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Mayor's address to be positive

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
If Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen had to sum up Tuesday's State of the City Address in one word, "optimistic" would certainly be a front-runner. McEwen, who makes the address annually during the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Community Luncheon, said he's excited to see the municipality moving forward in 2008.



McEwen
"I'm very optimistic about the direction we're headed in," said McEwen. "I can't remember a time when there were so many things going on with the potential to make a significant difference in the quality of life for the citizens and those that are looking to move to the Big Spring area. "During the address, we'll take a good look at where the

community is going in the coming year, and the vision we have of the future." Among the ongoing projects that have McEwen feeling optimistic about the future are efforts to revitalize the downtown area, including the restoration of the historic Settles Hotel. "Right now, when we bring business prospects into town, we have to steer them around the downtown area," said McEwen. "With everything that is going on, soon that will be

the first place we take them. "The revitalization of the downtown area is still in the very beginning stages of what we will eventually see there. We haven't yet scratched the surface, and all of this is thanks to local investors who took the initial steps into this." The Settles Hotel Development Company — spearheaded by Big Spring native and project manager G. Brint Ryan — announced plans

State of the City
What: Mayor's State of the City Address and Community Luncheon.
Where: Dora Roberts Civic Center, 100 Whipkey Drive.
When: 11:45 a.m. Tuesday.
Tickets: \$14 each. Must be purchased by 5 p.m. Friday at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Calling all candidates

Forum scheduled Monday at junior high

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
Area residents looking to bone-up on their local politics will get their chance Monday, as the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce prepares to host a candidate forum in advance of the March 4 primaries. According to Debbye ValVerde, executive director for the Chamber, the forum is set to begin at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria at Big Spring Junior High School and is expected to last approximately 1-1/2 hours. "We'll begin at 6 p.m., and each candidate will have approximately five minutes to introduce themselves and discuss the platform," said ValVerde. "We've also encouraged the candidates to bring bumper stickers, yard signs — whatever promotional



ValVerde
material they have — to pass out to the voters. "Last year we had about 130 people in attendance, and we're hoping for that sort of good turnout this year as well. Most of the candidates have already confirmed they will be attending and I expect the rest will be confirmed by Monday." ValVerde said following the forum — which will be hosted by the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee Chairman Michael Downes — the candidates will be afforded a chance to mingle and meet with members of the audience. "We usually ask them to stay for at least 30 min-



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Miranda Gonzalez arranges boxes of Girl Scout cookies at a stand in front of Medicine Center Pharmacy on Gregg Street Saturday morning. Local scouts will be at the Wal-Mart Supercenter from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Killer storms sweep South; death toll 55

By DAN SEWELL
Associated Press Writer
LAFAYETTE, Tenn. — County Mayor Shelvy Linville could only shake his head at the horrific toll left by a deadly series of tornadoes that pounded across the South. "It really is unbelievable that Mother Nature can create that much devastation," he said Wednesday evening at his Macon County home. "We need your prayers." Before rebuilding can begin, residents must first tackle cleanup in this northern Tennessee community and in the others where dozens of tornadoes ripped across Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama, killing at least 55 people and injuring hundreds more in the nation's deadliest set of twisters in more than two decades. "I'm surprised that I'm alive," said Trelia Sorrells, 24, who survived one twister that left only parts of two walls standing in her home. A gash on her head

"I looked him right in the eye and he died right there in front of me."

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VETERAN OF THE MONTH


Scott Murdock has been named Veteran of the Month for February by the Hangar 25 Air Museum. Murdock served in the Army from 1964 to 1976, including two tours in Vietnam. A reception in his honor will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 in the Briefing Room at the museum. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served. Hangar 25 Air Museum is located at 1911 Apron in the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark. For more information about the Veteran of the Month program, call Hangar 25 at 264-1999.

'EVENING OF DVORAK'

Tickets are on sale for Saturday's performance of the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra, as the group prepares for its third concert of the season, entitled "An Evening of Dvorak." Slated for 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium, the performance will include Symphony No. 9 "From the New World," Slavonic Dance, Op. 46, No. 8, and the Cello Concerto in B minor with guest artist Jeffrey Lastrapes. Tickets — priced at \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students — are available at Blum's Jewelers, Faye's Flowers, First Bank of West Texas' locations, the Chamber and the Herald.

MOORE BOARD TO MEET

The board of directors for Moore Development for Big Spring will hold a special meeting today at 5:15 p.m. to discuss possible funding for improvements to the runways at the Big Spring Airport. The board is to consider funding a project that would pave the way for reconstruction of a runway and allow larger aircraft to land at the facility. The project is being financed in part by the Texas Department of Transportation, with additional funding from the city of Big Spring. The meeting will be held in the board room at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Moore Development at 264-6032.



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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

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

FRIDAY

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

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

Coahoma girls basketball vs. Plainview in a practice game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Time TBA.

Forsan boys basketball vs. Roscoe in Gail for the district championship, 7 p.m.

Big Spring Girls Softball registration begin Saturday

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association begins registration for the 2008 youth softball season Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall across from Merle Norman.

Subsequent sign-up dates will be Feb. 16 and 23 and March 1.

Anyone with questions can call Luci Ramirez at 466-3670.

Big Spring Country Club schedules 4-person scramble

The Big Spring Country Club has scheduled a 4-person scramble for Feb. 23-24.

Entry fee is \$75 per player, plus golf cart fees, and includes a barbecue lunch on the course both days. Private carts are welcome.

Practice rounds are available Friday. The Field will be flighted by first-round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of entries.

Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for more information or to enter a team.

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.

Three Steers ink letters of intent

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

With high school athletes all over the country taking advantage of national signing day Wednesday, it's only right that three Big Spring Steers ink their letters of intent to compete for colleges throughout West Texas.

Zack Dawson, Jessie Sanchez and Matt Casteneda signed with Texas Tech, Western Texas College and West Texas A&M, respectively. Dawson and Sanchez are set to run cross country for their respective schools and Casteneda will be hitting the football field for West Texas A&M.

Dawson was the strongest runner in Big Spring's cross country state title won in 2006 and the third place finish the Steers earned in 2007. Dawson finished third individually at both state meets, running the exact same time both years.

He was one of the more highly recruited long distance runners in the state and was leaning toward the University of Texas for most of the recruiting process. However, it was the size of the city and preference of major that took Dawson to Lubbock.

"I went to Austin and it's just nuts. There's just too much going on there for me," he said. "I also



Big Spring's Matt Casteneda, Jessie Sanchez and Zack Dawson all signed letters of intent to compete in college athletic programs Wednesday at the Athletic Training Center on the Big Spring High School campus. Casteneda signed to play football at West Texas A&M in Canyon, Sanchez will run cross country at Western Texas College in Snyder and Dawson will also run cross country, but at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

want to major in engineering, which is another reason why I chose Tech."

According to Big Spring Cross Country Coach Randy Britton, Dawson has the ability to be one of the Tech's top runners as long as he can keep his desire.

"I looked at Tech's roster and Zack has a better personal record than most of the runners on the team. Zack has the ability and athleticism to be one of the best," Britton said. "He just has to keep his desire. So often, kids out of high school lose the heart to com-

pete. If he can avoid that, then he'll do well at the next level of competition."

Dawson says that his desire is as high as it has ever been.

"When I started cross country,

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AP photo/Tony Gutierrez

Texas Tech head coach Pat Knight stands by the team bench in the final seconds against Baylor in Waco, Wednesday. Baylor won 80-74. This was Knight's first game as head coach of Texas Tech since his father Bob Knight's resignation.

Pat Knight loses debut as Tech's head coach

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

WACO — When Pat Knight planned changes in the way Texas Tech would do certain things, he didn't worry about the opinions of anyone else. Not even those of the coach he succeeded.

Who just happens to be his father, Bob Knight, the NCAA's winningest Division I men's coach.

"Like when you grow up and leave the house, you have got to be on your own," Pat Knight said after his first game, an 80-74 loss at Baylor on Wednesday night. "That's pretty much the way it's going to be. He's not going to be there to bail me out when I lose games, or when I win."

Bob Knight wasn't there for his son's head coaching debut with the Red Raiders (12-9, 3-4 Big 12), when it was clear that a different Knight was in charge.

