

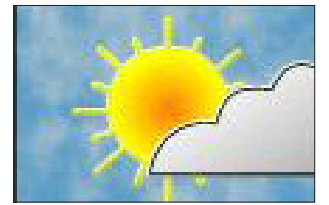
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No arrests made in shootings here

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department is investigating a trio of shootings reported Thursday and Friday, but according to law enforcement officials, the attacks are not gang-related.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, the first report of shots fired was received by

emergency dispatchers early Thursday morning.

"The first shooting happened at 3 a.m. in the 2500 block of Hunter," said Everett. "The house was struck by what appeared to be a round from a shotgun. No one was injured in the incident, but there were numerous people inside the residence at the time."

The second shooting was reported at approximately 12:28

"All of these shootings are related and appear to be part of a domestic feud between two families. At this time there is no known gang involvement."

—Tony Everett, BSPD information officer



a.m. Friday in the 1600 block of Cardinal, according to Everett. "A vehicle was struck by sev-

eral rounds from an unknown caliber weapon," said Everett. "There were no injuries in this

shooting, either."

According to Everett, the third and final report came in at approximately 1:35 a.m. Friday at the same location on Hunter, and this time the occupants of the home weren't quite as lucky.

"A shotgun round was once again fired at the home," he said. "However, this time a 13-year-

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School supplies are ready

Salvation Army program will begin Monday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Back to school. It's a phrase most area children are avoiding like the plague right now, but at the local Salvation Army it will be the battle cry of choice Monday, as the charity begins taking applications for its annual Back-to-School Supply program.

According to Paula Lafler, a social worker with the Salvation Army, the application process and distribution of the school supplies will be handled similar to past efforts.

"The last few years

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FESTIVAL FUN



HERALD photo/Alex Newsom

Alexia Zepeda gets her face painted by one of the booth workers, Andrea Torres, during the Mid-Summer Festival at St. Thomas Catholic Church Friday evening. The festival, sponsored by Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, was to continue at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. St. Thomas is located at N.W. Sixth and N. Main in Big Spring. Various booths offer games and food. There also is bingo and live music.

Sales tax receipts up 32 percent here

By **ALEX NEWSOM**
Herald Intern

Big Spring and most of the surrounding areas had significant increases when compared to last year's receipts, according to the State Comptroller's Office.

The city accepted \$531,055.46 this month, compared to \$402,268.71 in July of 2007 — a difference of 32.01 percent. For the year, Big Spring has taken in \$3,323,247.34, up 6.28 percent.

Coahoma took in \$11,089.55 this month, down 34.52 percent when compared to the \$16,937.91 received a year ago. So far in 2008, Coahoma has received \$66,120.00, down 11.58 percent.

Forsan took a 27.87 percent loss, compared this month's totals of \$5,590.44 with last July's totals of \$7,750.82. For the year, Forsan has received \$44,801.09, down 9.17 percent.

In Abilene, however, sales tax revenues increased. The Key City received \$2,722,623.19 this month, up 3.34 percent when compared to the \$2,634,160.50 received in July 2007. For the year, Abilene has taken in \$19,443,996.68, up 1.59 percent.

Andrews had a good month, receipt-wise. That city took in \$323,463.03, up 17.58 percent compared to the \$275,077.72 received in July 2007. For the year, Andrews has received \$2,126,752.14, up 14.73 percent.

Colorado City saw receipts increase 5.38 percent, comparing the \$43,993.53 received this month to the \$41,745.23 received at this time a year ago. For 2008, the Mitchell County seat has taken in \$323,078.68, up 3.78 percent.

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Man flees wreck

Alcohol believed involved; woman transported to ER

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Officers with the Big Spring Police Department are investigating a traffic accident in the 600 block of E. 15th Street that happened Friday afternoon, sending a local woman to the emergency room and an unknown man on the run.

According to witnesses at the scene, a local woman was traveling east on 15th Street in a Chevrolet SUV and was in the process of turning into the driveway to her home when a Chevrolet Tahoe, driven by an

unidentified male subject, slammed into the back of her vehicle.

The woman was transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

According to BSPD officers at the scene, the force of the crash spun the injured woman's SUV 180 degrees, with it coming to a halt near the front yard of her home. The Tahoe, however, travelled east down 15th Street approximately a block — spilling large quantities of fluids from its damaged front end onto



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Emergency services personnel remove a Big Spring woman from her vehicle following a traffic accident in the 600 block of 15th Street late Friday afternoon.

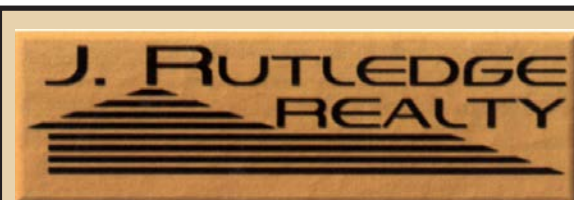
the roadway — before the driver abandoned it and fled on foot.

Officers confirmed there

were several open beer bottles inside the Tahoe and there was a strong odor of alcohol coming from the

vehicle. Police officials at the scene declined to re-

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British Open living up to reputation in third round

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP National Writer

SOUTHPORT, England — David Duval and Greg Norman felt the wrath of Royal Birkdale, where the sun finally came out but the wind picked up for the British Open.

Leader K.J. Choi, the only player under par at the start of the third round, began with five straight pars — solid play considering scores were soaring almost as fast as those gusts howling off the Irish Sea.

Start with Duval, who teed off three strokes behind Choi but quickly fell out of contention. The wind, which was gusting at more than 30 mph, carried his second shot of the day into the tall, tangly grass right of the green, forcing him to take a penalty drop. He wound up with a triple-bogey, which was just the start of his woes.

Coming off a second-round 68, the 2001 Open champion bogeyed the next three holes before finally making his first par at No. 5. But a double-bogey at the massive sixth left him at 8 over for the day.

The 53-year-old Norman, trying to become the oldest major winner, yanked his opening tee shot into the tall grass, had to punch out and took bogey. He made another bogey at the third, where a 4½-foot putt rolled all the way around the edge of the cup and stayed out, leaving him three strokes behind Choi.

Defending champion Pádraig Harrington was the only one making a move on the leader. He chipped in for birdie at the fifth and made another birdie two holes later, pushing him into second by himself at 1 over.

"This is a cold, ball-goes-nowhere wind," said Heath Slocum, who shot 74 and felt pretty good about it.

Choi saved par with an up-and-down out of a pot bunker at the first hole to remain the only player in the red. A 3-under 67 on Friday left him with a 1-under 139 midway through the tournament, which turned sunny after two days of rain and ominous clouds.

Phil Mickelson's cap blew off in the middle of the 15th fairway. A course worker retrieved it for Lefty, who shot 76 to drop further off the pace.

"We've got our work cut out today," said Graeme McDowell, another of those trying to make up the gap on Choi. "This is going to be a real challenge."

But it was possible to go low. Ben Curtis, the 2003 Open champion, shot an even-par 70 for the early clubhouse lead at 7-over 217, though he had to hole out from 165 yards at No. 3 to do it. The

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AP file photo/Ronen Zilberman

Dallas Cowboys football player Terrell Owens laughs after an NFC practice for the Pro Bowl Feb. 6 in Kapolei, Hawaii. Even T.O. will find it difficult to draw top billing at Cowboys' training camp this time with so many other sideshows to gawk at. The first practice is set for Friday in Oxnard, Calif.

Cowboys Circus

Plenty to talk about when Dallas' training camp opens Friday

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Even Terrell Owens will find it difficult to draw top billing this time, with so many other sideshows to gawk at when the Dallas Cowboys open training camp.

As Owens has so eloquently put it before, "Getcha popcorn ready!" It's going to be a show.

There will be plenty to see with the Cowboys, whose bitter ending to a 13-win season in January made it 11 seasons without a playoff victory — though it has done little to dampen super expectations for 2008.

First, there is the player who wants to be formerly known as "Pacman" and doesn't know for sure if he will be allowed to play this season.

How about the Tank that Dallas got to roll out only half of last season after he returned from his NFL suspension.

Roy Williams went to his fifth straight Pro Bowl last season, even though the hard-hitting safety often went to the sideline on passing downs. And that could happen again, especially if "Pacman" — sorry, Adam — Jones is playing.

Jason Garrett, the supposed successor-in-waiting for coach Wade Phillips — who in his only season in charge so far led Dallas to its first NFC East title since 1998 — is more firmly in place.

Plus, who knows, maybe Jessica Simpson stops by to see her beau, Pro Bowl quarterback Tony Romo.

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LT in '08

Chargers' RB campaigning to be No. 1 fantasy pick

By JOHN MCFARLAND

Associated Press Writer

LaDainian Tomlinson campaigned in Times Square, shaking hands and handing out bumper stickers. He did the talk-show circuit, saturated the media with ads and sent volunteers into the streets of major cities to deliver leaflets.

The San Diego Chargers star isn't running for office, though. He's not throwing his support behind any presidential candidates or raising any sort of awareness, either. He's actually pushing a much simpler agenda: He wants Americans to pick him first in their fantasy football drafts.

