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Police investigate shooting

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring police are searching for a suspect in an early Friday morning shooting incident that left a local man wounded.

Police responded to the 700 N. Goliad Street at 12:12 a.m. Friday in response to an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon call.

At the scene, they discovered Roland Garcia suffering from a single gunshot wound to the leg, said Big Spring Police Department Chief Lonnie Smith.

Garcia was treated at the scene by local Emergency Medical Service personnel, but refused transport by ambulance to the hospital. Smith said Garcia later went to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by private vehicle and was subsequently treated for his wound and released.

It is unknown at this time whether the incident was gang-related, officials said.

Smith said an arrest should be forthcoming in the near future.

"(Garcia) indicated ... that he was shot by a person he knew and we're in the process of gathering statements," Smith said. "No arrests have been made at this time, but arrests are pending."

JUST FOR YOU, MOM



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Bauer Elementary first-grader C.J. Harris intently decorates a cake for his mother at the school Friday. HEB Grocery Store officials provided more than 1,000 cakes for local elementary students to decorate in preparation for Mother's Day.

Commissioners locked up in battle over jail

Will convene Monday to try and settle the controversy

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

For at least the second time in several years, Howard County commissioners will approach the question of whether to build a 96-bed or 144-bed jail Monday morning, as the court struggles to decide what to do with an apparent financial surplus

from the ongoing project. Howard County voters approved a 96-bed jail to be located on Big Spring's west side for \$11.57 million last year, but according to project architect Jeff Heffelfinger, construction bids have created a boon of bond proceeds that will most likely go unused.

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Grand jury indicts twelve

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A Howard County Grand Jury handed down 12 indictments Thursday, including several drug-related charges against a pair of Arlington men.

Katavious Jerome Booker, 26, of Arlington, was indicted on two counts of delivery of a controlled substance, a second-degree felony, and two counts of

possession of a controlled substance, both enhanced first-degree felonies.

Booker's indictments included several offense dates, including Feb. 13, when he, Primer and three other suspects were arrested at a local motel room located in the 400 block of N. Gregg Street and charged with possession of a controlled substance — more than four grams, less than 200 grams; and possession

of a controlled substance — more than 200 grams.

Also indicted was Reginald Donte Primer, 25, of Arlington, on two counts of possession of a controlled substance, both enhanced first-degree felonies. Primer was also arrested in February and charged with possession of a controlled substance — more than four grams, less than 200 grams; and possession of a controlled substance — more

than 200 grams.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the BSPD, law enforcement officers — executing a pair of search warrants at the local motel — recovered illegal drugs and a sizable amount of cash from a pair of rooms at the local hotel, located at 400 N. Gregg Street.

"This bust is the result of a month-long investigation involving the sale of crack cocaine at

the Delux Inn," said Everett. "A search warrant was executed at Room 21 at approximately 10:24 p.m. That lead to a second search warrant being issued for a second room.

"Officers recovered an ounce of marijuana, 69 dosage units of ecstasy, just under one pound of crack cocaine and \$12,991.60 in U.S. currency."

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West Texas Golf Classic coming

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce hopes to hit a birdie with its annual Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic, one of the organization's biggest fundraisers of the year.

Set for May 16-18 at the Big Spring Country Club Golf Course, Chamber Executive

Director Debbye ValVerde said she hopes this year's tournament lives up to last year's results.

"This year we moved up the tournament to May 16, 17 and 18 because last year it was in July and we were competing with seven other golf tournaments," said ValVerde. "The turn out for the golf tournament was good, we had 41 teams a total of 82 people

participating. The Chamber did make a profit of \$3,000 and just like all other fundraisers we hope that this year we make more. So we encourage all golf players to call Larry at the Country Club and sign up."

ValVerde said the tournament — which is a two-man scramble with pre-flighting by the competition committee and local golf

pro — is limited to the first 100 paid teams, with handicaps required.

Entry fees for the tournament — which must be paid in advance to participate — are \$180 per team, according to ValVerde, with the competition getting underway Friday, May 16, with a shootout that could

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IN BRIEF

Forsan All-Sports Banquet set for Monday

Forsan High School has scheduled its annual All-Sports Banquet for 7 p.m. May 12th at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in the high school office.

High school athletes do not require a ticket.

Coahoma Athletic Banquet to be held Tuesday

The Coahoma Booster Club is holding its annual athletic banquet Tuesday to recognize the accomplishments of all Bulldogs and Bulldogettes athletes.

The banquet is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Coahoma High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$8 and can be bought at the door.

Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic set

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and ATMOS Energy are sponsoring the Crossroads of West Texas Golf Classic to be held at the Big Spring Country Club May 17-18.

The tournament is limited to the first 100 paid teams with a two-man scramble format being used.

A handicap is required and the tourney will be pre-flighted by a tournament committee and local golf pro.

Entry fee is \$180 per team. All entries are to be paid in advance. The fee includes access to the ATMOS Energy hospitality tent, free beverages, a barbecue lunch for both days, an afternoon shootout on May 16 and a golf goodie bag.

Call the country club's pro shop at 267-5354 for more information.

or the Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 for more information.

Howard County Youth Horseman Club playdays

The Howard County Youth Horseman Clubs has scheduled the first playday of its Second Belt Buckle Series for 5 p.m. Saturday.

The public is invited to participate or just be spectators.

Three playdays make up a series and person must be a part of the HCYHC to earn points towards a belt buckle.

An annual \$25 fee purchases a family membership, although non-members are welcome to compete.

There are five events — exhibition barrels, poles, straight barrels, flags and goat tying — for age groups ranging from six and under to adults.

Playday fees are \$2 per event for members of the HCYHC and \$4 for non-members.

Each event is held at the HCYHC's facility on Longshore Road just off the Garden City Highway.

Call at 263-7331 to submit a sports brief.

A golden night in Austin

Dawson wins state championship in 1,600

Herald Staff Report

AUSTIN — Big Spring's Zack Dawson said he was sick and tired of third place and just wanted one win before he graduated later this month.

Dawson had his gold fever cured Friday as the Big Spring senior raced to a first-place finish in the 1,600-meter run at the Class 4A state track meet held at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin.

"It feels great. This is exactly what I was looking for," Dawson said. "I was so tired of finishing in third. I just wanted one gold medal before I graduated."

Dawson finished the race with a personal best time of 4:10.23, just four seconds off the Class 4A state record. He finished two seconds ahead of Alex De La Garza from Mercedes.

However, Dawson trailed De La Garza entering the final lap.

"We were neck and neck for the last two laps," he explained. "I had to give it everything I had to win. I simply outkicked him for



Big Spring's Zack Dawson (8) runs in the 1600-meters race at the Class 4A state track meet held at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas Friday. Dawson won the event with a time of 4:10.23, making him a state champion.

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Lady Steers exit playoffs with 1-0 loss



Big Spring Lady Steers first baseman Kenzie Hunt makes contact in Game 1 of the Lady Steers best-of-three Class 4A regional quarterfinals playoff series with Frenship Thursday in Andrews. The Lady Steers were swept by Frenship, bringing a close to their season.

By JONATHAN HULL

Herald Sports Editor

ANDREWS — Unfortunately, it's time to look to the future for the Big Spring Lady Steers softball team and all forecasts depict bright results.

The Lady Steers had their season ended Friday in Andrews, dropping the second game of a best-of-three Class 4A regional quarterfinals playoff series to district-rival Frenship's Lady Tigers, 1-0.

"I told the girls before the game they were going to have to leave everything out on this field today and they did that," Big Spring Head Coach Jennifer Reyes said. "They played so hard and so well. I'm very proud of their effort. Unfortunately, we just couldn't get the big hit we needed to put us over the top in this one."

The only run of the game was unearned. Frenship's Maddie Johnson, who had three of Frenship's four hits, singled to center with one out in the top of the sixth. Johnson moved to second on a fielder's choice ball and advanced to third on a fielding error.

With runners on the corners and two outs in the inning, the Lady Tigers' Meagan Low took off from first to steal second.

Big Spring catcher Baylea Fox noticed this and rose up to make a throw to second. Unfortunately, the ball glanced off the top of her

glove, ricocheted off her mask and bounced to the backstop fence.

Fox made an effort to throw out Johnson at home, but the toss to pitcher Kelly Sage was late and Frenship took the 1-0 lead.

The Lady Tigers nearly added a second run in the inning after Sam Ortiz lined the ball softly up the middle. However, Big Spring second baseman Valerie Ross made a diving effort and snagged the ball before it landed, retiring the side.

The Lady Steers had an opportunity to tie the score in the bottom of the same frame as for the fourth time in the game they put runners on first and second. However, Big Spring failed to cash in and ended up stranding eight runners on base — four of which were in scoring position — in the contest.

Still, in the seventh inning, the Lady Steers had the opportunity to mount a two-out rally after Sage prolonged the game by drawing a walk. Senior shortstop Desiree Yanez came up and worked the count full before hammering the ball back at Frenship pitcher Bekah Piersall. The ball hit Piersall in the leg and she retired Yanez at first for the third out.

"I thought the ball was going to go through her," Yanez said. "She must be made of steel because she stopped it."

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Hawks begin Region V tourney play today

By ERIC RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

Howard College's baseball team is the No. 3 team in the nation, according to the NJCAA, but will enter the Region V Baseball Tournament in Lubbock beginning Sunday as the No. 2 seed from the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. The conference winner and No. 1 seed, New Mexico Junior College, is currently ranked seventh in the nation.

Howard head coach Britt Smith knows that rankings and seedings don't mean a lot once the first pitch is thrown Sunday at 10 a.m. vs. the Northern Conference's No. 3 seed Cisco Junior College.

"We played them in the fall, but the composition of their team is completely different right now," Smith said. "They are a hot team right now, winning 10 of their last 12 games to get in, so they are playing really well. We're just going to have to come out and take care of what we do well and if we do that we'll be fine."

The Hawks also finished the season winning 10 of their last 12 games including a 4-game sweep of Frank Phillips College on the road.

Despite the Hawks' 48-8 overall record and 24-8 performance in conference play, Smith knows the value of taking each game as it comes in the tournament.

"It's a matter of playing the tournament one pitch at a time. You can't look past anybody. You try to win the game you're playing," Smith stated. "In tournament baseball, you don't look ahead for matchups. You try to win every single game you are playing, even if you have to burn every guy you have to do it."

The Hawks sport a solid lineup, leading the nation in team hitting with a .430 batting average. Leading the nation individually is shortstop Tyler Ladendorf with a .542 average. Ladendorf is also fourth in RBIs with 82, 15th in stolen bases with 31-for-32 and tied for 23rd in home runs with 16. The Oklahoma signee is consid-

ered a Major League Baseball prospect and should be drafted in one of the top rounds in this year's MLB draft.

Sophomore Travis Sample is fifth nationally with a .505 batting average, fourth in RBIs with 82 and 10th in home runs with 16.

Howard also sports the nation's top stolen base thief in sophomore center fielder Cameron Monger, stealing 57-of-60 bases this season. Ladendorf was a perfect 65-for-65 last season to lead the nation. Monger is hitting .446 on the season which is 28th best in the nation.

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Wacky Facts

- The first Indiana Jones movie "Raiders of the Lost Ark" debuted June 12, 1981, and became the highest grossing film of the year earning \$209.5 million.
- The movie won four of the eight Oscar nominations it received.

— Lucasfilm

KID NEWS



The Scoop

When watching the movie "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" look fast when Indy and Willie (left) fall into the car in Shanghai. The nightclub is called "Club Obi Wan," after a character in the movie "Star Wars" in which Harrison Ford plays space pilot Han Solo.

In The News

The pinch of high prices and low supplies

The cost of living is on the rise and shows no immediate signs of slowing. Faced with higher prices at the gas pump and the grocery store, Americans have cut back on spending. Economists closely watch what people spend because it accounts for more than two-thirds of the nation's economic activity. "The economy is weak but not collapsing," says Lynn Reaser, of the Bank of America's Investment Strategies group.



GOVERNMENT LENDS A HAND

The U.S. economy grew by only 0.6 percent during the first quarter of 2008 (from January through March). Analysts gauge a country's economic well being by measuring the value of all goods and services produced in the country. A slow pace of growth means that the economy is weakening. Although 0.6 is sluggish, it shows that the economy is still growing.

But there are other troubling signs about the country's economic health. The housing market continues to slide. New home sales plunged to the slowest rate in nearly 17 years in the past three months. Gas prices have topped \$4 per gallon in some parts of the country. The price of flour and rice has doubled.

The government is working to encourage growth. The Federal Reserve is the central bank for the country. It oversees the nation's banks. Recently, the Fed announced it would cut an important interest rate. Interest rates are the money that people pay to borrow money. Lower interest rates make it easier for people and businesses to borrow money from banks.

Meanwhile, millions of Americans are getting tax rebates and getting them sooner than expected. "The money is going to help Americans offset the high prices we're seeing at the gas pump, the grocery store, and also give our economy a boost," said President George W. Bush. The tax rebates are part of a \$168 billion package to help the economy grow, which was put into place in February.



SHASHANK BENGALI/MCT

Residents of Harare, Zimbabwe, wait in line to buy loaves of bread.

A CRISIS FELT ROUND THE WORLD

The U.S. is not suffering the economic pinch alone. Rising fuel prices, unpredictable weather and increased demand for food in India and China have strained the world's food supply. The World Bank says that food prices have risen by about 83 percent in three years. While many in the U.S. feel squeezed, the crisis is more painful in poorer nations that already suffer from widespread hunger. This desperation has occasionally erupted into violent protests in nations in the Caribbean, Africa and Asia.

The United Nations (U.N.) is creating a task force to tackle the global food crisis. The U.S. and Britain pledged millions of dollars to the World Food Program, which has called for \$500 million in emergency funding for food aid programs.

— Kathryn R. Satterfield

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HE'S BACK

He's found the Ark of the Covenant, solved the puzzle of the Holy Grail and recovered the Sankara Stones. Now he's back with a new adventure. Indiana Jones — our favorite archaeologist — takes us back to 1957 in "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull."

Before you go see the latest Indiana Jones installment, get to know the era with these intriguing facts.

THE WORLD OF 1957

The new movie takes place in 1957, when the United States and the Soviet Union were engaged in the "Cold War" — so-named because there was no military fighting, but the two superpowers were engaged in a heated rivalry. It was also the beginning of the Nuclear Age, and many people feared the use of nuclear weapons by either country.

1957: In the News

- The Wham-O Company produces the first Frisbee.
- Dwight D. Eisenhower is inaugurated for his second term as president.
- The Soviet Union launches Sputnik 2. On board is the first animal to enter space — a dog named Laika.
- The International Atomic Energy Agency is established to promote the peaceful use of nuclear energy and to inhibit its use for military purposes.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. helps to found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a group created to harness the moral authority and organize the power of black churches to conduct non-violent protests in the service of civil rights reform.
- The Civil Rights Act of 1957 establishes the Civil Rights Commission to be a democratic, systematic critical review of social needs and public policy.
- Patricia McCormick becomes America's first woman bullfighter as she entered the arena in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.
- Baseball's New York Giants move to San Francisco and the Brooklyn Dodgers move to Los Angeles.
- Baseball legend Jackie Robinson retires.

The Cost of Living

- A first-class postage stamp: 3 cents.
- A gallon of milk: \$1.00.
- A gallon of gas: 24 cents.
- Average new car: \$2,100.
- Average yearly income for American families: \$4,000.