"Wow! Coach Knight to Coach Knight is definitely a little different," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "Press, zone, some things that you wouldn't expect."

Two days after Bob Knight's sudden resignation after 902 wins and three national championships over 42 years, the younger Knight was already putting his imprint on the team.

"I'm not sitting here doing this job now thinking about what other people think," he said. "I'm either going to win my way or lose my way, just like he did."

The Red Raiders were trapping on defense and putting a lot of pressure on the ball. And what about that 3-2 zone defense, far from the man-to-man schemes his father prefers?

"The reason I used 3-2 was because of him. We talked during the year and he always thinks that's the best zone to run," said 37-year-old Pat. "Everything I really did tonight were ideas from him, even though he hasn't done it in a game."

Then he added a phrase repeated several times after his first game: "It's my team."

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Nolan Ryan named Rangers' team president

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON — Twenty years later, Nolan Ryan's job is to once again revitalize the Texas Rangers.

The Rangers introduced the Hall of Fame pitcher as team president Wednesday with the fanfare of a major free-agent pickup, just as Ryan was in 1988 when Texas signed the right-hander to help fill seats and bring wins to the struggling franchise.

Only now, the 61-year-old career strikeout leader who set many of his greatest milestones in a Rangers jersey is tasked with doing the same from the front office.

"Another thing in my career that I never anticipated," Ryan said. "You really wonder where baseball and life is going to take you."

Ryan threw an unmatched seven no-hitters and won 324 games in a record 27 major league seasons. The last five of those came with the Rangers and included his final two no-hitters and 5,000th strikeout.

Texas owner Tom Hicks, whose team has finished no better than third in the AL West since 2000,

called the hiring a pivotal point in club history. Ryan retired with the Rangers in 1993, leaving the game as a fan favorite who was as well known for his sizzling fastball as his toughness and work ethic.

"Nolan is the biggest hero we've ever had as an organization," Hicks said. "He's our hero. He's also a guy who happens to be a very successful businessman."

Ryan got a hero's reception at The Ballpark in Arlington, where his number remains the only one to ever be retired by the Rangers. A packed hall of onlookers cheered as Hicks introduced his latest hire with a video highlight package that trumpeted the return of The Ryan Express.

Ryan replaces Jeff Cogen, who was moved by Hicks to the Dallas Stars during a shake-up of his hockey team in November.

Ryan will be in charge of baseball operations, a role that Hicks said Cogen didn't have as president. Hicks described Ryan as an asset useful in evaluating the character of players and prospects while dealing with business issues as president.

Ryan repeatedly mentioned the "learning curve" he faces as a

first-time team president. He stood next to 30-year-old general manager Jon Daniels, who is less than half Ryan's age and who Hicks said is still ultimately accountable for player personnel.

In recent years, Ryan has been a consultant for the Houston Astros, another former team, and part owner of two Astros minor league teams in Texas. He had taken that role after spending 10 years doing marketing and public relations appearances for the Rangers after his retirement.

Ryan leaves the Astros with more than a year remaining on a five-year personal services contract he signed in 2004. He most recently served as special assistant to the general manager, scouting players and holding pitching camps.

Astros owner Drayton McLane said Hicks approached him last month seeking permission to speak with Ryan. McLane said the Astros will continue their relationship with the minor league franchises in Round Rock and Corpus Christi, which are run by Ryan's sons.

"I had said to Nolan on several occasions that we wanted to keep him," McLane said. "But this was a big job opportunity that he

had there."

This isn't the first time Ryan has left the Astros for the Rangers. In 1988, he signed as a free agent after nine seasons in Houston.

Though the Rangers' only three playoff appearances came after Ryan retired, Texas hasn't made the postseason since 1999. Pitching has long been a frustration; the Rangers had the fewest strikeouts in the AL last season and their team ERA ranked in the bottom five.

Texas tried to bolster its rotation last month by signing free agent Jason Jennings, who grew up in Dallas watching Ryan pitch. But bringing Ryan into the front office is likely to stir the most excitement among Rangers fans, many of whom still revere the Texas native.

Some of Ryan's best moments occurred in a Rangers uniform, including his 300th victory.

Even the image of Ryan putting Robin Ventura — 20 years younger than the aging pitcher — into a headlock after Ventura charged the mound in Ryan's final season remains a favorite memory for Rangers fans.

Houston AP Writer Chris Duncan contributed to this report.

Obituaries

Jennifer Dominguez



Jennifer Craven Dominguez, 36, of Big Spring died on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, 2008, at the Trinity Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating and the Rev. Richard Craven and Bro. Joey Bacon assisting. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

She was born Oct. 16, 1971 in Big Spring and married Michael Henry Dominguez Sept. 13, 1997 in Big Spring. Jennifer was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. She was very involved with her children and family. She was an active member of the Kentwood Elementary PTO and a lifelong member of Trinity Baptist Church, where she was a member of the choir and worked in the church nursery. She also was involved with the Mother's Day Out program at First Baptist Church. Jennifer was a very active soccer mom and had a real heart for all children.

Survivors include her husband, Michael Henry Dominguez of Big Spring; one son, Nolan Michael Dominguez of Big Spring; one daughter, Sophie Lea Dominguez of Big Spring; her mother, Peggy Daratt of Big Spring; her father, Richard Craven and wife, Melanie, of Lubbock; two sisters, Cathy and Jody; and one brother, Zack; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Henry and Leonor Dominguez of Big Spring; one sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Amy and Isaac Miramontes; one sister-in-law, Kim Dominguez; two grandmothers, Elizabeth Craven and Betty Daratt, both of Big Spring; and several aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and many wonderful loving friends.

She was preceded in death by an aunt, Pam Bost, and her grandfathers, Melvin Darratt and the Rev. Dr. Claude Craven.

The family suggests memorials be made to Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund, 810 East 11th Pl., Big Spring 79720 or Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life, c/o Diane Wood, 3200 Greenbriar, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Martina Molina

Martina Molina, 90, of Coahoma was called home by Our Gracious Father on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8, 2008, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Coahoma with the Rev. Richard Regan officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.



She was born on Nov. 11, 1917, in Columbus, Texas.

Mrs. Molina had been a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Coahoma since the church's beginning. She belonged to the Society of The Guadalupanos and was a Crusillista.

Survivors include three sons, Delfino Molina and his ex-wife, Gloria Molina, and Juan Molina and wife, Angelina, all of Coahoma, and Quirino Molina and wife, Beatrice, of Denver City; four daughters, Petra Rubio and husband, Felix II, of Denver, Colo., Pascuala Aragon and husband, Jimmy, of Estancia, N.M., Maria Martinez of Big Spring and Consuelo Morales and husband, Eusebio, of Coahoma; 37 grandchildren; 71 great-grandchildren; and 40 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ines Molina, in 1979, and one son, Frederico Molina.

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Paid obituary

Delbert Burchett

Delbert Burchett, 73, of Big Spring died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, in Midland. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Tony Burns

Tony Burns, 49, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, in a Lubbock hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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J.N. 'Pete' Woody Jr.



J.N. "Pete" Woody Jr., 79, a third generation resident of Martin County and fifth-generation Texan, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at the First United Methodist Church of Stanton with the Rev. Daniel Armstrong, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008, at the funeral home.

He was born Sept. 18, 1928, in Martin County to J.N. and Inez Houston Woody and married Marie Vandever on Feb. 23, 1956, in Odessa.

Pete was a graduate of Stanton High School and attended Texas Tech University. He served in the United States Army in Alaska during the Korean War. He spent his career working in the family's farming and ranching operation in Martin County with his brother, Houston, and his son, Jim. Pete's community activities included serving as a member of th Stanton ISD Board of Trustees for a number of years and an active supporter of local athletics. Pete was also active in outdoor competitive pistol shooting and won numerous championships, including setting individual and team national records.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Stanton, a 32nd degree Master Mason and Past Master of Masonic Lodge 951 A.F. & A.M. in Stanton.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Marie Woody of Stanton; son, Jim Woody and wife, Julie, of Stanton; two daughters, Carolyn Woody Graham of Springfield, Va., and Linda Woody Cobb and husband, Stephen, of Houston; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Inez Woody; and two brothers, Houston Woody and Johncal Woody.