"I should be the No. 1 pick because I'm proven," Tomlinson told The Associated Press during the start of the tongue-in-cheek "LT in '08" media blitz promoting foxsports.com's fan-

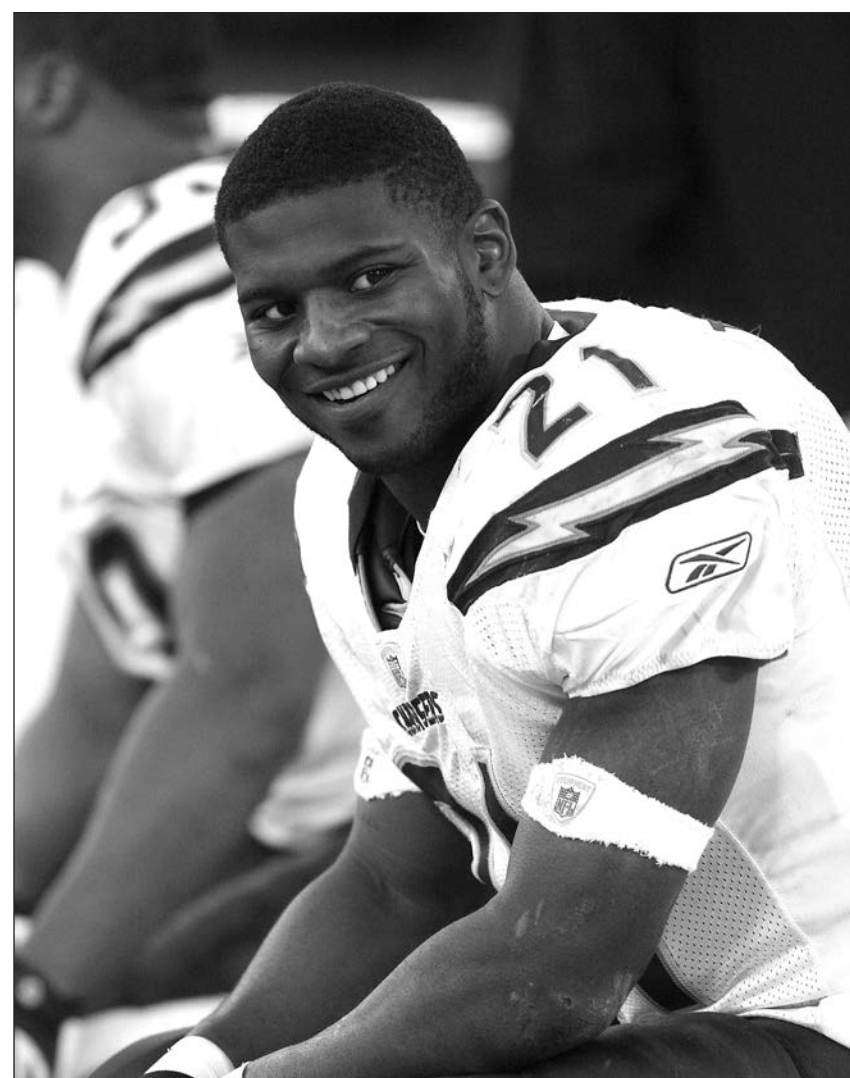
tasy games. "I've been doing it for a while and have experience helping owners win their leagues. I got a good track record, and I'll be ready on day one."

He's already the overwhelming favorite in this fake election, but his fake candidacy raises an interesting question for all the fake general managers gearing up for fantasy drafts: Does the traditional strategy of picking the top running back first still make sense considering last year's record-shattering season by New England quarterback Tom Brady?

Tomlinson believes so, and history seems to back him up.

While stressing that he wants to run a clean campaign and doesn't want to knock other players, Tomlinson also points

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AP file photo/Tony Avelar

San Diego Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson smiles at the end of the football game against the Oakland Raiders in Oakland. Tomlinson wants Americans to pick him first in their upcoming fantasy football drafts.

Sports in brief

Steer football season ticket sales to begin

Big Spring High School 2008 football season tickets go on sale July 28 at the Athletic Training Center.

Only people who have previously owned season tickets are able to buy from July 28-Aug. 7.

Sales for the general public begin Aug. 11 and end Aug. 22.

Tickets can be bought Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the ATC.

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

City of Big Spring Tennis Camp starts July 28

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen and Big Spring Junior High coach Jason Fisher are hosting a second City of Big Spring Tennis Camp Monday, July 28, through Thursday, July 31, at Comanche Trail Park's Figure 7 Tennis Center.

Cost is \$100 and includes a lunch each day.

The camp is for all ages and ability levels and is held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

Participants do not have to take the full week of camp.

For more information, visit www.bigspringtennis.com.

Big Spring Boxing Club taking sign-ups, donations and volunteers

The Big Spring Boxing Club has opened its doors and continues to take sign-ups for any male or female from ages 9-26.

Those interested can register for the club's training services from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at Morgan Park on the north side of town. There is no cost for the training.

Also needed is anyone willing to volunteer time as a trainer, conditioner or as a sparring partner.

Some equipment donations are also needed. Anyone with questions or wanting to volunteer or donate can call Lee at 816-7995 or Willie at 935-0273.

UIL-required physicals due for some athletes

UIL requires all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th grade athletes to have a physical before they are allowed to participate in any sport.

This includes practices and games. All local athletic departments are encouraging athletes and their parents headed into the grades listed above to make an appointment with their doctor and get this physical before the start of the school year.

Football and volleyball players would want to get this taken care of before the start of two-a-days.

Contact your school's athletic department with any questions.

Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp scheduled

Big Spring native and former Olympian Rose Magers-Powell will hold a volleyball camp from July 28-30 at Big Spring Junior High.

The camp will be held from 9 a.m. until noon all three days.

Cost is \$125 per camper.

For more information, visit www.gotrosevolleyballcamps.com.

Crossroads Youth Football Association sign-ups start Aug. 2

Crossroads Youth Football Association begins sign-ups for both football and cheerleading for the 2008 season Saturday, Aug. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall.

Subsequent sign-up dates will be held Aug. 9, 16 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the mall. Late sign-ups for football only is Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are no late sign-ups for cheerleading.

For more information, visit www.freewebs.com/cyfa. For questions regarding football, call John Sotelo at 816-3060, and for cheerleading, contact Trish Hobby at 393-5647.

Artist

DORIS VIEREGGE

A word from the artist.....

Art has

always been a part of my life. As a child (back in the dark ages before T.V.) I would sit for hours looking out the window drawing things.

I think all I wanted to do at that point in life was make mud pies, draw and cook. Funny, it seems that is all I still want to do. Maybe I never grew up.



pursue that did not require the physical strength and endurance of working in clay.

I began working with Dichroic glass.

Dichroic is a metallic glass coating developed by NASA. It has unusual properties of light reflection. I use the glass in jewelry, fused glass serving dishes and decorative items.

Three years ago, I began showing my work in New Mexico. My jewelry was very well received and I began receiving invitations to exhibit at shows and conferences throughout New Mexico and Texas.

At one international theater conference, my jewelry was purchased by visitors from 13 countries.

Although I exhibit at more than 12 shows a year, this is the first local showing of my work in many years.

Local collectors of my work will notice many changes in my art. In past years, I produced mainly southwest pottery and art.

After many years of self-introspection, I now fully embrace not only the Southwest style, but contemporary and abstract art as well.

My main medium of painting is pastel. My subjects range from animals to life drawings, portraits and abstract. My pottery continues to be Southwest, contemporary, functional and non-functional and all of my fused glass and jewelry is contemporary.

I have always had a deep love and respect for Native American Indian art and still consider it my main field.

I am fortunate to have worked with two of the most famous Native American Indian pottery families known to date — the granddaughters of Maria Martinez of San Ildefonso Pueblo and daughters of Lucy Lewis of Acoma Pueblo.

The black on black pottery of Maria is known world wide. During the week-long workshop, we learned the techniques of how the pottery was made — from sifting the volcanic ash, pulverizing the clay to gathering cow chips for the final firing.

Acoma is known for their thin-walled white polychrome pots. Lucy Lewis was the matriarch of Acoma pottery. To this



It was not until the late 1970s that I began my formal art training.

After owning a garden center and working as a landscape contractor for 15 years, I closed my business when Webb Air Force Base left. It was then I returned to college, pursuing a commercial arts degree so I could join my husband in the family sign business.

One day, I walked into the art department at University of Texas Permian Basin, listened to the pottery instructor and proceeded to sit down at a potter's wheel for the first time. When I began to work the clay, I knew I had found my creative medium.

My first pot was a large 12-inch tall bowl. When the instructor came by and asked how long I had been throwing pots, I was surprised, but not as much as him when I told him that was the first pot I had made. Needless to say, I was completely hooked on clay from that day forward.

After several years of studying commercial and fine art in college, I returned to Howard College in the mid 1980s as an instructor in the Fine Arts Department, teaching ceramics. At that point in my art career, I was represented by six galleries in New Mexico and Texas.

In 1992, I received serious neck and back injuries in a automobile accident and was unable to continue with my art for almost 13 years. After several years, I began looking for other forms of art to



day, her daughters Delores and Emma Lewis continue to follow their mothers footsteps.

In their workshop, the Lewis sisters always bring clay dug on the reservation that is blended with ancient pottery shards more than 1,000 years old, broken pottery shards for covering

the green ware when firing and even cow chips from the pueblo cows.

They believe all of these things are necessary to make true Acoma pottery.

Another master potter who has made an impact on my art was Felipe Ortega of La Madera, N.M.

Of Jicarilla Apache descent, Felipe honors the ancient tradition of micaceous pottery making. His

ancestors began working the mica-rich clay indigenous to this region of New Mexico more than 400 years ago.

Continuing to search out new methods, I found Don Ellis of Cloudcroft, N.M. Don's Copper Matt Raku stole my interest immediately. The color and intensity of the pottery making was unreal. One of my favorites of all time. I will have more of these items for viewing at a later show.

Hopefully in the next few years, I will be able to retire and continue my art career full time again. Until then, I will continue to pursue new styles and methods to keep my mind and body active.

I hope all will enjoy my exhibit.

- Doris Vieregge



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Obituaries

Roxie Vogler

Funeral services for Roxie Vogler will be held Monday, July 21, 2008, at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church with Curt Hamlin and Rev. Clifton Igo officiating. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Roxie died Thursday, July 17, 2008, at Sage Healthcare Center in Lamesa. She was born Aug. 21, 1919, in East Texas to T.H. and Floy Bass. She married Lawrence Vogler in 1938 in Lamesa.

Survivors include her special friend, Bill Wilcox; her children, Lillian Holcomb and husband Vernon, Sharon Airhart and husband Quinton, David Vogler and wife Dyann, and Terry Vogler and wife Denise; sisters, Gwen Benning, Gertie Ponder, and Rogene Miller and husband Charles; 11 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Vogler, on March 21, 1978; her parents; and her sister, Elnora Burkhardt.

Paid obituary

Apolonia Rios

Apolonia Rios, 78, of Big Spring died Saturday, July 19, 2008, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

• Evening with Muses will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. This event will feature the local talents of J. Money, T. Grantham, K. Pike and S. Billingsley who will feature their needle work creations. Also during the evening, selected pieces of native American music will be played and various works of American literature from the Colonial Period will be read.