BEHIND THE SCENES

- "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" was shot in just 79 days — it's a tradition to shoot the Indiana Jones movies as quickly as possible. Harrison Ford, who plays Indy, had only one day off from shooting.
- To get acquainted with Indy's most iconic prop, Harrison Ford spent more than six weeks in "whip training."
- A total of 36 fedoras were made by a hat maker out of his house in Mississippi.
- The characters of Indiana Jones and Mutt needed 30 leather jackets between them.
- For a scene involving quicksand, the actors stood on a "quicksand elevator" — a platform controlled by the special-effects department.
- There were many different inspirations for the warriors seen in the movie: Some were inspired by the "Day of the Dead" skull masks used in Latin America; others were modeled after ancient Mayan sculptures — and others were inspired by shirtless rockers dancing at a rainy, outdoor rock concert!
- While shooting in New Mexico, the production encountered three rattlesnakes that had to be safely relocated.
- The most difficult of all of the animal actors on the set? Goats. They didn't want to stay in the shot!

— Information courtesy of Lucasfilm

Snake Adventure

To reach the Lost Ark, Indy must pass through this chamber with 10 deadly snakes lying in wait. Can you spot them?

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BACK VIEW

Obituaries

Maria R. Martinez



Maria R. Martinez, 88, of Coahoma, died Friday, May 9, 2008, in a Sterling City nursing home. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 11, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 12, 2008, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Coahoma with Father Bernard Gulley officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery in Coahoma.

She was born Nov. 10, 1919, in Casa Piedra, Texas, and married Fortino Martinez on March 17, 1938, in Midland. He preceded her in death on July 24, 1986.

She was a very loving person and enjoyed sewing and quilting. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Coahoma and was also a member of the Crucillistas and the Guadalupanas.

Survivors include one son, Manuel Martinez Sr. and wife Guadalupe of Coahoma; seven grandchildren, Jose Luis Martinez and wife Monica, Elizabeth Flores and husband Johnny, Auggie Martinez and wife April, Dolores Franco and Robert Martinez and fiance Yvette Denton, all of Big Spring, Manuel Martinez Jr. and wife Lori of Coahoma and Amelia Panciera and husband Paul of Connecticut; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

Pallbearers are Shane Martinez, Ray Franco, Sergio Martinez, Stefan Martinez, Jason Martinez and John Ethan Flores.

Honorary pallbearers are Aaron Martinez, A.J. Martinez and Alex and Adam Franco.

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

Bud Summers



Bud Summers, 76, a former resident of Forsan, passed away Saturday, May 3, 2008, in Miami, Fla.

He is survived by his wife, Luisa, step-son Alex and step-daughter Kimayra, all of Miami, Fla.; an identical twin brother, Jim, of Arkansas; two sisters, Harriett of Oklahoma and Betty of Richardson; two daughters, Jeri of Georgia and Sonnet of Forsan; two sons, John and Joseph, both of Amarillo; and many nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Bud was a member of the First Baptist Church in Big Spring. He retired from Webb Air Force Base, was a volunteer firefighters, reserve deputy sheriff, a Shriner and a member of the Masonic Lodge 1340 from 1982-1991. He was a Christian.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12, 2008, at the Forsan Baptist Church.

Maude Eason Waters

Maude Eason Waters, age 100, of Kerrville, passed away Thursday, May 8, 2008. She was born March 27, 1908, to Samuel T. Eason and Maude (Martin) Eason. She was born and raised in Howard County.

Mrs. Waters was a homemaker and member of First Methodist Church of Big Spring.

Survivors include daughter, Anna Claire Waters Boullioun of Kerrville; son, Samuel Wayne Waters of Dallas; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to James Bruner, T.K. Ranch, P.O. Box 879, Bowie 76230-0879.

The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

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

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

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- **GENARO CASTILLO**, 18, 1304 Madison, was arrested on a capias warrant and local warrant.
- **YCIDRO VILLARREAL III**, 40, 408 S. Abrams, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MAURICIO TORRES**, 34, 1707 Aylesford, was arrested on an Andrews County warrant.
- **BETTY LOUISE FRIDAY**, 48, 3263 Connally, was arrested on two local warrants.
- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 43, 429 Westover, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MIGUEL BAUTISTA**, 26, 804 Interstate 20, was arrested on a charge of Class C assault/family violence.
- **LONNIE GREEN**, 49, 1501 Chickasaw, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- **JOE PRICE**, 66, Lubbock, was arrested on a warrant.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 700 block of Goliad.
- **CLASS C ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 2500 block of Langley and the 800 block of Interstate 20.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 800 block of Owens.
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 1500 block of Chickasaw.

Take Note

• Tickets for the Big Spring High School Prom will be on sale at the high school from noon until 1:30 p.m. each Friday leading up to the prom. Tickets cost \$20 each and must be paid for in cash. For more information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Karen Martin at 213-1388.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring Volunteers will meet at 1 p.m. for singing and fellowship Saturday, May 10, at Marcy House. If you are interested, call Gina at 517-4073.

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

• The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bulletin Board

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

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Chinese Restaurant, 1300 Gregg. Call 213-1599 for more information.

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
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- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

Weather

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Not as warm. Highs in the upper 70s.

Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Increasing clouds. Lows in the mid 50s. Southeast

Winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds

10 to 20 mph shifting to the south 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Warmer. Lows in the mid 60s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of

Showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Lows in the mid 50s.

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Big Spring's Jordan Valle (3) runs in the 3,200-meters race held at the Class 4A state track meet at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas. Valle finished fourth in the race and ran in the 1,600 where he finished sixth.

TRACK

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the win. "I couldn't ask for a better way to end my senior year," Dawson continued. "I've got a lot of great memories running track and cross country at Big Spring, but this one will stand out."

Dawson is already committed to Texas Tech and plans to run both cross country and track for the Red Raiders.

He actually qualified to run in the 3,200 meters as well, but decided to sit it out and focus solely on the 1,600. In doing so, he opened the door for junior teammate Jordan Valle to enter the race. Valle ran both the 3,200 and 1,600 races and entered each with one of the highest qualifying times.

"I wanted to go out and prove I belonged with

these other athletes," Valle said. "I was going in trying to do my best and win."

Valle put up a personal best time of 9:24.34 and nabbed a fourth-place finish in the process. He was in third entering the final lap, but was passed up just before the finish line. He put together a sixth-place performance in the 1,600 and was satisfied with his results at his first state meet.

"I know what it's like now. Now, others who run this race next year will know about me," he said. "I feel like I stack up pretty well and will have a chance to win state next year."

The greatest compliment for Valle was probably given by his senior teammate.

"Jordan pushed me a lot this year. I wouldn't have won state if it wasn't for him making me compete everyday," Dawson said. "He was beating me at the

start of the season. We stayed at the top because of the way we competed against each other."

Woodard brings home silver

Dawson's gold isn't the only medal returning to Big Spring from Austin. Junior LaRay Woodard continued the theme of personal best performances by Steers with 23-feet, 4 3/4 inches Friday in the long jump, giving him a silver medal. He finished behind only Michael Egnew of Plainview, who cleared 23 feet, 9 inches.

It's been a lifelong dream of Woodard's to compete at the state track and field meet as he's attended every one since he was four years old.

"Just making it to state was enough for me," Woodard said before he made the trip to Austin. "I've wanted to compete in this meet since I was four."

Grady's Rodriguez finishes second

A second silver medal will be returning to the Crossroads area.

Roy Rodriguez was the only qualifier for the Class A 3,200-meter run who had participated in the race before and his experience paid off. He finished the race with a personal best time of 10:01.37 behind only Evant's Andrew Gordon.

Rodriguez also competed in the 1,600-meter run Saturday. Results from that race will be noted in Monday's edition of the *Herald*.

Two other Crossroads athletes also participated in their events at the Class A meet Saturday. Grady's Justin Tubbs took part in the triple jump while Garden City's Jake Schwartz competed in the high jump.

Their results will also be posted in Monday's edition.

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Yanez was the senior leader for the Lady Steers and it was obvious with her play and emotions in Friday's game that she wasn't ready to play the last game of her high school career.

"There isn't anyone else I'd like to have up at the plate with a runner on trying to continue the game," Reyes said. "I would pick her every time for that situation. I had to call her over during the at-bat and she had tears in her eyes. I asked her why she was crying and she told me that's how bad she wants this hit. I told her to do it. That shot she hit was the best thing she could do and if it doesn't hit the pitcher then it's a hit."

"If it was up to me, I would name Desiree the MVP of this district," she continued. "She's an all-around player. She's led

this team the whole way."

Yanez is one of only two seniors leaving the Lady Steers with Ashleigh Ramirez being the other.

It was thought coming into the game that this was also Reyes' final time to coach the Lady Steers as the Big Spring school board approved her resignation Thursday.

However, Reyes threw the biggest curve of the day as she asked to recant her decision to leave.

"I love this game too much. I love this team too much," Reyes said. "I've had several players come up and ask me not to leave them. What kind of person walks away from that? I made up my mind. I can't leave them. I love softball. I love working with this team and coach (John) Sparks. As long as they'll have me, then I want to be here."

"I can't leave on a note like this," she continued. "I want to get to state. If we had won this series, it would've been the furthest

I've ever gone with a team in the postseason. State is still my goal and I've got to get past this."

First, the school board will have to approve Reyes' request to return to coach the Lady Steers.

"The board approved coach Reyes' resignation Thursday night and we will have to present a recommendation to hire her at a future board meeting," Big Spring High School Superintendent Michael Downes. "I'm personally excited to try to bring her back. I've visited with Jennifer several times in the past two weeks and

have encouraged her to reconsider. I can understand her excitement in wanting to come back and work with this great group of girls."

Coming back with Reyes — if approved — next season is a team full of young talent and now some valued playoff experience.

"We only lose two seniors," Reyes said. "I've got a team coming back full of players that I can put anywhere. There are a couple of freshmen coming up that can contribute a lot. We've got the possibility of a couple of transfers, too. My goal next year

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JERRIE STOCKS

heart of good manners and a courteous manner is a grace that every young person should learn early in life. Sympathy, sensitivity, and tact make you a desirable and outstanding person. Your support for others can be conveyed through a warm smile, a friendly touch, or any small act of kindness.

This kind of behavior springs straight from the heart, from the desire to put others at ease and make them comfortable, even in awkward or difficult situations.

When we become aware of our own shortcomings, we can more easily understand and forgive the faults of others. Even despite our many differences, every one of us share many of the same human problems with its strength and its weak-

nesses.

Often, young people are influenced by their friends and peer groups in school. Their standards and ways of looking at life are determined by their companions' manners of dress, speech and behavior toward others. We see this in the weight they place upon their peers rather than their elders. They have not learned the art and beauty in being their own person. They sell themselves short when they ignore who God created them to be in order to be clones of their friends, yet all the while, their own individuality is crying out to be birthed. We would be well to realize, it is not by our weakness that we attract friends, but by our strength.

Dear Jerrie,

Who is the proper person to host a wedding shower? I grew up in Atlanta, Ga., and was taught it was never appropriate for a family member to host a wedding shower for another family member. Please explain. Jannie

Hello Jannie,
Usually the shower is hosted by a family friend, often a member of the wedding party. Wedding etiquette rules are that a bridal shower is never to be hosted by the mother, a sister, or close family member. However, most ignore this rule. But it does not change the correct rules of etiquette.

Dear Jerrie,
Is it necessary for the bride to write a thank-you note for each shower gift if she thanks each person

at the party? I recently was married and had a large wedding shower. I have not had time to write thank-you notes to all my guest, only about a dozen so far. Patti

Hi Patti,
Yes, a thank-you note is in order for each person. You should take a weekend and finish each card as soon as possible. This is the right and polite thing to do.

Dear Jerrie,
In many restaurants when the waitperson brings water to the table, it has a slice of lemon in the glass. I have heard that many restaurants do not wash the lemons before they are cut and added to the glass of water. I thought the waiter should ask if you want

lemon in the water before bringing it to the table with the lemon.

Thank you, Lanna

Hello Lanna,
You are correct. The waitperson should ask the customer if they would like lemon in their water. Or they should bring a small bowl with cut lemon on the side. If the waiter does not ask, you can simply request no lemon in your water.

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

Pearsons set get-together

The children of Elizabeth Pearson will be hosting a Mother's Day get-together Sunday at the Old Settlers Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park.

Her five daughters, three sons and one step-daughter will be gathering together

at noon for a celebration with food, games, fun and fellowship.

Elizabeth moved to Big Spring in 1971. She was originally from Fitchburg, Mass. Two sets of four generations will be coming together to honor their

mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends will be at the event.

Ms. Pearson will be 78 years old in August.

► Menus

Forsan ISD
Monday — Breakfast, cereal, toast, juice, milk; **Lunch,** soft burrito, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast, biscuits, sausage, juice, milk; **Lunch,** corn dog, pinto beans, Spinach, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast, donuts, juice, milk; **Lunch,** chicken stir-fry, rice, egg rolls, apples, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast, breakfast pockets, juice, milk; **Lunch,** chicken fried-steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, yogurt, milk.

Friday — Breakfast, toast, peanut butter w/jelly, juice, milk; **Lunch,** pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, cookies, milk.

coits, gravy, sausage, grape juice, milk; Lunch, breaded chicken, creamed potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls, Sloppy Joes.

Tuesday — Breakfast, French toast, sausage links, juice, milk; **Lunch,** hamburgers, chips, salad trays, pears, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast, sweetened rice, ham, apple juice, milk; **Lunch,** tacos, salad, pinto beans, tortilla chips, milk, burritos.

Thursday — Breakfast, donuts, ham, applesauce, milk; **Lunch,** pizza, salad, oranges, milk.

Friday — Breakfast, pancake sausage on stick, syrup, fruit; **Lunch,** cheeseburger pockets, chips, pickle spears, fruit, milk, corn dogs.

Big Spring ISD
Monday — Breakfast, cereal, sausage patties,

orange juice; Lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, carrots, apple slices, wheat rolls, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast, Pop tarts, mixed fruit cups, milk; **Lunch,** Nacho Grande, ranch-style beans, cherry cobbler, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast, cheese sticks, orange smiles, milk; **Lunch,** chicken patties, tossed salad, ranch dressing, dill pickles, peaches, hamburger buns, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast, pancake on stick, pineapple juice, milk; **Lunch,** spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, tossed salad, ranch dressing, corn, fruited jello, rolls, milk.

Friday — Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, apples, milk; **Lunch,** hamburgers on a bun, lettuce & tomatoes, watermelon chunks, dill pickles, French fries, milk.

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Deadly conduct continues; police are investigating

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department is investigating yet another shooting in Big Spring's west side, as the number of gang-related incidents in the Crossroads area continues to climb.

According to BSPD Lt. Terry Chamness, the report of shots fired was received by dispatchers during the early morning hours Tuesday.

"Officers responded to the call at approximately 3:28 a.m. Tuesday in the 700 block of Willia," said Chamness. "Officers contacted the woman living at the home, Linda Olivas, who, along with other witnesses, said numerous shots were fired at the home."

Chamness said police investigators found 19 bullet holes in the structure.

"It's unclear how many of the bullet holes were a result of Tuesday's shooting, and how many of them had been there beforehand," said Chamness. "Witnesses at the scene said they saw three male suspects dressed in black running from the home following the shooting. Unfortunately, that's all the information we were able to gather. No arrests have been made, we don't have any suspects and no one was able to identify any of the shooters. A canvas of the neighborhood failed to turn up anything."

No one was injured in the shooting, according to Chamness, but there were several occupants — including children — in the residence at the time.

There have been more than 30 reports of deadly conduct/discharge of a firearm in the city since the beginning of 2008,

more reports than all of 2007. Several injuries — including the death of a pregnant woman and a Big Spring man May 4 — have been reported as a result of the shootings.