The family suggests memorials be made to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1193, Stanton 79782; Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79701; or the Martin County Library, P.O. Box 1187, Stanton 79782.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Esequiel 'Zeke' Valles



Esequiel "Zeke" Valles, 75, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born July 14, 1932, in Big Spring to Evangelina and Tomas Valles. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He married Anita Holguin March 17, 1949, in Big Spring. He was employed by Big Spring Independent School District for 11 years and then by Sid Richardson Carbon for 26 years.

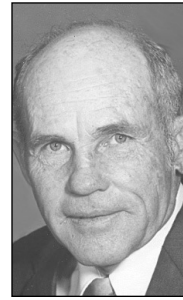
After retiring, he worked for the Big Spring Independent School District as a crossing guard. He coached girls' softball for 16 years and coached the Howard County Boxing Club for 12 years. He served eight years as a Howard County constable and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Anita Valles of Big Spring; three daughters, Angelita Salazar and her husband, Enrique, of Mansfield, Cruz Rodriguez and her husband, Ariel, of Melbourne, Fla., and Nora Valles of Big Spring; four sons, Esequiel "Lito" Vallles Jr. and his wife, Velma, and Raul Valles and his wife, Delia, all of Big Spring, Edward Hernandez and his wife, Kelly, of Lebanon, Tenn., and Robert Hernandez and his wife, Islea, of Houston; two sisters, Ramona Bersosa and her husband, Ben, of Abilene, and Maria Nunez of Odessa; two brothers, Siro Valles of Holland, Mich., and Tomas Valles of El Paso; 15 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Jody Hernandez, in 1997.

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

Wilson L. Sikes



Wilson L. Sikes, 88, of Midland, formerly of Ackerly, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Don Knight, pastor of Cuthbert Avenue Baptist Church of Midland, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

He was born March 23, 1919, in Mingus and married Helen Clark March 1, 1941, in Lorenzo.

Mr. Sikes came to Ackerly in 1958 and then moved to Vincent in 1981. He drove a butane truck for Ackerly Oil Company for 20 years. He was a member of Cuthbert Avenue Baptist Church in Midland and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Sikes of Midland; three daughters, Patricia Schuelke, Sandra Sikes and Pamela Sikes, all of Midland; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one nephew; and one niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Myrtle Sikes; a brother, L.C. Sikes; and a sister, Erlene Mashburn.

The family suggests memorials be made to Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Highway 87, Big Spring 79720.

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

Billy Calley

Funeral service for Billy Calley, 77, of Ira will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, 2008, at Colonial Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Hill and the Rev. Dr. Harry Tingle officiating. Interment will follow in the Ira Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home in Snyder. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born July 26, 1930, in Pasadena, Texas, and married Verline Light Oct. 14, 1951, in Forsan.

Mr. Calley was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ira where he served as deacon for 37 years.

For 42 years, Mr. Calley was in partnership with Horace Fowler, operating Calley-Fowler Production. In 1991, Mr. Calley and Mr. Fowler were recipients of the C.T. McLaughlin Award for their outstanding contribution to the oil industry in Scurry County. They sold their business to Anadarko in 1992.

He was a Mason, receiving his 50-year pin in August 2006. He was a member of the Gideons International for many years. Mr. Calley served on the Ira School Board for 12 years and the Scurry County Appraisal District for five years.

He is survived by his wife, Verline Calley of Ira; a daughter and son-in-law, Gwen and Nick Nichols of Arlington; two sons and daughters-in-law, Myron and Cindy Calley of Snyder, and Darryl and Teena Calley of Snyder; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Bob Calley of Big Spring; and two sisters, Bettie Gassiot of San Angelo and Ruth Clifton of Abilene.

Robert D. 'Dee' Anderson

Robert D. "Dee" Anderson, 81, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Elvin Michael Griffin

Elvin Michael Griffin, 43, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Despite their effort, the Red Raiders couldn't overcome missing 10 of their last 11 field goals before halftime, then having six turnovers in a 2-minute span right after the break when Baylor stretched its lead to 12 points.

Curtis Jerrells led Baylor (17-4, 5-2) with 16 points, including a 3-pointer followed by an inside bucket in that 12-1 spurt right after halftime.

The Bears snapped a two-game losing streak that had knocked them out of the Top 25 after they were in the national rankings for the first time since 1969.

"They're still a Knight-coached team," Baylor's Aaron Bruce said. "They caught us at a bad time. We were really hungry and wanted to win."

The Red Raiders' miscues put them in a hole they couldn't get out off — even though they cut a 14-point deficit to 74-71 on John Roberson's 3-pointer with 33 seconds left before Baylor made six straight free throws.

Mike Singletary had 20 points for Texas Tech, which dropped to 1-7 on the road — 0-4 in the Big 12. Alan Voskuil added 16, including four 3-pointers.

Knight spent a decade as a college assistant. The

only season he wasn't with his father was 2000-01, when Bob Knight didn't coach between his departure from Indiana and his hiring at Tech.

While disappointed with losing, Knight appreciated the effort from players asked to "do a lot of things they weren't used to." He had "a blast" coaching his first game.

"I haven't had this much fun since I played," he said. "I haven't felt this much nervousness or energy since I was lacing up and playing for my dad."

Duke 89, North Carolina 78

Gerald Henderson and Duke have big plans after snapping a skid against their biggest rival, too.

Greg Paulus scored 18 points and was one of six players in double figures in the second-ranked Blue Devils' 89-78 win over No. 3 North Carolina on Wednesday night, ending a three-game losing streak in the heated rivalry.

"We're looking to take over this league," said Henderson, who finished with 12 points. "We hope that we can continue to play like this and win like this. ... We just want to continue to add in the left side of the column."

Jon Scheyer added 17 points for Duke (20-1, 8-0), which repeatedly knocked down 3-point shots to control the game almost the entire way.

SIGNINGS

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it was something to do because I couldn't play football," he said. "Then it became something I really enjoyed. I give Coach Britton a lot of credit for that. He's pushed me and gave the team a lot of time, driving us out into the country early in the morning just so we can run in different places."

"I've gotten to a point where I enjoy training," Dawson continued. "I just want to go there and compete. Seven runners make the traveling team at Tech and I want to make that team so I can compete at all the meets."

Dawson's teammate Sanchez will be staying even closer to home, moving just 45 miles east to Western Texas College in Snyder.

Sanchez finished in the top 20 at the 2006 state meet, but saw his performance regress in 2007. He says competing at Western Texas gives him a chance to return to top form.

"I messed up and didn't perform my best this past year," Sanchez said. "I want a chance to get back to performing to the best of my abilities."

Western Texas Cross Country Coach Garrett Hicks noted that Sanchez was signed because of his accolades in his junior year.

"I'm taking a chance that Jessie will return to where he was at in his junior season," Hicks said. "He had a disappointing senior season, but I saw his potential as a junior and am hoping he can get back to that."

Sanchez had an opportunity to sign with West Texas A&M, but didn't like the distance it would put between him and his parents.

"That's a long way from my mom," Sanchez said. "Being in Snyder keeps me pretty close to home."

Casteneda decided that Canyon wasn't too far from home, though, as he inked with West Texas A&M to play football.

"I really liked their facilities and their coaches," Casteneda said. "They also went undefeat-

ed in the regular season last year so they're having a lot of success."

The Buffaloes finished a perfect 11-0 in the 2007 regular season, won the Lone Star Conference and were ranked as high as No. 4 in the country.

Casteneda experienced an injury plagued senior season in which he served as one of three team captains for the Steers. In the third game of the season, Casteneda broke his hand on the first play of the night.

He played through the game, but the injury limited Casteneda through the rest of the year. He also experienced a knee injury later in the season.

"I didn't really have a good year," reflected an obviously disappointed Casteneda. "It means a lot that West Texas A&M would give me a chance still despite that."

Steers Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Mike Ritchey

sees Casteneda's senior season a little differently. "We're very proud of the season Matt had," Ritchey said. "He sacrificed a lot and was a great leader for us. He showed a lot of heart and fight with the way he performed through injuries."

One of the sacrifices made by Casteneda was a position change on offense.

Because of a team need, he moved from tight end to right tackle. Unfortunately, he couldn't contribute at the position after he broke his hand.

At West Texas A&M, Casteneda gets a chance to move back to his original tight end position.

"I'm going to spend my first year at West Texas A&M trying to get a lot stronger and more athletic," he said. "I've got to work really hard on my hands as well. I'm just glad I'm going to get the chance to compete."