• All completed cross stitched quilt blocks for the Howard County Fair quilt need to be turned in to Geraldine Posey at Posey Cotton, corner of Scurry and Fifth streets, no later than Tuesday, July 22.

• The Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees would like to invite the public to a reception honoring Steven Saldivar, assistant superintendent, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. July 31 in the Big Spring High School Library.

• BSHS Class of 1978 30-year reunion is Sept. 12-13. Contact Kent Rice at 870-918-5875 or kent_rice@murphyoilcorp.com

• A medical expense account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Kody Jackson, who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma in his right knee. He has no medical insurance and must start chemotherapy and radiation treatment as soon as possible. Kody is the son of Susan and Johnny Jackson. For more information, contact Cosden FCU at 264-2600.

• The Texas Department of State Health Services is conducting a community health survey. The information will be used to study barriers to health care and other public health issues. Your personal information will not be used, other than the comments portion of the survey. You will not be asked for your name. The survey is available online and takes about 15 minutes to complete. For the English survey, go to www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929625. For the survey in Spanish, go to www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929626.

• Ex-Students Homecoming at Forsan High School will be held Aug. 2. For more information, contact Jimmy Anderson at Professional Pharmacy at 267-2546 or at his residence, 267-6143.

• 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.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a

Police blotter

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

- VICENTE RAZO MENDEZ JR., 30, of 1312 Mesa Street, was arrested Friday on three capias warrants.
- LORI ANN MAIN, 38, of 1300 13th Street, was arrested Friday on two warrants.
- JENNY MARIE HAMILTON, 33, of 503 Johnson, was arrested Friday on two capias warrants.
- TONY ALLEN MEEKS, 45, of 4206 Muir, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DELISHA FRANCIS, 37, of 2450 Talco Drive, was arrested Friday on two warrants.
- JASON PAUL BOLT, 22, of 1900 MLK Apt. 107, was arrested Saturday on four warrants.

Note: An activity log was not available at press time.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 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.

Take Note

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.

• 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).

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

Your Local Weather

Sun 7/20	Mon 7/21	Tue 7/22	Wed 7/23	Thu 7/24
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Mainly sunny. High 94F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.	Sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	A few clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

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Bulletin Board

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

MONDAY

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. 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.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

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COWBOYS

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With all that and more when the Cowboys open camp Friday in Oxnard, Calif., not too far from Hollywood, they have the ingredients for a made-for-TV show.

Oh, Jerry Jones took care of that.

Never missing a chance to promote the Cowboys brand, Jones enthusiastically agreed when HBO executives wanted to again feature the team in the "Hard Knocks" series.

When last highlighted by the cable network six years ago, Dallas was coming off a 5-11 season and was on the way to another.

That was pre-Bill Parcells, before T.O. and Romo.

Somehow last season, a franchise-record 13 victories, the NFC's top seed and an NFL-record 13 Pro Bowl players didn't equal a playoff victory. Dallas lost to the New York Giants, the eventual Super Bowl champion and NFC East foe the Cowboys beat twice in the regular season.

Their depth chart loaded with all those Pro Bowlers and returning players at nearly every other position, the Cowboys are considered a prime Super Bowl contender 12 seasons after their fifth championship.

But long before finding out if "America's Team" makes it to February, or falls short again, there are all the sideshows to watch.

Un-"Pac"ing Jones

Able to get a once-elite and still young corner-back-kick returner, filling two areas of need with one

player, Jerry Jones was willing to take a chance on a player seeking to shed his nickname and troubled past.

The Cowboys won't really lose much if "I want to be Adam or Mr. Jones" doesn't work out, because they'd get a draft pick back from Tennessee. But Jerry — the Cowboys' only real Mr. Jones — hopes for another successful reclamation, like Owens and Tank Johnson previously, and several other players when Dallas was winning playoff games in the mid-1990s.

Adam Jones' situation is a bit different. He was suspended by the NFL all last season and couldn't even work out with the Titans.

He has been arrested six times and involved in 12 incidents requiring police intervention since being drafted sixth overall in 2005.

While Jones was cleared in June for practices and preseason games, commissioner Roger Goodell might not decide until the week of the Sept. 7 season opener if the player will be fully reinstated.

The commissioner has to be convinced there will be no more trouble.

"I'm going to do my part," Adam Jones said.

"He knows it's his last straw, so he's going to take extreme caution to everything he does," said Johnson, who has a locker near Jones at Valley Ranch.

Deion Sanders has become somewhat of a mentor for Jones in Dallas. Jones has since requested to be called by his real name, though he initially stuck with the nickname given him by his mother and that he's been known by his entire life.

Tank rolling forward

Tank Johnson was still serving his eight-game

NFL suspension for violating probation on a gun charge and had to wait two months to play after signing last September.

Johnson, whose last game with the Chicago Bears was in the 2007 Super Bowl, initially kept a low profile while serving his penalty and getting acclimated to a new team. But the boisterous spirit is back, and the nose tackle is ready to have a real impact on the field.

"I am a beast right now," Johnson said. "You learn the plays one by one instead of 50 at a time. When you come in Week 11, they already have 50 plays in. ... Now I know where I am going."

Dallas took a chance on Johnson after starting nose tackle Jason Ferguson tore his right biceps in last year's opener. Johnson started only one of the nine games he played, but showed enough that Ferguson was traded for draft picks this spring.

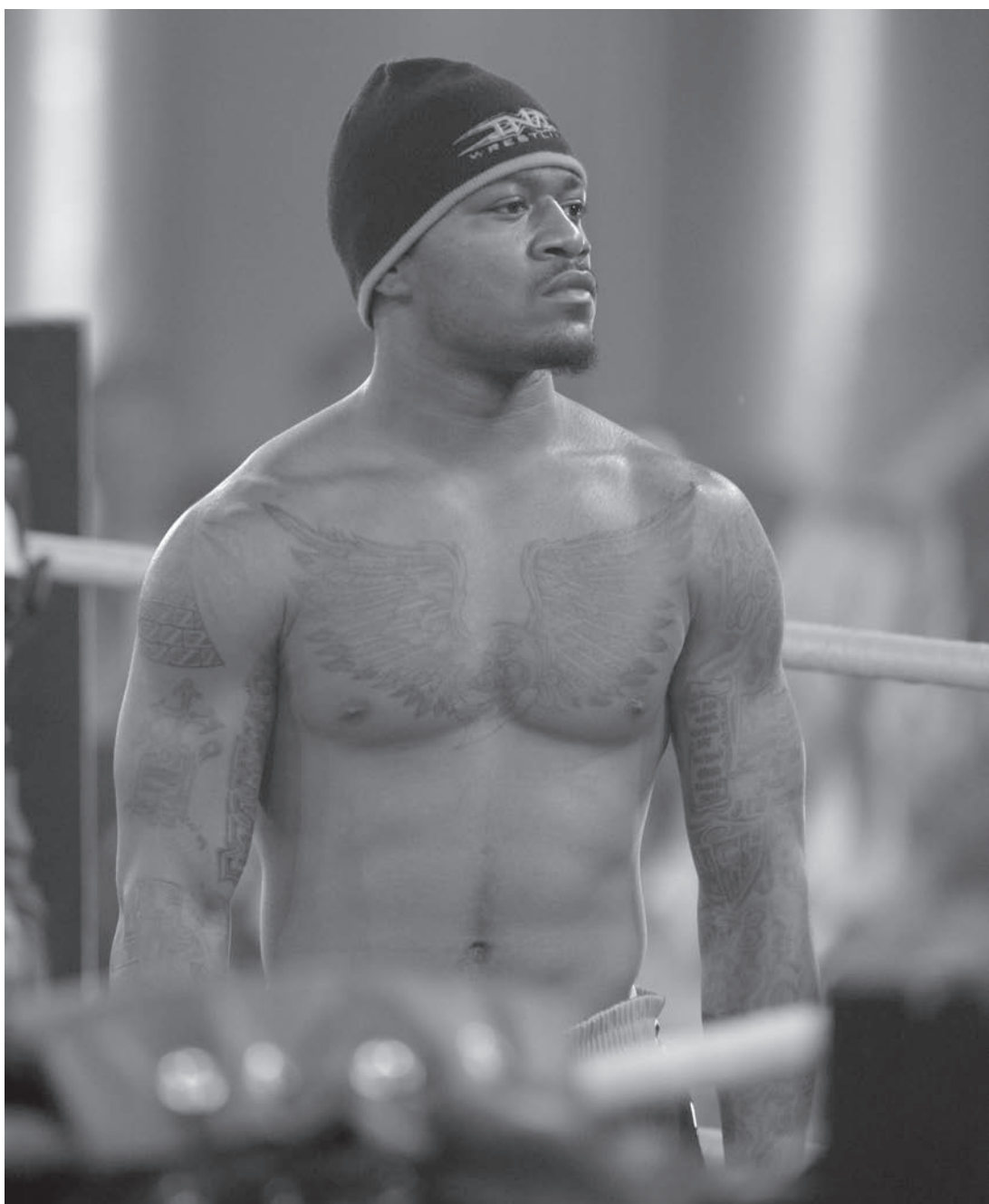
Seemingly content, more-tested T.O.

When Dallas last trained in California two years ago, Owens spent more time on a stationary bicycle than the field.

To the ire of Bill Parcells, T.O. even donned a cycling uniform and helmet to poke fun at all the time he spent pedaling while nursing a sore hamstring during his first Cowboys camp after an unceremonious, midseason departure from Philadelphia.

Two touchdown-filled seasons and a new contract later (a \$27 million, three-year extension through 2011, when he will be 38), Owens seems content, healthy and settled in Dallas. Especially when catching passes from Romo.

"We're obviously getting better, obviously the chemistry," said Owens, whose team-record 15 TDs last season gave him an NFL-



AP file photo/John Raoux

Adam "Pacman" Jones is shown in his pro wrestling debut Aug. 12, 2007, in Orlando. Jones is one of the many sideshows to be featured at Dallas Cowboys training camp, which begins Friday in Oxnard, Calif.

high 28 the past two years. "We just want to build on what we already have."