Valerie Garcia, 20, and Michael Cardona, 21, both of Big Spring, were pronounced dead at Scenic Mountain Medical Center shortly after a shooting was reported in the 900 block of 16th Street. Chamness said the double-homicide was the result of a dispute between a local family and a street gang.

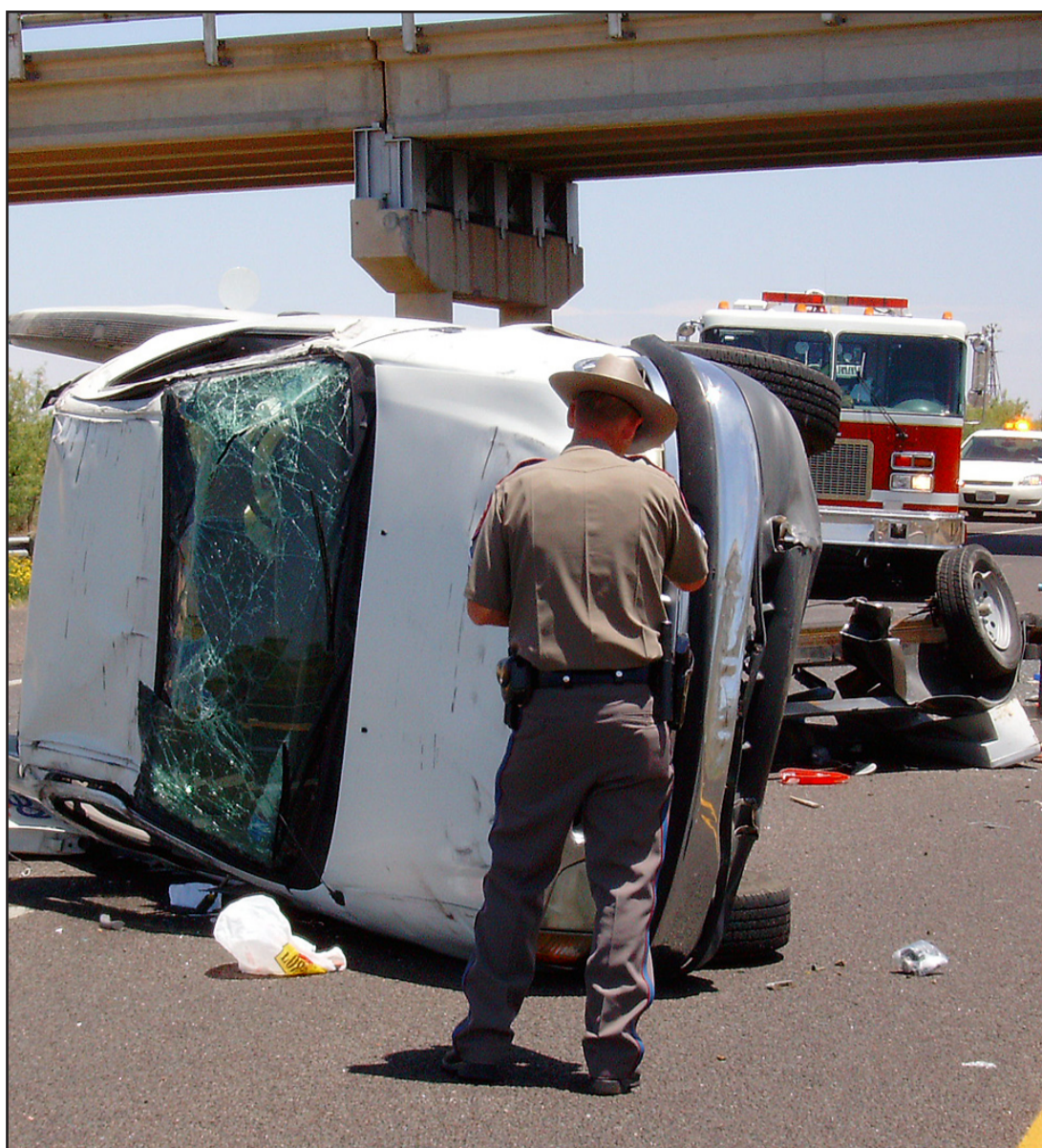
"This is all about drug territory," said Chamness. "There's an ongoing dispute over drug territory between the Rios family and the Latin Kings, a local street gang. That's what's at the heart of this shooting."

According to police officials, the drastic increase in reports of deadly conduct in the Big Spring area is also closely related to gang and drug activity.

"It all comes down to gang and drug activity," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD. "It's hard to tell why this is happening all of a sudden, but the gangs have been here for years. It's just been in the last few months the level of violence has escalated. There are no easy answers."

Anyone with information on this shooting or any other criminal activity is encouraged to contact the BSPD at 264-2550, or Big Spring Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS or 264-TIPS.

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



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A Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper investigates the scene of this one-vehicle accident on Interstate Highway 20 in the westbound lane near mile marker 169. According to law enforcement officials at the scene, the driver of this full-size pickup was traveling west on I-20 when he lost control of the vehicle — which was pulling a trailer — and slammed into a guardrail. The driver sustained only cuts and bruises in the accident, and was able to walk away from it, according to DPS Troopers.

JAIL

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"After opening the bids last week, it appears the construction budget for the jail is going to come in at \$1.2 million under budget," said Heffelfinger. "The total construction budget with the bids we have now — and are locked in for — is \$7.8 million. With that in mind, we have some alternate plans we need to consider."

One of those alternate plans calls for the expansion of the project to a 144-bed jail, an option at least two commissioners have been touting since work began on the project nearly four years ago.

"It just makes sense to go ahead and build the additional bed space," said Heffelfinger. "If you go with the 96 beds, you're looking at \$111,000 per bed by the end of the project. If you go with the two alternates and make it a 144-bed jail, you're going to be paying \$80,000 a bed. That's a 30 percent difference in cost. If you were to come back five or six years from now and add those 48 beds on, even

at today's prices, you would be looking at \$2.5 million to \$3 million."

While the idea of getting a 144-bed jail for the price of a 96-bed jail certainly appeals to Commissioners Jerry Kilgore and Bill Crooker, the possibility came under fire from Commissioner Gary Simer and County Judge Mark Barr.

"We sold this to the people as a 96-bed jail, and I think that's what we should stick to," said Simer, who, along with Barr and Commissioner Emma Brown, was opposed to the construction of a 144-bed jail when the option was brought to the court more than a year ago.

Barr said the move would put the county "in the jail business," and could put a strain on county coffers in the long run.

"You still have the cost of an additional jailer, and we're already having a hard time getting them to come to work for us," said Barr. "You also have to cool and heat the additional space, even if you're not using it. Do we really want to get into the jail business? I think we need to take a good, hard look at that."

"There's something you all need to know. I spoke with county judges in several areas, including Winkler, Reagan,

Bailey and Upton counties, and they all say the same thing. They say they are having problems keeping their jail full. People keep telling us if we build it, they will come, and that's just not true."

Heffelfinger said the heating and cooling system planned for the jail is "zoned," giving the administration the option to suspend heating or cooling in different areas of the jail if they aren't being used.

"You can't allow the temperature in those rooms to drop below 40 degrees," said Heffelfinger. "That's to protect the sprinkler system from freezing. However, other than that you could zone out an area if you needed to."

Kilgore said the matter should be a simple matter of economics and planning for the future of the community.

"It looks like a no-brainer to me," said Kilgore. "We can still come out of this more than \$300,000 under budget. Right now it seems like we're doing everything we can to keep people out of jail."

Crooker agreed, saying the county's efforts to keep the jail population low for cost purposes may not be in the best interest of the people.

"It seems like there are a lot of people

walking around on bond that shouldn't be on the streets," said Crooker.

The court is expected to make a final decision in the matter Monday morning, in hopes of locking in the construction bids before the 30-day limit on them expires.

Also during the meeting, the court is expected to consider:

- Invoices, purchase requests and a budget workshop.
- Personnel considerations, payroll reports and the treasurer's quarterly report.
- Pipeline crossings and road maintenance.
- A resolution to approve the auction of Howard County trustee properties to the highest bidders without reservation.
- Consideration of the ongoing burn ban.

The meeting will get under way Monday at 10 a.m. in the commissioner courtroom, located on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

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INDICTED

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If convicted on first-degree felony charges, both Booker and primer could receive five years to 99 years to life in prison, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Also indicted Thursday

were:

- Jimmy R. Gidding, 20, of 1319 Harding, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony) and possession of marijuana (state jail felony).
- Demarcus D. Williams, 20, of Dallas, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony) and possession of marijuana (state jail felony).

- Billy McGee, 44, of 1008 E. 15th St., possession of a controlled substance (first-degree felony).
- Sharon Michelle Garrett, 37, of 1303 Sycamore, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Tekia "Koko" Williams, 25, of 910 N.W. Fourth St., possession of a controlled substance (second-degree

felony).

- Gary Alan Brown, 53, of Mansfield, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- David Cruz, 41, of 914 E. Sixth St., driving while intoxicated (second-degree felony, enhanced).
- Fidencio Phillip DeLeon, 38, of 810 Lorilla, possession of a controlled

substance (state jail felony).

- Thomas William Murphy, 29, of 3702 Calvin, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony) and evading arrest (state jail felony).
- Andy Flores (aka Andy Mier), 38, of 203 N.E.

Eighth St., evading arrest (state jail felony) and driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony)

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GOLF

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net some lucky golfers a fat wallet.

"Culligan Water is sponsoring the Friday shootout at 5:30 p.m.," said ValVerde. "One lucky team will win \$500 in the shootout. The tournament will pick up the next day with tee times beginning at 1 p.m., and the same time Sunday. Entry fee includes use of the ATMOS Hospitality Tent, barbecue lunches on Saturday and

Sunday, free beverages."

ValVerde said entrants in the tournament will be shooting it out for some very attractive prizes.

"Winners may receive pro shop merchandise at 100 percent of their amount of winnings," said ValVerde, "or they can take a cash prize at 70 percent of their amount of winnings. When its all

over, 100 percent of the entry fees will be paid back to the players, so it's really a win-win situation for everyone.

"Other than the annual banquet, this is the only fundraiser the Chamber has each year," said ValVerde. "The Chamber doesn't make money on the entry fees — all of that goes back into the winnings.

We make our money on sponsorships.

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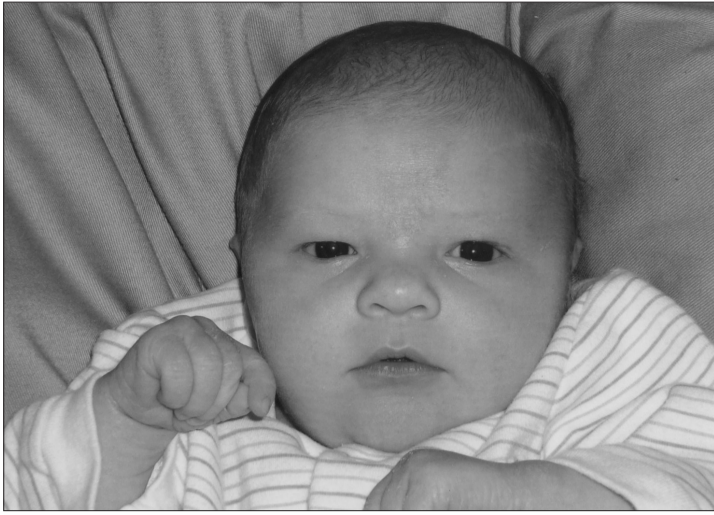
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Births



Ryleigh Jo Moore

Ryleigh Jo Moore, a girl, was born at 8:52 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 11 1/2 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. She is the daughter of Tawna Jacobs and Tommy Moore of Coahoma. Her maternal grandparents are the late Sherry Jacobs and Wayne Jacobs of Big Spring. Her maternal great-grandpa is Gus Jacobs of Coahoma. Her paternal grandparents are Tonya Crause of Big Spring and Donnie Moore of San Angelo. Her great-grandmothers are Glenda Williams and Mickey Sue Crause, both of Big Spring.

Chelsea Lea Robertson, a girl, was born at 8:10 p.m. March 18, 2008, weighing 6 pounds, 15 1/2 inches and was 19 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Richard and Licia Robertson of Big Spring. Her maternal parents are John and Wilma Doll. Her paternal grandparents are the late Ricky Robertson and Rhonda Robertson.

Chelsea was welcomed home by her sibling, Trinity.



Chelsea Lea Robertson

Readers Corner

If roses bloom in heaven

By Louise Burgess

If roses bloom in heaven
Then Lord, please hear my plea
Place a bunch in Mama's arms
And tell her they're from me.

Tell her how much I love her
I can almost see her smile
Then put your arms around her
And hold her for a while.

For roses were her favorite flowers
When she lived down here below
She'd spade and weed and water them
You could almost see them grow.

I recall the day You called her home
I thought it wasn't fair
And I cried myself to sleep at night
Cause Mama wasn't there.

I remember the songs she sang to me
As she softly brushed my hair
And how she'd kneel beside my bed
To hear me say my prayers.

Oh, how she loved to sing in church
In her clear sweet Irish voice
Her voice stood out above the rest
It would make your heart rejoice.

Now that Mama's there in heaven
It's more beautiful to view
And since she can't be here with me

I'm glad she's there with You.

So in that great land of beauty
Which nothing can compare
Lord, save a big red rose for me
For soon I'll join you there.

Mama

By Lana F. Anguiano

She's been gone a long time
But every Mother's Day I remember her
And I cry for the one that I called Mother.

For her life on Earth was full of many hardships and sorrow
And because she was a poor person.

She was denied many things and that hurts because she loved pretty things.

I remember how proud she was of the cheap perfume and bouquet of wildflowers that I gave her every Mother's Day.

Someday, I would promise her that I would give her a dozen roses and some good perfume.

She would just smile her sweet smile and say there are just fine.

Mama died before I ever got to give her the roses or perfume

But my heart knows that she really was proud of the cheap little gifts that I gave her because they came from my heart.

My House

By Lana F. Anguiano

My house was given to me by a very special person one Mother's Day years ago.

My house is truly beautiful for it's painted by favorite colors.

There is a yard full of grass and pretty flowers.

On hot days I have a little pond in my yard that I can sit by and catch a cool breeze.

On cold winter days I have a fireplace that I can sit by and get warm on the coldest of days.

My house has lots of windows to let the sunshine in.

My house is very special to me for it was a gift from a little boy, my son, who asked me "What do you want for Mother's Day, Mama?"

I told him that I wanted a house to call mine.

He just smiled and as I got busy cooking our summer I noticed that he had got out his drawing paper and Crayolas and was very busy drawing something.

A short time later as I stood at the stove cooking our supper

I felt a tug on my blouse and when I looked down my little 5-year-old boy stuck a picture in my hand and said "Here's your own house, Mama."

And as I looked at my house I couldn't help but cry, for love made him draw that house for me.

The picture of my house hangs in a place of honor on my wall and whenever I look at it, I smile, for I do, indeed, have a house to call mine;

And it's truly priceless to me, as is the one I call my sunshine...

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers young and old the world over.

Big Spring student receives scholarship from Texas Medical Association

A Big Spring student is one of eight minority Texas college students about to enter medical school, who each have received a \$5,000 scholarship from the Texas Medical Association (TMA).

America's largest state medical society awarded the scholarships to the students at TexMed, TMA's annual conference and

expo, held this year in San Antonio.

Kristen Wells of Big Spring graduated from Midwestern State University at Wichita Falls. She will attend Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in the fall. Wells spent almost two years shadowing two family physicians in a rural town, where she gained practical hands-on

medical experience. This experience led her to choose family medicine as her field of study. She plans to practice medicine in a rural town of fewer than 10,000 residents. Her scholarship was provided through a gift from an anonymous donor.

