether tailgating at the stadium or firing up the grill and inviting friends over to watch the game — that's even better."

These tips and recipes from Smith and Lilly will help grilling enthusiasts hit their next gathering out of the park.

LEAD OFF THE GRILLING SEASON WITH THESE SMART PLAYS

Practice Makes Perfect: Your grill may be a little rusty from the off-season, so before you begin grilling, make sure it's in good shape. Scrub the grate with a long-handled, stiff wire grill brush to remove any residual food. Always discard any residual ashes from the grill before cooking. A thick layer of ashes will act as insulation, affecting the distribution of heat and air circulation.

Score a Double Play: Amp up the flavor of your grilling experience by using new Kingsford charcoal with Hickory. The flavors add just the right touch of sweet and hearty flavor to all types of food, adding a new element to the delicious smells that are part of the stadium experience.

Don't Interfere: Turning food too often during grilling forces moisture out of it. Instead, let food brown before turning it to develop a flavorful crust, the signature of great grilling. When it's time to flip, use tongs or a spatula in place of forks that pierce food and release juices.

Strike 'em Out: Marinate your meat before grilling to fight sudden flare-ups and apply sauces, such as KC Masterpiece Barbecue Sauce, to meats once they have cooked a while on the grill rather than before you start. You'll still taste the delicious flavor without risking a burst of flames.

True fans can take baseball tailgating to the next level by creating a game-day menu featuring recipes that incorporate the flavors and ingredients of your team's hometown. For more grilling tips and recipes, visit www.MealsTogether.com.



Grilled Pork Chops With Apple-Cranberry Glaze

Created by champion pitmaster Chris Lilly.

Makes: 6 servings
Prep time: 15 minutes,
plus 12 to 24 hours for brine
Cook time: 16 minutes

6 bone-in pork chops or boneless loin chops (1 inch thick)

Brine

- 2 cups water
- 2 cups apple cider
- 2 1/2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon cracked black pepper
- 1/2 tablespoon thyme leaves (dry spice)
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic (dry spice)
- 6 allspice berries (dry spice)
- 1/2 bay leaf

Sauce

- 2 tablespoons spicy brown mustard
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 cup cranberry sauce
- 1/2 cup apple sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/16 teaspoon red pepper

Mix brine ingredients and stir well. Place chops and brine in Glad Food Storage Bag and refrigerate 12 to 24 hours.

In small pan, add sauce ingredients and mix well. Heat until warm. Reserve 1/2 cup sauce for plating. Build charcoal fire for direct grilling. Grill chops directly over Kingsford charcoal (approximately 450°F) for 8 minutes on each side. During the last 3 minutes of cooking, baste both sides of chops well with sauce. Internal temperature of chops should reach 150° to 155°F prior to removing from grill.

Drizzle reserve sauce over chops when serving or serve warm on the side.



Shortstop Shrimp Stack

Created by world champion shortstop Ozzie Smith.

Makes: 4 servings
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 3 to 6 minutes per skewer

1 pound extra large shrimp (21 to 25), peeled and deveined

Marinade

- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro (about half of a bunch)
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

1 teaspoon minced garlic
8 bamboo or metal skewers

Assemble marinade ingredients in large Glad Food Storage Bag, seal and toss to mix. Add shrimp and toss to coat. Marinate shrimp 30 minutes.

If using bamboo skewers, soak them in water while shrimp is marinating to prevent them from burning on the grill. When shrimp are finished marinating, spear three shrimp per skewer. Discard remaining marinade.

Grill shrimp on outer edges of the grill over Kingsford charcoal (approximately 400°F) for 2 to 3 minutes on one side and 1 to 2 minutes on other side. Serve on the skewer or remove shrimp from skewer and serve on a platter.

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Obituaries

Judge Joe Bruce Cunningham



Judge Joe Bruce Cunningham, 79, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, in Fort Worth surrounded by his loving family. The funeral is scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth, located at 800 W. 5th St. Interment will follow at Greenwood Memorial Park, located at 3100 White Settlement Rd.

Honorary pallbearers will be Joseph W. Brodeur, Fred C. Chandler, Earldean M. Collins, J. Alan Davis, Lawton G. Gambill, Kenneth Garrett Jr., Robert K. German, Stanley Graner, Leland A. Hodges Jr., Byron L. Keil, Edgar H. Keltner, James B. Kilpatrick, Robert T. Martin, Vernon C. Mayfield, Kleber C. Miller, Silas B. Ragsdale, John M. Richardson, Thomas B. Romine, V. George Runnion, James H. Russell, Frank H. Sherwood, Marc B. Smith, Sterling W. Steves, and Edwin H. Winton.

Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday at Thompson's Harveson & Cole Funeral Home. Memorials should be made to First Methodist Church of Fort Worth Foundation Inc., 750 West Fifth St., Fort Worth 76102, or a charity of your choice.

Joe Bruce was born Aug. 17, 1928, in Big Spring. He was the middle son of Iris Pearl Phillips and Grover B. Cunningham Sr. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1945 and entered The University of Texas at Austin.

While at The University, Joe Bruce was active in Delta Tau Delta fraternity, holding several offices in the fraternity, was treasurer and foreman of the Texas Cowboys and was a member of the Friars, the highest honorary society at The University. He was honored as a Goodfellow and as an Outstanding Student in the Cactus yearbook.

While in law school, Joe Bruce was elected to the Phi Delta Phi Honorary law fraternity and was a member of the Law Grievances Committee. The University awarded him the Mike Flynn Award for Citizenship, the highest individual award given at The University to the outstanding male student who demonstrated exemplary character, integrity and leadership ability.

He graduated in 1949 with a B.B.A. and in 1951 with a J.D. law degree. It was at The University that he met Beverly Smyth Cunningham from Houston and they married in June 1952.

Joe Bruce joined the Air Force, and, as a lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General's division (JAG), was sent to Korea for a year and discharged as a captain. In 1953, he returned home to accept a position as a briefing attorney for three judges on the Texas Supreme Court in Austin. In 1954, he and Beverly moved to Fort Worth to join the law firm that later became Hudson, Keltner, Smith and Cunningham, where he devoted 30 years to the practice of civil trial law.

In 1983, Joe Bruce was appointed to the newly created 342nd District Court and served there until 1992. He helped streamline the jury system at the courthouse. From 1993 until his retirement, Judge Cunningham devoted his talents to dispute resolution.

Judge Cunningham was president of the Tarrant County Young Lawyers' Association, the Tarrant County Bar Association and chairman of the board of the Texas Young Lawyers' Association. He was a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and an advocate with the American Board of Trial Advocates. He served on the Supreme Court of Texas Advisory Committee on Rules.

Joe Bruce was also very active in the community of Fort Worth. He was active in First United Methodist Church, serving on the board and many committees.

He was elected to the Fort Worth City Council in 1973, serving two terms until 1977. Joe Bruce served as president of the Downtown Kiwanis Club and president of Family Services. He also served as chairman of the Tarrant County Civil Service Commission.

In retirement, Judge Cunningham was very active on the Board of Goodwill Industries of Fort Worth. He was involved in Bible Study Fellowship and in a volunteer reading program for boys at Nash Elementary School.

In 2004, Judge Cunningham married Shirley Pulley Kellerman. Joe Bruce and Shirley enjoyed playing duplicate bridge with his brother Wilbur and his wife, Donnita, of Big Spring via the internet, and playing duplicate bridge with friends in Fort Worth. They also enjoyed spending summers in Ruidoso, N.M.

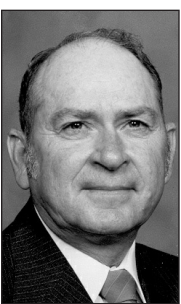
In addition to his parents, Judge Cunningham was preceded in death by his first wife, Beverly Smyth Cunningham, and by his older brother, Grover B. Cunningham Jr.

Survivors include his children, Linda Cunningham Vigness and her husband, Richard, Robert Bruce Cunningham and his wife, Patti, and Susan Cunningham Morris and her husband, John; grandchildren, Jennifer Anne Vigness, Mary Katherine Vigness, Timothy Mark Cunningham, Theresa Nell Cunningham, Christopher John Morris, and Courtney Elizabeth Morris; wife, Shirley Rose Cunningham; her children, Shellie Kellerman and her children, Luke and Gabriel, Scott Kellerman, his wife, Marian, and their children, Austin and his wife, Laura, and Chris; step-great-grandsons, Jake and Brayden; brother, Wilbur Paul Cunningham and his wife, Donnita; and niece, Cheri Cunningham Collins.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Thompson's Harveson & Cole Funeral Home and Crematory of Fort Worth.

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Bill A. Milliken



Bill A. Milliken, 76, of Coahoma, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2008, in a Big Spring hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Wes Massey, pastor of First Baptist Church of Coahoma, and the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Big Spring, officiating. Interment will follow at the Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born Aug. 14, 1931, in Lamesa and married Lee York March 30, 1951, in Big Spring.

Bill was employed by Fina Oil and Chemical Company and retired in 1986 after 27 years of service. He also built many homes in the Coahoma area, owned a farm in Midland County for many years and was an avid Coahoma Bulldog fan.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma where he served as a deacon, Sunday school director and Sunday school teacher for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Lee; a daughter, Arlene White and husband, Guy of Coahoma; two sons, Mark Milliken and wife, Bridget of Bastrop and Brad Milliken and wife, Chantal of Midland; six grandchildren, Jason Milliken and wife, Lisa of Elgin, Matthew White and wife, Laura of Lubbock, Craig Milliken of New York, N.Y., David White and wife, Lindy of Abilene, Latisha Perry and husband, Chris of Midland and Eric Milliken of New York, N.Y.; a sister, Vera Lee Hunter and husband, Kenneth of Marble Falls; three sisters-in-law, Clara York of Coahoma, Freda Greenfield of McAllen and Patricia Cengiz of Georgetown; a brother-in-law, Louis Rees of Westbrook; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Edna Laura Milliken; two brothers, Russell Milliken and Robert Milliken; and three sisters, Vaurine Smith, Valiere Rees and Verlynn King.

Pallbearers will be grandsons Jason Milliken, Matthew White, Craig Milliken, David White, Eric Milliken and his granddaughter's husband, Chris Perry.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Building Fund of First Baptist Church of Coahoma, P.O. Box 376, Coahoma 79511, or to a favorite charity.

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

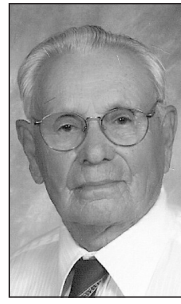
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Susana Moreno

Susana Moreno, 62, of Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2008, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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Henry Mexia Jr. w/photo



Longtime Big Spring resident Henry Mexia Jr. died in Arlington Jan. 30, 2008. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, at St. Jerome Catholic Church in Waco with the Rev. Don Loftin officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation with family will be Sunday, Feb. 3, at Connally/Compton Funeral Directors from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with Rosary recited at 5 p.m.