And, Owens is clean even though he's now part of the NFL's "reasonable cause" testing program. Owens missed a random drug test, which he blamed on a simple miscommunication about contact information, and can now be tested up to 24 times a year.

While unhappy about extra testing, Owens isn't worried about results. He said he has never had a positive test "for substance of any kind" during his 13-year NFL career.

"I know what I put in my body," Owens said.

Roy bash

First, Roy Williams admitted during a radio interview that at times he hoped passes weren't thrown his way because he knew he couldn't cover the receiver.

Then there were some disparaging remarks made by a couple of teammates. Phillips defended Williams, whose 115 tackles were second on the team, saying "the guy didn't give up a single deep pass all season. ... He did get in the Pro Bowl."

True, but Williams often didn't play on obvious passing downs. And that appears likely again, because cornerback Aaron Henry was dropping back

into Williams' spot when Adam Jones was on the field during minicamp.

Williams quit doing interviews at Valley Ranch, but told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram after an autograph session he was excited and expects to have a good season.

"But I can't say it," he said. "I have to go out there and show it."

Hold the comments if No. 31 gets burned by a pass — that will be rookie cornerback Mike Jenkins, not Williams. The five-time Pro Bowler switched to No. 38.

Coach in waiting?

Before Phillips was hired as Parcells' replacement, Jerry Jones had already hired Garrett. Jones considered making the former backup to Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman the head coach.

Instead, Garrett was hired as offensive coordinator, then became a hot commodity after his play-calling resulted in many team passing records and the second-most points in the NFL.

Garrett interviewed with Baltimore and Atlanta about head coaching jobs, but removed his name from consideration. He got promoted to assistant head coach with a substantial pay raise because Jones didn't want to lose him — and the owner's feelings

won't change in the future.

Got Glenn?

Terry Glenn had as many operations on his right knee as he did catches last season: two. The receptions came in the playoff game after not playing until the regular-season finale.

The 34-year-old receiver, who got a \$5 million roster bonus last season, hasn't been back on the field because of an unresolved contract squabble. He refused to sign a \$500,000 injury waiver, which is what he'd get instead of his \$1.74 million base salary should he reinjure his knee and be unable to play again.

Big Spender

Jerry Jones committed at least \$70 million, with \$59 million in signing bonuses, on multiyear contracts this offseason for Owens and four other Pro Bowlers: left tackle Flozell Adams; running back Marion Barber (now the starter after Julius Jones left in free agency); safety Ken Hamlin; and cornerback Terence Newman.

"Obviously, (Jones) has got high expectations and he should," said Pro Bowl tight end Jason Witten, who two years ago got his own big deal. "We've got to give him something back that he's put so much in this team."

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Mississippi remains most obese state, CDC reports

By **MIKE STOBBE**
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA — The South tips the scales again as the nation's fattest region, according to a new government survey.

More than 30 percent of adults in Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee are considered obese. In part,

experts blame Southern eating habits, poverty and demographic groups that have higher obesity rates.

Colorado was the least obese, with about 19 percent fitting that category in a random telephone survey done last year by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The study only surveyed adults but results for kids are similar.

The 2007 findings are similar to results from the

same survey the three previous years. Mississippi has had the highest obesity rate every year since 2004. But Alabama, Tennessee, West Virginia and Louisiana have also clustered near the top of the list, often so close that the difference between their rates and Mississippi's may not be statistically significant.

The South has had high death rates from heart disease and stroke, health risks that have been linked to obesity, some experts noted.

The CDC study only surveyed adults, but results for kids are similar, said Dr. Miriam Vos, assistant professor of pediatrics at Atlanta's Emory School of Medicine.

"Most of the studies of obesity and children show the South has the highest rates as well," Vos said.

Why is the South so heavy? The traditional Southern diet — high in fat and fried food — may be part of the answer, said Dr. William Dietz, who heads CDC's nutrition, physical activity and obesity division.

The South also has a large concentration of rural residents and black women — two groups that tend to have higher obesity rates, he said.

The study found that about 36 percent of black survey participants were obese, while 28.5 percent of Hispanics and 24.5 percent of whites were.

High poverty rates in the South probably are another factor, said Naa Oyo Kwate, assistant professor of sociomedical sciences at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health.

In today's America, poor people tend to be obese: The cheapest foods tend to be calorie-heavy, and stores offering healthier, and more expensive, food choices are not often found in poor neighborhoods, she said.

And why is Colorado so thin? It's a state with a reputation for exercise. It has plentiful biking and hiking trails, and an elevation that causes the body to labor a bit more, Dietz said.

Obesity is based on the body mass index, a calculation using height and weight. A 5-foot, 9-inch adult who weighs 203 pounds would have a BMI of 30, which is considered the threshold for obesity.

CDC officials believe the telephone survey of 350,000 adults offers conservative estimates of obesity rates, because it's based on what respondents said about their height and weight. Men commonly overstate their height and women often lowball their weight, health experts say.

"The heavier you are, the more you underestimate your weight, probably because you don't weigh yourself as often," Dietz said.

Overall, about 26 percent of the respondents were obese, according to the study, published this week in CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

A different CDC survey — a gold-standard project in which researchers actually weigh and measure survey respondents — put the adult obesity rate at 34 percent in 2005 and 2006.

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Harp and McCaleb wed

Shelby Jessalyn Harp of Stanton and Jared Michael McCaleb of The Woodlands were united in marriage at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 28, 2008, at First Baptist Church in Stanton. Officiating at the double-ring ceremony were the bride's father and grandfather, the Rev. David Harp and the Rev. Ferris Akins.

The bride is the daughter of David and Andrea Harp of Stanton.

She is the granddaughter of Ferris and Ramona Akins of Ballinger and the late Jess and Helen Harp.

The groom is the son of Mike and Roxanne McCaleb of Lake Dallas and Cathy McCaleb of Lewisville.

He is the grandson of Betty McCaleb of Abilene, the late Jasper (Slick) McCaleb and the late Thomas Patrick and Lorayne Macklin.

Given in marriage by her parents and sisters, the bride was escorted by her father, wearing a strapless, beaded lace gown with a pick-up skirt and accented by a satin turquoise sash and chapel train.

Her elbow-length veil was highlighted with turquoise piping. The bride wore a pearl brooch that belonged to her paternal great-grandmother and a pearl necklace and earrings that were gifts from her late grandmother and aunt. She carried a bouquet of brightly-colored gerber daisies.

Alayna Harp of Abilene and Brennan Harp of Stanton served as maids of honor for their sister. Attendants to the bride were Erin Uhlaender of Kyle, sister of the groom; Danisha Akins of Belton, cousin of the bride; Stephanie Daniell of Midlothian; Rebecca Briggs of Abilene; and Kristi Bridges of Midland.

Attendants wore knee-length turquoise dresses with a cap sleeve and a satin ruched waist. They carried long-stemmed gerber daisies in assorted colors. The flower girl was Sarah Denson of Stanton. She wore a white chiffon dress with a turquoise ribbon accenting the waistline, similar to the bride.

Josh McCaleb of Lewis-

ville served his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Jared Lyons of Dallas; Chris Uhlaender of Kyle, brother-in-law of the groom; Derrick Kramer of Brenham; Sean Lowe and Cole Reilly of Irving; and Jacob Chavez of Baytown.

Ushers were Chandler Childs of Early, cousin of the bride; Josh Burke of Dallas; Jayson Lowry of Wimberley, and Cade Simpson of Abilene. The ring bearer was Aaron Wheeler of Stanton. The groom wore a black tuxedo with a white vest and tie. The groomsmen and ring bearer wore black tuxedos with a turquoise vest and tie.

Candle lighters were Andrew Wheeler of Stanton and Brittany Bridges of Midland. Vocalists for the ceremony were Reggie and Kristi Franklin of Stanton, and Brian Jones of Abilene. Musicians were Ferrisa Childs of Early, aunt of the bride, and Ryan Walker of Stanton.

A reception was held in the auditorium and annex at Circle Six Baptist Encampment immediately

following the ceremony. Houseparty members were Brianna Childs of Early, cousin of the bride; Sarah Bridges of Midland; Sarah Crawford of Abilene; Stacy Hill of Mesquite; Mallory Chain of Haslet; Lacey Sims of Krum; and Ashley Spelce of Lubbock.

Bonnie Franklin and Barbara McKenzie provided the beautiful decorations and delicious food for the reception.

The bride is a graduate of Stanton High School and Hardin-Simmons University with a BBS in all-level physical education. She is pursuing a teaching/coaching job in the Houston area.

The groom graduated from Irving High School and Hardin-Simmons University with a degree in criminal justice. He is employed as the associate youth pastor at First Baptist Church, The Woodlands, working with junior high youth.

Following a honeymoon in Ruidoso, N.M., the couple will reside in The Woodlands.



Shelby Jessalyn Harp and Jared Michael McCaleb

Williams and Hillger wed



Emily Williams and Justin Hillger

Emily Williams of Tom Bean and Justin Hillger of Garden City were wed June 15 on the beaches of the Grand Lido Resort in Negril Jamaica.

The bride is the daughter of Ted and Debbie Williams of Luella. Her grandparents are Hayden Pitman and the late Mary Francis Pitman of Sherman and Mack and Jessie Williams of Whitewright. She is a

graduate of Tom Bean High School, The University of Texas at Austin and completed her master's degree of physical therapy at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. She is employed with Baylor's Our Children's House in Grapevine.

The groom is the son of Mike and Nancy Hillger of Garden City. His grandparents are JoAnn

Hillger and the late Dale Hillger of Garden City and Delmer and Marcie Batla of Garden City. Justin is a graduate of Garden City High School, Texas Tech University and completed his master's degree of physical therapy at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. He is employed with Keller Physical Therapy in Keller.

Maid of honor was Ali Williams, sister of the bride, of Lubbock. Best man was Brian Hillger, brother of the groom, of Midland.

Wedding music was provided by the groom's father on the fiddle, the bride's father on the guitar and the bride's sister as soloist.

Numerous family and friends traveled to Jamaica to attend the ceremony.

Upon their return from Jamaica, parents of the bride and groom hosted a reception celebrating their children's marriage at Kelly Square in Sherman.

The couple will reside in Irving following their honeymoon in Negril, Jamaica.