Since 1999, TMA has awarded scholarships to encourage outstanding minority students to enter

the medical profession and help meet the medical needs of Texas' diverse population. To date, TMA has awarded 38 scholarships, totaling \$190,000.

TMA selected the scholarship recipients from a pool of minority students who have been accepted to a Texas medical school this fall. Each honoree demonstrated outstanding community service, health

care experience, and academic standings.

The eight scholarships are made possible through a grant from the association's philanthropic arm, the TMA Foundation, thanks to generous gifts from physicians and their families, and others.

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OUR VIEWS

Make sure you remember Mom on her holiday

Today is Mother's Day, the day on which we honor the most important women in our lives — those who gave us life, and for about half of us, those who gave our children life.

This is a day to devote ourselves to praising and honoring those who by nature are perhaps the most devoted people on earth.

Mothers, after all, are nurturers. They are naturally giving, caring and fiercely loyal.

As a matter of fact, mothers perform the hardest job in the world — from giving us birth and providing all our needs as infants, to nursing myriad ailments and illnesses during our formative years and, finally, letting us cut the apron strings and allowing us to venture into adulthood.

Too many times we've forgotten to say "thank you." Too often we've taken their efforts for granted. And too often we've been embarrassed or chafed at what seemed too much concern on her part.

But not today, please.

What will you do for your mother today to show her how much you love her and appreciate the years of unconditional love she's given you?

Whether it's flowers, a special meal, a tender greeting card or a simple hug and uttered "thank you," offer them from your heart.

Lord knows they're deserved.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to make a comment on Stephanie Horton's position on the animal shelter. She said the money should be decreased because that was too much to spend on a dog.

What's your problem, Mrs. Horton, you would rather dogs and all other animals be dumped or go through cruel treatment?

God put these animals on this earth to be treated with respect and love.

You all got \$10 million to fix up downtown Big Spring. So what in Heaven's name is wrong with helping the animal shelter help abandoned, dumped and mistreated animals.

Come on everybody, let's speak up for these God-given animals because they can't speak for themselves.

JUDY LATIMER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter to let Big Spring home owners that rent out property know how most of us residents feel about the outrageous prices of rent. I looked in the paper the other day and couldn't believe what I saw — a two-bedroom trailer for rent for \$2,000. I was waiting for the punch line to be underneath the add. There was no punch line and was not a joke.

I can't believe that Big Spring has become as greedy as it has. We are a town that should be helping each other out in a time of need. The people who have come to our town to help rebuild our refinery and economy have been slapped in the face with outrageous rent prices and sky high motel fees.

These people did not have to take on this job to

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we stop wasting our energy on worldly wrongs and divert our energy toward You, Lord.
Amen

If not censorship, what is it?

Poor Greenwich, Conn. All that money, all that civility, all that good taste. It hardly seems fair that controversy should rear its mangy head where so much effort goes into making everything nice.

Real tiffs there arise mostly with outsiders who surreptitiously try to consume town amenities without (choke!) paying. These brigands sometimes attempt to jog on the local beach or study at a local school. They're ordinarily apprehended and swiftly banished.

Thus it became a matter of no small moment when an interloper (from California, no less) sought to air a supremely controversial subject at the superb Greenwich Library.

Alison Weir, executive director of If Americans Knew, proposed to speak on how the U.S. government and media shamefully support Israel in the Middle East conflict, and how they make sure that countervailing points of view rarely appear in print.

You'll be startled to hear that some Greenwich folk found this an offensive topic and besieged the poor library board to get the talk cancelled.

It worked.

Cancelled it was. But only momentarily. Immutable as the tides, a counter reaction arose

decrying the censors.

Don't go into librarianship if you want to avoid controversy.

Further, don't try to intimidate librarians just after they beat back the Justice Department over revealing the reading habits of their patrons.

Thus the talk was indeed rescheduled, in an auditorium this time, and drew a far larger crowd than if nothing had been said in the first place.

Ah, the fruits of repression. The audience was divided and adamant, as expected, but civil, also as expected. This was, after all, Greenwich. Even the cries of anti-Semitism were muted.

From a columnist's point of view the incident was frustrating.

Yes, censorship was laid bare once again.

And yes, a forceful committed speaker was allowed to exercise her talents on a sizeable, intelligent (rich) batch of listeners. Even yes, some of the lurid facts about Israeli seizure and occupation of Palestine made a rare appearance in the press.

However, what received no coverage or analysis at all was the rigid unrelenting censorship by media owners of any information critical, or even non-heroic, about Israel or the Zionist movement.

Likewise no public medium ever questions the bona fides of the White House when it pretends to serve as an honest broker in the conflict. This despite the fact that our two countries are joined at the hip politically and financially.

The reasons for this special media treatment seem clear enough. No politician dares to alienate Israel's political supporters, and no newspaper or TV network can afford to alienate its financial supporters.

Retribution can be swift and fatal. Advertising and investment can disappear in a flash. Game, set, match.

Our own humble syndicate once published an illuminating piece about some of these issues, written by a credible professor.

The ink was scarcely dry before a Zionist watchdog group was on the phone seeking retraction or equal time. But the very concept of Israel needing to seek equal time is enough to take one's breath away. It already controls almost all the press time that there is.

One trouble with such government and press one-sidedness is that it blinds us to the real world in the Middle East. We hear so much propaganda about horrid Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, Iraqis, Shiites, Sunnis, and Iranians that we're ready — nay, eager — to invade and put them in their place. Especially if some of our rightful oil was mindlessly misplaced under their sand.

And so, despite the yeoman work of Greenwich's librarians, censorship remains painfully rampant upon the land.

Columnist William A. Collins is a former state representative and a former mayor of Norwalk, Conn.

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Spending good money on bad bullets

It sounds like the plot of a Tom Clancy thriller: A tiny company run out of an unmarked Miami Beach office by a barely legal troublemaker siphons hundreds of millions of dollars from the Pentagon by selling it rusting weapons from aged Communist stockpiles.

A company called AEY Inc., run by 22-year-old Efram E. Diveroli, managed to do exactly that for four years — yet another example of unchecked corruption and incompetence in the explosion in "war on terror" defense contracting.

AEY began contracting with the defense and state departments in 2004 for weapons, ammunition, clothing and "research and development," according to an internal Army memo.

The value of AEY's contracts grew from \$1 million in 2004 to nearly \$200 million in 2007, due to a 2006 Army contract for providing ammunition to Afghanistan's police and army. The Army issued five task orders under the contract, bringing AEY's total take to nearly \$300 million.

Diveroli filed documents with the Army certifying that his ammunition came from Hungary, though an Army investigation revealed in January that most of it actually came from China, in contravention of Pentagon procurement law. By then, complaints about the ammunition had already surfaced: An Afghan lieutenant colonel told the New York Times that the Chinese ammunition he received from AEY last fall dated to 1966 and arrived in decomposing packaging. And AEY reportedly continued to make shipments even after American officers in Kabul told the Army about the company's failings earlier this year.

The issues raised by these events are numerous and disturbing. First is the ease with which a rogue company run by a then-18 year old was able to obtain contracts worth hundreds of millions of dollars when thousands of small businesses regularly complain to Congress about their difficulty getting work with Uncle Sam.

Then there are the missed opportunities for oversight: According to the memo, when a bidder on the contract asked the Army whether ammunition from China was acceptable, the Army responded that it was the contractor's job to figure out whether any restrictions would be breached.

We commend the Army for finally suspending AEY's contract last week, but it is too little, too late. And the Army's response to the scandal has been disingenuous at best: The Army Sustainment Command, which took over responsibility for Iraq and Afghanistan contracting, said in a press release that their job is only to make sure ammunition works safely and that they have not received any complaints about the ammunition's failure to function — only "packaging and corrosion." Would you send a corroded tank to a soldier in a combat zone?

We also commend House Oversight Committee Chairman Henry Waxman (D-CA) for immediately calling a hearing on the matter. It is an important, albeit obvious, first step to figuring out how something so outrageous could happen — and to ensure that it never happens again.

If nothing else, the exploits of Efram Diveroli show that serious contract reform is necessary not only for saving taxpayer dollars, but for saving American lives.

Ryan Alexander is President, Taxpayers for Common Sense — a non-partisan federal budget watchdog.

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Carlisle named new Mavs coach

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Rick Carlisle will be the new coach of the Dallas Mavericks, a decision expected for nearly a week but slowed by contract negotiations.

The papers aren't signed yet, but team owner Mark Cuban confirmed in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Friday night that a verbal deal is in place.

The contract "will be signed tomorrow (Saturday)," with a news conference Wednesday because Cuban will be out of town until then.

Reached late Friday, Carlisle said: "Whatever Mark told you is what's going on. I'm not going to make any comments about it right now."

Carlisle was the only candidate the Mavericks interviewed after firing coach Avery Johnson the morning after their second

straight first-round playoff exit.

Cuban had never fired a coach or hired a coach from outside the organization.

While he and Donnie Nelson, the team's president of basketball operations, considered other candidates, they settled on Carlisle pretty quickly. A few interviews later, they began working on the contract and things dragged on.

This is Carlisle's third time as head coach and his first stint in the Western Conference, where having Jason Kidd and Dirk Nowitzki doesn't guarantee making the playoffs. Carlisle went 281-211 over two seasons in Detroit, then four in Indiana. He made the playoffs his first five years, then lost his job with the Pacers after missing out in 2007. He spent this past year out of the NBA, but following it closely working for ESPN.

Although Dallas has won at least 50 games and been in the

playoffs eight straight years, the club is getting older and has a maxed-out salary cap, meaning it will take some creative deals to shake up the roster.

Kidd was hoping for a coach who would encourage more of a free-flowing offense, while Nowitzki wanted someone who would still emphasize defense. Other players probably wanted someone with a looser grip than the controlling Johnson, but that's not necessarily the case with Carlisle.

Carlisle, 49, was the Coach of the Year in his first year in charge with the Pistons. He made the conference finals the next two years — with Detroit, then Indiana.

The Pistons fired him and replaced him with Larry Brown. Carlisle ended up leading the Pacers to a franchise-record for wins, but they lost to Brown and Detroit a series shy of the NBA finals, which the Pistons went

on to win.

After winning 61 games his first season in Indiana, his teams won fewer games each season, bottoming out at 35 finals in his final year.

Still, the man who fired him from that job is now running the Knicks and considered hiring Carlisle there. He also was considered for the Chicago job.

A native of upstate New York, Carlisle was the co-captain of the Virginia team that made the Final Four in 1984, the year after Ralph Sampson left.

He was a first-round pick of the Boston Celtics and was a backup on their 1986 championship team.

He spent three seasons with the Celtics, one with the Knicks and was briefly with the Nets in 1989.

He broke into coaching that year with New Jersey, working under Bill Fitch and Chuck Daly.

He spent the next three seasons working for Portland, then went to Indiana to be an assistant under his old Celtics teammate Larry Bird.

Bird guided the Pacers to the NBA finals in 2000, then resigned. Isiah Thomas was hired over Carlisle, who wound up getting his big break with the Pistons.

The Mavericks are only two years removed from the NBA finals and one season beyond a 67-win campaign that included Nowitzki being named league MVP.

Yet after the two quick playoff exits, Cuban decided things must change for them to keep pace with the old guard like San Antonio and with up-and-comers like New Orleans.

Associated Press Writer Jeff Carlton in Dallas contributed to this report.

FORSAN

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commented. "We just couldn't put the bat on the ball. You have to give it to their pitcher; he did a good job keeping us off balanced."

With the loss Forsan drops to 12-7 on the year and falls one game short of last year's performance — a place that Phillips looks to visit again in the near future.

"We have a big eighth-grade class coming in so we are excited about that," Phillips said. "We

are losing three seniors and we are hoping that some of the freshmen are able to help and fill some of the holes that they are leaving.

"It's been great," an emotional Bailey said after his last game as a Buffalo. "I am going to miss these guys but they are going to

be great next year."

Parker finishes off his stint as a Buff taking the hard luck loss and moving to 7-2 on the year, giving up five hits and four walks.

"Cameron did a great job for us today," Phillips said. "He battled all day. He isn't the kind of pitch-

er that gets a lot of strikeouts. He just puts the ball in play and relies on his defense and that is what he did today."

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Kendra Layne Bearden and Benjamin Ray Davila

Bearden and Davila

Kenny and Karen Bearden of Big Spring are happy to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Kendra Layne Bearden to Benjamin Ray Davila.

Kendra is the granddaughter of Gail Earls of Big Spring and the late Floyd E. Earls, Olin Bearden of Coahoma and the late Jeannine Bearden.

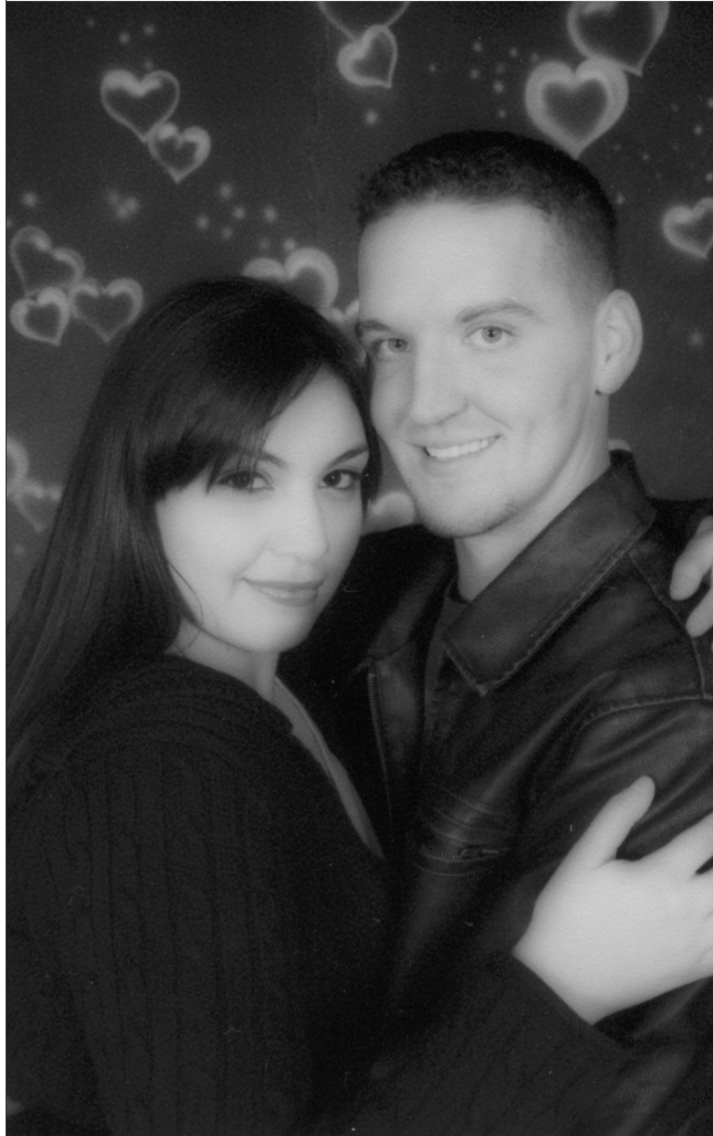
Benjamin is the son of Dora and Larry Beasley of Sweetwater and the late John Davila. He is the grandson of Louise Davila of Colorado City and the late Robert Davila, Reb-

ecca and Rosalio Martinez of Sonora and the late Manuel Ramon.