Henry was born Feb. 23, 1921, the son of Genaro and Augustina Mejia in Sherman. He graduated from Sherman High School, and later served in the U.S. Army, stationed in the Aleutian Islands during World War II. While in the service, he met and married Louise Perez on Nov. 1, 1945. Their marriage of 62 years served as an example of their love and devotion, not only to each other, but to their family.

An electrician by trade, he later was employed by the U.S. Civil Service, assigned to Perrin AFB near Sherman, and later transferred to Big Spring in 1971, where he retired and then pursued his passion for golf. A regular player at Comanche Trail, he met and enjoyed the friendship of many men and many rounds of golf. His time spent on the course, and conversa-

tions with his friends, revealed that he was an honest, and true friend. He always found time to lend a helping hand when needed, and somehow managed to work in those "help others chores" at times that would still allow him to keep his "tee time." His acts of generosity were only known to those he helped and to the Lord above. He was also a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife Louise; son, Louis and wife Laura of Hewit; daughter, Lucille Rogers of Arlington; daughter, Christine Scott and husband Bill of Astoria, Ore.; daughter, Capt. Laura Lewis and husband John of Colorado Springs, Colo; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He held a special place in his heart for his pet, Spanky.

Henry, on the celebration of his 80th birthday, said that he was a wealthy man. His wealth did not lie in money or material things, but the joy and love that he derived from his family. The love for his family will remain forever etched in the hearts and souls of those who knew and loved him. May God grant him eternal peace.

Pallbearers will be Louis Mexia Jr., James Roland, Kyle Rogers, John Lewis, Bill Scott and Marcus Mexia.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101.

Paid obituary

Juanita Mabry

Services for Juanita Mabry, 89, of Lamesa will be held Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with Wayne Smith and Roy Byrd officiating. Burial will be in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

She was born July 19, 1918, in McKinney to Bert and Pearl Noblitt. She married J.D. "Cotton" Mabry on Dec. 6, 1940. He preceded her in death in 1999. She was also preceded in death by an infant son, Robert Marion Mabry, and a brother, Bill Noblitt.

She was a registered nurse in several states while her husband was in the service during World War II. She was director of nurses at the Abilene State Hospital and school nurse for Dawson County schools and then became the first full-time school nurse for the Lamesa school system. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lamesa for more than 45 years.

She is survived by a son, Jerry and his wife Cathy; two grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Cody Blair Bishop Green

Cody Blair Bishop Green, 28, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2008, in Mississippi. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Omega Smith

Omega Smith, 97, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 1, 2008, in San Angelo. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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FORSAN

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Rotan, 54-46, keeping their playoff hopes alive.

The Lady Buffs need a little help to keep those hopes in the form of the Roscoe Lady Plowgirls, who played Hamlin on Friday. A Roscoe win against the Lady Pipers combined with a Forsan win at Hamlin next Tuesday would cause a log jam at the No. 2 spot in district.

A three-way tie is possible between Forsan, Hamlin and Rotan and will have to be played out in a sort of tournament to be decided on after the regular season ends.

But, first things first says Forsan head coach Robert Hillger.

"We helped ourselves tonight, but we still have work to do," said Hillger. "If we don't take care of things on Tuesday, we have no hope of getting in."

The Lady Buffs hung with the Lady Hammers all night, going with a man-to-man defense that frustrated Rotan.

"We went with a zone last time we played Rotan and got caught standing around too much," Hillger said. "The difference tonight is that we just played. Amanda played huge tonight and really needed a game like that to get her going in district. We pressured hard and had some clutch free throw shooting down the stretch."

Forsan took control after falling behind, 34-28, midway through the third

period. The Lady Buffs went on a 17-4 run that lasted until 3:31 of the final frame. Rotan was able to pull to within one, but another Forsan run of 7-0 put the game out of reach.

Faith Belew hit four free throws in a row to close it out and give the Lady Buffs the victory.

The Lady Buffs had six players score in the game, including 11 points from Sandi Golleher, who also hauled in five rebounds. Tori Gauer netted eight points and collected seven boards.

Forsan 15 9 12 18-54
Rotan 14 12 11 9-46

Forsan: Shelby McDonald 3, Tori Gauer 8, Miranda Park 2, Faith Belew 4, Sandi Golleher 11, Amanda Longorio 27.

Rotan: C. Thornton 9, K. Price 14, S. Martinez 2, S. Speck 13, R. Etheredge 6, K. Smith 2.

Howard opens season with two-game sweep of Barton

By ERIC RODEWALD
Special to the Herald

The Howard College baseball team began the 2008 season with a clean sweep of visiting Barton County Community College from Great Bend, Kan., outscoring their opponents 26-2 in a pair of five-inning contests.

In game one, Howard's Colt Simon, a University of Nebraska commitment, hurled a two-hit shutout in a complete game victory. The left hander recorded five strikeouts in the 10-0 win that was called after the top of the fifth inning because of

the 10-run mercy rule.

"Colt really got us off to a great start in the first inning," Howard Head Coach Britt Smith said. "To retire them 1-2-3 in the top of the first when the wind was blowing out at about 25 miles per hour, Colt did an excellent job of coming in and establishing himself with three straight ground balls."

At the plate, Howard made good use of the West Texas winds blowing out of Jack Barber Field with some big hits to start the game.

"Our offense was clicking as Tommy (Vukovich)

started the game with a big hit and Tyler (Ladendorf) followed with a home run and then we had back-to-back doubles," Smith said.

Ladendorf, regarded as the top junior college player in the state of Texas, had a homerun and a pair of singles to lead the Hawks at the plate.

Game two was another offensive display as Howard won 16-2 in another five-inning game shortened by the 10-run mercy rule.

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COAHOMA

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know where he is," Nichols said.

Coahoma pulled within single digits two more times in the fourth period, but Haskell answered each Bulldog run with a 5-0 spurt of its own.

This marks the second straight road and district loss for the Bulldogs after starting district play 8-0. It's also the 24th consecutive loss for Coahoma on Haskell's home court.

The best Coahoma can do in district now is a tie for first place, but have to hope Haskell loses one of its last two games for it to happen. Most likely, the Bulldogs will enter the playoffs as District 5-2A's No. 2 seed. They travel to Anson

Tuesday, looking to stop this 2-game skid.

"We're going to have practice hard Monday and get our heads up," Nichols said. "We're going to have to make ourselves practice. We're going to want to feel sorry for ourselves. I'm going to want to feel sorry for myself, but we've got to get going again Monday and get after Anson Tuesday."

Coahoma 10 10 12 14-46
Haskell 17 14 14 15-60

Coahoma (18-6, 9-2): Josh Paniagua 4, Colter Morgan 5, Matthew Tatum 10, Jovi Paniagua 10, Cody Sheppard 17.

Haskell (24-1, 10-1): Agraz 4, John English 10, Rutkowski 18, Adams 9, Guzman 5, Rodriguez 2, McCulloch 10.

Bulldogettes 38,
Haskell 21

Perfection is now literally within the reach of Coahoma's Bulldogettes.

The Bulldogettes cruised past

the Haskell Maidens Friday night, remaining perfect in District 5-2A play.

The Maidens opened the game with a 4-1 lead, but Coahoma shut them out for the remainder of the first period and launched into 12-0 run. The Bulldogettes took a double digit lead early in the second period and never allowed Haskell to trim it below 10 points for the rest of the contest.

"I feel pretty good about the performance," Bulldogettes Head Coach Chris Sumrall said. "We had some sickness this week so you never know how that'll effect you. This is a tough place to play. We did a really good job. Haskell's coach has won over 800 games, so you know the guy can coach. We expected a much bigger challenge than what we got at our place."

Coahoma's half court defense and dominant presence inside the lane proved to be more than Haskell was capable of overcoming. However, Haskell at times bothered the Bulldogettes with a full-court pressure defense, especially in the fourth period, when the Maidens converted several Coahoma turnovers into 10 points.

"They did some stuff to us that we needed to see tonight with their pressure defense," Sumrall said. "I was pleased with how we handled it. It gave us a little bit of a problem. It just gives us something work on before the playoffs."

Laci Sterling led the Bulldogettes with a game-high 15 points and Heather Sheppard added 12.

Coahoma has wrapped up the district title and first-round bye in the Class 2A playoffs, howev-

er, Sumrall notes the Bulldogettes are now shamelessly in pursuit of the perfect district record.

"We want to be 14-0," Sumrall said. "We don't want to leave any doubt about deserving the district championship."

The Bulldogettes get their shot at perfection Tuesday, when they travel to take on Anson.

Coahoma 13 9 8 8-38
Haskell 4 4 3 10-21

Coahoma (27-4, 13-0): Laci Sterling 15, Janice Gonzales 5, Christie Rich 6, Heather Sheppard 12

Haskell: Ashton Rutkowski 1, Hanna Wallace 8, Hope Reid 10, Miranda Johnson 2.

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing him at sports@bigspringherald.com.

BSHS

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Estacado 81,
Lady Steers 9

Down to one.

Big Spring's Lady Steers have just one last chance to ensure they don't end the 2007-2008 basketball season winless after suffering an 81-9 loss to Lubbock Estacado's Lady Matadors Friday night.

For the second consecutive game, the Lady Steers went two full periods without scoring a point. They failed to score in the entire second half against Wolforth Frenship Tuesday in Steer Gym and couldn't

register a point in the second and third periods against Estacado Friday in Lubbock.

Estacado, however, had no problem getting the ball in the basket, taking advantage of several early Lady Steers' turnovers and converting them into easy points. The Lady Matadors held a 29-4 lead after the first period, 50-4 at intermission and a 70-4 advantage after the end of the third stanza.

Estacado was led by Brittany Johnson's game-high 19 points. Karen Grant added 14 points and Twila Ards chipped in 13.

Abbi Lloyd led Big Spring with four points.

The Lady Steers close the regular season

Tuesday in Steer Gym, hosting San Angelo Lake View. The Maidens defeated Big Spring earlier in the season, but it was the most competitive game the Lady Steers had played in the district season.

Big Spring 4 0 0
5-9

Estacado 29 21 20 11-81

Big Spring (0-24, 0-7): Ybarra 2, Abbi Lloyd 4, Jordan Chesworth 1, Katie Tompkins 1.

Estacado (16-12, 5-2): Twila Ards 13, Rios 2, McNeill 5, Brittany Johnson 19, Ta. Ards 9, Thompson 2, Ray 4, Karen Grant 14, Nibbler 3, Sylvester 3.

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Good manners, a gift for life

The big question most often asked today is, "Why do our children have such poor manners?" I believe most parents really want their children to be considerate and well-mannered. However, many feel they are fighting a losing battle with the commercials, films and programs that are shown on television today — programs that exalt bad behavior and a "me first"



JERRIE STOCKS

attitude. Where are the positive role models whose public behavior supports a parent's efforts to teach good manners? How can parents, whether in a two-income or single-parent household, find the time to teach good manners? I believe the one best answer to all of the above is, you must start as early as your child can sit in a high chair. You teach your children by modeling a lifestyle of good manners before them. Children will live and do what they learn at home and the lifetime benefits are nearly limitless. If the education of good manners is taught within the confines of the home from an early age, it's unlikely that the child will stray too far away from its teachings when they become teens. The reason being, the education of good behavior has become a way of life, and is rooted into every fiber of their being.