Pre-wedding events included a couples shower in Garden City hosted by numerous family and friends at the home of Daniel and JeanAnn Kujawski and a shower

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YOUR VIEWS

We need a hobby store

TO THE EDITOR:

Big Spring has a problem, and I have no idea how to solve it. Hopefully, someone else does.

I am very well aware that Big Spring is privileged to have various entities pertaining to energy — the Alon USA refinery, new drilling, wind turbines, etc. — as well as other entities of great value to Big Spring. But there is another valuable community here, also. The retirement factor.

Now, "retirement" doesn't mean dead. These retirees are very able-bodied. They have worked hard all of their lives and are not into curling up and mildewing.

In years past, there were any number of support stores here to support the town's needs. When Wal-Mart moved in, the smaller stores couldn't compete and gradually disappeared. Everyone flocked to Wal-Mart because you could do everything in one stop. Great!

Now a major number of retirees and others are very gifted and talented and produce many different arts and crafts. Now, Wal-Mart — our one and only source for supplies — tells me they are terminating their craft supplies.

Now, if a hobbyist needs a ball of yarn, a tube of paint, a special tool or a piece of material, their sources are Midland, Odessa, Abilene or San Angelo. How ridiculous to have to use our precious gasoline for every little thing and have to drive that far.

We need a hobby or craft store here! Many people can't drive, or even if they could, don't want to face the congestion of traffic.

I believe having our own source here would be very beneficial to our town. Possibly, we could produce some really interesting arts and craft shows.

MARGIE MYERS
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Turned over to God

TO THE EDITOR,

This is addressed to the vandals who defaced the church sign of the Chapel of Faith.

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Rev. Joel Miller
Chapel of Faith Church

What meeting were you at?

TO THE EDITOR,

I recently attended the town hall meeting concerning ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) at Bauer Elementary School, but after reading the report of it in this paper, I wondered if I was at the same meeting. One statement was "Monday's town hall meeting concerning ADA deficient facilities and walkways failed to draw any new suggestions from local citizens, as the municipality prepares to move forward with its plans to correct problem

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Obama's pander on immigration

When Barack Obama addressed the National Council of La Raza on Sunday, he pandered when he said America's immigration system "isn't working ... when companies hire undocumented immigrants instead of legal citizens to avoid paying overtime or to avoid a union; when communities are terrorized by (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency) raids — when nursing mothers are torn from their babies, when children come home from school to find their parents missing, when people are detained without access to legal counsel."

When Obama accuses the men and woman who administer federal laws of viciously tearing nursing babies from their mothers' breasts and abandoning young children, his words eerily echoed a 1995 NRA fundraising letter that claimed that a federal ban on some semi-automatic weapons "gives jack-booted government thugs more power to take away our constitutional rights, break in our doors, seize our guns, destroy our property, and even injure or kill us."

NRA exec Wayne LaPierre took a lot of heat for demonizing federal agents. Will Obama have to answer for calling ICE agents child-abusing thugs?

As happens, Obama was trying to have it both ways. The Change Candidate started off criticizing a system that failed to stop employers from hiring illegal workers. Then in the next breath, he slapped ICE officials for making arrests at workplaces believed to flout the law.

And to get there, he trashed the very people who risk their safety enforcing laws enacted by the people's representatives.

Or as U.S. Attorney Joe Russoniello noted, "Criticizing law enforcement officers for carrying out their sworn duty is unfair." After all, "they didn't create the crisis."

ICE spokesman Tim Counts sent me this response to Obama's remarks: "Our procedures for addressing humanitarian issues, including child-care situations, go far beyond what any other law enforcement agency has in place. We routinely conditionally release parents so that they can care for their children. We have great compassion for the children involved. Quite simply, however, parenthood does not make you immune from having to comply with the nation's laws, and the responsibility for any family disruption lies squarely with the violator."

I read the Obama quote to John Trasvina, president of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and asked: Is the situation that bad?

"Sometimes the fear is worse than the reality," he answered. People panic when being caught means deportation, and losing whatever lives

people have built here.

I hear that if children are left alone after ICE arrests, it is often because parents lie to agents. Sometimes parents withhold information, Trasvina answered, because "they are so afraid that if they disclose where they live, their children are going to get deported, too."

Trasvina does not support ICE's targeting of scowflaw employers because the workers, more than the employers, pay the price. Instead, ICE should concentrate on illegal immigrants with serious criminal records: "That would keep them very, very busy."

But when ICE targeted "immigration fugitives" — illegal immigrants who had violated deportation orders — in northern California last year, critics like San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom railed against ICE "raids."

No matter who the target is, they'll cry foul. You see, even if agents are looking for the worst offenders, they have no choice but to arrest every illegal immigrant they encounter.

And for that they get called every name in the book — even by men who help write the laws.

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Why Pelosi is pushing Edwards for VP

When House Speaker Nancy Pelosi publicly floated the name of Rep. Chet Edwards as a potential Democratic vice-presidential nominee, just about everyone was surprised.

But not the 56-year-old central Texas congressman. "I had a few hints for a week or so," he said. "She started walking up to members on the floor and saying, 'You know, you're talking to my choice for vice president.' So that was the first inkling."

But there was nothing casual about the speaker's decision to push Edwards, an early Barack Obama backer she has long admired, for the second spot on the Democratic ticket.

Having decided a House member would be a good complement for the freshman Illinois senator, she settled on Edwards, best known for his key role in enacting a record increase in veterans' aid.

"He's an extraordinarily talented person" and "one of the finest people I've ever served with," she said. The Pelosi-Edwards connection goes back some years to when they had adjoining congressional offices. She reportedly believes that his personal skills, centrist record and work to expand aid for veterans and their families would appeal to swing voters.

Having as your chief advocate the first female speaker and permanent chair of the upcoming Democratic

National Convention is a big plus. But it won't automatically make Edwards a serious contender.

And the state of play in the selection process is hard to discern, since Obama is playing it close to the vest.

Unsurprisingly, Edwards is reluctant to say much besides conceding his interest. "My honest answer is that I cannot imagine any American thinking it would not be an honor to serve their country as vice president," he said.

He flatly refused to answer a direct question of whether the Obama team has asked him to provide material for vetting. To a veteran observer of political behavior, that suggests the answer is "yes." Several presumed contenders also have said they are not being vetted.

If Edwards is among those whose finances and past record are being scrutinized, that would indicate that he is, in fact, receiving serious consideration, as unlikely as his selection would be. After all, despite being widely admired on Capitol Hill, he's unknown to the public and relatively inexperienced in high-level national politics.

Even Edwards' advocates concede that Democrats won't carry Texas except in an unlikely landslide. Besides, he hasn't faced anything like the pressure of a national race, despite two tough re-election contests since the 2003 GOP redistricting made his district even more heavily Republican.

Edwards brings a varied background, from being an honored graduate of Texas A&M to his MBA from Harvard Business School. He was an aide to the late Rep.

Olin "Tiger" Teague, a veteran Texas lawmaker who championed the nation's veterans, a pattern Edwards adopted. In 1978, he narrowly failed to make the runoff for the seat vacated by Teague, trailing his one-time economics professor, future Sen. Phil Gramm, by just 115 votes.

Later, he won a state Senate seat and, in 1990, was elected to the House. In 2006, he was re-elected with 58 percent in a district President Bush won in 2004 with 69 percent, making him the Democrat with the most Republican district in the House.

Citing his role as an appropriations subcommittee chairman, supporters say he combines substantial knowledge and experience in Congress with being a fresher face than some of the well-known senators being considered.

But they acknowledge he's still something of a long shot.

"The likelihood of it happening is probably somewhere about 10 or 15 percent," said one longtime Texas strategist. After all, the last House member nominated for vice president was Republican William Miller in 1964; the last one elected was the late Speaker John Nance Garner - another Texan - in 1932.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by **K. Rae Anderson**

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"I think it's all just accelerated. There's nothing that's going to be compromised," Arena said.

The shirts with the practice wear graphic are only the first step in the merchandising plan. Caps, imprinted basketballs and replica jerseys will become part of the mix.

But while there's been

much talk about the team's relocation to Oklahoma City, the rack of T-shirts went untouched for an hour on a slow weekday morning at Hibbett Sports. "If we can allow the fans to embrace us by showcasing here's the name and in a few weeks we launch the logo and the colors and then a few weeks after that the uniform, that may be the best direction," Arena said. "But we'll talk to the team, and we'll strategize accordingly."

JoePa heads list of college football hall of fame inductees

The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Joe Paterno has his own take on Mark Twain's "Life on the Mississippi" and the challenge a riverboat captain faces trying to navigate the waters of a mighty river. For Paterno, it's a little bit like coaching college football.

"He wrote that a captain has to learn more than anybody should ever have to learn, and then the next day he's got to learn it in a different way. That's pretty much what coaching is all about," Paterno said. "You've got to know more than anybody ought to have to know."

The 81-year-old Paterno, entering his 43rd season as head coach at Penn State, has shown through the years he knows more about maneuvering through the coaching waters than just about everybody, which is why he will be enshrined with 19 others into the College Football Hall of Fame on Saturday night.

"I don't know anyone more deserving than Joe," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said.

Others in the class are 1984 Heisman Trophy winner Doug Flutie of Boston College, 1990 Lombardi Award winner Chris Zorich of Notre Dame and 1989 Maxwell Award winner Anthony Thompson of Indiana.

JoePa was supposed to be enshrined into the hall a year ago along with

Bowden, but when the induction ceremony in New York rolled around in December 2006, he was still recovering from a broken leg sustained along the sideline during a game. So it was put off for a year.

He goes into the hall with a career record of 372-125-3, placing him a victory behind Bowden, the all-time major college leader. Paterno said he isn't worried about that, though, saying competition is what motivates him, not wins and losses.

"My feeling has always been that when you've got to play somebody good, I think that makes you hustle a little more, it makes you pay a little more attention to details, it gets you a little bit more fired up, because of the satisfaction that comes when you do beat a good football team," he said.

Paterno's Nittany Lions have beaten a lot of good teams. Included among those victories are national titles in '82 and '86, and five undefeated seasons. He's been voted coach of the year by the American Football Coaches Association a record five times.