Kendra is a 2002 graduate of Forsan High School. She obtained her associates of applies science at Howard College and is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Benjamin is a 1994 graduate of Colorado City High School. He graduated from Kilgore Fire Academy in 1997. He is now employed by the Big Spring Fire Department as a paramedic/fire fighter.

The couple plan to wed June 7, 2008, in Big Spring.



Stephanie Hernandez and Matt Snyder

Hernandez and Snyder

Stephanie Hernandez of Big Spring and Matt Snyder of Odessa plan to exchange wedding vows at 2 p.m. May 17, 2008, at Terrace Hills Baptist Church in Odessa.

She will be given away by her father, Odilon Hernandez.

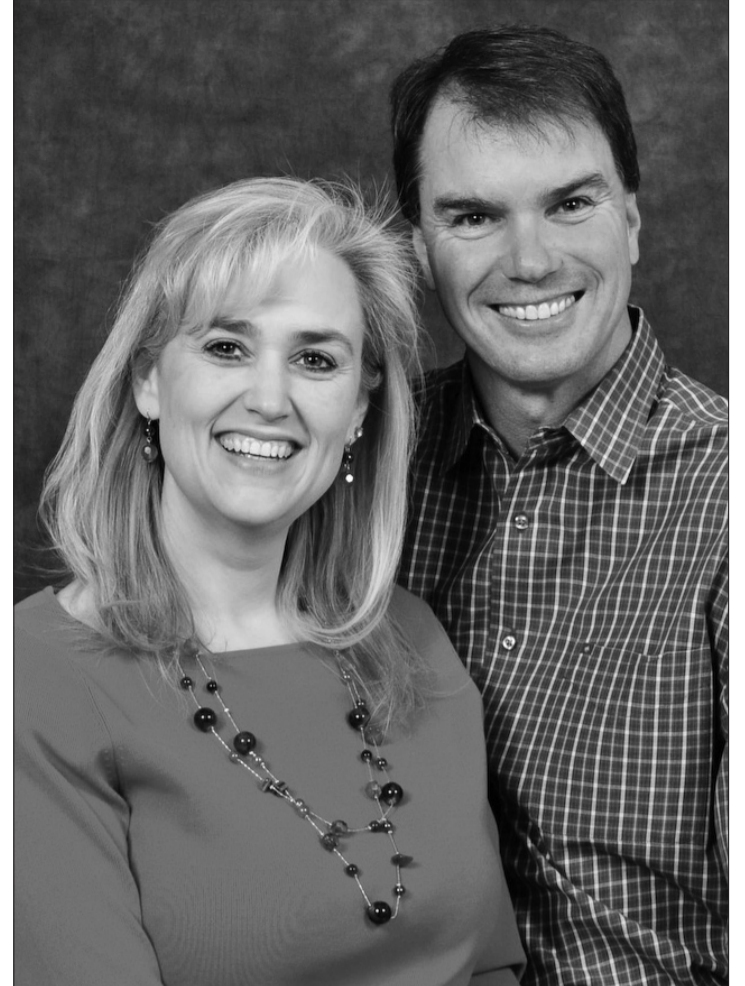
Maid of honor will be Diana Phillips. Bridesmaids are Diana Slack, Amanda Lopez, Brandy Carter and Misty

Green.

Best man is Roy Phillips. Groomsmen are Wayne Slack, Jesus Lopez, Mikey Carter and Jeff Green.

Lazo girl is Sara Nicole Velasco; flower girl is Hannah Carter; and ring bearer is Adrian Snyder.

Following a reception at Grand Affairs, 5000 E. University Suite 11 in Odessa, the couple plans to honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico.



Dana Kohl Rodriguez and Darren David Byrd

Rodriguez and Byrd

Dana Kohl Rodriguez and Darren David Byrd, both of Big Spring, are pleased to announce their engagement and pending marriage.

Dana is the daughter of the Rev. Carroll and Leighrene Kohl of Big Spring.

She is a graduate of Sul Ross State University and Midwestern State University and received her bachelor of science degree in industrial technology and her master's degree in educational leadership.

She is employed by the Big Spring Independent

School District as principal of Kentwood Elementary. Darren is the son of Richard and Bettye Davis of Odessa.

He is a graduate of Lubbock Christian University, where he received his bachelor of arts degree in business administration. He is employed by Alon USA at the Big Spring Refinery as a senior site system specialist.

They plan to exchange vows at 3 p.m. May 24 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry St., in Big Spring, with an outdoor dinner and reception to follow.

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Big Spring High School students, front row, left to right, Maurice Afritch, Rachel Overby and Roger Kauss, were recognized at Thursday's school board meeting for qualifying for the National Debate Tournament, to be held June 15 through 20 in Las Vegas. Also shown are BSHS debate coaches Clint and Jennifer Adams.

HATS, 'Hope After Sadness' to hold grand opening Monday

By **NANCY KOGER**

Special to the Herald

HATS means more than a head covering.

The new "shop," which will have its ribbon cutting and grand opening at 4 p.m. Monday, takes its name from Hope After The Sadness. This American Cancer Society Resource Room, located in the Bridal Room of First United Methodist Church, is a place for information and help for those affected by cancer.

After the death of Rev. Dr. Shane Brue in 2007, friends who had been involved with his courageous fight with colon cancer set up Shane Brue Cancer Ministries. The HATS program is the first program being offered by the group.

HATS is a joint venture of the American Cancer Society, First United Methodist Church and Warren Chiropractic Center. Its goal is to provide information, resources and support to those who have dealt with cancer in the past, those currently coping with cancer and to caregivers and family of cancer patients.

The HATS room provides free hats, wigs, and head coverings

to be checked out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. A small lending library of cancer-related books will also be available there. Help can be secured for ostomy supplies and durable medical equipment free of charge for those in need of them.

There are no set hours for the facility; those wishing to use the service may call Marcie Lykken at 267-2915 or "the HATS lady" at Warren Chiropractic.

"Everyone with cancer and those around them know that looking better makes the person feel better," said the spearhead of the new program.

Lykken has been working with American Cancer Society Community Manager-Health Initiatives Kim Sheeran for several months to bring about the ministry, which is unique to Big Spring. She has an advisory board which includes Paula Farquhar, Kim Sheeran, Beverly Warren, Jill Brue, Diane Murphy, Walt Shipman, Agustin Ypina and herself. Volunteers who will man the room are Connie Schooler, Valerie Cervantes, Dorothy Stripling, Ann Duncan, Glenda Arnold,

Allene Pearce, Barbara Donelson and Patty Schulle.

Sheeran and Lykken are currently working toward adding the first West Texas "Look Good...Feel Better" program, which provides a free make-up kit and teaches beauty techniques to cancer patients to help them combat the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment.

Six local cosmetologists have already volunteered to work with the program, but they must go through ACS training before beginning the service. Those volunteers are Kay Baily, Devin Ellis, Cathy Caudill, Ann Townsend, Wanda Hendrickson and Candy Parrish. Howard College Cosmetology Department, directed by Sandra Hodnett, is voluntarily giving a professional cleaning to all the wigs that are donated.

Donations of hats, wigs, head coverings, cancer-related books, and any items useful to cancer patients will be gladly accepted. The Shane Brue Cancer Ministries will accept monetary donations, which will be used to provide additional materials and resources.

LETTERS

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help us recuperate, but they did.

I am embarrassed at how you people are taking advantage of them. Even the residents that are permanently here and reside here can't afford to live a normal life because of the shortage of houses and sky high prices.

It's really sad that our community has turned on our fellow residents and newcomers.

I always have thought of this town as a close and friendly town. I have changed my mind for the most part now. Yes, we still have a lot of residents and business owners that are good people and welcome others with open arms and same prices as always, but to those that have become greedy, this is what I have to say to you: For shame, for shame.

Remember how you treat thy neighbor. You may be treated the same way when you're in need. That can't be good.

KELLY ANDERSON
BIG SPRING

wrote about that van with the words R.A.P.E. on the side of the white van.

I am a Christian and I think that the law should do something about it also. I saw it Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot. I agree with her. What are people just passing through our town going to think about this?

Seems like the police could do something about it. I mean the city also should pass an ordinance about such filth. They can tell us what we can and can't do so, why can't they do something about that van and the teens that drive it?

A kid at school could fall asleep in class and they get ISS. Last year they got citations for some of the stupidest reasons that I have ever heard. But these teens can ride around the city with R.A.P.E. ME HARD on the side of their van and their parents should be ashamed to even let them do it. That tells me that there some parents here who do not care what their kids do and that is sad.

I am a Christian and proud of it. City of Big Spring, do something about that ugly van, please. Protect the children of our town from such language.

MARGE MILLS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I think we should have more junior high schools and high schools in Big Spring.

TAU MAUMAU
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

As a citizen of Big Spring, I think the new school should be another junior high or high school because there are too many elementary schools here.

MATTHEW MARTINEZ
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to see another high school, junior high and intermediate school built.

The Big Spring schools should be safer.

MARCUS LOPEZ
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I think that the idea of getting more schools is very good and that we should also get a Rosa's restaurant.

JOHN TYLER BREYMAN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the family and friends of Maureen Lasher, I would like to thank Home Hospice for the loving care they provided in the last few months of her life. They treated her like a member of their own family. She thought the world of each and every one of them.

I cannot say enough great things about the employees that took care of her. It takes very special people to take care of the terminally ill.

We, the friends and family of Maureen, thank you from the bottom of our hearts,

LISA GARZA
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to thank all the staff, day and night, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. I was in the hospital April 17-21 on the third floor. I could not have been treated better. The food was good also.

Men and women, keep up the good work. You're great.

The volunteer ladies were very helpful, too. Thank you ladies.

I highly recommend SMMC.

BARBARA JARRELL
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Over the past five months, on six different occasions, including last night, May 8, I have had one or more of my vehicles "egged" while they were parked in front of my home or in the driveway.

I just wanted to let your readers know that this sort of "fun" is vandalism. If you damage, destroy, or disfigure someone else's property and you are caught, it is considered vandalism. Depending on the cost of repair, replacement it could even be a felony charge.

I encourage your readers

to talk to their teenagers and young adults and warn them of the dangers and pitfalls of having a little "fun" at others' expense.

I live in the Kentwood sub-division and know that there are others who live in this area that have had vandalism done to their property and vehicles. Broken egg shells are found in the streets all over Kentwood. I, for one, will not tolerate this and will file charges on the persons responsible for the "fun."

I encourage other victims of these acts of vandalism to report them. These acts have also been filed with the Big Spring Police Department.

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Best job in the best town

After 30 years, Dicky Wright still loves his work

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Dicky Wright is celebrating the third decade of his dream job.

Wright, owner of Culligan Water Systems in Big Spring, celebrated the 30th anniversary of his purchase of the water purification business Saturday at the store, located on FM 700.

For Wright, the past 30 years have been nothing short of wonderful.

"In the past 30 years, I've made a ton of mistakes, but I've been able to overcome them, too," Wright said. "I'm not anyone special. I'm just someone living a dream ... I'm doing exactly what I want to do."

Not only is Wright working at his dream job, he's doing so in his dream town.

"Big Spring is the best town, period," he said. "I will live nowhere else. It's not the Crossroads of West Texas — it's the heartbeat of Texas."

Wright is a Big Spring native, graduating from Big Spring High School in the 1960s. After a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1967, he returned home and worked part time for Culligan as a "head ditch-digger" for two years before joining the workforce at the local Fina Refinery.

"The refinery was a great place to work, but I'm a plumber," Wright said. "I love crawling under a house just about more than anything."

He returned to Culligan, first as a delivery man, then as owner when



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Dicky Wright, owner of Culligan Water Systems, is shown in his office Friday. Wright celebrated his 30th year as owner of the water purification business Saturday.

he bought the business from former owner Melvin Whitehead on May 10, 1978.

In the past three decades, the business has grown, not only in terms of actual size, but in the number of customers as well. Wright has moved the business to bigger surroundings twice during his tenure — first to the 300 block of Union in 1992, then to its current location in 2000.

Plenty of water purification businesses have come and gone, while Culligan has remained a constant, in the past several years. The reason his business is still standing, Wright said, is simple.

"Those other businesses are gone because they didn't specialize in customer service," Wright said. "If you have a problem with your system and you call us, we'll come to you that day, regardless. And people know that. We try to treat people the way we'd want them to treat us."

Wright said a decision on retirement is still several years away and he plans no let-up until that day arrives.

"I worked 12 hours a day, seven days a week during my first 15 years as owner," he said. "People don't see that now because I goof off so much ... but this is what I enjoy doing."

Energy Watch



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

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



The politics of oil are building. Last week, Senators Schumer, Dorgan, Sanders, Casey, and Landrieu sent President Bush a letter. They are demanding he pressure OPEC to add more oil to the market. However, as illustrated by the recent Rome meetings, consumers' calls for more crude are generally falling on the cartel's deaf ears. The Senate Democrats are threatening to stall arms deals with the Saudis, Kuwaitis and the U.A.E. if the White House doesn't take action and get the desired response.

Meanwhile, U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called on President Bush to halt injections to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve as a means to ease gasoline prices. The President rejected the call. In recent weeks his injection policy has been widely criticized by lawmakers. Energy Secretary Bodman contends the current reserve only has 55 or 56 days of emergency oil and 90 days are needed. We generally note the administration's policy of filling the reserve, no matter the cost of crude, is politically unpopular. In addition, the fill-up raises the question of whether or not the White House is preparing for something.

For his part, President Bush in a Rose Garden speech, called on Congress to allow oil and natural gas exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. It's nothing new for the president to ask for this, but with his final term winding down, there is little reason to get optimistic.

Meanwhile, former Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani remarked, "So far, OPEC doesn't want to increase production. They like to keep the price as high as possible and make more income — that's the problem." The longest-serving Oil Minister's criticism of OPEC echoes the complaints heard coming out of consuming nations. It may seem counterintuitive for a Saudi Oil Minister to call for more production; however, Yamani knows the long-term affects of high prices could be detrimental to the cartel.

Yamani ended his tenure in 1986 when prices collapsed following a secular shift in demand, resultant of the run-up in prices seen throughout the late-70s and early-80s. We note that domestically demand has been weak, partially reflecting the economy and demand erosion from years of rising prices. Yamani contends prices will fall, since demand is falling. We generally agree prices are susceptible to a significant correction.

- Despite the run in crude oil prices, Chinese demand continues to impress. According to Energy Intelligence apparent oil demand in China rose 6 percent year over year in Q1.

- The U.N.'s emergency relief coordinator is attempting to improve relations with Gulf governments. With numerous Mideast nations benefiting from windfall oil revenue, the U.N. is hoping to tap some of that wealth for the global aid system. Traditionally, GCC members assist other nations discretely. The U.N. wants to improve the transparency with which the nations give and boost multilateral contributions.

- *The Wall Street Journal* reports Asian plans to invest in biodiesel are being put on hold. The stalled projects are the result of a biodiesel oversupply situation in Europe and high palm oil prices.

- Energy Secretary Bodman told reporters last week that there isn't much that can be done to ease the burden of rising energy costs for consumers. Bodman generally opposes a "gas tax holiday."

- Meanwhile, a Kaiser Family Foundation survey of 2003 adults conducted in early April found that for 44 percent of participants, paying for gas is a "serious problem." According to the Energy Department, gas averaged \$3.60 per gallon earlier this week. As often seen, rising costs hit lower income families hardest.

- The ongoing rhetoric between Georgia and Russia is now being accompanied by troop movement. Russia wants to assert itself and reclaim its periphery. Two Georgian secessionist regions are easy targets. Russia has announced plans to boost peacekeeping troops in the South Ossetia and Abkhazia regions. Meanwhile, Georgia has moved 1500 troops to Abkhazia's Kodori Gorge, a contested region bordering Abkhazia and Georgia.