Parents have an exceptional influence as role models and teachers of good manners before their children. There are positive consequences of raising well-mannered children. It builds character through the teaching of values including consideration of others, respect, honesty, self-control, trustworthiness and fairness. These qualities will enable your children to face whatever the future may bring with strength, courage, and integrity.

Children who are raised in a Christian home and attend church with their parents, understand the power of a good spiritual foundation. They learn from an early age that prayer is always the key in difficult situations.

Dear Jerrie,
I am a 30-year-old mother of 3-year-old twin girls. What is the best age to enroll my children in etiquette classes? People tell me they are well-behaved for three years old, but I want them to learn all the nicer things of good manners while growing up.
Janna

Hello Janna,
Since you live in a large city, there may be an etiquette school in your town. If so, call them and ask at what age their enrollment begins. In the classes I have taught, I do not enroll a child under age six. In the meantime,

you and your husband should be the teachers and role models for your girls. They will be ahead if they learn the basics from their parents.

Dear Jerrie,
Please explain the rules for tipping. Everywhere I go there seems to be a tip to be paid. I picked up a jacket at the dry cleaners and there was a jar on the counter for tips. I am 19, on my first job, and live on a strict budget. I don't want to appear as a cheap person, but I cannot afford all this tipping. What's the right thing for tipping?
Danni

Hello Danni,
The right thing to do regarding tipping is do what you can afford to do. And you do not need to apologize or explain. I agree that some tipping has gotten a little out of hand. It's not necessary that you tip when you pick up your dry cleaning or tip the boy who throws your newspaper. Do the best you can and don't worry about it.

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

Music to soothe

Computerized pianos help patients heal

By GUY KEELER

McClatchy Newspapers

FRESNO, Calif. — If you can appreciate the carefree humming of a child at play or the upbeat whistling of a cheerful adult, you'll understand why Myrna Bolger-Taul is making music part of the healing process at Saint Agnes Medical Center in Fresno, Calif.

Most people sense intuitively that music is good for the soul, she says. But scientific research also shows that making joyful sounds is good for the body as well.

Bolger-Taul, coordinator of humor and music at Saint Agnes, has put these therapeutic benefits to work by starting a music lab that gives patients and hospital staff members a chance to relax by playing recreational music on computerized pianos.

Even if you can't carry a tune or play an instrument, she says, creating melodies can boost health by reducing the stress that causes extra wear and tear on your body.

"Patients need stimulation," Bolger-Taul says. "We encourage them to do things for themselves that make them feel good."

Music is one of those things. The lab contains five Yamaha Clavinova digital pianos that enable anyone — even people with no musical experience or limited physical skills — to play along with the interactive program.

The pianos can be programmed to reproduce 600 different instrument sounds and have keyboard lights that flash to show what notes to play. Even plunking out a simple melody with one finger,



Diana Baldrice/Fresno Bee/MCT
Jose Haro, 67, a cardiac rehab patient, takes part in a therapeutic music lab conducted by Myrna Bolger-Taul (right) at St. Agnes Medical Center in Fresno, Calif.

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- **ANDRES CASTRO-ROSAS**, 42, was arrested on a hold for U.S. Marshals.
- **RAMIRO MARQUEZ**, 18, 501 S. Abrams, was arrested on a local warrant.
- **TERRENCE YOUNG**, 19, 109 N.E. 10th, was arrested on a local warrant.
- **CHAUNCEY FORD**, 27, 1406 Cherokee, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- **TONY SANCHEZ**, 19, 1402 Nolan, was arrested on two local warrants.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 400 block of Lancaster.
- **ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY** was reported in the 500 block of Lamesa Highway.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 700 block of 15th.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

Weather

Sunday... Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.
 Sunday night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.
 Monday... Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds around 15 mph.
 Monday night... Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.
 Tuesday... Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Tuesday night... Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s.
 Wednesday... Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Wednesday night... Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.
 Thursday... Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Thursday night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.
 Friday... Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-25-31-33
 Number matching five of five: 2.
 Prize per winner: \$14,611.
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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-9-6-6. Sum It Up: 27.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-9-3. Sum It Up: 17.

Bulletin Board

MONDAY

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

SYMPHONY

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salute to his native Bohemia (now part of the Czech Republic)," he explained. "I've selected No. 8 of the first series of dances to serve as an overture for the evening. The dance is very upbeat and lively, and reminiscent of Dvorak's interest in the folk music of his native country."

Graumann also admitted being excited that Lastrapes will be on hand to perform with the orchestra.

"We are pleased to welcome cellist Jeffrey Lastrapes back to the Permian Basin in a performance of the Cello Concerto," Graumann said.

Lastrapes is a professor of music at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

"I heard Mr. Lastrapes perform the Cello Concerto with the Midland-Odesa Symphony some years ago and I must say that not only the audience, but the musicians were extremely moved by his performance," Graumann noted. "I have often wondered if the opportunity of performing the concerto with him would present itself, so I am very pleased to bring him to Big Spring to perform it with the Big Spring Symphony."

Ninth Symphony is one of the most heard and beloved orchestral work in the repertoire. Dvorak composed the symphony as a tribute to his many years in the United States, and sub-titled it "From the New World."

Dvorak showed great interest in Native American music as well as African-American spirituals. While there are no actual quotations from this music in the Ninth Symphony, Graumann says Dvorak himself emphasized that the themes themselves reflect the spirit of this American music.

"The themes and melodies are memorable, exciting and beautiful," Graumann noted. "I can't think of one moment in the work that is not either mournful or full of intensity. This makes the work compelling and easy to listen to. No wonder it is also one of the most popular symphonies of all time."

Tickets for the concert — priced at \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students — are available at Blum's Jewelers, Faye's Flowers, all of First Bank of West Texas' locations, the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and the Big Spring Herald.

Tickets will also be available at the door.

For more information concerning the Big Spring Symphony or its concerts, call 264-7223 or visit the symphony's Web site at www.bigspringsymphony.com.

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CHAPLAINS

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the anniversary of their sacrifice to recall recently passed veterans.

Shadix said VA Chaplain Dean Thomas will read the story of the four chaplains during the memorial, followed by

recognition of other men and women who gave of themselves in the name of this country.

"We'll have the pledge and the service songs," said Shadix. "We'll also recognize each of the area veterans that have passed away during the past year."

Thomas said the ceremony is a chance to look

back on fond memories.

"We are grateful to all these veterans," said Thomas, chief of the local VA's chaplain service. "We are glad they were there when we needed them, and we're thankful for their service ... We can look back on the days and nights we shared with our loved ones, and have very fond memo-

ries."

Shadix said awards will also be presented to several employees of the Big Spring VAMC.

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PROVOST

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tion, in rehabilitation and in community-based services to persons who are deaf and hard of hearing, Sparks said.

His hiring concludes a nine-month search for a new provost. While others applied for the position, Sparks said Myers was always the leading candidate for the job.

"We received 18 applications for the position," she said. "We conducted

an extensive review ... and Mark was the only one we brought to campus for an interview. His experience mirrored the qualities we were looking for."

In a statement released by Howard College, Myers said he was looking forward to the challenge of heading SWCID.

"I am eager to work with the SWCID and Howard College team," he said. "I have known about SWCID for quite a number of years and I appreciate the values evident

in the State of Texas for providing higher education and full communication access to learners who are deaf and hard of hearing."

Myers, who became deaf after a bout of spinal meningitis at the age of 11 months, graduated from St. Mary's School for the Deaf in Buffalo, N.Y., then received a psychology degree from Gallaudet University in Washington before earning a master's degree in deafness rehabilitation from New York University.

He is currently taking a doctoral adult learning program at the University of Connecticut.

Sparks said the new provost will assume his duties full-time on Aug. 14.

"Starting Monday, however, he'll be serving in a limited capacity, doing consulting work and helping us in a variety of projects," Sparks said.

Mark and his wife Alyssa will be moving to the Big Spring community during the summer.

"We look forward to this

new adventure in our lives and learning about Big Spring and its neighboring communities," he said in the statement. "I am sure we will enjoy the warm climate and the culture of the 'west' in Texas."

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VOTE

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opportunity to cast their ballots early."

And while the primaries are all about a multitude of choices, Bloom said there's one case where voters will have to choose before they cast their bal-

lot.

"It's very important to remember you can vote in either the Republican primary or the Democratic primary, but you can not vote in both," said Bloom firmly. "The primaries act as a nominating process to decide who will be on the ballot in the November election. However, you don't have

to vote in the primaries to be eligible to vote in the November election."

Bloom said anyone with questions regarding their voter readiness can contact her office at 264-2273

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Lady Mustangs rally past Grady in final minute

By **BRANDON HALLFORD**

Special to the Herald

ACKERLEY — The Grady Wildcats and Sands Mustangs renewed their rivalry Friday night in Mustang Gym with the two longtime foes each taking a win apiece.

In the girls' game, Ashli Stockton, with the aide of a huge three-pointer from Mary Rogers, refused to let the Lady Stangs lose as the sophomore scored eight of her team-high 12 points in the final quarter of play, leading Sands back from a six-point deficit in the final minute and a half to steal the 47-45 win.

The Lady Cats looked as if they were going to waste little time putting away the outsized Lady Mustangs, ripping off a quick five-point run to begin the game before Sands scored on consecutive trips down the court.

With Grady holding the 18-14 advantage, the duo of Rogers and Stockton gave a preview of upcoming attractions with Rogers nailing the trey bringing Sands within one. Stockton followed a minute later working her way to the basket, handing the Lady Mustangs their first lead of the night 19-18 with 3:45 remaining in the first half.

For the next two and a half quarters, the two teams battled it out tooth and nail with neither team able to claim more than a 6-point lead over the span, setting the stage for

Stockton's heroics.

Stockton nailed a 2-point shot in the lane with 15 seconds remaining, giving Sands the 46-45 lead. She was fouled after collecting the rebound off a Grady miss on the Lady Wildcats ensuing possession and made one free throw, adding the last score of the game.

Brittini Blagrove joined Stockton in double figures with 11 while Rogers had nine on the night.

Eva Dyck led the way for the Lady Wildcats scoring a game-high 14 while Linsey Chavez scored 11.

The loss is only Grady's second of the year in district play and knocks them out of a tie for first place. Sands, on the other hand, now appear playoff bound thanks to the victory.

Grady 13 16 9 7-45
Sands 11 12 10 14-47

Grady (21-8, 7-2): Eva Dyck 14, Linsey Chavez 11, Meagan Blocker 5, Kenzie Madison 9, Kandace Schuelke 4, Lauren Robinson 2.