He has seen a lot of changes since taking the job in 1966. He's gone from a time when most Americans were still watching television on black-and-white sets with just a few channels to choose from to a day when

most homes have computers and fan web sites critiquing every move a coach makes about.

He's also seen a lot of changes in teenagers. He believes they face a lot more challenges today, citing problems such as guns in school, teenage drinking and a report earlier this year that some girls in Massachusetts made a pact to get pregnant.

The basics of coaching, though, remain unchanged. The key is to teach athletes how to become better football players and knowing how to read each player to know how to get the best out of him. That challenge is what keeps Paterno in coaching.

It was a message Paterno's disappointed father stressed when he learned his son was going into coaching rather than going to law school. Paterno's father had one message for him: "Have an impact."

"That kind of stuck in my craw," Paterno said. "I think a way to have an impact on the place is to have an impact on the people — the people around you and the people you coach."

Paterno has certainly done that, producing doctors and lawyers as well as NFL stars. He had his chances to coach in the NFL, but turned them down because he didn't think he could have the same influence.

"Not that pro football isn't a great game. But it's not that kind of a challenge," he said. "And I've always been kind of an egghead."

He's had an impact off the field as well. A library on campus is named after him and he and his wife, Sue, have contributed at least \$4 million to the university.

Despite all those accomplishments, things haven't always been happy at Happy Valley. There were some critics several years ago who thought the game had passed Paterno by after the Nittany Lions posted four losing seasons in five years from 2000-04. Paterno has answered them with an 11-1 finish in 2005 and back-to-back 9-4 seasons.

Still, the question of how much longer Paterno will coach is ever present — especially because his contract is up at the end of the upcoming season. University president Graham Spanier and Paterno have both said no contract is necessary.

"When I think it's best for me to get out, I'll sit down with the people who should know my decision first and bang around how's the best way to get a successor," he said.

He doesn't know when that will be. So when he does leave, what would he most like to be remembered for?

"Being tough enough to coach that long," he said.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Points, Shmoints!

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 10 2
♥ A Q 5
♦ K J 6 4
♣ 5 3 2

WEST
♠ A 5
♥ 10 8 4
♦ Q 9 2
♣ K J 10 9 4

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

SOUTH
♠ 8 6
♥ K 9 7 6 3 2
♦ A 8 5 3
♣ 8

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

Opening lead — ace of spades.

successful diamond finesse.
Had East cashed the ace of clubs before playing the king of spades, South would have found it impossible to avoid a trump loser and would have gone down one.
At the second table, the North-South pair never entered the bidding, which went:
East South West North
1♣ Pass 2♣ Pass
3♣ Pass 3 NT Pass
4♣

Here East bid a spade initially and had no difficulty making his game. South led a heart to the ace, and North continued with the queen. Declarer ruffed, drew trumps with the aid of a finesse, cashed his clubs and, presto, made five, losing only a heart and a diamond. His team thus made a game with the both the East-West and North-South cards.

The result at the second table illustrates the great advantage that can accrue from taking into account distribution as well as high-card points when opening the bidding. Some players are so solidly sold on high-card point count that they would not dream of opening the bidding with the East hand because it has only 11 high-card points. But the fact is that it's tricks that count in bridge, not points, and East has a very promising hand from the standpoint of trick-taking values.

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Dr. Ladd Hoffman, right, a new general surgeon at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, enjoys the the reception after the ribbon cutting with Dr. Erich Byerly and Byerly's children Thursday afternoon.

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Energy Watch



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The perfect storm seems to be upon us. Last week the Dow and Nasdaq suffered heavy losses as oil prices climbed to new highs as the government contemplated the bail out of two financial institutions. Added to that, the missiles were flying out of Iran and the Jerusalem Post reported Israeli war planes practiced over Iraq. Overall, a highly volatile week.

Essentially, Iran continues to hold that it has a right to develop a nuclear program, if for no other reason than to meet the country's electricity needs. Israel contends that Iran as a nuclear power is too dangerous for the Middle East and that preemptive military operations are justified to make sure that Iran never develops a nuclear weapon from the fuel that would be required to produce nuclear energy.

While both could be seen as legitimate arguments, most of the world is focused on the amount of oil that is either produced in Iran or shipped through the Strait of Hormuz, which borders Iran to the south. Any disruption to either the production or movement of said oil would be nearly impossible to replace and would certainly have dramatic effects on prices around the world.

For months, a host of international players have tried, albeit unsuccessfully, to get Iran to the negotiating table regarding its nuclear program. Each attempt and every proposal has been met with inaction and refusal. However, the latest proposal from the European Union foreign policy chief was met with tepid acceptance "in principle."

An aide to Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has said that Iran could accept some early steps in the proposal by freezing its nuclear program in exchange for an easing of sanctions. He also stated that he believed Iran should not continue to provoke the possibility of attack from either the U.S. or Israel by constantly refusing to negotiate. Statements from the aide carry additional weight because the Ayatollah is the supreme leader in Iran.

Many Americans believe that President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad serves as the leader of the country, as he is most often seen on TV and quoted in newspapers. However, it is widely understood in political circles that the Ayatollah serves as the leader of both the secular and religious interests of the country. The elected officials, including the president, act as a shadow government with the president as a figurehead in order to project the appearance of democracy to the rest of the world. Because the aide works for the Ayatollah and not the President, his statement carries considerably more weight around the world.

In our mind, any agreement that makes it less likely that an attack will occur would be bearish for oil prices. In turn, a decline in oil prices would ease pressure on the dollar and inflation, both in the United States and globally. Such an outcome would be supportive for equities and debt and bearish for commodities.

Even in light of current events, we continue to think the odds favor a diplomatic outcome with Iran. If Iran wants its best deal, it will likely get it with the Bush administration. A new president, bolstered with high initial approval ratings and a recent election victory, has little incentive to deal with an enemy. But the Bush administration, looking to bolster its legacy would welcome a deal with Iran that brings peace to Iraq and lowers oil prices. However, any deal must also assure Israel that her interests are being honored. These remain very complex times.

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Air Evac Lifeteam receives key CAMTS accreditation

Special to the Herald

Air Evac Lifeteam, operated by Air Evac EMS Inc., the largest independently owned air medical service in the United States, has received accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Services (CAMTS).

Air Evac Lifeteam operates a base in Big Spring,

which has been in operation since April 2003.

The accreditation represents the highest standard for medical transport services. As part of the accreditation process, Air Evac Lifeteam voluntarily undertook the largest scale inspection and accreditation process in CAMTS' history and is now the largest medical transport program under

one name to achieve this accreditation in the world. All 69 Air Evac Lifeteam bases opened prior to May of 2008 are now accredited, with three recently opened bases scheduled for review in the near future for inclusion in the accreditation.

"We are very pleased to receive this tremendous honor," said Air Evac Lifeteam President Seth Myers. "This accreditation

is a validation of the high quality standards in which we operate and serve our communities. The focus of the accreditation process is on patient care and aviation safety and was a very positive and constructive process for our company. Receiving this accreditation underscores the high level of commit-

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Filtering out a global problem

By JEFF RADERSTRONG

Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Leon McLaughlin was traveling in Mexico when he met a woman who told him a story about a visiting American tourist.

The tourist asked to use her bathroom and saw the bathtub was full of water, so he drained it. He told the woman what he had done and she started to cry.

"She said: 'That was my water for the month,'" McLaughlin recalled.

Back in Seattle, McLaughlin set out to find a water-filtration machine to help people like the woman in Mexico, then founded his one-man company, LAM, to bring the machine to developing countries. Two years later, six machines are installed in disaster-prone areas in Bolivia.

All between shining shoes.

McLaughlin, 53, owns and operates a shoeshine stand in downtown Seattle. He has owned the stand for over a decade, but started working there daily only about four years ago, serving as a de facto office for his clean-water operation.

On the walls next to the leather chairs for his customers, McLaugh-



Seattle Times photo/Ellen M. Banner
Leon McLaughlin hopes to apply for grants to install his water filtration machines in communities, instead of just disaster areas.

lin taped pictures of Bolivians installing his first effort, the Outpost filtration machine, a giant network of filters and white pipes reading "AGUA POTABLE." Manufactured by Georgia-based First Water, it generates 740 gallons of clean water per hour.

Some of McLaughlin's customers aren't aware of his water work, which he considers his real job.

"I was surprised," Keith Kurko, science manager at Seattle Public Utilities and a customer of McLaughlin's for years, said when he first heard of the water-filtration effort. "I was like, is this real? And it was."

At \$5 a pair (\$8 for boots), shining shoes doesn't pay the bills. McLaughlin also sells real estate and works nights as an usher at the Seattle Repertory Theatre.

McLaughlin came to Seattle from his native Cleveland when he was 22 as staff adviser for the Paramount Theatre and worked there until the early 1990s before moving full time to the Seattle Rep and investing in real estate. In the mid-1990s, he started a business in Canada selling coffee-making equipment and began traveling back and forth from Vancouver.

The business sparked his interest in water, which grew as he traveled and discovered water problems around the world. Finally, when he began to research different water

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areas in coming years. We're hoping ... to get ... input from the public as to what the needs are in the way of accessibility to city facilities, primarily streets and sidewalks..." "We hope to take this information and work with our consultant and come up with a really good plan."

Now, for the meeting I attended. A citizen asked if it could be mandated that new businesses install sidewalks for accessibility; we already mandate a certain amount of green area/trees. "Tempers flared during the meeting when discussions — which were aimed at identifying specific locations where curb cuts and ramps are needed, according to city officials — veered off track during comments and questions from local citizen Aubrey Weaver Jr., who decided to question officials on whether or not the city requires new businesses to install sidewalks."

I was very much surprised at Big Spring Councilman Troy Tompkins' angry and unprofessional response to this question. I realize that sometimes Mr. Weaver can be a bit verbose, but, as a public official, Mr. Tompkins was quite rude. No wonder citizens don't attend the meetings or make suggestions due to fear of being belittled or talked down to.

How could we have "veered off track" when the point of the meeting, as stated above, was, "we're hoping ... to get ... input from the public as to what the needs are in the way of accessibility to city facilities, primarily streets and sidewalk?"