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GASKINS FAMILY HONORED



Photo by Alex Labry

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, second from left, recently recognized Van Gaskins, right, and Kelly Gaskins of Gaskins Farm during the Family Land Heritage Ceremony at the state capitol. Gaskins Farm in Howard County was honored for its acceptance into the Family Land Heritage Program for 100 years of agricultural operation. It has been in continuous agricultural production since 1906 by the same family. State Rep. Joe Heflin is pictured at left.

NRCS extends sign-up period for conservation security program

Special to the Herald

TEMPLE — The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has extended the sign-up period for the 2008 Conservation Security Program (CSP) until May 30. Landowners in 51 eligible watersheds across the country, including the Concho Watershed in Texas, will have two addi-

tional weeks to apply.

Originally, the CSP sign-up was scheduled to run from April 18-May 16, 2008.

"Spring is a busy time for farmers and ranchers," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "We are extending the sign-up as much as possible to give producers a little more time to gather natural resource information and complete the

required self-assessment and still give us time to deliver a program this year."

CSP, a voluntary program, encourages and rewards producers who practice outstanding stewardship on working agricultural land by offering financial incentives that increase with the level of conservation effort. Soil and water quality are the primary focus of this pro-

gram; however, program goals also include improved wildlife habitat, air quality, and environmentally responsible energy production.

NRCS began CSP in 2004. Currently, there are 331 enrolled watersheds covering nearly 248 million acres in CSP nationwide, including the 51 watersheds in this year's sign-up.

Howard College 2007-2008 awards

Following is the list of students and faculty honored during the Howard College Awards Convocation:

• Instructor of the Year — Cash Berry.

• Outstanding Workforce Education Student for 2007-2008 — Yvonne Rumer.

• American Legion Citizenship Awards — Samantha Berry, Kendra Corbin and Nick Ross.

• All-USA Academic Team program — Samantha Berry and Kendra Corbin.

• Presidential Award for Outstanding Student of the Year — Kendra Watt and Cameron Monger.

Individual Awards

Richard Acuff, law enforcement studies; Elizabeth Adamson, president's list; Jordan Alderete, dean's list; Carla Allen, dean's list; James Alverado, who's who, president's list; Kimberly Anderson, president's list; Candida Arellano, dean's list, who's who; Kyle Bailey, music; Elias Barrera, president's list; Katherine Baum, education, PTK; and Nicholas Beall, deans's list.

Alan Bearden, dean's list; Stacy Benavides, dean's list; Kimberly Berry, dean's list; Samantha Berry, dean's list, who's who; Wendy Bingham, corrections; LuCinda Birkenfeld, dean's list; Miesha Blackshear, dean's list; Michelle Bobbitt, president's list; Levi Buerger, dean's list; Casey Burchett, dean's list, sociology; Micca Burns, education; Molly Butler, president's list.

Stephanie Cabler, dean's list; Haley Caldwell, dean's list; Ashley Calles, dean's list; Collin Carroll, dean's list; Trista Casey, dean's list; Jennifer Cave, dean's list; Krista Chesworth, dean's list; Ambra Cole, dean's list; Rebecca Connell, biology; Dena Cook, dean's list; Kendra Corbin, dean's list, who's who, psychology; Danielle Cota, dean's list; K.C. Curtis, dean's list; Miranda Davila, president's list; Riley Davis, president's list; Marisa Deleon, dean's list, who's who; April Delgado, president's list; Megan Drummond, dean's list; Wade Eckert, president's list.

Cayley Eggleston, dean's list; Erin Eman, dean's list; Tabitha Escobedo, dean's list; Amanda Farmer, president's list; Virginia Fish,

dean's list; Bernandette Flores, dean's list, who's who; Jason Flores, diplomat; Ira Friddle, dean's list; Gerardo Garcia, computer information systems; Alexandria Garza, dean's list; Vladimir Gavranic, dean's list; Jack Giese, dean's list.

Mary Gillette, office administration; Priscilla Ginnetti, dean's list; Ellen Glenn, dean's list; Melissa Gonzalez, dean's list; Ryan Harris, dean's list, music; Spencer Head, dean's list; Megan Hefner, dean's list; Courtney Heinis, dean's list; Roxie Hernandez, dean's list; Mateo Hernandez, president's list, biology; Audra Herrington, dean's list; Danielle Hess, dean's list; Daniel Higginbotham, dean's list.

Matthew Hilario, dean's list; Iris Hinojos, dean's list; Cara Hogan, dean's list; Courtney Holdampf, president's list, government; Joe Holguin, president's list; Sterling Hudson, dean's list; Misty Hudson, dean's list; Colin Hunnicutt, dean's list; Maura Hutchison, president's list; Riquee Ison, dean's list; Ben Janshen, dean's list; Lindsay Jernigan, dean's list; Stephanie Johnson, dean's list.

Cierra Johnson, dean's list; Colton Jones, dean's list; Tinesha Jones, dean's list; Garrett Kellermeier, dean's list; Eric Kelly, dean's list; Jessica Kimbro, dean's list; Richard Kinsey, dean's list, who's who; Meagan Kothmann, cosmetology; Brandon Lance, dean's list; Jacob Lange, president's list, agriculture; Ryan Lansford, president's list; Krystal Leal, dean's list; Nathan Leamons, computer information systems, president's list.

Tuan-Yi Lee, who's who, accounting, mathematics, psychology, president's list; Lori Loftus, president's list; Joshua Long, president's list; Maribel Longoria, president's list; Katelin Lyons, dean's list; Sterling Mann, president's list; Deann Martinez, dean's list, business transfer; Ami Martinez, dean's list, speech communication; Tisha McCartney, dean's list; Whitney McCauley, president's list; Rebecca McEndree, dean's list; Mindy McNew, dean's list; Nicole Medina, dean's list, who's who, English.

Daniel Melville, dean's list,



English, New Dimension; David Mendoza, who's who; Cayla Millican, dean's list; Tawna Mills, president's list; Ivana Milovanovic, dean's list, art; Camerohn Monger, dean's list, who's who, president's list; Stephanie Moore, dean's list; Brandon Morrow, dean's list; Jessica Nez, president's list; Jennifer Olivas, president's list; Karli Orr, dean's list.

Celia Padilla, dean's list, who's who; Dusty Parks, dean's list; Chelsea Partlow, dean's list, who's who; Lana Pate, president's list; Amanda Perez, SGA; Ruby Perez, dean's list; Taylor Peterson, dean's list; Jolie Piper, dean's list; Michael Pittman, dean's list; Jessica Pittman, president's list; Jonathan Purcell, dean's list, government; Jose Ramirez, dean's list; Amanda Ramirez, dean's list; Griselda Reyes, dean's list.

Christina Rios, law enforcement; Erica Rios, president's list; Marcela Rivera, dean's list; Dianna Roberts, president's list, SADHA; Willard Robinson, Criminal Justice Association; Adriana Rodriguez, government; Cynthia Rodriguez, dean's list; Elizabeth Rodriguez, dean's list; Sofia Romero, dean's list; Nicholas Ross, who's who, president's list; Yvonne Rumer, accounting, workforce education outstanding student, president's list.

Cody Samora, dean's list; Travis Sample, dean's list, who's who; Stephanie Savvenas, president's list, dental hygiene; Adam Sawyer, general studies/speech communication, dean's list; Megan Scarborough, sociology;

Greg Schaffeld, dean's list, who's who; Lainey Seabourn, dean's list; Chelsea Smith, dean's list; Robert Smith, dean's list; Stephanie Soliz, dean's list; Kaylon Stanley, dean's list.

Courtne Stehlik, dean's list; Katrina Stevens, criminal justice studies, president's list; Ila Sullivan, dean's list; Dakota Teaff, president's list; Nathan Teeters, dean's list; Lisa Thomas, dean's list; Paul Victor, dean's list, who's who, mathematics; Pedro Villarreal, dean's list; Thomas Vukovich, dean's list; Dusty Walker, dean's list, agriculture; Mendy Ward, English; Kaylen Ware, president's list.

Sean Watson, dean's list; Kendra Watt, dean's list, dental hygiene; Chelsea Watts, dean's list; Angela Weatherman, president's list; Chris Weihert, president's list; Amanda Whiteley, cosmetology; Dustin Williams, dean's list; Mary Williams, business management; Seth Wilson, dean's list; Samantha Wiseman, RHA; Patricia Wittrein, dean's list; Jason Worthington, dean's list; Rosa Yanez, dean's list; Vanessa Zebreski, art; Luis Zuniga, dean's list.

GRADUATES

Following are Howard College students who received degrees and certificates during graduation ceremonies Friday night:

Associate of Arts

Katherine Baum
Gloria Raquel Garribay
Jerald Lanard Loudermill
Jon Edward Sutton
Associate of Science
Corey F. Allmond
James C. Alvarado
Karla Yvonne Arellano
Jeffrey Burke Atkerson
Jeremy Tye Baker
Lyndsey Baker
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Morgan Barron
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Delia Castillo
Samuel L. Caster
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Krista Lynn Chesworth
Kendra Corbin
Keira Creswell
Matt A. Curry
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Raymond Eugene Delatour
Ryan Patrick Denson
Charles Downing
Carah Marie Dunagan
Wade Eckert
Dee Randall Fryar
Monique Garcia
Rebecca Ann Garcia
Gloria Raquel Garibay
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Lorrie L. Grantham
Kandace TaShan Griffith
Cody Duane Griffin
Christina Dawn Grove
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Jacob Ray Lange
Blake Ledsoome
Tuan Yi Lee
Shelby W. Lefever
Guadalupe Lomas
Joe A. Loya
DeAnn Navarrete Martinez
Eric Martinez
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- May 13** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Supper Club "Red Mesa", 5:30 p.m.
- May 14** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 p.m.
- May 15** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Just Peachy Cafe - Coffee Club, 10:00 a.m.
Bunko, 5:00 p.m.
- May 16** – Pot Luck & Bingo, 11:30-2:00 p.m.
Rockhound Baseball, 4:30-? RSVP by May 5
- May 19** – Hobbs Casino, 9:00 a.m. RSVP-Cost \$15.00
- May 20** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Supper Club "KC Steakhouse", 5:30 p.m.
- May 21** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 p.m.
Learn-N-Learn, 11:30 a.m.
- May 22** – Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
Just Peachy Cafe - Coffee Club, 10:00 a.m.
- May 23** – Garage Sales - 9:00 a.m.
- May 25** – Midland Community Theater
"Artifice", 1:00 p.m.
- May 26** – Games, 1-3 P.M. (SkipBo)
- May 27** – Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
Supper Club "Cowboys", 5:30 p.m.
- May 28** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
- May 29** – Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
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J. Hopper Homes co-owners Jimmy and Jacoby Hopper, joined by Janice Hopper, several employees and representatives of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, cut the ribbon on the new business, located at 2810 E. FM 700, Tuesday morning.



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United Way President Jesse Mendoza, with scissors, is joined by United Way officials and Chamber of Commerce representatives at the grand opening of the United Way's new offices in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices on West Third Street.

Public Records

Note: This report includes items that were not included in the April 27 edition of the Herald.

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Javier Alcantar, 1513 Scurry, Big Spring
Lisa Aleman, 306 W. First St., Big Spring
Christine Avalos Bara, 1405 N. Sixth Street, Lamesa
Sonia M. Barlow, 4209 Parkway, Big Spring
Samantha Ann Berrera, 606 Lamar, Sweetwater
Stephanie Renee Beaty, 2718 E. SH 176, Andrews
Casey D. Bernal, 901 Grand, Hereford
Kerrie Lea Bhuiyan, 538 Westover, Big Spring
Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. D, Snyder
Douglas (Doug) Brown, 205 W. 14th St., Monahans
Richard Henry Burk, PO Box 171933, Arlington
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Maria Campos, 751 Agua Pesada, El Paso
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Lenard Carson Jr., 102 S. Peach, Pecos
Scott S. Carter, 3223 Cornell, Big Spring
Judy Ann Castillo, 1112 N. McGregor, Coahoma
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Doyce Ray Coyle, 3301 Auburn, Big Spring
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Stephen Cruz, 1707 Donley, Big Spring
Susan Cuellar, 2301 N. Pecos, Midland
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Johnnie Lou Dry, RR 11 Box 156 FM 2011, Longview
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Hilda L. Fuentes, 502 S. Seventh, Lamesa
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Christopher George, 215 E. Third, Laramie, Wyo.
Joe E. George Jr., 6356 FM 585, Bangs
Katherine A. Gladhill, 7670 M. Trailer/2718 Rear, Lubbock
Naomi Gonzales, 1606 E. Fifth, Big Spring
Raul Gonzales, 2106 Johnson, Big Spring
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Jeffrey Grams, 224 Lelon Lane, Springtown
Jim Houston Grayson, 4216 Dixon, Big Spring
Nora Gutierrez, 606 N. Eighth Street, Lamesa
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Nicholas Hasenbalg, 207 W. Williams, Breckenridge
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Patrick Kyle Heckler, 2112 Grace, Big Spring
John A. Hernandez, 4405 N. Garfield, Midland
Robert Stephen Hoback, 1516 Comberland, Odessa
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Allan J. Hoey, 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. 2, Big Spring
Emily Howard, P.O. box 224, Big Spring
Juan Baldwin Hubbard, 504 Eugene, Midland
Lucas Shane Hughes, #1 Courtney Place No. 7, Big Spring
Jeanie Renee Ivey, 5326 Old State Hwy. 7, La Grange
Ronald Jeffery, 1101 Fitch, Odessa
Brandon Johnson, 24327 Pleasonton, San Antonio

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Robert Landrum, 310 E. Palace Ave., Hobbs, N.M.
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Alana Marie Lee, 2711 66th Street, Lubbock
Laura Leon, 319 Rocky Lane Dr., Midland
Christopher Luellen, 599 Truehart, Pain Rock
Diana Luna, 715 Shinnery Lane, Brownfield
Patricia Luttrell, 2726 Redwood, Odessa
Stephanie Marie Macias, 909 S. Sixth Street, Lamesa
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Carol Lee McNeil, 2601 Westridge, Snyder
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Melissa Merket, 402 W. Eighth, Colorado City
Ernest Meza, 1902 N. Midland Dr., Midland
Elizabeth Rose Mills, 1204 Mulberry, Big Spring
Krista Moore, 411 N. 13th Street, Lamesa
Anna Marie Moreno, 4656 St. Frances Ave., Dallas
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Sylvia Moreno, 1107 Douglas, Big Spring
Angela Moreno, 1712 N. Third Street, Lamesa
Jerry Musquiz, 2609 Cotton Flat Road, Midland
Michael Todd McClinton, 1003 S. Midkiff, Midland
William Leslie Neal, 2100 Alabama, Big Spring
Arthur Ortega, 607 Bristlewood Cove, Cedar Park
Melissa Pena, 208 N. Nolan, Big Spring
Katherine Hardin Perez, 4908 Parkway, Big Spring
Renee Perez, 2133 Glenwood Drive, Abilene
Elva Perkins, 2414 N. Anderson Rd., Big Spring
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Lisa M. Portillo, 1200 Stanford, Big Spring
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Patricia Ramos, 538 Westover Road Apt. 226, Big Spring
Michael Dewayne Renteria, 1810 Owens, Big Spring
Alfredo Riojas Jr., 255, S. 11th St., Lubbock
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Hart Bradford Shaffer, 5603 Gail Hwy., Big Spring
Syretta Diane Shellman, 1101 N. Goliad, Big Spring
Janie Spurgeon, 1212 Wadley, Midland
Shawn Spurgeon, 106 N. Adams, Denver City
Allen Stanford, 774 E. Eighth, Colorado City
James Sutton, 2225 Oakland, Abilene
Tonya Taylor, 1111 Moseley Circle, Hobbs, N.M.
Abelina Tercero, 127 Arthur, Longview
Terri Lynn Ward Trevathan, 1003-2 CR 175, Colorado City
Jimmy Vasquez, 4000 W. Illinois, Midland
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Alicia N. Vernon, 9614 Dover Ridge, San Antonio
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Ricky Waltenbaugh, 801 W. Marcy Apt.