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Accidentally on Purpose

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q
♥ A J 10 3
♦ K Q 5
♣ 9 7 6 4

WEST
♠ K 9 6 5 4 3 2
♥ 9 8 7 4
♦ 10 3
♣ —

EAST
♠ J 10 8 7
♥ K 6 2
♦ J 7
♣ Q J 10 3

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ Q 5
♦ A 9 8 6 4 2
♣ A K 8 5 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1 NT Pass 3 ♦ Pass
3 ♥ Pass 4 ♦ Pass
4 ♦ Pass 6 ♦

Opening lead — nine of hearts.
"What can defeat me?" is a question every declarer should ask himself, even when there seems to be only a remote chance of defeat. If the answer is that a particular distribution, however unlikely, would put the contract in jeopardy, declarer should start looking for a way to overcome that distribution.
Consider this deal where — without seeing the East-West cards — it seems highly probable that South will make 12 or 13 tricks in six diamonds. That would be the outcome in most deals, since the missing dia-

monds and clubs would be divided 2-2 or 3-1 more than 80 percent of the time.
But South has no right to assume that either suit is divided favorably, and from the start he should cater to the possibility of a 4-0 division in one suit or the other.
Accordingly, he wins the heart lead with the ace and discards his other heart on the ace of spades. Trumps are the next order of business, and, as there is no way of avoiding a trump loser if either opponent has all four of them, declarer starts to draw trumps by cashing first the ace and then the queen.

When the diamonds turn out to be divided 2-2, South's only remaining concern is a 4-0 club division. He cannot protect against West having all four of them, so he proceeds on the assumption that East has them.
He leads the four of clubs from dummy, and, after East produces the three, he plays the deuce from his hand! As a result he makes the slam, losing only one club trick. Note that declarer goes down if he fails to make this play.
If East plays the ten on the first club lead, South wins with the king and returns a club to dummy's nine. East wins with the jack, but declarer trumps the spade return, crosses to dummy with a trump and finessees against East's Q-3 of clubs to make the slam.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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ADDRESS

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for a \$12 million renovation project in December 2006.

According to SHDC officials, the project includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors. Renovation of the downtown landmark is expected to begin this month.

The State of the City Address is slated to begin at 11:45 a.m. at the Dora Roberts

Community Center and will be catered by Tee's Catering. Tickets are \$14 per person and can be purchased at the Chamber office — located at 215 W. Third Street — until the end of the business day Friday.

Tickets will not be available at the door, according to event coordinators. For more information, call 263-7641.

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The library at Marcy Elementary got a technological shot in the arm Tuesday morning, as Melissa Rogers, left, Anna Trevino and Zelma Evans, representatives of the local Wal-Mart Supercenter, present Librarian Lavonda Eckert and Principal Brenda Dunlap with a new computer.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

FORUM

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utes following the forum," said ValVerde. "That gives people a chance to meet their candidates and get to know them a little better."

Area voters will have plenty of candidates to choose from in both primaries, especially the GOP slate.

Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker will run for re-election on the Republican ticket, bring-

ing his eight-year run with the Democratic Party to a close. Walker will face Gary Morgan and Stan Parker in the GOP Primary, while former HCSO deputy Pat Carter is unopposed in the Democratic Primary.

In the race for the Precinct 3 seat on the commissioners court, nearly a half-dozen hopefuls have thrown their hats into the ring. Dick Dubose, who ran for the seat four years ago, is the lone Democratic candidate, automatically earn-

ing him a place on the November ballot. However, Steve Gray, Winston Paschal Odom, Jimmie Wayne Long and Fred Green will have to duke it out in March in hopes of winning the Republican nomination.

Incumbent Prec. 3 Commissioner William Crooker announced in late 2007 he would not seek re-election.

Edwin O. Ware will be able to quietly cruise through the primaries as the lone Republican candidate seeking the

Precinct 1 seat on the commissioners court, while incumbent Commissioner Emma Brown and challenger Yolanda Mendoza will try to win the Democratic nomination. Brown defeated Mendoza in her last bid approximately four years ago.

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

card. County Attorney Mike Thomas is unopposed in his bid for re-election in the Democratic Primary. But he will be opposed in November by local attorney Joshua Hamby, who is unchallenged on the Republican ticket.

For more information on the forum, contact the Chamber office at 263-7641.

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STORMS

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required eight staples at a hospital to close.

Federal and state emergency teams poured into the hardest-hit areas, along with utility workers and insurance claims representatives. Hundreds of homes were demolished across the region and officials were only beginning to tally how much the tornadoes would cost.

President Bush, who said he called the governors of the affected states to offer support, plans to come to Tennessee on Friday. "Prayers can help and so can the government," Bush said.

Thirty-one people were killed in Tennessee, 13 in Arkansas, seven in Kentucky and four in Alabama, emergency officials said. It was one of the 15 worst tornado death tolls since 1950, and the nation's deadliest barrage of tornadoes since 76 people were killed in Pennsylvania and Ohio on May 31, 1985.

Among the most remarkable survival stories: in Castalian Springs, Tenn., a baby was discovered unscathed in a field across from a demolished post office. A bystander swaddled the crying child in his shirt. There was no word on the child's parents' fates.

"He had debris all over him, but there were no obvious signs of trauma," said Ken Weidner, Sumner County emergency management director.

The National Weather Service issued more than 1,000 tornado warnings

from 3 p.m. Tuesday to 6 a.m. Wednesday in the 11-state area where the weather was heading. The Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla., put out an alert six days in advance.

There were no comprehensive estimates yet on damages, but the tornadoes' paths left behind flattened streets and tree lines, shredded mobile homes, flipped-over tractor-trailers and trucks, and concrete floors where homes, garages and carports once stood.

Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen, who viewed the northern Tennessee damage by helicopter, said after his aerial tour: "It looks like the Lord took a Brillo pad and scrubbed the ground."

Weather conditions were ripe for tornadoes and forecasters were ready with warnings and in many hard-hit areas, sirens and TV warnings were credited with helping keep the death toll from being even worse.

In the mostly rural area of Lafayette, there are no tornado sirens. Linville, the county mayor, said he didn't think they would have made much difference because of the way the 23,000 residents are spread out.

"You don't really think it's going to hit you until you realize it's on top of you, then it's too late," he said.

Just outside town, Melissa Bryant watched as friends picked through the heavily damaged home where her 78-year-old mother Dorothy Collins survived in a bathroom.

"It's devastating and ter-

rible," Bryant said. "But she's very lucky; she's alive."

The two-story garage was gone, and in a yard filled with debris, the bellows of a bull that neighbors said had been injured by a fallen tree could be heard from hundreds of yards away.

Students took cover in dormitory bathrooms as the storms closed in on Union University in Jackson, Tenn. More than 20 students at the Southern Baptist school were trapped behind wreckage and jammed doors after the dormitories came down around them.

With five minutes' warning from TV news reports, Nova and Ray Story huddled inside their home outside Lafayette and came out unscathed. But nearby, their uncle, Bill Clark, was injured in his toppled mobile home.

They put him in the bed of their pickup to take him to a hospital, and neighbors with chain saws tried to clear a path. What normally would have been a 30-minute drive to the hospital took

well more than two hours because the roads were clogged with debris. Clark died on the way.

"He never had a chance," Nova Story said. "I looked him right in the eye and he died right there in front of me."

Sorrells, who with her mother and her mother's boyfriend filled garbage bags with belongings pulled from the rubble of

her home Wednesday evening, said she was sitting on her couch watching storm coverage on television and talking with her mother by cell phone when the power abruptly went out.

"Something is hitting the house," she told her mother. Then, "It's here!"

The next thing she knew, she said, "I was looking up at sky."

In Matthew 18:6, Jesus said, "But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."

I wonder about parents, who neglect the spiritual well-being of their children. I think about families that are focused on sports, recreation, pleasure and busyness. I know families that fill their lives with everything under the sun except God's son!

I am not talking about homes that are involved in flagrant immorality. I am speaking about moms and dads, who do not intentionally lead their children into wrong; they just fail to intentionally lead them into right, godly, holy living.

It may be time for your family to weed out some habits and routines. It may be time to plant and water the seed of God's world in your family life. If the church of Christ in Coahoma can help, please let us know.

EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Remember to join us Saturday during symphony concert

The third concert of the Big Spring Symphony's 2007-2008 subscription season is set for Saturday and will feature the music of Antonin Dvorak.

The orchestra's performance of "An Evening of Dvorak" will begin at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.

Cellist Jeffrey Lastrapes, an professor of music at Oklahoma State University, will be the featured guest artist, and perform the Cello Concerto in B minor with the symphony.

Dr. Keith Graumann, the symphony's music director and conductor, is looking forward to Lastrapes' arrival to play with the orchestra, after having had an opportunity to hear him perform with the Midland-Odessa Symphony several years ago.

It was a memorable concert, Graumann said, because not only the audience, but that symphony's musicians were "extremely moved" by Lastrapes' performance.

Other selections scheduled for concert during the evening include Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 "From the New World," and Slavonic Dance, Op. 46, No. 8.

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 salute to his native Bohemia (now part of the Czech Republic)," Graumann noted, adding that he selected No. 8 of the first series of dances to serve as an overture for the evening because it is "very upbeat and lively, and reminiscent of Dvorak's interest in the folk music of his native country."

We encourage our readers to make plans now to attend "An Evening of Dvorak" Feb. 9 beginning at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets are just \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students and are available at the Herald, Blum's Jewelers, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Faye's Flowers, and all First Bank of West Texas locations. They'll also be on sale at the door the night of the performance.

We hope to see you there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we aren't sure how to handle an important matter, may we give it to You, Lord, before we decide.

Amen

GOP can't afford more liberal leaders

I suppose I could be accused of over-dramatizing, but I truly worry about the direction this nation is headed when contemplating a presidential race where the choices are liberal and liberal-light. If John McCain is the GOP nominee, that's what we'll be faced with, despite the Herculean efforts of some to spin it otherwise.

In that case, the presidential candidates of both parties would be willing to use the bully pulpit and governing power of the presidency to suppress political speech, punish producers, oil companies and drug companies, open wider our borders, cater to the whacko environmental movement and its junk-science-driven pseudo-consensus on global warming, nominate judges who don't "wear their conservatism on their sleeve," close Gitmo, confer constitutional civil liberties on enemy combatants, end life-saving interrogation techniques, demonize evangelical conservatives and obstruct efforts of conservative Republican legislators.

It is also distressing that many conservative commentators are so deeply mired in rationalization in order to spin their support for John McCain.

Sure, if I'm a paid staffer for McCain or a high-school debater forced to take the affirmative side of the proposition that McCain is a conservative, I can make a colorable case — intellectual honesty be damned — that he's a conservative. But I am under no such constraints.

Getting 50 endorsements from well-placed Republican officials or even respected conservatives doesn't make McCain conservative. Being a conservative makes one a conservative. I bet, truth be told, McCain can't even stand the word.

How quickly we forget that McCain said that conservative evangelicals are "agents of intolerance" and that social issues just aren't his thing.

How readily we overlook that his environmental and immigration policies alone contradict his self-identification as a budget hawk.

How quickly we forget that he really was just one of two Republican senators who actively opposed the Bush tax cuts, which, despite liberal disinformation, led to sustained economic growth.

How blindly we're willing to overlook McCain's fib that he opposed the cuts because they weren't coupled with guaranteed spending cuts. That was most certainly not the thrust of his opposition to the cuts — and he knows it. The facts are available for all to see. He opposed the cuts because he said, quite dishonestly, that they were skewed in favor of the wealthy. That, "my friend," is apparently what he means by "straight talk."

McCain has no abiding loyalty to conservative principles. His loyalty is to John McCain. If he captures the nomination and then goes on to win the election after leading the charge for open borders and against the Bush tax cuts, can you imagine how liberal he'll govern? How long do you think it will take for him to abandon his opportunistically acquired, more restrictive immigration policy when he has already stated that he hasn't changed his position at all? It's time for Rod Serling to bring us back from the Twilight Zone.

With McCain's many liberal predispositions and his craving for approval from elitist liberal circles, how likely is it that he will be able to resist the temptation to govern so as to please The New York Times? Would the Old Gray Lady have endorsed McCain had she believed he had actually converted to the supply — er, dark side? Would this most liberal of

liberal print-publication giants eulogized McCain if he hadn't established himself as a persistent annoyance to the Republican Party and conservatism? Would the liberal commentariat in general be salivating over McCain if he'd seen the error of his quasi-liberal ways?

It would be one thing for a Democratic president to rail against capitalism, slander those as racists and bigots who want to protect the unique American culture and safeguard our national security through prudent protection of our borders and rule of law, routinely pay homage to the gods of global warming, and use the tax code as a weapon against achievement and realization of the "American dream." But for a Republican, also falsely labeled as a conservative, to do it would be tragic.

We've already gone far enough in that dangerous direction under Republican administrations. We can't afford to go any further.

No matter how freely both parties have neglected the essential principles of limited republican government established in our Constitution, and no matter how foolishly we assume our unique experiment in constitutional self-rule will thrive even if we continue to reject the constitutional principles underlying it, we can destroy ourselves just as quickly from within as our enemies can destroy us by force.

We can't ever expect the ultra-liberal modern Democratic Party to vigilantly safeguard the pillars of self-government that guaranty our liberties. We have no choice, then, but to work to bring home the GOP and its principal leaders, to conservatism.

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Defense budget our real enemy

The United States is not the first nation to spend itself into military oblivion. The late, unlamented, Soviet Union did just that a couple decades ago. Of course, the United States was the motivating cause, menacing the Soviets into their foolishness. Pretty shrewd gambit on our part, actually. Our own military buildup purposely played into the hands of Russian munitions bureaucrats whose personal empires depended on producing more war machinery.

Various European countries have historically fallen into a similar armaments trap, from the Crusades to the Spanish Armada to Napoleon to Hitler.

Now it's our turn. Not only is the United States conducting a ruinous shooting war, but it still sustains a ruinous weapons budget larded on top of that conflict. Our 2005 spending (the war is only partially included) was \$518 billion. The next biggest spender was China at \$81 billion. Other nations disbursed much less, and besides, they're our friends, mostly. In fact, the United States paid out about as much for its military as all other countries combined.

The dangers of this policy are plain enough. For one thing, it causes a huge deficit, thus cheapening the dollar. You may have

noticed. It also starves civilian services, thus weakening our society in ways often mentioned in the press. And internationally it makes other nations fearful and angry about how we might use all that power. Can't imagine why they'd worry about that.

Today some concerned folk take comfort from the fact that our current aggressive political dynasty may come to an end next January. Surely that would be worth cheering. We may not start any more wars for a while. But that other pillar of the defense budget — The Military-Industrial Complex — has no intention of pulling in its horns. It did just fine under Bill Clinton and feels no concern that the current crop of timid Democrats will do anything to trim its sails. Remember that even Donald Rumsfeld had to spend enormous political capital just to scratch one outdated artillery weapon.

In my state, America's Arsenal of Democracy, that same big-weapon mentality runs rampant. "We've built submarines for 100 years, by God, and we're not going to let them stop us now." That may be true. The new defense budget did indeed just increase sub production in yet another supreme insult to all common sense. Even otherwise reasonable Congress members went along. Nor is our state congressional delegation any more rational when it comes to equally pointless super-duper fighter planes.

Other states have their pointless pets too. Aircraft carriers for one, cruisers for another, tanks, transports, bombers, missiles, nukes, bullets...the whole arsenal. Every weapon has its own set of champions in the form of corporations, workers, subcontractors, banks, stores, media, and Congress members. These lobbyists are often more fervent than the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

And even the top Pentagon brass sometimes gets trapped. Having persuaded Congress to fund a new weapon, what do you do years later when it's out of date? By then it has its own powerful constituency that's deeply invested in continued production.

So now, we're in the fix of which President Dwight Eisenhower once warned. While ruling the waves militarily, we're sinking beneath them financially. China is smarter. It's not bloating its army. Rather it is putting its effort into economic development, threatening one day to make the United States a commercial backwater. India is following suit.

Meanwhile our tax money keeps submarine workers happy locally and investors happy everywhere. Thus is "National Security" perverted for profit, while real security withers in want.

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DAVID LIMBAUGH

Acura MDX

7-passenger SUV loaded with luxury, performance

If you're looking for a bad review, I'm sorry to disappoint you.