"With all due respect, I think it's time to put that to bed (Mr. Weaver's ques-

tions about mandated sidewalks) and move on and talk about what we're trying to address here, which is accessibility ..." said committee member and Councilman Tompkins. "The transition plan doesn't have anything to do with requiring a new business to have to put in a sidewalk. That has nothing to do with the transition plan and I'm just trying to stay on task here. What you're talking about is beyond the scope of what the transition plan is all about."

I respectfully disagree with Mr. Tompkins' statement. Part of the problem is that some businesses do not have sidewalks. The committee's whole excuse for not mandating sidewalks was that some sidewalks would go to nowhere. I tried to point out that it had to start somewhere so future renovations to adjoining property would have somewhere to go. If we don't start somewhere, in 10 or 15 years we'll be just where we are today — nowhere.

Is this committee so narrow minded that even though the topic of the evening might be curb cuts, we can't pursue other suggestions? By their own admission, there weren't 20 people standing in line to offer suggestions re: curb cuts.

If you want to know where accessibility is needed, go to the VA Hospital for a day and ask patients coming and going there. Go to the government assisted housing facilities for disabled persons. These people have enough trouble getting around without trying to get into a school building with one handicap parking spot and limited accessibility.

RITA M. BROWN
BIG SPRING



Amazing people

TO THE EDITOR:

This past weekend, the Howard County Volunteer Firefighters did a control burn on property that we recently purchased and we want them to know how much we appreciate and respect them. They did an amazing job and it was impressive to watch their skill. I know they considered it a training exercise, but they volunteered to give up a weekend to do this for us.

We want them and their families to know how much we appreciate their sacrifice and dedication to the calling that they have accepted. It takes special men and women to do this. We were in awe of Tommy Sullivan's knowledge, skill and his desire to keep his firefighters sharp. Thank you once again. You are amazing people and we are blessed by you.

SAM AND STEVE CIMINO
BIG SPRING

**New name:
Who gives a ...**

TO THE EDITOR:

After reading the Herald news with the topic of Monday night's city council budget meeting, it really does not surprise this resident how little this town's management — such as the mayor and city council members — think of the disabled and elderly citizens who are on a fixed income to raise utility's in a time where the whole country is in a nose dive of economic failure is complete idiotic loonies.

A city that cares about its citizens would make it clear to freeze the tax hike until a more clear and

brighter time is visible, or the city could work out a budget plan that would allow the less fortunate families or elderly and disabled fixed rate, still giving some lean to a small hike but at the same time help those who are in a spiral down word economic crash.

This city spent \$2.1 million on fixing up the park and golf course. Frankly all I saw was the golf course got a nice face lift. That is fine and dandy for those residents who can afford to play golf or those who can afford a price hike on water and sanitation, but the other two-thirds of the residents can't even scrape up enough money for food or medication, let alone afford to drive to work be-

cause of the hike on fuel.

This town never seems to shock me with its non concerning members who make up the city council with their lack of concern for the population that suffers while the rest who either live on a higher salary wage or own enough property to have little or no concern for the rest of the residents.

The media talks about other countries that are suffering, yet it's this country which is turning into a third world poverty stricken state, because no one wants to deal with the problems that are being pressed upon with not a "recession but more like a Depression. Banks are failing and the cost of living keeps increasing. The only people I don't see suffering are the gangs and drug dealers. They seem to always have money. Maybe we should change the name of this town from Big Spring to "Who gives a Damn."

The world has enough problems with starvation and homelessness, and so many good organizations try their best to see that no one goes without, but in the 4 years I have lived here I have yet to see anything come out of the local government to assist the citizens who truly care. A state that cares is one that not only walks among the citizens, but one that listens and works to make their city stand out and shine. One problem is if you don't bother to make improvements when problems first appear, then they simmer in the stove until the problem can not be removed.

Too many blinders have been in place and ignorance can not be ignored any longer.

If you want changes to work then don't do it by making the problem big-

ger; you have to freeze the problem like cancer cells and surgically remove it.

Humanity can be given transfusions of blood but the problem is still there. Fresh ideas, better public relations and a person who not only looks at the glass half full but can fill it with better solutions that can work for all citizens of both levels of income.

MR. WILLARD ROBINSON
BIG SPRING

Protect the wheelchairs

TO THE EDITOR,

I am writing this about a article I saw a few months ago. The article was about the city or whoever to put up lights at the entrance to the hospital on FM 700. What has ever happened to that idea? It is impossible to see the entrance at night.

Wal-Mart got a bunch of new electric wheelchairs and that is great thing. We were told before they came in that they would not be going outside as not to ruin them.

A lady complained about it so much that they gave in and now it is very difficult to get one because usually they are outside. My daughter is disabled and relies on them when she goes there as well as a lot of other people. Now they are either being used, are outside or not charged up. This is the only Wal-Mart that I have been to that lets them go outside.

If these people can walk in, they should be able to walk out. There are people who can help with their items that they bought.

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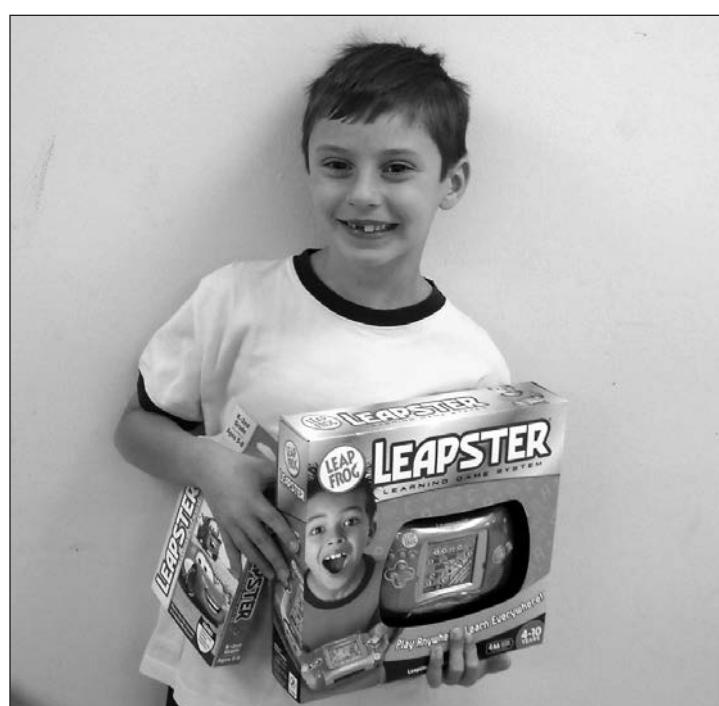
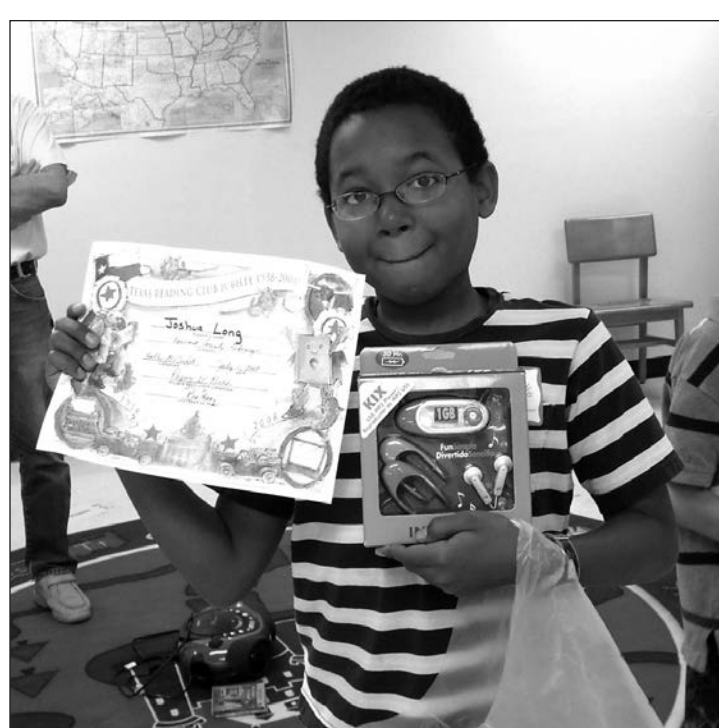
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Courtesy photos

The winners of the annual Howard County Library Summer Reading Program show off their prizes, which included bicycles, MP3 players and a number of other goodies. Top left (clockwise) is Alyssa Payne, Benjamin Brue, Joshua Long, Jacob Brue, Rudy Ortega, Kenra Thibeault and Isabelle Moore. Prizes for the program were donated by the Friends of the Library and Wal-Mart. The program is organized by the Howard County Library and recently wrapped up its season.



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Local A&M Club Aggies raise \$58,000 with annual auction

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

More than 20 years ago, Howard County A&M Club President Jerry Foresyth handed over a scholarship to the university to a young and hopeful Don Knight, who was planning to make a career in medicine.

Two decades later, Knight, along with a bevy of other club members, including Foresyth, passed that same privilege on to 19 up-and-coming Howard County residents July 12 at the Howard County Aggie Auction, held at the Big Spring Country Club.

"The Howard County Aggie Auction was a spectacular success," said Diana Newton, club treasurer. "So far it has brought in more than \$58,000. We want to thank the generous folks and businesses in Big Spring and Howard County.

"The two Texas A&M University Endowed Scholarships were named in honor of Cheryl Click and Jan and Jerry Foresyth.

Jessica and Bobby Price, Michael and Jeanne Niklasch, and Cindy and Don Knight named the Foresyth scholarship."

The auction, which raises money to finance scholarships for Howard County students attending Texas A&M University, raised an estimated \$58,000.

"Before this year's auction we had 14 kids on scholarships," Newton said. "Each year, we try to raise enough money to add an endowed scholarship for \$25,000 ... so that we can keep this up for years to come. This year we were able to add scholarships in the names of Cheryl Click and Jan and Jerry Foresyth."

Among the scholarship winners are Kristi Hutchison, Ashton Evans, Reagan Rupard, Crystal Wingert, Clay Faulkner, Corey Green, Kyle Newton, John Marino, Lee Gilihan, Brennan Bailey, Jamie Huckabee, Felicia Osburn Arnold, Jarrod Price and Crystal Sturm.