23, Big Spring
Christina Williams, 400 Macarthur, Odessa
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Jerry Lee Wrightsil Jr., 2816 Ridge Road, Fort Worth
Anthony Yates, 5001 Dawson, Big Spring
Shuang Cheng Zhang, 1201 Gregg St., Big Spring

District Court Filings:
Kaisha Moore vs. Vance Moore, family court.
Kayla Rodriguez vs. Juan Rodriguez III, divorce.
Scott Allen Goodblanket Jr. vs. Dolores Jean Goodblanket, divorce.
Lorri Lynn Delagarza vs. Tony Delagarza, divorce.
Shelley Gomez vs. Mark Gomez, divorce.
The State of Texas vs. James Lynn Parker (\$915 in currency), civil suit.
The State of Texas vs. Corey Lee Harris, Christi Grant Harrison, Ray Carl McGee Jr., James Lynn Parker, David Terrell Ward, Selena Marie Taylor, Alisha Gay McGee, Angela Ann McGee, Jennifer Henry Deleon and Quincy Lamar Henry (\$5,000 currency), civil suit.
Melissa Fonda vs. Anthony McGruder, protective order.
Eunice Gonzalez vs. Johnny Trevino, protective order.
Sandra Tapia vs. Trevino Tapia, divorce.

Marriage Licenses:
Jake E. Wylie, 36, and Deebra C. Wylie, 38, both of Big Spring.
Clyde Melton Clark, 61, and Cheryl

Yvonne Johnson, 52, both of Big Spring.
Robert L. Amende, 63, and Virginia G. Barraza, 68, both of Big Spring.
Michael Darrell Sizemore, 32, and Stephanie Lynn Pierce, 34, both of Big Spring.
Ernesto Marquez Muniz, 22, and Crystal Nichole Ramirez, 21, both of Big Spring.
Jacques L. Foston, 35, and Alicia M. Hernandez, 44, both of Big Spring.
Katavious Jaron Booker, 26, of Grand Prairie, and Renna Renae Ramirez, 26, of Big Spring.
Phillip S. Lozano, 46, of New Mexico, and Aurora R. Collins, 47, of Big Spring.
W.D. Callahan, 54, of McKinney, and Kim Wright, 49, of Odessa.
Kevin Dwayne Rodgers, 34, and Rachael Francine Savala, 22, both of Big Spring.
Daniel B. Thomas, 28, and Melissa A. Pearson, 25, both of Big Spring.
Michael L. Shockey Jr., 22, and Cashea B. Earls, 23, both of Big Spring.
Rodrigo Sanchez, 19, and Mayuli Shioasaki Hernandez, 28, both of Big Spring.
Ismail Rodriguez Brisenno, 28, and Marlena Ann Gomez, 21, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: Robbie Padgett Yarborough, Marion Kenneth Padgett, Barbara Padgett Zavodny, Debra Padgett, Wanda Patterson, Betty Padgett Thomas, William Padgett and Steven Padgett
Grantee: Manuela Silva Rivas
Property: Lot 7, Block 1, Rice Addition
Date: April 17, 2008
Grantor: Maria Irene Resendez
Grantee: Johnny Rios and Eva Rios
Property: Lot 8, Block 6, Settles Heights
Date: April 17, 2008
Grantor: Machelle Williams

Grantee: Doyle Parks
Property: Lot 17, Block 1, East Highland Park
Date: April 17, 2008
Grantee: Doyle Parks
Grantee: Douglas Parks
Property: Lot 17, Block 1, East Highland Park
Date: April 17, 2008
Grantee: G. Ben Bancroft and Kay Bancroft
Grantee: Iden Investments Inc.
Property: A 32.85 acre tract out of Section 9, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 18, 2008
Grantee: G. Ben Bancroft and Kay Bancroft
Grantee: Jerry Iden
Property: A 32.93 acre tract out of Section 9, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 18, 2008
Grantee: G. Ben Bancroft and Kay Bancroft
Grantee: Miller Contracting Co.
Property: A 32.83 acre tract out of Section 9, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 18, 2008
Grantee: James A. Gilbert
Grantee: Edith Gordie Gilbert
Property: A tract out of Section 17, Block 33, Town of Big Spring
Date: April 18, 2008
Grantee: Wells Fargo Bank
Grantee: Secretary of Veterans Affairs
Property: Lot 6, Block 3, Stanford Park
Date: April 22, 2008
Grantee: Thomas Ray Bruch

Grantee: Charles D. Rosenbaum
Property: Lot 19, Block 20, Monticello Addition
Date: April 22, 2008
Grantee: Donald T. Anderson and Warren Anderson
Grantee: Anthony Cimino and Samantha Cimino
Property: A pair of tracts out of Section 14, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 22, 2008
Warranty Deed with Vendors Lien:
Grantee: Marie Hall
Grantee: Gerald Lee Harris Jr. and Laurie Harris
Property: Lots 8-11, Block 15, Edwards Heights
Date: April 18, 2008
Grantee: Michael Seal
Grantee: Arturo Islas and Christina Islas
Property: The N/50 feet of the NE/4 of Block 36, College Heights
Date: April 18, 2008
Grantee: Michael L. Seal
Grantee: Moises Torres
Property: Lot 13, Block 11, Washington Place
Date: April 18, 2008
Grantee: Nicholas Puentes
Grantee: Linda M. Beasley
Property: Lot 9 and part of Lot 10, Block 1, Wrights First Addition
Date: April 18, 2008
Grantee: Naresh Patel and Nita Patel
Grantee: Bhagya Laxmi Inc.
Property: A 2.2 acre tract out of Section 31, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 21, 2008

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Samuel Clifton Sorrells
J. Rich Sparks
Shawnee N. Stoddard
Tarrance M. Sullivan
Nathan D. Teeters
Jackie Trey Thomas
Terry R. Trevino
Jámon Anthony Turner
Raymundo Alfredo Valencia, III
Paul D. Victor
Veronica Viera
Pedro A. Villarreal
Allison T. Waddell
Dusty Allen Walker
Mendy Lou Ward
Taryn Nicole Wash
Aqueelah Ann Watkins
Sean A. Watson
Samantha Kate Wiseman

Associate of Applied Science

Christopher Anthony Bravo
April Delgado
Mary E. Gillette
Richard A. Grove
Yvonne R. Rumer
David M. Salazar
Mary Whitney Williams

Associate of Applied Science - Dental Hygiene

Jennifer Leigh Cave
Iris Prieto Hinojos
Maura L. Hutchison
Lori C. Loftus
Maribel Ann Longoria
Sterling Mann
Whitney L. McCauley
Cayla Rená Millican
Karli Blaine Orr
Lana Lynn Pate
Griselda Reyes
Marcela Rivera
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Stephanie Renee Savvenas
Kendra Colleen Watt
Angela Marcella Weatherman

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Slade Braswell
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Certificate in Vocational Nursing

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Certificate in Medical Assistant

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Jessyca A. Shaw
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Certificate in Business Administration

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Alexandrea D. Pantoja
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Lisa Turner
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Certificate in Computer Information Science

Christopher Anthony Bravo
Gary Edward Young

Certificate in Office Administration

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Tarrina Zambrano

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Ambra Jasette Cole

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Richard Acuff
April Delgado
April J. Franks
Antonio Eric Garcia
Gabriel Garcia
Liliana G. Garcia

Certificate in Farm Management

Jacob Ray Lange

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf graduates

Following is a list of SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf students who received degrees or certificates during commencement exercises Friday:

Associate in Applied Science

Krysha Bearden, interpreter training
Alma Estrada, office administration
Desiree Hayes, interpreter training
Candace Joyce, interpreter training
Jason Kendrix, computer information systems
Phillip Waldrup, computer information systems

Associate in Science

Bethany Ahrens, general studies
Micca Burns, general studies
Tracy Dimalanta, general studies
Elena Lehmann, general studies
Efua Sam, general studies
Earl Smith, general studies

Level 1 Certificate

Daniel Hernandez, building construction technology
Michael Martinez, building construction technology
John Paul Samaniego, building construction technology

struction technology

Kunal Patel, data entry technology
Phillip Waldrup, data entry technology
LaDonna Porter, graphics art technology
Alma Estrada, office technology
Charles Reyes, office technology
Alissa Rodriguez, office technology
Jennifer Skelton, office technology
Latisha Munsell, paraprofessional deaf education
Katherine Rogers, paraprofessional deaf education
Christopher Bobbitt, welding



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SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf students stand prior to receiving their diplomas and certificates at commencement exercises at the school Friday. Officials said 28 students graduated during the ceremony.

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BSSH volunteers host fashion show

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Special to the Herald

The glam girls from the Chalet showed off their fashion sense Tuesday during a Mother's Day tea celebration for the female patients of the Big Spring State Hospital.

"Dorothy Sheppard is really the mama of this," said Ruth Nanny, Chalet volunteer and fashion show organizer. "She heard of this idea in Kerrville (during the 2007 state volunteer convention). One of the groups down there had held a Mother's Day tea."

Eight models and other volunteers, along with staff from the state hospital, helped the patients celebrate motherhood. The women were treated to finger foods and punch while sitting at tables decorated with spring flowers and dress hats. Patients were allowed to take the hats with them following the tea.

Describing each outfit — all items donated to the Chalet — while the models moved among the patients was master of ceremonies Helen Crandal. Betty Lee provided piano music and James and Vernadine Griffett encouraged the crowd to join in while singing spiritual songs.

Finding volunteers to participate wasn't much of a chore, Nanny said.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Volunteers for the Big Spring State Hospital provided a Mother's Day tea and fashion show Tuesday for the female patients. Models for the event were: back row from left, Connie Rodriguez, Ruth Nanny, Nina Giadetta, Linda Nanny and Doris Smith; front row sitting: Sandi Cockerham, Master of Ceremonies Helen Crandal and Jo Ann Hernandez.

"This group does anything you ask," she said. "If you ask, you're going to get help."

The Chalet is a second-hand store manned by 22 volunteers and open six days a week. Sales from

the long-time Big Spring business are used for projects to help enhance the lives of the patients during

their stay at the state hospital.

"We have a pictorial in the window that shows the

many projects funded by the volunteers," Nanny said.

During the last several years, funds raised by the volunteers purchased two-vehicles used to transport patients around the hospital which allows patients more mobility around the campus and major renovations to the campus' chapel.

Another volunteer-funded project, the meditation garden, is expected to be complete by early summer.

The Chalet provides another service to the community by matching donations of useable but unwanted items with new owners. In 2007, the Chalet grossed more than \$60,000 in sales and is on target this year to exceed that amount.

"We're getting higher quality items all the time," Nanny said. "People seem to be proud of the donations they bring in."

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The winners of the 2008 Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest were recognized at the Annual Soil and Water Conservation District Awards Banquet on April 21 at the La Posada Restaurant. From left, winners are: Hamish Finlay, Marcy Elementary, Molly Wadell, Coahoma Elementary and Katie Wilson, Moss Elementary. Not shown are Emily Hatfield, Elbow Elementary, and Mallory Thomas, Kentwood Elementary. The theme of this year's contest was "Water is Life."

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By Steve Becker

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♥ 7 3
♦ A 8 4
♣ A K 7 3

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♣ Q 9 6 2

EAST
♠ 7
♥ J 9 6 4 2
♦ 10 5 3 2
♣ J 10 5

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 4 3
♥ A Q
♦ K 7 6
♣ 8 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♠ Pass 5 NT Pass
6 ♠ Pass 6 ♠

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

Suppose you're declarer at six spades and West leads the queen of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

When the deal occurred, South won the diamond with the king, cashed the A-K of spades and A-K of clubs and ruffed a club. He then entered dummy with a spade and ruffed dummy's last club.

At this point, declarer led a diamond to the ace and exited with a third diamond, hoping West would

have to win the trick. If he did, West would have no choice but to yield a ruff-and-discard or return a heart into the A-Q. Either way, South would avoid a heart loser and so make the slam.

However, West, who had been paying close attention to the proceedings, did not cooperate with declarer's plan. When the second round of diamonds was led to the ace at trick nine, West put up his jack. East was then able to win the third diamond with the ten and return a heart to scuttle the slam.

South had basically the right idea, but his sequence of plays had a serious flaw: He had openly telegraphed his intentions and thus made it easier for West to find the winning counterplay.

A far better approach is to win the diamond queen with the king and return a diamond to the ace at trick two. West would have to be very inspired to play his jack at this early stage. If he instead makes the almost automatic play of following suit with the nine, he is a dead duck. Declarer proceeds more or less as before, and finishes with 12 tricks.

The low diamond play at trick two should be made before West has any idea of what's going on. It's hard for him to know so early in the play that the crucial point has been reached, and he should be put to that test as soon as possible.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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BSSH names RN, LVN of the year

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Lisa Painter was named RN of the Year and Rosemary West, LVN of the Year, Wednesday, May 7, during Big Spring State Hospital's Nursing Appreciation luncheon honoring the hospital 118 nurses.

Big Spring State Hospital's Nursing Services Department hosts the yearly luncheon in conjunction with National Nurses Week.

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6 — National Nurses

Day — through May 12 — the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

Painter and West were two of 28 nominees

presented for RN and LVN of the year, said Stormy Ward, MSN, RN.C., chief nurse executive. A committee trimmed the list to two.

Painter, who has worked at Big Spring State Hospital for the past 10 years, started as an LVN.

"She became what we call one of our home-grown RNs," Ward said in making the surprise announcement.

"I see her everywhere, and she is always wearing a smile. Her nominations describe her as being a very kind, patient and understanding nurse who loves her patients. She is a wonderful role model for her peers as evidenced



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Big Spring State Hospital Assistant Chief Nurse Executive Thomas Stevens presents the RN of the Year to Lisa Painter.

by her overall work ethic. She also is wonderful with the patients and works wonders with them, particularly during emergency situations."

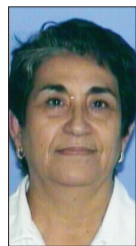
West has worked at Big Spring State Hospital for more than 15 years.

"She is very kind and giving of herself," Ward read from one of her nomination forms.

"She is so in tune with her patients that she can read subtleties in their behavior and in their medical conditions. She has an excellent rapport with the patients, and she is an excellent mentor. She is kind and giving of herself."

Nursing comprises the largest portion of the hospital's workforce and the hospital encourages many nurses to further their education by providing a stipend program.

"It is a great program that helps us grow our own nurses," Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon said.

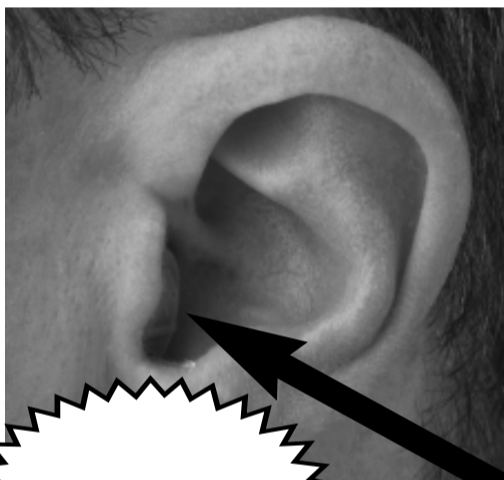


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West Texas volunteers who tirelessly work to improve the lives of veterans and the quality of care they receive were honored during National Volunteer Week, April 27-May 3.