Sands (21-7, 5-4): Ashli Stockton 12, Brittini Blagrove 11, Mary Rogers 9, Ruiz 7, Ybarra 6, Nichols 2.

Wildcats 58,
Mustangs 34

The Grady Wildcats had a smoother ride with the Mustangs than their female counterparts did, cruising to a 24-point victory and setting up what is essentially a one-game playoff for the district crown.

Grady jumped out to a 19-2 lead in the first period, shutting

Sands down with its defense and shooting the ball extremely well.

Tubb paced the Wildcats scoring a game high 16 points, scoring eight in the opening stanza, while his teammates Dylan Cox and Leighton Fields each hit double figures with 14 and 10 points, respectively.

Xavier Elizondo scored 11 in the loss for the Mustangs.

Grady hosts Wellman-Union at 8 p.m. Tuesday, needing a win to clinch the district title. However, a loss means the Wildcats will be tied with Wellman-Union for the league crown.

Grady 19 17 15 7-58
Sands 2 13 10 9-34

Grady (18-1, 9-0): Tommylee Rivas 9, Dylan Cox 14, Justin Tubbs 16, Jacob Rodriguez 5, Leighton Fields 10, Lane Shands 4.

Sands (18-6, 5-4): Johnny Rogers 5, Xavier Elizondo 10, Seth Fry 2, Parker 4, Ethan Zant 10, Gaskins 2.

Stanton 52,
Stamford 40

STANTON — With a playoff spot still on the line, Stanton's Buffaloes slowly, but surely pulled away from Stamford for a 12-point victory making them the second set of Bulldogs the Buffs have beatenn in three days. The Buffs scored a big upset against their rival Coahoma Bulldogs Tuesday.

The win improves Stanton's district record to 7-4 as they compete with Merkel for the

See **AREA**, Page 4B



Courtesy photo/James Schwartz
Garden City's Macy Schwartz is fouled as she brings the ball into the front court in the Lady Bearkats' 66-38 win over Water Valley Friday night in Water Valley. See **AREA**, Page 4B

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Tuesday — grilled chicken breast, tater tots, green peas with mushrooms, biscuits and cherry crisp.

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

Thursday — chicken and dumplings, Harvard beets, crackers, cottage cheese and pears and banana pudding.

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

Big Spring ISD

Monday — Lunch, corn-dogs, potato wedges, fresh veggie medley, oranges and milk.

Tuesday — Lunch, chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, wheat rolls and milk.

Wednesday — Lunch, fish strips, mac & cheese, black-eye peas, pear halves, cornbread and milk.

Thursday — Lunch, Mexican jambayla, corn, kiwi and milk.

Friday — Lunch, barbecue on bun, chips, pickle spears, ranch-style beans, apricots and milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday — Breakfast, waffles, syrup, ham, orange juice and milk; Lunch, Frito pie, baked beans, pears, cookies and milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast,

donuts, sausage, milk, applesauce; Lunch, smothered steak, creamed potatoes, peaches, bread, milk and McRibbs.

Wednesday — Breakfast, pancakes, sausage, apple juice, syrup and milk; Lunch, tacos, pinto beans, salad, milk and burritos.

Thursday — Breakfast, biscuits, gravy, sausage, grape juice, jelly and milk; Lunch, pizza, corn, apple turnovers and milk.

Friday — Breakfast, French toast, ham, syrup, juice and milk; Lunch, green enchiladas, ranch beans, mixed fruit, milk and corndogs.

Forsan ISD

Monday — Breakfast, cereal, NutriGrain bar, juice, milk; Lunch, tacos, lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fresh fruit choice and milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast, sausage-on-stick, juice, milk; Lunch, grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup, saltine crackers, strawberries & bananas and milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast, oatmeal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, spaghetti w/meat sauce, seasoned corn, tossed salad, Texas toast, peaches and milk.

Thursday — Breakfast, donuts, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, sliced carrots, hot rolls, apples and milk.

Friday — Breakfast, muffins, fresh fruit, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken patty sandwiches, baked chips, baked beans, chocolate chip cookies, orange smiles and milk.

Chocolate cake just like grandma made

By LINDA CICERO

McClatchy Newspapers

Q: I am trying to find a recipe for chocolate cake like my grandmother used to make. I remember she used cocoa and milk soured with vinegar, and I think she used boiling water in the recipe. It was dark, nice and moist and delicious. I have never been able to find a recipe that comes close to hers. Also, the fudge frosting was really good, too — and I've not been able to really duplicate that either. I believe that was made with cocoa, too. I'm wondering if you could find a recipe for this!

— Sally L'Huillier, Brownville, N.Y.

A: Your letter reminded me of one I received in 1992 from a woman who wanted to find the recipe her mother used when she made devil's food cake for Sunday dinner on a farm near Raleigh, N.C., in the late 1920s. What made the cake special were two steps in the mixing process — baking soda was blended with buttermilk, and the cocoa was dissolved in hot water. The request not only brought in lots of recipes — as any request involving chocolate seems to do — but charming reminiscences, too, of a time when families gathered for Sunday dinner and lingered over homemade cake.

I'm guessing that recipe is the one your grandmother made, or close. She probably soured milk for the cake rather than using buttermilk — a common practice. (To substitute sour milk for buttermilk, combine fresh milk, at room temperature, with vinegar or lemon juice, at a ratio of 1 teaspoon to 1/3-cup milk. This gives you the acidity you need for the cake to work, chemistry-wise, but to my mind it does not give the full, rich tanginess of real buttermilk).

I don't have a chocolate frosting recipe made with brown sugar, but you should try this one, contributed by Mary Blackwelder of Hollywood, Fla., 15 years ago. It is the standard by which I now judge any chocolate frosting. It is decadently rich and creamy, and, for special occasions, worth ignoring the calories and cholesterol!

DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE
1/2 cup cocoa powder

1/2 cup boiling water
2/3 cup vegetable shortening
1-3/4 cups sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1-1/3 cups buttermilk
1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda

Mix the cocoa powder with the boiling water to make a smooth paste. Set aside to cool. Beat shortening, sugar and vanilla well. Add the eggs and beat until creamy. In a separate bowl, stir the flour and salt together. Add the baking soda to the buttermilk. Add the dry ingredients to the creamed mixture alternately with the buttermilk, then stir in the cocoa mixture.

Pour batter into greased and floured pans and bake at 325 degrees until cake tests done (9-by-13-inch, about 40 minutes; 2 9-inch pans, 35 to 40 minutes; 3 8-inch pans, 25 to 30 minutes). Makes 12 servings.

Per serving: 334 calories (35 percent from fat), 13.3 g fat (3.8 g saturated, 5.6 g monounsaturated), 37.4 mg cholesterol, 5.3 g protein, 50.5 g carbohydrates, 1.8 g fiber, 290.5 mg sodium.

RICH FUDGE FROSTING

1-1/2 cups sugar
1 cup heavy cream
6 squares unsweetened chocolate, coarsely chopped
8 tablespoons unsalted butter, sliced
2 teaspoons vanilla

In a heavy medium-sized saucepan, combine the sugar and cream. Place over medium heat and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes without stirring. Remove from heat and stir in the chocolate, butter and vanilla, and continue to stir until the butter and chocolate have melted. Pour into a bowl and cool to room temperature, stirring now and then. Refrigerate, stirring frequently, until thickened and of a spreading consistency. Frost cake before the frosting sets completely.

Per serving: 308 calories (61 percent from fat), 22.6 g fat (14.1 g saturated, 6.4 g monounsaturated), 47.5 mg cholesterol, 2.3 g protein, 30 g carbohydrates, 2.4 g fiber, 12.1 mg sodium.

Who's Who

Leslie D. Phinny of Coahoma was among 135 graduate students to receive masters' degrees when West Texas A&M University held fall commencement exercises Dec. 15, 2007.

Phinny received a master of education degree in instructional design and technology.

Military

Air Force Senior Airman Arthur L. Belvin has graduated from Airman Leadership School at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota.

The five-week course is designed to train senior airmen to understand their positions in the Air Force organizational structure, leadership, communications skills and profession of arms, which are needed for professional development to be effective noncommissioned officers. Airmen are prepared and better equipped to serve as supervisors, managers and rating officials as they progress in their enlisted military careers.

The school is the first of three levels of professional military education programs used to develop and cultivate leadership and supervisory skills, and is a required course for airmen to complete prior to being promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.

Belvin, a loading standardization crew member with four years of military service, is assigned to the 5th Bomb Wing.

He is the son of Calvin Belvin and stepson of Patty Rothenbucher Big Spring. His wife, Kassie, is the daughter of David and Janie Lownes of Big Spring.

Belvin is a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School.

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Police arrest bank robbery suspect whose 'Hobo Bandit' looks inspired painting by teller

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — A bank robbery suspect whose "Hobo Bandit" appearance inspired a bank teller to paint his portrait has been arrested, police said.

Kirby Dean Guyette, 52, suspected of robbing two banks in recent weeks, was taken into custody Thursday by officers looking for a green van that witnesses described as the getaway vehicle, police Cpl. Jose Gonzalez said Friday.

The alleged getaway driver, 52-year-old Jack Paine, was also arrested, Gonzalez said.

Both men were being held on \$50,000 bail. It wasn't clear whether either had been assigned a defense attorney.

Authorities allege Guyette walked into a Washington Mutual branch on Monday and slipped a teller a note demanding money and warning that he was carrying a gun.

That night, teller Nick Wildermuth painted a portrait of the robber from memory. Authorities said the

painting depicting a middle-aged man with bushy eyebrows and a salt-and-pepper goatee shared similarities with surveillance video of the robber.

The suspect's unkempt appearance earned him the moniker the "Hobo Bandit."

Guyette, a transient, also matched the description of a man who robbed a Bank of America branch in Santa Ana on Jan. 21, then attempted to rob the same branch several days later, police said.

"The teller recognized him and said, 'You're not getting anything from us,'" Gonzalez said. "The suspect appeared confused, turned around, walked out and got in the same green van."

Police in Laramie, Wyo., cite teenage girls who threw french fries for 'hurling missiles'

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Three 13-year-old girls accused of throwing french fries during lunchtime at their school were cited for "hurling missiles," an adult infraction covered by city ordinances.

The principal of Laramie Junior High and a police officer had warned students during an assembly the

day before the french fries' launch that if they threw food, they had to suffer the consequences, Police Chief Bob Deutsch said. The warning came after school officials had heard rumors of an impending food fight.

"They saw it as really the planning of a riot, when you think about it," Deutsch said.

The girls decided to test the warning, he said.

"It wasn't a spontaneous thing — a couple of kids giggling, throwing a french fry at each other," Deutsch said. "They intended on getting everybody involved in this and starting something that no doubt would have the potential of getting out of control."

Now, some observers are saying police and school officials went overboard, and even the American Civil Liberties Union weighed in.