I've yet to drive an Acura that wasn't near flawless, and the 2008 MDX certainly

lives up to the luxury automaker's reputation for building outstanding vehicles that pamper both driver and passenger while

delivering an invigorating experience for the driver.

I actually spent an entire afternoon sitting in the MDX literally "playing" with all of the high tech amenities.

I was in heaven.

It was like going to a high-end electronics store and sitting in one of those big, plush leather chairs in the demo room testing out all the new toys on the shelves.

Yes, my test vehicle was equipped with the optional Technology Package.

The Acura Navigation System with voice recognition and rearview camera is an absolute work of art. I bet I spent 10 minutes marveling at the real-time traffic updates while being informed where accidents have occurred, what streets had roadwork underway and how fast the traffic was moving on the freeway.

While the nav system does have a screen, you

don't really need it. Just push a button, tell the system what task you want it to accomplish and it provides audio responses over the speaker system. Traffic alerts:

it reads them out loud.

Program a destination: it provides audio directions as well as turn indicators on the map screen.

Of course I had to spend time "testing" the 10-speaker

Acura/ELS Surround audio system equipped with XM Satellite Radio.



The 2008 Acura MDX luxury sport utility vehicle.

ON THE ROAD



By NEAL WHITE

The package also includes a GPS-linked, solar-sensing, tri-zone, automatic climate control system with humidity control and air filtration.

If you can't get comfortable in this vehicle, better check your pulse.

I wanted to ask my wife if we could park this in our living room, but after careful deliberation thought better and just kept that one to myself.

But boy oh boy, that 10-way power, heated leather driver seat with power adjustable lumbar

support sure was comfortable.

And that's just the tip of the proverbial iceberg.

Let's talk safety. Here's the short list of standard safety features: Dual-stage, dual-threshold front airbags, front seat side airbags with front passenger occupant position detection system, side curtain airbags for all three rows with rollover sensor, front active head restraints, Super Handling All-Wheel Drive, ABS with electronic brake distribution and brake assist,

vehicle stability assist with traction control, trailer stability assist and tire pressure monitoring system, to name but a few.

Oh yeah, it delivers excellent ride and handling as well.

Powered by a 300-horsepower V6 engine and mated to a sequential SportShift 5-speed automatic transmission, it has a 2008 EPA fuel economy rating of 20 mpg. Not bad for a 7-passenger, all-wheel drive SUV.

For those who were hoping I would find

something negative to write about the MDX, here goes. I don't like the fact that it's out of my price range. However, for those in the market for a luxury SUV, this is an absolute must for the test drive list.

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THE NUTS AND BOLTS



MODEL:
2008 Acura MDX
7-seat luxury SUV
Super Handling all-wheel drive

Optional packages:
Technology Package
Entertainment Package
Sport Package

PRICE RANGE:
\$41,000-\$49,000

ENGINE:
3.7-L VTEC V6
(300 horsepower/275 torque)

TRANSMISSION:
5-speed automatic with sequential SportShift and grade logic control.

EPA: 15 mpg city, 20 mpg highway

FUEL: Premium unleaded

SUSPENSION:

Independent MacPherson strut (front); independent multi-link with trailing arm (rear).

TRACTION CONTROL:

Vehicle stability assist with traction control system.

BRAKES:

ABS with electronic brake distribution and brake assist.

LENGTH: 190.7 inches

WHEELBASE: 108.3 inches

WIDTH: 78.5 inches

HEIGHT: 68.2 inches

WEIGHT: 4,539-4,587 lbs.

TRACK: 67.7/67.5 (front/rear)

FUEL TANK: 21 gallons

TIRES: 18-inch

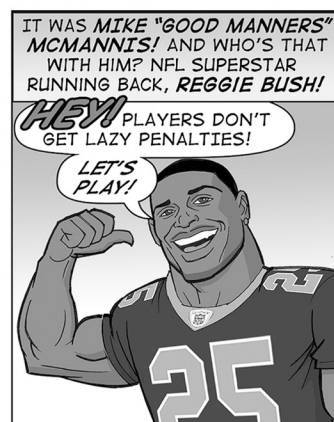
TOW CAPACITY: 5,000 lbs.

CARGO: 15/42.9/83.5 cubic feet (behind third seat/third seat flat/third and second seat flat).

WARRANTY: 4-year/50,000-mile vehicle warranty; 6-year/70,000-mile powertrain warranty.

ADVENTURES OF BEING A PLAYER

AN ORDINARY DAY. COLUCH-SLOUCHING. RUG IMITATING. LAZY MINUTE AFTER (YAWN) LAZY MINUTE WAS PASSING. WHEN SUDDENLY...



...SO PLAY THEY DID! THERE WAS FUN (AND RUNNING)! THERE WERE SMILES (AND JUMPING)! AND LAZINESS WAS CRUSHED!



YOU DON'T WANT ME TO GIVE YOU A LAZY PENALTY, DO YOU?



YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN NFL STAR LIKE REGGIE BUSH TO BE A PLAYER! JUST GET UP AND PLAY AN HOUR A DAY! IT'S A GREAT WAY TO BE HEALTHY, HAVE FUN, AND AVOID A LAZY PENALTY. BEING HEALTHY AND STAYING ACTIVE IS IMPORTANT. VISIT SMALLSTEP.GOV TO LEARN ABOUT FUN WAYS TO GET AN HOUR OF EXERCISE A DAY!



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Miss Stevi,
Your commitment to this group is unbelievable. The many number of hours you spend with us is greatly appreciated!
Good Luck Danzation!
We are very proud to be a part of such a wonderful team!
Chloe B. and Family

Chloe Bustamante
Alyssa Deanda
Mady Gartman
Baile Grant
Megan Magallanes
Destiny Mata



Mariah Sarmiento
Lauren Smith
Bergan Trevino
Stevi Ward
Kinsey Wash

Show'em Your Star Potential
Kinsey

With Love,
Mary, Chrissie, Jim & J.B.



Good Luck Mariah!

We are so proud of you. Dance your heart out.

Love, Dad, Mom
A.J. & Ashley

Love,
Mom & Dad
Alexandria, Nonna
& Pau Pau



Good Luck
In Ft. Worth Lauren!
Blow'em Away!

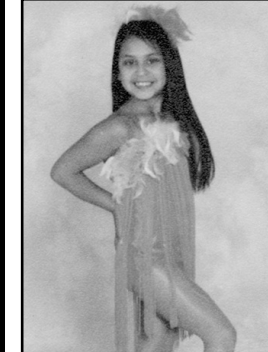
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Grandma & Grandpa

Lots of Love Kinsey



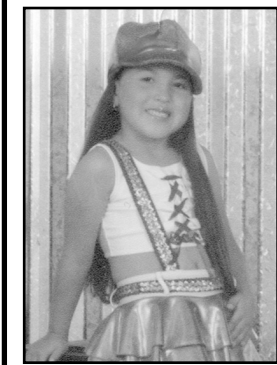
from
Nacogdoches
We're Proud Of You
Little Gran and Grandpa

Good Luck to
Kinsey
My Little Dancer



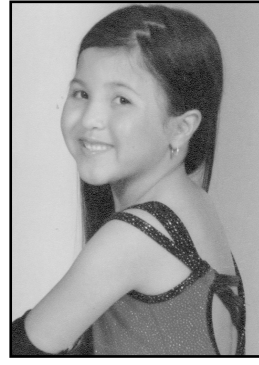
**Good Luck
Destiny Mata**

From Your
Ampa Tyky



We are so proud of you!
Good luck with your solo.
We love you to the moon...
and back again!
Mommy and
Daddy

Good Luck at
Competition and on
your very first Solo,
Baby Girl.
Love, "Granny"



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Good Luck In Competition

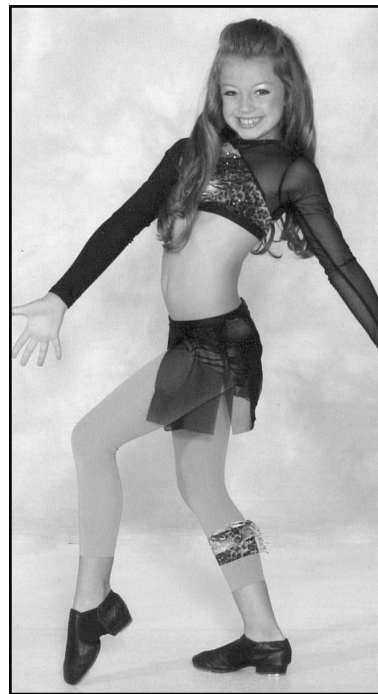
The Best Of Luck To My Special Girl



Love Granny

**Good Luck
To Our
Favorite
Girl!**

Love,
Pa, Great
Granny
And
Aunt Anna



Stevi,
You truly **SHINE**

Get out there
and let
your hard work
pay off.