The West Texas VA Health Care System hosted a Volunteer Recognition banquet April 29 at the Big Spring Country Club, where they were treated to a nice meal and a wonderful show put on by members of the Big Spring High School and Howard College Theater and Dance departments.

The National Volunteer Week theme, "Volunteer to change the World," truly reflects the power volunteers have to inspire the people they help and to inspire those to serve! National Volunteer Week is sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network.

"Volunteers perform countless acts of service and are one of America's most valuable assets," said Dr. Christopher N. Bacorn, acting director of the West Texas VA Health Care System. "During the past year, volunteers nationwide have continued to reach out to their neighbors both near and far, especially to the veterans we care for and their families. National Volunteer Week is the ideal time to honor volunteers meeting community needs around the country and calling the public's attention to their tremendous contributions."

During National Volunteer Week, VA volunteers nationwide received presidential recognition

for their service to veterans. Like National Volunteer Week, VA awards seek to inspire by example, honoring the service of our country's most committed volunteers and sharing their achievements to encourage more Americans to volunteer.

The most prestigious awardees were the Outstanding Volunteer Woman of the Year and the Outstanding Volunteer Man of the Year. The recipients of these awards were Dora Grace and Bill Phelps. Other volunteers who received awards of note were Allen Bullard, Joe Clark, Salvador Guerrero, James Hicks, John McDiffitt, Bill Phelps, James Proffitt and Ray Stukel for 2,500 hours of service; Earl Baumann and Roger Langford for 3,750 hours of service; Thomas Langford for 5,000 hours of service; Pete Evans for 7,500 hours of service; Gloria Hickman for 10,000 hours of service; Mike Mathie for 12,500 hours of service; Clara Lewis for 22,500 hours of service; and Fran Mathie for 25,000 hours of service.

National Volunteer Week began in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing an annual celebration of volunteering. Every president since has signed a proclamation promoting the week.

"We hope that National Volunteer Week will motivate others to volunteer their time and talent to help our country's most vulnerable residents - the homeless, the hungry, the elderly, at-risk youth, and the disabled," concluded Dr. Bacorn.

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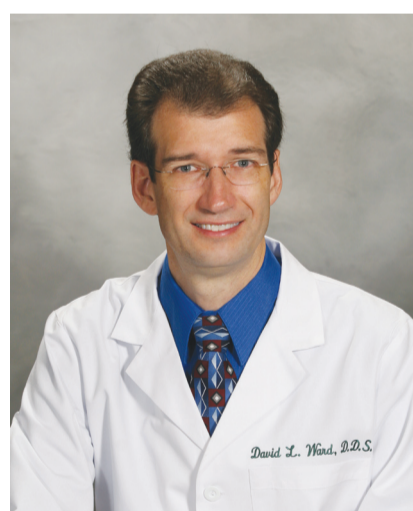
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of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (1611 W. 3rd, Big Spring) T-5473 Howard County, et al vs. J. B. Bronstein N/60' of Lot 1, Blk 1, Lakeview Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (1800 W. 3rd, Big Spring) CAUSE NO. 5506 Howard County, et al vs Ruth F. Alexander aka Ruth Alexander Sewell and L. C. Heffington EXHIBIT NO. DEFENDANT NAME PROPERTY DESCRIPTION ADDRESS NO. 1 Ruth F. Alexander aka Ruth Alexander Sewell and L. C. Heffington A tract or parcel of land out of and part of that certain 3 acre tract of land out of and part of Section 32, Blk 33, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas 1501 W. 15th, Big Spring NO. 2 Bailey Auto Co. aka Bailey Auto Company Lot 15, Blk 44, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas 211 Rex, Forsan NO. 3 Harold Bailes and Charlotte Bailes All of the S/40' of Lot 1 and the S/40' of the W/37.5' of Lot 2, Blk 13, Amended Cole & Strayhorn Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 1605 Goliad, Big Spring NO. 4 Raymond E. Bedford Lot 3, Blk 12, Monticello Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 1104 Marijo, Big Spring NO. 5 Kirby A. Bernich Lot 4, Blk 3, Avion Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 1607 Lark, Big Spring NO. 6 Julia Bonilla aka Julia M. Bonilla SE/4 of Lot 18, Blk 99, Original Town City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 602 Sargent Paredes, Big Spring NO. 7 Gary Brashers Lot 1, Blk 28, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas 108 -B E. 6th, Forsan NO. 8 Lonnie Clanton Lot 2, Blk 4, Lakeview Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 208 Carey, Big Spring NO. 9 Virgil L. Creel and Cecil Elizabeth Creel Lots 14 & 15, Blk 56, Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas E. 2nd 407-409, Forsan NO. 10 Olen J. Dreyer aka Olen Dreyer All of the S/100' of Lots 1 & 2, Blk 102, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 400 NW 3rd, Big Spring NO. 11 Olen J. Dreyer aka Olen Dreyer Lot 12, Blk 12, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 1711 W. 2nd, Big Spring NO. 12 Olen J. Dreyer aka Olen Dreyer

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Happy Mother's Day! Leo moon delivers a bouquet of spiritedness, playfulness and sincerity to moms everywhere. And those of us who personalize our appreciation -- with an ounce of dazzle, a sprinkling of flourish, a dash of individuality -- are rewarded with the adoration of our biggest cheerleader. So don't hold back. Go all out for mom.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Getting to know new people is easy when you have something in common, and even easier when you don't. Today you're so good at asking the one question that gets someone talking on deeper levels.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Even when you're going through turbulent emotions, you're the sta-

ble one among your friends. It helps them that you're like this, and it helps you, too. When you have to pretend you're strong, you become strong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's a fortunate day indeed when the thing the world seems to want most from you is for you to be happy. You can actually cheer those around you by tending to your own satisfaction.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Time is not a friend nor an enemy -- time simply is. When you're in a hurry and you wish it would fly, it marches forward the same way that it does when you want it to stand still. Resolve not to fight it, but to accept it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Are you creating to your own detriment? Seeing problems where there are none? It's all a sign of your immense powers of creativity. Start putting them to better uses and higher causes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You bought into some-

thing and now you have to buy your way out. That's just how it goes and it's quicker not to look for a way around it. Live and learn -- and laugh. Laugh very hard.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Now here's a twist: You make yourself of service to others and find that you're being treated like royalty. It goes to show the value of being needed. Fellow air signs Gemini and Aquarius seem to need you most.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're ambitious. Advance your position by making no change at all. It's amazing how difficult this is to do. Nothing is sometimes the absolute hardest thing to accomplish of all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Dreaming and scheming is only as effective as it is potent. Check your level of intention. Are you really passionate about arriving at your destination? If so, your feet move as you imagine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're laying

down roots. This includes an investigation into your history and the history of your people. Once you know how it has always been done, you'll decide how you want to do it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You find your fun off the beaten path. Knock on a few doors that you've been curious about. Professionals are flexible with fees. State what you want to pay -- chances are you'll find someone to make it happen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone roots for you and perhaps even protects you from behind the scenes. This is payback, since you've been so adamant about standing behind the ones you believe in.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Today we celebrate mothers everywhere, and the feeling is appreciable. During the Taurus sun season, there's plenty to appreciate, and the fact that we celebrate mothers, too -- hardly a coincidence. There's no one more

deserving. Moms everywhere have that magical gift of making us feel we're the center of the universe by virtue of simply being. They also know the art of simple abundance. Who else can teach us that a Popsicle stick also doubles as a magic wand (or eating utensil)? That our stained shirt can be rescued from imminent disuse with soda water, or cook our favorite recipe and turn our day around? That's the beauty of mom. This week presents an opportunity for enlightened appreciation; Uranus and Jupiter form an expansive relationship to the sun, bringing shifts in the way we source our relationship to the things and people that contribute to our well-being. Appreciation is a growing consciousness. And consider that with gratitude and generosity, practically anything can be appreciated into being. Because as Mom has proven time and again, everything you need is already inside

anyhow, just waiting to be recognized as wonderful.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Comic Stephen Colbert has a remarkably relaxed approach to fame, and hey, it's working. First, an ice cream flavor was named after him, followed by an American jetliner, so being named Celebrity of 2007 was probably no big thing. It appears lightening up pays off, big time. And the most successful among this industrious, unhurried sign are often seen smiling.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Readers: Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful moms in the world. Please remember them today -- and every day. Each year, we receive dozens of poems from readers who ask us to print them on Mother's Day. Here are a few for your enjoyment:

They were lovely, all the mothers of the days of long ago, With their gentle, quiet faces

And their hair as white as snow.

They were middle-aged at forty, at fifty donned lace caps And at sixty clung to shoulder shawls and loved their little naps.

But I love the modern mother who can share in all our joys,



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

And who understands the problems of her growing girls and boys.

She may boast that she's older, but her heart is twenty-three...

My glorious bright-eyed mother Who is keeping young with me. -- Author Unknown

Daughters-In-Law Are Our Grandchildren's Mothers

By Nicholas Gordon
Daughters-in-law are our grandchildren's mothers.

As such, they carry our fortunes downstream.

Under their guidance, our hopes become others', Giving their force to a much larger dream.

How lucky we are to have you for the carer That nurtures the hearts of our hearts, that they may

Each be a lover, a giver and sharer, Remaking the world in their image each day.

So do we all, like streams from the mountains,

In time become joined in the souls we have made,

Now mingled forever, eternal companions,

Linked by our love in a bond that won't fade.

As you in your noon-time work of love do, We watch from the hillside, grateful for you.

A REAL MOM IS ONE WHO...

Counts the number of sprinkles on each kid's cupcake to make sure they are equal.

Hides in the bathroom whenever she needs to be alone.

Considers fingerprint to be a controlled substance.

Mastered the art of placing food on a plate without anything touching.

Finds herself cutting her husband's sandwiches into unusual shapes.

Uses her own saliva to clean her child's face.

Clings to the high moral ground on toy weapons while her child chews his toast into the shape of a

gun.

Dear Annie: I would just like to give a wake-up call to teenage girls who claim to dislike their mothers.

My girlfriend's mother died last week of breast cancer. It made me realize how much I appreciate my mother. She's the hardest-working woman I know. She handles two full-time jobs, two daughters and a husband. Not to mention being in charge of all the big family get-togethers. She's the person I'm always looking up to.

Although Mom can't make all my violin concerts or soccer games, she tries her best. So, to all the teenage daughters out there, give your mother a compliment. It will make her day. -- Bonding in New York

Dear New York: What a wonderful gift to your

mother on Mother's Day.

Annie's Snippet for Mother's Day (credit George Washington): "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."

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It's a busy time in the garden

Beautiful gardens should be at their finest this month so enjoy them to the fullest. But just because they are beautiful now doesn't mean they will stay that way. There is still much to do to ensure the summer and fall will also be beautiful.

It's warm enough now to plant warm season grasses, including St. Augustine, bermuda, buffalo grass and zoysia. Now is also the time to plant hot-weather annuals, including lantana, gomphrena, copper plants, moss rose, firebush, Dahlberg daisy and purple fountain grass. Tropical annuals can be planted in beds or containers now. Try Mexican



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heather, cuphea, hibiscus, bougainvillea, pentas and esperanza yellow bells. It is also time to transplant summer and fall perennials.

For larger, better-quality fruit on peaches, apricots and plums, thin the fruits to 5 to 6 inches apart on the branches. Prune spring flowering shrubs and vines to shape them once they have finished blooming. Prune climbing roses and once-bloomed antique roses to keep a good shape and reduce overall height.

Pinch off old blossoms on spring-flowering annuals such as pansies, snapdragons and stocks to prolong the flowering season. Allow foliage of spring-flowering bulbs to mature and die back before removing. Pinch back the terminal growth on newly planted annual and perennial plants. This will result in shorter, more compact, well branched plants with more

flowers.

Plants in containers and hanging baskets should be fertilized with a complete, balanced fertilizer such as compost which is for sale at the Big Spring Compost Facility located at 3201 Perimeter Road. If you just have to use a commercial fertilizer, be sure to water the plants first.

Be sure to do a soil test prior to fertilizing turf grasses; it can save you money and give you a better lawn. Most lawns in our area will need a high nitrogen fertilizer. Soils highly alkaline will also need an application of iron. Trees, shrubs, vines and groundcovers may need to be fertilized at this time also.

Compost is safe to use on most any plant at any time but read and follow directions on any commercial fertilizer. Weed and Feed type fertilizers are not for use around desirable plants other than turf grasses.

To prevent burning, water thoroughly after fertilizing.

If you are building or extending any garden beds, now is a good time to add a watering system. There are advantages to each type of system — hose bibb, pop-ups, drip and soaker. The hose bibb system entails just extending the water line to a nearby location that allows you to easily reach the bed with a garden hose.

Pop-up systems are somewhat more involved to design properly and might best be left to a professional. The drip and soaker systems are simple to layout and install and are rather easy to change as you add or move plants.

I am opposed to the automatic control timers only because they tend to replace the hands of the gardener. There is a lot of truth to the old saying that "The best fertilizer is the footsteps of the farmer."

Having to walk out to turn the water on can allow you to see a minor problem that could have been missed if the timer was expected to do the work.

I highly recommend drip or soaker systems over the others because the water is desired in the ground for the plants to use and that is where the drip systems and soaker hoses put it. The other systems tend to involve spraying water through the air.

The longer the water stays in contact with the air, the more is lost to evaporation. Reducing evaporation is the whole point to Xeric gardening, whether done by choosing adapted plants or by using thick mulch and drip watering.

For more information, call Walter Ward at (432) 935-6455 or visit the Howard County Master Gardeners Web site at www.howardcountymastergardener.org

Business briefs

Gas jumps above \$3.67

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil rose above \$126 a barrel for the first time Friday, bringing its advance this week to nearly \$10, as investors questioned whether a possible confrontation between the U.S. and Venezuela could cut exports from the OPEC member.

Gas prices, meanwhile, rose above an average \$3.67 a gallon at the pump, following oil's recent path higher.

On Friday, The Wall Street Journal published a report that suggested closer ties between Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and rebels attempting to overthrow Colombia's government, which heighten the chances that the U.S. could impose sanctions on one of its biggest oil suppliers.

Circuit City review of books

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Circuit City Stores Inc. on Friday gave in to pressure from activist shareholders, essentially putting itself up for sale and agreeing to nominate dissident directors

to its board.

The electronics retailer announced it would open its books to Blockbuster Inc. and Blockbuster's largest shareholder, Carl Icahn. It did so after Icahn defused concerns over whether Blockbuster could finance the deal by saying he was prepared to buy the company if all else fails.

Circuit City said Icahn's letter answered some questions related to the potential transaction, and that it would allow the video-rental chain to conduct due diligence in its takeover bid of just over \$1 billion with plans for creating a huge chain that would sell electronic gadgets and rent movies and games.

Fedex cuts profit forecast

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — FedEx is cutting its fourth-quarter guidance, blaming a steep increase in fuel costs.

The Memphis, Tenn.-based shipping company says it now expects to post a fourth-quarter profit of \$1.45 to \$1.50 per share, down from its previous prediction of \$1.60 to \$1.80 per share.

Fedex says its fuel costs have risen by more than 7 percent since it issued its previous guidance in March, officials indicated.



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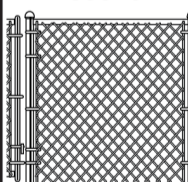
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