"It certainly seems that this was an overreaction to a situation that could have been handled differently," said Linda Burt, Wyoming director of the ACLU.

The girls were also suspended for three days.

City prosecutor Ashley Castor didn't return phone messages left Thursday and Friday. Principal Steve Hoff declined to comment, and schools Superintendent Brian Recht did not return messages.

LETTERS

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I urge all citizens of Howard County and everywhere to get out and vote. No vote is a vote for someone you don't want in office.

CAROLYN BURKHART
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

My daughter, Monica Ortega, is 31 years old and suffers from kidney disease. She has a husband and two beautiful children, a girl and a boy. God blessed her with a beautiful family and many other things in life.

She goes to dialysis on Mondays,

Wednesdays and Fridays for four hours each day. She has her bad days and her good days.

About four years ago I donated a kidney to my daughter. It helped her for three years, then her body rejected my kidney. So she has been back on dialysis for a little more than a year now. This is the second time for her on dialysis.

The first time was about the age of 15 or 16 when we found about her kidney disease. That's when her doctors did everything they could for her until her kidneys started to deteriorate, then they put her on dialysis for four months.

Monica has two brothers. They were tested but not a match. So I was tested and I was a match, but not a perfect match. So I gave her my kidney, but three years later we found out that the disease came back. That's the day my

world fell apart. They had to remove my kidney from her.

So what I ask now is that she needs a donor for a kidney for a second chance at life. One of my daughters-in-law was tested but she was not a match. I love my boys and my daughter-in-law for trying.

The doctor says that they would prefer a non-family member now.

My daughter will not ask for help, so I am asking for help so she will have a second chance at life. Please call me at 264-0614 if you would like to help and be tested. Please leave a message and your phone number if there is no answer. I will call back. Everything will be paid for the donor.

SHERRY CORREA
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Last night (Friday, Jan. 25), my husband and I went to the Senior Center to dance on our beautiful new floor.

What a pleasure and so pleasing to the eye. Many thanks to those who spent a weekend installing it, Russ and Laura McEwen, Gary Fuqua, Todd and Teresa Darden, Peggy Walker, Kenny and Tami Davis, Lesa Gamble, Terri Telchik, Vince and Linda Sjogren, JoAnn Staulcup, Perry Hall and Rick Boiles.

There was a good turnout, good music, plenty of party fare and, best of all, high spirits and good humor. Everybody had a wonderful time.

Many thanks to the good little elves who worked so hard.

MARGIE MYERS
BIG SPRING



Teen Dating Violence

No relationship is perfect. However, watch for some of the warning signs of a violent relationship.

- Do you feel powerless in the relationship?
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Pay attention to your feelings - If a situation feels wrong or scary, you may be in **Danger**, trust your feelings and get out of that situation.

Notice changes in your relationship - If someone stops respecting you and your boundaries, this person may end up taking advantage of you. Believe that it can happen to you.

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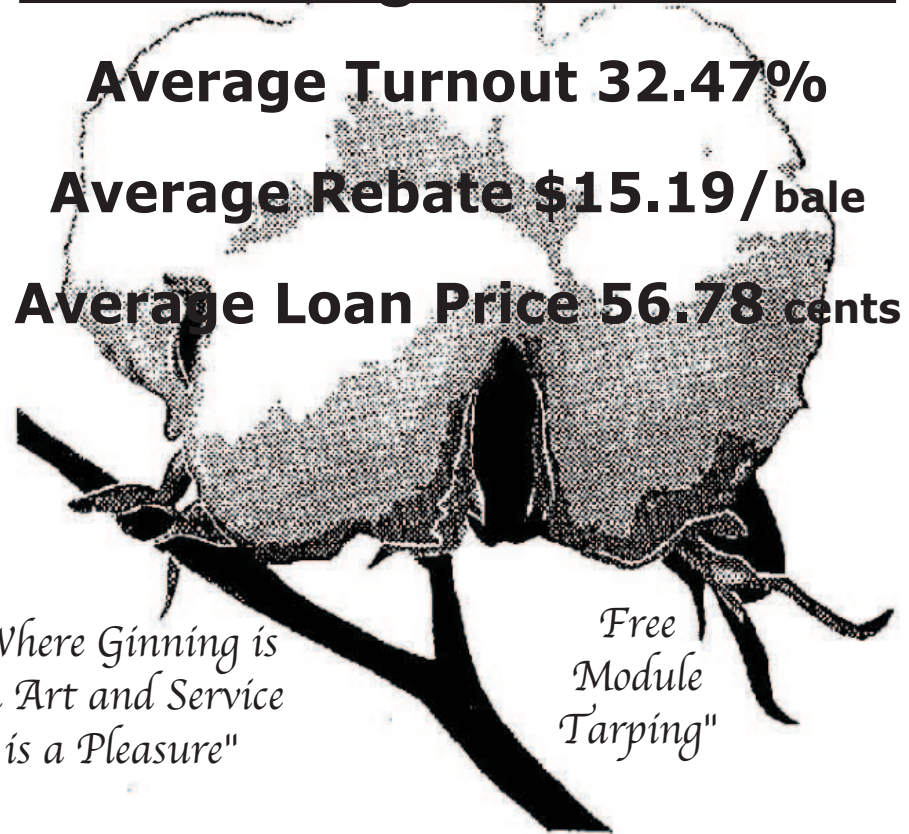
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Knox to try 'something different'

Resigns as director of food services for Big Spring ISD

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

After 14 years of addressing the nutritional needs of local school children, Joann Knox, director of food services for Big Spring Independent School District, is stepping down.

Knox, who has directed food service programs for both BSISD and Mineral Well ISD, said she is ready for a change.

"I'm doing this because I'm ready to take on something different," Knox said. "This doesn't have anything to do with anything other

than Joann needs a change."

Knox intends to relocate to the Austin area. She said there are opportunities there she wished to explore, but declined to elaborate further.

"I'm going to do my part to keep Austin weird," Knox joked.

Since taking the reins of BSISD Food Services in 1994, Knox said she is proudest in bringing a high-tech approach to the department.

"When I arrived in Big Spring, Food Services was not computerized in any form or fashion," she said. "With the administration's support, we have been able to facilitate that."

Other innovations that occurred under Knox's watch include Smart Start, which brought breakfast into the classroom, and Lunch Money Now, a program that allows parents to pay for their children's meals online.

"And I've been able to go into the

classroom and talk to the kids about nutrition, which is my passion," she added.

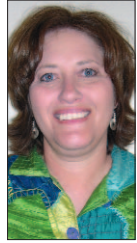
"But I wasn't able to do this alone," Knox said. "The staff here in Food Services is just an amazing group of people."

BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes said Knox's contributions were invaluable.

"Joann has done a remarkable job with Food Service operations," Downes said. "She is recognized as both a good leader and a good boss."

Sandra Waggoner, chief financial officer for the school district, said she hopes to begin interviewing potential replacements for Knox sometime this month, with an eye toward naming a replacement by mid-April.

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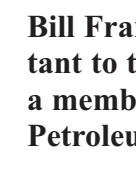


Knox

Energy Watch



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

Over the Martin Luther King holiday, global equities tumbled. Recession fears both at home and abroad heightened, and with that, crude oil prices and the industrial metals led the commodity complex lower.

A recessionary environment is bearish for oil prices since future consumption and demand are called into question. In response to the heightened recession fears, the Fed made an "emergency" cut of the fed funds rate by 75 basis points. This supported and lifted the commodities, but prices remain under pressure.

Generally speaking and as we have reported, we do not feel the recent rally in crude oil to \$100 per barrel is solely reflective of traditional market fundamentals. Though it is true that inventories have declined and prices have increased, we tend to think the rally in prices was only partially driven by simple supply and demand. But rather, we attribute the majority of the recent crude oil rally beyond \$80 to monetary flows associated with current economic conditions.

The Fed's ongoing rate cuts attempting to protect the economy from a recession has had inflationary ramifications. This largely resulted in new money coming into the crude oil pit. In an inflationary environment, it makes sense to hold real assets. Because of this, oil and gold both did really well in late 2007 while the Fed looked set to defend the financial markets and the economy.

Now, however, it appears the possibility of a recession has sharpened. A recessionary environment is bearish for oil prices and weakens the argument for strong inflation. Therefore, in today's environment, we think decreasing inflationary pressures and weakening economic conditions will weigh on crude oil prices, particularly in Q1 of 2008.

Additionally, we expect crude oil inventories to follow their seasonal build pattern which typically lasts from January through the early-summer months. With the reestablishment of a negative correlation between inventories and prices, we see this as also bearish for near-term price prospects.

We remain uncertain about fresh OPEC output decisions since they are grappling with a multitude of issues, including: comparatively high prices, the potential for broad economic weakness and the potential shift in consumer behavior, particularly in the United States.

However we do feel more comfortable in suggesting that in the near-term OPEC won't reverse their decision to add 500 thousand barrels per day of production to the market from Nov. 1, 2007. Their higher output should help stabilize what have been rapidly declining crude stocks in more developed nations.

We anticipate that with the financial markets continuing to operate in a volatile state of flux, OPEC will be cautious about adding more crude to the market. However, there are also caveats to our outlook but these are to the upside for prices.

Globally, geopolitical tensions remain high. Short-term geopolitical turmoil, especially in producing regions, can quickly extend prices upward. Terrorist acts or wars creating supply disruptions will spike prices. Depending on the extent to which supply is lost will dictate how quickly prices will return to more expected levels.

In the end, we feel our expectations for a recessionary environment are upon us. Slowing economic growth hurts demand and has a dampening effect on prices. In our opinion, the Fed actions have yielded the desired effect, however, only time will tell.

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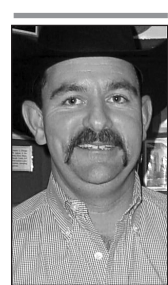
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Greg Cotton, left, and Kyle Lacey, right, were presented Certificates of Service by Russel Lenz during a recent supervisors meeting in Abilene. Cotton, a 10-year employee with the Texas Department of Transportation, is a sign technician in the Howard County maintenance section. Lacey, a construction inspector in the Big Spring Area office, has also worked for the department 10 years. They were presented framed certificates and service pins to represent their years with TxDOT. Cotton also received a black leather portfolio with matching coaster while Lacey got a tote folio bag, their gifts of choice. Lenz, center, is an Abilene District engineer.

Take time to participate in the 2007 Census of Agriculture

Texas AgriLife Extension Service officials are encouraging the state's agricultural producers to participate in the 2007 Census of Agriculture.

"The agricultural census provides very important data that helps tell the agriculture story in Texas and the nation," said Dr. Roland Smith, associate director. "We strongly encourage producers in every county across Texas to complete



TOMMY YEATER

Census data is collected

their forms by the Feb. 4 deadline in order to have a voice relative to future industry decisions that often are based off the census numbers, such as farm policy, program funding, and other key issues."

every five years by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The census provides detailed data covering nearly every facet of U.S. agriculture and is the only source of uniform and comprehensive agricultural data for every county in the nation.