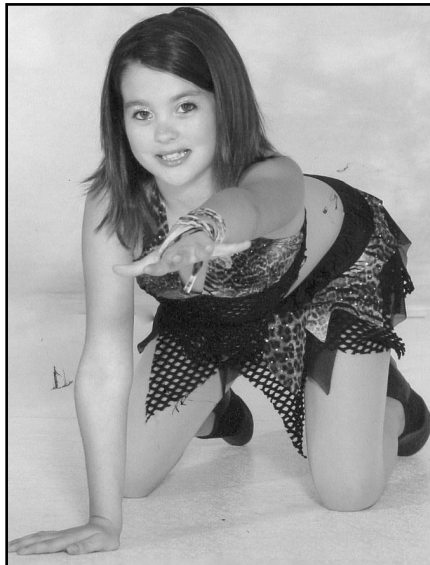
Knock 'em Dead Baby
♥ so much,
Mom & Dad

**Good Luck
and
Lots of Love
Kinsey and Danzation**



Mom, Dad, Katie and Cade

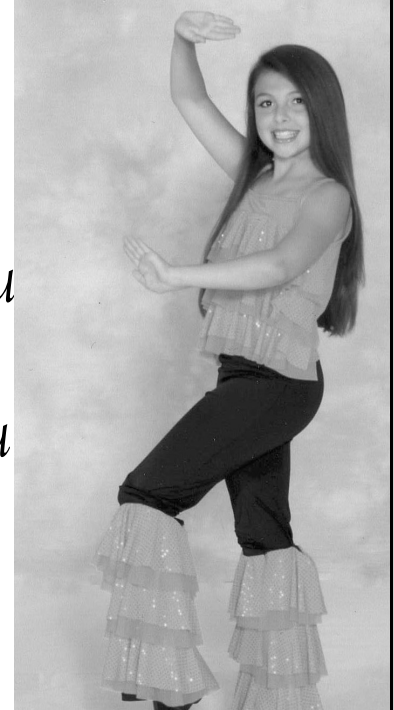
Good Luck
At
Competition
We Are
So Proud
Of You
Bailee



Love -
Dad, Mom, Landon, Bentley,
Mimi, Papa and Family

Alyssa,
We Are So
Proud Of You
We Love You
Very Much!

Larry & Mom



Dear Danzation Girls,

I am very proud of each
of you and know you will do
awesome. Let's go pump it up
and rock the show!

Dancingly,
Miss Stevi

To our wonderful
daughter....Miss Stevi,
From Big Spring to
the Big City, Steal the
show like you
always do.
We are so proud
of you!

Love Always,
Mom & Dad



Best of Luck to you and
Your girls at Competition

Love,
Your Husband

THURSDAY

	WFIA (2) Dallas	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	WTBS (11) Atlanta	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	DISC (20) Discovery	AMC (21) Classics	SPIKE (22) Spike TV	TNT (23) Atlanta	BET (26) Black Ent.	DISN (27) Disney	ESPN2 (28) Sports	ESPN (29) Sports	SCIFI (64) Science Fic.
6 :PM :30	News (CC) Entertainment	Jeopardy! Wheel-Fortune	Yo Amo a Juan	The Simpsons Two/Half Men	News Entertainment	12 Corazones	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond Raymond	Joe McGee John Hagee	News-Lehrer	How It's Made How It's Made		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live (CC) Black Carpet	Han, Montana Zack & Cody	College Basketball:	College Basketball:	
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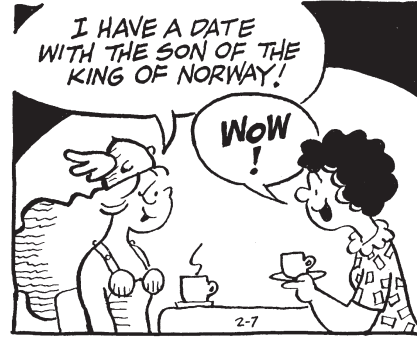
"We're turnin' Ruff's house into an igloo."

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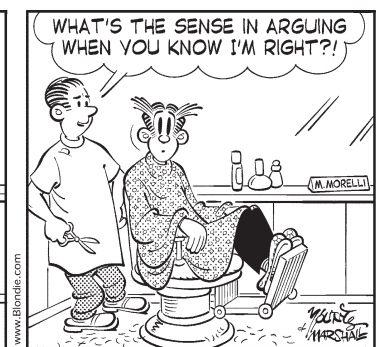


"Have you got any lucky dollars?"

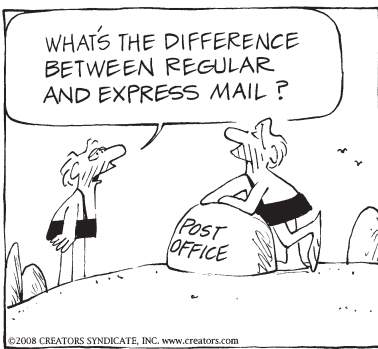
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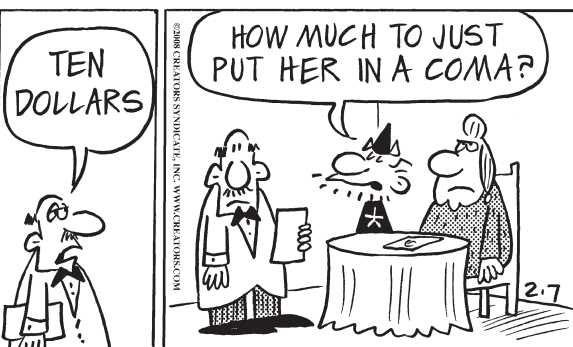
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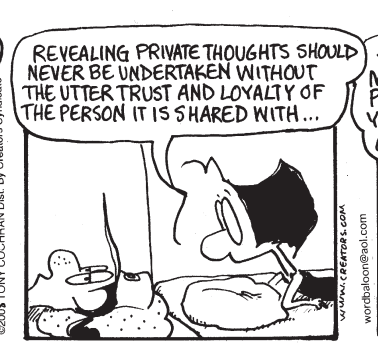
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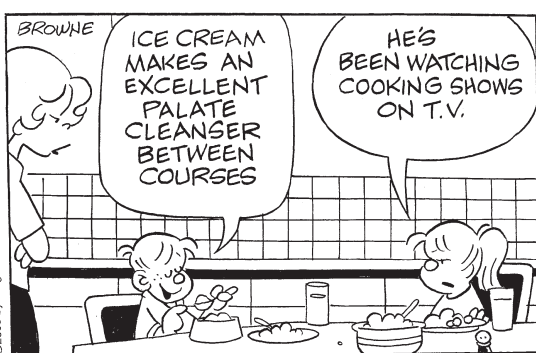
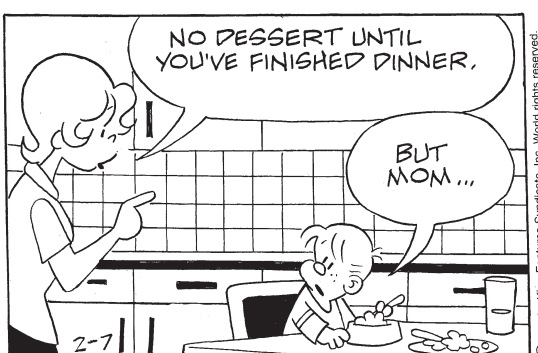
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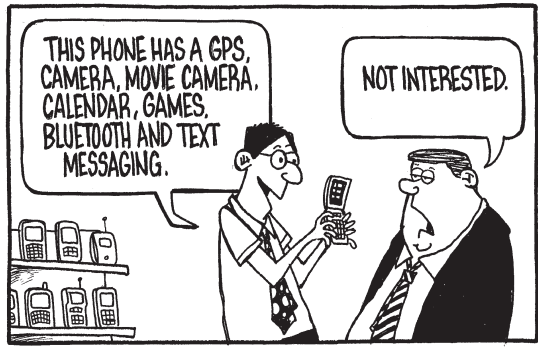
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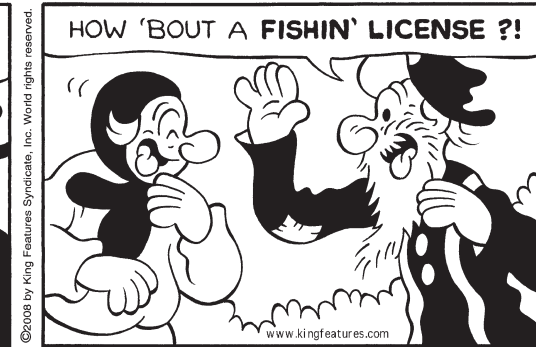
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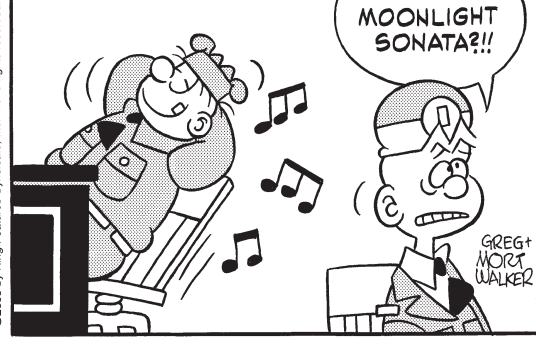
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SNUFFY SMITH