Government organizations, lawmakers, city planners and individual farm operations use the information in a variety

of ways from farm bill impacts to community development, according to Smith.

Dr. Mark Waller, AgriLife Extension program leader for agricultural economics, said census data serves as a vital decision aid in making many on-farm management decisions each year.

"Farmers and ranchers can use this data to see how their costs and

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Employment falls for the first time in more than four years

By **JEANNINE AVERSA**
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — In a shower of pink slips, U.S. employers cut jobs last month for the first time in more than four years, the starkest signal yet that the economy is grinding to a halt if it hasn't already toppled into recession.

Conditions are deteriorating, according to the most up-to-date employment snapshot by the Labor Department, which

showed nervous employers slicing payrolls by 17,000. The country hasn't seen such a nationwide job loss since 2003, when employers were still struggling to recover from the last previous recession.

"We are certainly on thin ice," said John Silvia, chief economist at Wachovia. And even President Bush, normally a cheerleader for the economy, said there were "serious signs" it was weakening.

Wall Street, however, took the

news in stride. Stock prices were up near the close of the trading day.

Job losses were widespread in January. Factories, construction companies, mortgage brokers and real-estate firms were among those eliminating jobs — casualties of the housing bust and credit crunch. The government cut jobs for the first time since last July.

All those cuts swamped job gains in education, health care, retailing and elsewhere.

The unemployment rate actually dipped slightly to 4.9 percent, from 5 percent in December, as people left the labor force.

"Discouraged by a sluggish job market, many more adults are sitting on the sidelines," said Peter Morici, an economist and business professor at the University of Maryland.

Wage growth also slowed, another indication of belt-tightening. Smaller wage gains could make people who still

have jobs — already squeezed by high energy prices — reluctant to spend, further hurting the economy.

President Bush prodded Congress anew to quickly pass an economic rescue package.

"There's serious signs that ... the economy is weakening and that we've got to do something about it," Bush said. On Capitol Hill, Democratic and Republican supporters of a

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Making a smarter crash test dummy

By **MARIE MCCULLOUGH**

The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — While seat belts save lives, the straps can unintentionally maim and even kill young children in crashes.

In researching the problem, bioengineer Kristy Arbogast talked to automakers about devising restraints that would be safer for small, immature bodies.

“The response I’d get back was, ‘We don’t have the tools we need to design better child seat belts,’” said Arbogast, a traffic-injury researcher at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

What they needed was a smarter dummy for crash tests. Now they have one.

Ford Motor Co. engineers spent three years working with experts from Children’s Hospital, the University of Virginia, Wayne State University in Detroit, and the Japanese seat-belt manufacturer Takata Corp. to develop a simulated child abdomen that fits into the standard 6-year-old-size crash-test dummy.

For more than a decade, it has been clear that the abdomen is the second most commonly injured body area in seat-belted youngsters, after the head. With the abdominal insert, safety engineers can at last measure precisely what happens to this vital region in the average 4-to-8-year-old.

In February, Ford will present the prototype to the Society of Automotive Engineers, the first step toward making it available to the entire auto industry, said Stephen W. Rouhana, Ford’s senior technical leader on the project.

“We’re going to take the prototype to the society’s ‘dummy committee,’” Rouhana said. He chuckled. “That sounds funny.”

Technically, a crash dummy is an “anthropomorphic test device.” Equipping one with an imitation kiddie abdomen may sound simple, especially con-



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Kristy Arbogast, a traffic-injury researcher at Children’s Hospital, holds a Graco Back Belt Positioning Booster Seat, at her Center City office, January 16, 2008, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Arbogast helped engineer a revolutionary crash test dummy that simulates a 6-year-old child’s abdomen.

sidering that the industry already has come up with a pregnant version.

But simple it was not. The researchers had to parse the biomechanics of child seat-belt injuries. Then they re-created the injuries in an animal model. Finally, they built a gizmo that behaved like abdominal tissue — taking into account variables such as muscle tension.

Children’s Hospital’s 11-year-old Center for Injury Research and Prevention provided its internationally recognized expertise on crash injuries in children ages 4 to 8.

At those ages, Arbogast explained, youngsters are usually too big for toddler safety seats but too small for lap and shoulder harnesses. The lap belt, which rests on the bony pelvis of an adult, often rides up a child’s cartilage-soft pelvis to the stomach. Children may add to this belly-binding effect

by sitting on the edge of the seat because their legs are short.

“They scoot forward on the seat so their knees can bend comfortably,” Arbogast said.

The shoulder belt tends to cut across children’s necks, so they often put the annoying strap under an arm or behind the back.

To study the biomechanics of improper belt placement, poor posture, or misuse of the shoulder belt, Arbogast and colleagues crunched an accident database and conducted in-depth crash investigations. They found specific patterns of abdominal injuries.

The seat-belted children were either propelled forward head-first over the lap belt, or their pelvises slipped under it. The crushing force of the lap belt — or the lap and shoulder belts — variously injured the liver, spleen, pancreas, bowel, colon, bladder, ribs, even lungs.

“The belt would almost go right through the abdomen to the lower spine,” said Arbogast, lead author of the study, published in June. “We saw several cases of partial paralysis. We also saw children with serious injuries in relatively minor crashes. The driver sustained only minor bruises.”

Booster seats, previous Children’s Hospital studies have shown, can reduce the risk of crash injury in 4-to-8-year-olds almost 60 percent. Thirty-eight states, including Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, now have laws requiring the transitional safety seats.

But it’s not an ideal fix. Only about half of children who need boosters actually use them. And while boosters can improve seat-belt fit, the child’s body remains inherently more fragile than an adult’s.

With researchers armed with an understanding of the mechanics of injury, their next step was to figure out how much force would cause it. Many variables were involved, but the key question was: How deep and how fast does the belt have to crush the abdomen to do harm?

So they developed an animal model using a species that they determined was anatomically and developmentally similar to a 6-year-old human: a 2 1/2-month-old pig.

Tests approved by an ethics review board — the 47 pigs were anesthetized and then euthanized so they would not feel pain — revealed that life-threatening injury was unavoidable when the lap belt penetrated 70 percent of the abdominal depth at a rate of about 8 meters per second, said Richard W. Kent, the University of Virginia biomedical engineer who led that study.

The threshold for serious injury, they found, was 40 percent penetration of the abdomen at a speed of about three meters per second. This translated to a 50-50 chance of

serious harm, such as perforating the (dead) pig’s bowel.

When the researchers published the pig model of pediatric abdominal injury 14 months ago, auto-safety engineers were wowed.

“Our team was invited to give lectures in Japan, Korea and Europe,” Kent said. “Everyone wants to have a way to do this testing, because restraint systems are getting so sophisticated.”

Still, Ford’s experts had to build the gizmo that would “feel” these forces as a human abdomen would. They invented a flexible silicone shell filled with liquid silicone and equipped with light sensors.

During a crash test, the seat belt compresses the shell, causing light-emitting sensors in three spots on the front to move toward light-receiving sensors at the back. These record the change in light intensity, which is then converted into the key indicators — the speed and depth of abdominal penetration.

“The sensors tell not only how severe the crash is, but how the seat belt deformed the abdomen and the risk of injury,” Kent said. “A child could walk out of a fender bender with significant injury, or walk away from a serious accident with scratches.”

“Until now, there was no way to predict.”

Ford’s Rouhana said he hoped that sharing the imitation abdomen with the industry in the coming months would give safety engineers “the ability to do out-of-the-box thinking” to create better restraint systems.

Arbogast, meanwhile, looks forward to sparing mothers from arguments like the one she has with her daughter, who at age 10 is still shorter than 57 inches — small enough to need a booster seat.

“She gives me a hard time every now and then,” Arbogast said.

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Are cholesterol drugs overprescribed?

By Josh Goldstein

The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Jennifer Loftus did everything she could think of to bring down her high cholesterol. But nothing — not diet, not exercise, not even natural supplements — helped her control the problem.

After six years of trying, the otherwise healthy 36-year-old nurse from Marlton, N.J., was ready to take her doctor's advice: start a life-long, daily regimen of cholesterol-lowering statins.

It's what millions of Americans do — turning statins into huge money-makers for drug companies.

The cholesterol-lowering drugs have been shown in clinical studies to reduce the risk of death, heart attack, and other problems in patients with cardiovascular disease, but it is less clear that they help patients like Loftus who don't yet have heart disease.

"It is a very common response — not just of primary care doctors, but also cardiologists — that everybody with high cholesterol is put on a statin," said David Becker, a cardiologist.

But Becker thinks that quick-fix approach has led to the drugs' overprescription.

Now a recent study that compared two cholesterol drugs has many patients and doctors asking the same thing.

The study compared the combination drug Vytorin — a mix of two



Dan Rader, a University of Pennsylvania cardiologist, counsels patient Jennifer Loftus on taking statins for her high cholesterol, at his office in Philadelphia Jan. 22.

Ed Hille/Philadelphia Inquirer/MCT

cholesterol busters, Zetia and Zocor — to Zocor alone.

It found that Vytorin did not perform better than Zocor in preventing the buildup of arterial plaque.

Vytorin is made by a Merck-Schering Plough partnership aimed at adding a new cholesterol drug to the market as Merck's Zocor went generic. Zetia blocks cholesterol absorption in the stomach while Zocor limits cholesterol production in the liver.

The buildup of plaque from too much cholesterol can lead to heart attack and stroke. It has long been assumed that by lowering cholesterol patients would lessen their risk of death — even in people without heart disease.

But analyses of studies

that compare otherwise healthy patients on statins to those not taking the drugs reveal that dozens of people must be treated with the medications over many years to avoid a single heart attack or other "major coronary event."

Between 200 and 250 people with high cholesterol but no known cardiovascular disease must take the drugs daily for three to five years to prevent one death, two analyses of the available scientific literature reveal.

On the other hand, if 68 such patients followed a more careful diet one death could be avoided, according to a similar analysis that tracked patients for an average of more than six-and-a-half years.

Becker's office was among those deluged by

calls from worried patients in the two weeks since the Vytorin study was released.

In almost every case, he persuaded his patients to stick with their meds.

Becker isn't concerned about the safety or even the efficacy of Vytorin, which did lower so-called "bad" LDL cholesterol more than Zocor alone.

But he wonders whether the long delay in the release of the Vytorin study was because the companies weren't eager to publicize the less-than-stellar results.

The study reported no significant difference in the buildup of arterial plaque after two years. For some, that raised the question of just how important it is to lower cholesterol.

Given the financial stakes — cholesterol-low-

ering drugs generated \$21.6 billion from U.S. sales in 2006 — some wonder whether studies that question the benefits of the medications ever reach the public.

Last month, a New England Journal of Medicine article found that nearly one-third of the studies of antidepressant drugs were never published.

The results of unpublished studies tend to be more negative.

Loftus is getting married in March and hopes to get pregnant. So before taking statins, she went to get a second opinion from Daniel Rader, a University of Pennsylvania cardiologist and cholesterol expert.

She was surprised by his recommendation.

Rader told her to hold off on the drugs and give diet and exercise another shot. He sent her to a nutritionist.

"I rarely put new patients on a drug on their first visit and almost always counsel

lifestyle changes," Rader said.

"It really comes down to an individual patient and assessing their personal risk of developing cardiovascular disease not just for the next 10 years, but for 20 to 30 years."

While Loftus has a total cholesterol of 254 and a "bad" LDL cholesterol of 185 — both well above the recommended levels — she has few other risk factors for heart disease.

But every patient is different.

That same morning, Rader and a colleague had persuaded — after months of trying — a retired computer programmer that it was time for him to go on a statin.

Kai Schroeder is 61; his total cholesterol was 206 and his LDL was 132. But in addition to his age and gender, Schroeder had vascular disease.

Rader said given his risk factors for developing a life-threatening problem, Schroeder's need to be on the medication was a "no brainer."

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Operating revenues	
Tuition and fees (net of discounts of \$1,713,917 and \$1,830,125)	\$2,658,965
Federal grants and contracts	4,471,710
State grants and contracts	486,786
Local grants and contracts	484
Nongovernmental grants and contracts	502,502
Sales and services of educational activities	297,415
Auxiliary enterprises	366,284
Other operating revenues	186,542
Total operating revenues (Schedule A)	8,970,688
EXPENSES	
Operating expenses	
Instruction	\$9,888,795
Public service	841,829
Academic support	1,457,282
Student services	2,775,150
Institutional support	4,158,811
Operation and maintenance of plant	2,689,274
Scholarships and fellowships	1,653,381
Auxiliary enterprises	1,652,879
Depreciation	794,539
Total operating expenses	25,911,940
Operating loss	(\$16,941,252)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
State appropriations	12,938,631
Property taxes for operations	3,654,607
Investment income (net of investment expenses)	568,785
Interest on capital related debt	(40,487)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	(7,281)
Other non-operating revenues	203,246
Net non-operating revenues (Schedule C)	17,317,501
Income before other revenue	376,249
Other revenue	
Capital contributions	-
Increase in net assets	376,249
Net assets - beginning of year	26,448,113
Net assets - end of year	\$26,824,362

The accompany notes are an integral part of these statements.

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Chaplains' sacrifice key to annual remembrance

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Carrying more than 900 service men to an American military base in Greenland more than 60 years ago, the U.S.A.T. Dorchester and its crew — along with four chaplains of different faiths — left its mark on American history.

Below is a recount of the events of the fateful night, as provided by The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation:

It was the evening of Feb. 2, 1943, and the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was crowded to capacity, carrying 902 service men, merchant seamen and civilian workers.

Once a luxury coastal liner, the 5,649-ton vessel had been converted into an Army transport ship. The Dorchester, one of three ships in the SG-19 convoy, was moving steadily across the icy waters from Newfoundland toward an American base in Greenland.

Hans J. Danielsen, the ship's captain, was concerned and cautious. Earlier the Tampa had detected a submarine with its sonar. Danielsen knew he was in dangerous waters even before he got the alarming information. German U-boats were constantly prowling these vital sea lanes, and several ships had already been blasted and sunk.

The Dorchester was now only 150 miles from its destination, but the captain ordered the men to sleep in their clothing and keep life jackets on. Many soldiers sleeping deep in the ship's hold disregarded the order because of the engine's heat. Others ignored it because the life jackets were uncomfortable.

On Feb. 3, at 12:55 a.m., a periscope broke the chilly Atlantic waters. Through the cross hairs, an officer aboard the German submarine U-223 spotted the Dorchester.

The U-223 approached the convoy on the surface, and after identifying and targeting the ship, he gave orders to fire the torpedoes, a fan of three were fired. The one that hit was decisive — and deadly — striking the starboard side, amid ship, far below the water line.

Danielsen, alerted that the Dorchester was taking water rapidly and sinking, gave the order to abandon ship. In less than 20 minutes, the Dorchester would slip beneath the Atlantic's icy waters.

Tragically, the hit had knocked out power and radio contact with the three escort ships. The CGC Comanche, however, saw the flash of the explosion. It responded and then rescued 97 survivors. The CGC Escanaba circled the Dorchester, rescuing an additional 132 survivors. The third cutter, CGC Tampa, continued on, escorting the remaining two ships.

Aboard the Dorchester, panic and chaos had set in. The blast had killed scores of men, and many more were seriously wounded. Others, stunned by the explosion were groping in the darkness. Those sleeping without clothing rushed topside where they were confronted first by a blast of icy Arctic air and then by the knowledge that death awaited.

Men jumped from the ship into lifeboats, over-

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crowding them to the point of capsizing, according to eyewitnesses. Other rafts, tossed into the Atlantic, drifted away before soldiers could get in them.

Through the pandemonium, according to those present, four Army chaplains brought hope in despair and light in darkness. Those chaplains were Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed.

Quickly and quietly, the four chaplains spread out among the soldiers. There they tried to calm the frightened, tend the wounded and guide the disoriented toward safety.

"Witnesses of that terrible night remember hearing the four men offer prayers for the dying and encouragement for those who would live," says Wyatt R. Fox, son of Reverend Fox.

One witness, Private William B. Bednar, found himself floating in oil-smearred water surrounded by dead bodies and debris. "I could hear men crying, pleading, praying," Bednar recalls. "I could also hear the chaplains preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going."

Another sailor, Petty Officer John J. Mahoney, tried to reenter his cabin but Rabbi Goode stopped him. Mahoney, concerned about the cold Arctic air, explained he had forgotten his gloves.

"Never mind," Goode responded. "I have two pairs." The rabbi then gave the petty officer his own gloves. In retrospect, Mahoney realized that Rabbi Goode was not conveniently carrying two pairs of gloves, and that the rabbi had decided not to leave the Dorchester.

By this time, most of the men were topside, and the chaplains opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. It was then that Engineer Grady Clark witnessed an astonishing sight.

When there were no more lifejackets in the storage room, the chaplains removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men.

"It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven," said John Ladd, another survivor who saw the chaplains' selfless act.

As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains — arms linked and braced against the slanting deck. Their voices could also be heard offering prayers.

Of the 902 men aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, 672 died, leaving 230 survivors. When the news reached American shores, the nation was stunned by the magnitude of the tragedy and heroic conduct of the four chaplains.

For more on the *The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation*, visit www.fourchaplains.org on the Web.

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Courtesy photo
From left, Forsan High School debate team members Michael Leal, Rachael Wheeler, Clint Lockhart and Alex Newsom competed in the District Debate Contest this week at Forsan Baptist Church.

Forsan sweeps district in debate

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — The Forsan High School debate teams of Clint Lockhart and Alex Newsom and Rachael Wheeler and Michael Leal tied for first, capturing the first and second place spots at

the District Debate Contest held Wednesday at Forsan Baptist Church. The teams will advance to state, March 10-12.

Also competing were the Forsan team of Rey Martinez and Clint Lockhart, novice debaters.

The teams, coached by Jan Sims, are the fourth consecutive teams to win both first and second place at the district contest.

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News in brief

Officials remove hundreds of cats from Bonham property

BONHAM (AP) — Complaints from neighbors prompted Bonham police to remove 209 cats and three dogs on Friday from a home apparently overrun by the animals.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Texas said the animals were found inside a two-story house living in feces- and urine-infested conditions. Waste was stacked several feet in portions of the house. The yard and house are packed with refuse and filthy household items.

The SPCA helped take custody of the animals from a property in Bonham, 70 miles northeast of Dallas.

Officials found 40 cats in one bedroom. Bonham Police Chief Mike Bankston said the situation apparently got well out of hand for the couple living in the house.

Property owner David Wheeler told Dallas television station WFAA that they started with just 13 cats, but the animals quickly bred.

If the animals are awarded to the SPCA at the hearing set for Tuesday, they will be spayed and neutered and made available for adoption.

For now, the cats and dogs will be vaccinated, wormed, fed, groomed and evaluated by a veterinarian.

Man wanted for questioning in baby's death surrenders in Penn.

GALVESTON (AP) — A man wanted for questioning in the death of a baby boy found tossed onto the side of a road in his child safety seat turned himself in Friday to authorities in Philadelphia, police said.

Travis Mullis, 21, was arrested on a charge of capital murder. He is being held in lieu of \$1 million bail, officials said.

"He calmly walked in and said he wanted to talk about some things that happened in Texas," Galveston police Sgt. Annie Almendarez said in a story on the Houston Chronicle Web site.

Galveston police Lt. Jorge Trevino told The Galveston County Daily News that Mullis confessed to killing the boy, whom police think was Mullis' son.

"Travis Mullis stated that he intentionally killed Alijah Mullins on Jan. 29," Trevino said.

Mullis is also wanted on a felony charge of enticing a child. Alvin police are investigating an allegation that Mullis took an 8-year-old girl from her bed in January, took her to a school or park and asked her to remove her pants.

Galveston County Criminal District Attorney Kurt Sistrunk said the extradition process to return Mullis to Texas will begin Monday.

Before turning up in Philadelphia, Mullis had not been seen since leaving his mobile home on Tuesday with the 3-month-old infant. Police say the two had been gone for more than two hours when a couple discovered the baby's body dumped alongside a road. An autopsy found the baby died of blunt-force head trauma.

Records indicate Mullis lived in Maryland before moving to Texas.

Whitmore to step down next year as Tech Tech president

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech University President Jon Whitmore said Friday he will resign in one year or step aside if a permanent replacement is found sooner.

Whitmore, who has been president since September 2003, had said from the beginning he intended to stay five years. He said he has met every goal set when he took office, adding that the next president must grow the university to 40,000 students.

"My inaugural address reflected the Regents' goal of achieving academic excellence," Whitmore wrote in his resignation letter. "Every excellence initiative set out in that speech has now been accomplished, or is underway with substantial progress made."

Whitmore said he plans to stay on at Texas Tech as a professor.

A search for a new president will begin immediately, Chancellor Kent Hance said.

"Texas Tech is grateful for Jon's many contributions to the university and we wish him the best in the years to come," Hance said.

Jail escapee's wife sentenced for providing gun

FORT WORTH (AP) — The wife of a jail escapee who shot at two law enforcement officials was sentenced Friday to eight years in prison for giving him a gun after picking him up.

Tiffany Michelle Johnston had admitted to aiding and abetting a felon in possessing a firearm, U.S. Attorney Richard B. Roper said.

Jason Lee Johnston was convicted in October of attempted murder of a federal officer, assault of a federal officer using a deadly weapon, use of a firearm to commit a crime of violence and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He faces up to life in prison when he is sentenced later this month.

Jason Johnston was awaiting transfer to the state prison system to serve a 30-year term for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon when he and Cleties Matthew Conley escaped in July from the Hood County Jail in Granbury, 40 miles southwest of Fort Worth. Johnston then contacted his wife, told her to pick him up and bring his handgun.