BEEBLE BAILEY



This Date
In History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 2008. There are 328 days left in the year. This is the Lunar New Year of the Rat.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 7, 1964, The Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

On this date:
In 1857, a French court acquitted author Gustave Flaubert of obscenity for his serialized novel "Madame Bovary."

In 1861, the general council of the Choctaw Indian nation adopted a resolution declaring allegiance with the South "in the event a permanent dissolution of the American Union takes place."

In 1904, a fire began in Baltimore that raged for about 30 hours and

destroyed more than 1,500 buildings.

In 1936, President Franklin Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1943, the government announced the start of shoe rationing, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person for the remainder of the year.

In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff; he was succeeded by General Omar Bradley.

In 1974, the island nation of Grenada won independence from Britain.

In 1983, Elizabeth H. Dole was sworn in as the first female secretary of transportation by the first woman to sit on the Supreme Court, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

In 1984, space shuttle astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered space walk.

One year ago: In a first, the Food and Drug Administration approved all, a diet pill that can be bought without a prescrip-

Birthdays:
Country singer Wilma Lee Cooper is 87. Author Gay Talese is 76. Actor Miguel Ferrer is 53. Reggae musician Brian Travers (UB40) is 49. Actor James Spader is 48. Country singer Garth Brooks is 46. Rock musician David Bryan (Bon Jovi) is 46. Actor-comedian Eddie Izzard is 46. Actor-comedian Chris Rock is 43. Actor Jason Gedrick is 41. Actor Ashton Kutcher is 30. Actress Tina Majorino is 23.

Thought for Today: "The only discipline that lasts is self-discipline." - O.A. "Bum" Phillips, American football coach.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

ALL WET by Shirley Soloway
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

- 1 Gray area: Abbr.
- 5 Waiting for pitches
- 10 Wistful word
- 14 "I don't believe any of it!"
- 15 Spanish
- 16 Race distance
- 17 In trouble
- 19 Confess
- 20 Excessive excitement
- 21 Batman creator
- 22 Small platforms
- 23 Carbs
- 25 One of Santa's reindeer
- 27 Rarefied
- 29 Enliven
- 32 Pushes (through)
- 35 Sticky substance
- 38 Speak in a monotone
- 39 Arles assent
- 40 '90s First Daughter
- 42 Wordsworth work
- 43 Zeal
- 45 Go first
- 46 Walk through mud
- 47 Leaves in a rush
- 49 Race distance
- 51 Oppose successfully
- 54 Stable sounds
- 58 At this point
- 60 Explorer of 1000

DOWN

- 62 Jag
- 63 Yoked team
- 64 Medical testing technique
- 66 German river
- 67 Metric weights
- 68 A Raisin in the Sun character
- 69 Tube trophy
- 70 They're gossiped about
- 71 Zeal

Men in Trees

- 5 network
- 6 Sultan subject
- 7 Cash
- 8 Combat venue
- 9 Game pieces
- 10 Hobbyist
- 11 Beatles' hometown
- 12 Conditioner ingredient
- 13 Ices, with "up"
- 18 Per
- 24 Too expensive
- 26 Sonata

Word of encouragement

- 36 Jr.'s challenge
- 40 Varsity sport
- 41 Heaven on earth
- 44 Baby Ruth competitor
- 46 Gstaad gear
- 48 Sleek canine
- 50 Noun suffix
- 52 Sparked anew
- 53 Duke or Earl
- 55 Oliver Twist fare
- 56 Reddish brown
- 57 Family vehicle
- 58 Socks
- 59 Make-up, for one
- 61 Gift-card word
- 65 Beast of burden

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Police beat

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

- **VICTOR DEHOYOS**, 27, of 1315 Mulberry, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid - enhanced.
- **ABEL TORRES**, 19, of 1101 Ridgeroad, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **JESUS BUSTAMANTE**, 28, of 605 S. Nolan, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **COREY HOFFPAUR**, 31, of 1400 Wood, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of Class c assault/family violence.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1900 block of 25th Street.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1400 block of Bluebird.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1200 block

of Johnson.

- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported:
 - in the 1400 block of Dixie.
 - in the 700 block of 11th Place.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:
Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 48 inmates at the time of this report.

- **JUAN JOSE ACUNA JR.**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- **DAVID ANTHONY JUAREZ**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of unlawful restraint.
- **JACOB RAY SAVAGE**, 20, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **JENEANE NICHOL RICHARD**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of

harassment.

- **JACK MILTON BROUGHTON**, 53, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of theft (two counts).
- **SHEILA RAY RICHARDSON**, 42, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of service by check - more than \$500 less than \$1,500.
- **QUINCY LAMAR HENRY**, 18, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on

charges of failure to identify - giving false information, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

- **DARRELL SCOTT SHULTZ**, 24, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

Big Spring I.S.D. is looking for people interested in substituting for our district. To serve as a substitute teacher, an individual must meet certain qualifications and complete certain procedures.

Requirements:

1. High School Diploma or Equivalency (GED) 45 college hours
2. Complete application packet in the personnel office
3. Submit all documents required with application, i.e., copies of driver's license and social security card.
4. Submit a transcript of college work.
5. Have a criminal records check by the district (paid by the substitute)
6. Attend the on-line substitute training regarding the automated substitute system, Aesop, at the personnel office.

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For more information, please call Terri Martin at the BSISD Central Administration Office at **264-3600**

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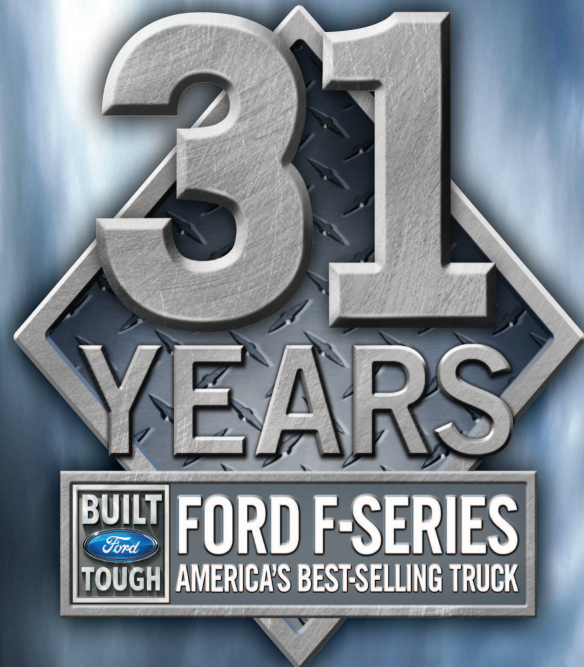
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