Later that day after Fort Worth police spotted and pulled over their car, Johnston shot at an officer and ordered his wife to drive away. They fled but then stopped, and Conley and Tiffany Johnston got out of the car with her 18-month-old child and surrendered.

Johnston then led authorities on a high-speed chase. When he stopped, he shot at a federal agent but hit his car instead. The agent fired back but did not strike Johnston before he fled again. The escapee was arrested three days later at a house in Granbury.


Former Hidalgo County district clerk pleads guilty to DWI

McALLEN (AP) — Assault and drug possession charges were dropped against a former Hidalgo County district clerk in exchange for his guilty plea on a lesser driving while intoxicated charge.

Omar Guerrero was sentenced to three days in jail, time he has already served, according to the Hidalgo County Clerk's Office. Hidalgo County Judge Rudy Gonzalez accepted the plea Thursday.

The charges stemmed from 2005 and 2006 when Guerrero served as district clerk, The McAllen Monitor reported.

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Obama uses McCain's lead in GOP primary as argument for his own candidacy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Democratic Sen. Barack Obama sees one of the best arguments for his presidential candidacy in the rise of Republican Sen. John McCain.

McCain has become Obama's favorite punching bag, an easier mark in front of partisan audiences than the rival Obama will have to beat first to get to the general election — Hillary Rodham Clinton. But he also likes to lump the two of them together as co-supporters of the war in Iraq.

"It is time for new leadership that understands the way to win a debate with John McCain or any Republican who is nominated is not by nominating someone who agreed with him on voting for the war in Iraq," Obama said during a speech in Denver Wednesday.

The pitch is a timely pivot back to the issue that helped fuel Obama's candidacy — his early opposition to Iraq. Recently the war has become a secondary issue to the declining economy — an issue on which Clinton outdistances Obama in the polls as the more experienced hand to guide the nation through financial turmoil.

Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson said Clinton has the strength and experience to take on McCain on national security. And he said it's the New York senator who provides the starker contrast with McCain — because her health care plan would require coverage for everyone while Obama's would not.

U.S. strike in Pakistan exposes entrenched Islamic militants in lawless tribal regions

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The U.S. missile strike that killed a top al-Qaida commander just over a mile from a Pakistani military base shows how entrenched Islamic militants are in the lawless tribal regions, where extremists have launched increasingly bold attacks.

The targeting of Abu Laith al-Libi also suggests American intelligence is improving and that President Pervez Musharraf is willing to turn a blind eye to attacks along the Afghan border if they avoid civilian casualties.

Pakistan has yet to confirm the death of al-Libi, reported Thursday on Islamic extremist Web sites and confirmed by an American official who said the veteran al-Qaida leader was hit by a missile from a U.S. Predator drone in a village in North Waziristan late Monday.

Huckabee criticizes Romney's change of heart on issues dear to conservatives

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Republican Mike Huckabee on Friday defended his previous remark that Mitt Romney didn't reach "political puberty" until recently, saying he was referring to his presidential rival's change of heart on key issues.

Speaking to 600 supporters jammed into a restaurant-bar in Oklahoma City, Huckabee said he has been consistent on issues dear to conservatives such as abortion,

gun control and gay rights, while Romney has shifted his positions.

Romney, a former Massachusetts governor, was once "very pro-choice" and supported "strong positions for same-sex relations," Huckabee said.

"He said on television that he would do more for the gay-lesbian agenda than Ted Kennedy. That's pretty bold. He said on television that he was not part of the Reagan Revolution, said that he was not part of that Reagan-Bush thing. That's on camera."

The former Arkansas governor, who acknowledged making the "political puberty" remark in a cable television interview, said Romney claims to be a gun rights supporter, but cannot be a "true Second Amendment" supporter because he supports an assault weapons ban.

Huge storm blankets Midwest with snow, more expected before system moves east

CHICAGO (AP) — Heavy, wet snow made for treacherous roads and delayed commutes Friday as a winter storm lumbered eastward after blanketing the nation's mid-section.

"If you don't have to be out here, don't," Ty Wilson, a very wet Chicago bicycle messenger, said as he stopped along a slushy street between deliveries.

Another storm system made roads impassible in parts of the Pacific Northwest.

Just more than 5 inches of snow was reported at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport by Friday morning. About 500 flights were canceled there.

In central Illinois, at least a foot of snow was reported in Springfield. But as the storm moved to the northeast, central Indiana was spared a similar fate, with Indianapolis getting little more than an inch of slush.

6 killed in crash of plane trying to land amid N.C. fog

MOUNT AIRY, N.C. (AP) — A twin-engine plane crashed Friday as it tried to land amid low fog at a small airport in northwest North Carolina, killing all six people on board, officials said.

Stephanie Conner, a Surry County emergency services shift supervisor,

said investigators had confirmed there were no survivors.

No one on the ground was hurt, said Warren Woodberry, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

The King Air C90A split in half after falling into a grassy area between two homes near the Mount Airy airport around 11:30 a.m., the Surry County Sheriff's Office said.

The plane took off in Cedartown, Ga., Woodberry said, and the passengers were on their way to Primland, a hunting and golf resort in

Meadows of Dan, Va., about 25 miles north of the Mount Airy airport, according to Kelvin Boyette, the airport manager.

AP Interview: Ambassador says U.S. plans to keep combat troops in Iraq into 2009

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's top diplomat in Iraq said Friday that the U.S. plans to keep combat troops there into 2009, seen as the tipping point for

establishing the nation's long-term security, and he offered no deadline for a full withdrawal.

Ambassador Ryan Crocker told The Associated Press that he can't make any promises if, as the Democratic candidates have signaled, the next president pulls forces out faster or in greater numbers.

Crocker said America remains "a center of gravity" in Iraq almost five years after invasion, and that violence and political development both hinge to a considerable degree on whether U.S. forces

remain there.

Crocker said he and Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. military commander in Iraq, would make the best of any change in plans ordered from the top.

"Obviously, we're not the ones who make the policy decisions — not in this administration and not in the next one," Crocker said.

"If someone wants to reset the conditions, then obviously we'll do the best we can within the context but those aren't assumptions that we start with."

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All-out ad blitz still key during Super Bowl

By KEIKO MORRIS

Newsday

Justin Timberlake will be there. So will Madonna, Shakira, Marilyn Monroe, Derek Jeter and a dancing "naked" lizard.

Despite the high-profile lineup, the annual advertising showcase that the Super Bowl has become appears to be pretty tame this time around, industry experts say, returning to a more traditional style.

"I'm not seeing much proactive work being done," said Steven Schreiber, vice president of advertising and brand management for Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. "Most advertisers are still operating under a veil of secrecy. I think there's this belief that people will wait for your ad with bated breath, but I think that's exaggerating."

Nationwide generated much buzz in previous Super Bowls using humor and a format in which celebrities made fun of themselves. Last year's Nationwide ads, featuring Kevin Federline — Britney Spears' ex — and several different endings, were posted on the Internet, drawing thousands of viewers before the Super Bowl game.

The company decided to sit out this Super Bowl because its ad team didn't find a concept that grabbed them, Schreiber said. Instead, Nationwide decided it would be more effective to spend its advertising dollars on sponsoring syndicated radio programs and signing a seven-year agreement with NASCAR.

Still, plenty of companies were lured by the more than 94 million viewers expected to tune



into the game on Sunday.

The proportion of advertisers who decide not to return to the Super Bowl is greater than it is for other sports events, noted Jon Swallen, senior vice president of research for TNS Media Intelligence.

"Part of it's the price tag," he said, "but I think there is also the sensitivity on the part of advertisers that it's hard to get your money's worth, given all the stuff that goes on around it."

"You do wonder, with all the hype and mania surrounding it, at what point does it implode on itself?"

This year's game will feature the usual suspects, including Anheuser-Busch, which has a record nine spots, PepsiCo and FedEx, which has advertised in the Super Bowl 18 times since 1989. Swallen said the brands which might have a chance to rise above the chatter to distinguish themselves are brands like Sunsilk, the hair products brand, and Victoria's Secret.

Sunsilk, for example, decided to launch its "Life Can't Wait" campaign as a Super Bowl ad, releasing the 30-second spot to the media on Jan.

17. The TV spot features Marilyn Monroe, Madonna and Shakira, as icons of the past and present. Ami Striker, Sunsilk's marketing director, noted that 40 percent of the viewers — double the number of women watching the Academy Awards — will be female.

"It seemed a natural fit to debut our ad in the midst of what's become a true marketing frenzy — a time when people are actually almost as invested in the ads as they are in the game," Striker said.

In addition to releasing the commercial early, Sunsilk is soliciting inspiring stories from women about their own "Life Can't Wait" moment that will be featured in a Sunsilk ad to debut in the summer.

Pepsi's products are hoping to make a mark

with humor and celebrities such as Justin Timberlake, Naomi Campbell, Missy Elliott and LL Cool J. And then there's a teaser the company released in which SoBe Life Water's mascot, Lee the Lizard, hints that he will be dancing in his birthday suit.

Meanwhile, on the

Internet, a commercial featuring Timberlake launches Pepsi Stuff — a promotion where consumers purchasing Pepsi products can bank their points on PepsiStuff.com and redeem them for music on Amazon MP3 as well as electronics, apparel, DVDs, CDs and other items.

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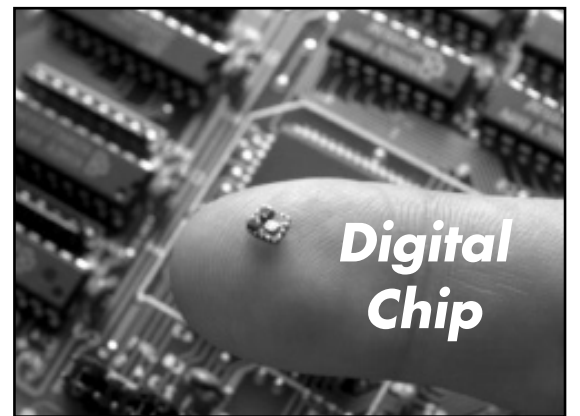


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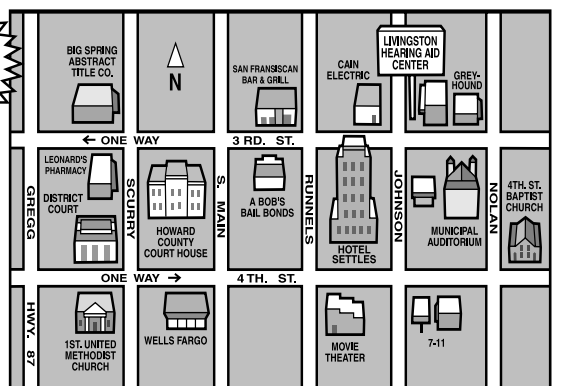
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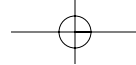


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