Among the items auctioned

off were vacations at the Club Regina in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, as well as trips to Cancun, Mexico, Pagosa Springs, Colo. and a "Kenny Chesney" weekend in Houston, including tickets to watch Chesney, Keith Urban and Leann Rhymes in concert.

Local banks donated U.S. Savings Bonds to the auction and Southwest Airlines donated a pair of round-trip tickets good for anywhere in the continental United States.

The auction also featured a number of items that would have any sports fan ready to bid, including a jersey autographed by John David Crow, Texas A&M's only Heisman Award winner, and a Leroy Nieman print of Tom Landry, Roger Staubach and Bob Lilly, autographed by those Cowboys greats.

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



Courtesy photo

Jerry Foresyth, left, and Don Knight, members of the Howard County Texas A&M Club, give a thumbs-up during the group's annual Aggie Auction. Knight was one of several members to name a new \$25,000 endowed scholarship for the university in Foresyth's name.



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Local A&M Club member Barney Hise presents Cheryl Click with a certificate naming a new \$25,000 endowed scholarship to the university in her honor during the annual Aggie Auction. The event raised more than \$58,000 for the scholarship program.

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Instructor: Randy Key
August 27 – November 20, 2008
Wednesday & Thursday 6:00 – 8:00pm
Room: Occupational Building
Cost: \$320.00

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October 7 – 28, 2008
Tuesday and Thursday
6:00 – 9:00pm
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Cost: \$100.00

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Instructor: Joyce Hollingsworth
August 11 – September 29, 2008
Monday Nights 6:00 – 7:30pm
Cost: \$50.00

Description: This class will teach students how to knit items like: scarfs, ski hats, sweaters, pillow tops, place mats for tables, and much more. Each student will need to purchase a Beginners Book for Knitting at Wal-mart, a pair of needles size 8, a skein of yarn. The yarn needs to be four-ply, soft baby.

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September 8 – 23, 2008
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Microsoft Word 2007

July 21 – 22
Monday and Tuesday
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Instructor: Ed Roberts
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Instructor: Michelle Marbeiter
Room: HGC 209
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Instructor: Curtis Bruns, ASE Master Cert.
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Instructor: Jane Gilmore, LVN
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September 8 – October 22, 2008
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Instructor: Lynn Toman
Location: Science Building, Room 107
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Dates:

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Annie's Mailbox[®]: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My teenage son hangs around with a nice group of friends. One of the young ladies, "Berta," seems interested in him. She is a little on the quiet side but seems pleasant and would be pretty if she would only brush her teeth. She has not brushed them in over a year.

Berta's parents have talked to her, my son has talked to her, her girlfriends and sisters have all talked to her, too, but Berta says she does not want to brush and has decided she is just not going to.

Being nice does not seem to be working. I would like to simply tell her how awful she looks, but I know she would take it as an insult, and that would not be helpful. She would be attractive if she had better oral hygiene. Right now, she looks disgusting because her teeth are green. I even bought her a water pick and mentioned toothpaste for sensitive teeth in case that was the issue.

I would like to know if there is a type of mental illness that would make her toothbrush phobic. So far, my son is keeping his distance, and he would be embarrassed to have her as a girlfriend. I can't help but wonder if she is repulsing people on purpose, perhaps trying to see if they will accept her the way she is. Does she hate herself or feel like she doesn't deserve to have nice teeth? Does she not know about the connection between mouth bacteria and heart disease?

I saw Berta this evening, and looking at her makes me sick to my stomach. How do I communicate with this young woman? -- Seeing Green

Dear Seeing Green: We're sure her sisters, if not others, have already told her how awful she looks, but it hasn't helped. There are myriad dental phobias. Berta might once have gagged while brushing, she could dislike the taste of toothpaste, she might fear the dentist or worry about damaging her teeth. It's also possible she is deliberately trying to repulse an abuser. Someone (a parent, preferably) should discuss this to determine the cause of her reluctance and, if it's a phobia, work on techniques to overcome it. If it's abuse, Berta will need to see a therapist. And the police.

Dear Annie: A lovely woman friend of mine often goes with us to a restaurant and has a soft drink. When the waiter is not looking, she adds an alcoholic beverage from her purse to her soda.

The restaurant sells liquor, and it does not seem fair that she uses their facility but does not buy their drinks. I have trouble saying this to her because she is my friend and an otherwise really nice person. -- Baffled

Dear Baffled: Some restaurants permit patrons to bring their own alcohol, so check before assuming otherwise. If it's not allowed and she is discovered, the restaurant could toss her out. You might tell her that in the hope that she will want to avoid any possible embarrassment.

Dear Annie: "Snubbed" was angry because her in-laws took a photo of just the immediate family at the wedding. I've done that.

I have seven children



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and enjoy seeing how they have changed since the first wedding many years ago. We also take a group picture with the new family member, as well as a really big group picture of the entire family (we are now about 32).

I do not love my in-laws less if they aren't in the picture. My children are my "heart" and the additions to the family are wonderful, but, unfortunately, things can change and then there are repercussions from new in-laws about pictures with old in-laws. -- Meriden, Conn.

Dear Meriden: When taking photographs, it's perfectly OK not to include spouses every time as long as those are not the only pictures taken. It's important to include everyone some of the time.

Dear Annie: I've been married to "Nancy" for 18 years. Two years ago, we became involved in youth programs in our community as we have three children. This gave us opportunities to meet new people.

During this time, I noticed Nancy changing. After one meeting, I caught her in a truck with another man. She claimed they were just talking, but I didn't believe her. She consented to a polygraph, which she failed. I then asked her to submit to another with a different tester, and she failed that, too. These examiners have been doing this for over 20 years and both said she is lying.

Nancy maintains her innocence and I'm confused. We attended counseling and got some things worked out, but I simply don't trust her. What is your advice? -- Don't Believe Her

Dear Don't Believe: Polygraphs are not infallible, so unless you catch her in the act, you will never be 100 percent certain. Your choice then is

to leave your wife or forgive her. You have children at home. Unless Nancy gives you additional reason to be suspicious, please try to forgive her with your whole heart so you can get past this. It won't be easy, but it can be done. Both of you should go back to counseling so you can express yourselves and deal with your fears.

Dear Annie: My wife is a hoarder. Every square inch of our house is covered in clutter. The dining room table and kitchen counters are unusable, and the guest bedroom is knee-deep in junk. Many days when I come home, I can't find a place to sit. I won't even mention the bathrooms. We have not had friends visit in years because of the trash. Annie, I can't take it anymore.

I have contacted support groups both online and off, and the stock answer is that one cannot change hoarders and I need to develop more understanding and empathy. Well, after living like this for 20 years, I have run out of empathy.

The clutter is causing me stress and making me physically ill. The house is in disrepair because I cannot get to areas that need fixing. My wife promises to do better, but nothing ever changes and she will not seek counseling. I am at the end of my rope and ready to walk, but I know if I give her an ultimatum, she'll choose the clutter. Can anything be done to save this marriage? -- Exasperated Husband

Dear Exasperated: The trouble with ultimatums is that you have to be willing to follow through. Hoarding is part of an obsessive-compulsive disorder. Your wife needs to see someone who specializes in cognitive behavioral therapy and she also may benefit from medication. You cannot force her to do this, but you can lovingly explain how damaging her behavior is to herself and to your marriage, and that she'll be happier if she deals with it. Ask how you can help her. If one of your online resources wasn't the Obsessive Compulsive Foundation (ocfoundation.org/hoarding), please contact them immediately.

Dear Annie: You made some excellent points to "Isolated Wife," whose husband stopped drink-

ing on his own. Might I suggest an additional one? As a professional counselor who works with many recovering alcoholics and addicts, I believe substance-use problems usually have multiple causes, but when alcohol is the substance of choice, one of those causes is often some form of social anxiety. Nearly all of my clients who struggle with drinking report that they started because it made them able to tolerate social situations.

Bob may be avoiding social events because he fears being tempted by alcohol, but he may also be avoiding the events themselves. An evaluation for depression is a good idea, along with one for anxiety disorders (including social phobia). A good therapist can then help him learn ways of coping without alcohol. -- J.R.

Dear J.R.: We appreciate your professional assistance. Thanks.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and

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The day starts out on a sociable, friendly note with the moon in Aquarius. We're invigorated by all the intellectually stimulating ideas being discussed in the cosmic cafe, and intrigued by the forward-thinking people surrounding those. Later, the moon shifts into Pisces, filling out our thoughts with emotional realism and imagination.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The barriers of the day don't instantly vanish just because you want them to -- or do they? You have powers beyond the usual to come up with a fresh approach. And when you get stuck, a Libra helps you out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be creating a project from scratch, using many of your resources. You're creative on your own but will be even more amazing when you brainstorm with a Leo.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People are fond of telling you to stop and smell the roses, but face it -- sometimes there are no roses. Furthermore many jobs are best done quickly, so get them over with. That's why you're a whirlwind of action today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Whether or not you think you deserve good

fortune is irrelevant. It's coming, so get ready. All doubt and fear will subside when this wave of goodness sweeps you into its swell.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Be as optimistic as you really feel. It's impossible to go over the top with your predictions of how wonderful life can be. And the best part is there are people around you who think the same way as you do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When a person is behaving in one way, it's hard to imagine that he or she can be any other way. However, the complexity of human nature isn't lost on you, which is why you keep expecting improvement. Eventually you'll get it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your mood is more infectious than any other sign of the zodiac now. So why not be fanciful? Be expressive. Be positive. Communicating well, calmly and tenderly is your ticket to making a relationship last.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You see the potential in others. It's worth

investigating, but don't risk too much in the endeavor. The omens especially warn not to fall in love with a person's potential. Love what is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Yours is a modest attitude, and people sense it just the same -- you're powerful. The reason you don't brag is that you don't need to. And what you don't say speaks volumes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You get a better sense of your abilities, more specifically how exceptional they are. Because you do something well -- delegate, for instance -- you assume everyone does. It's just not true. Appreciate your uniqueness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are involved in a group, and the group is involved in a mission. You're the one who can get everyone back on track now. Remind them why you all came together and what you all want to do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have the oppor-

tunity to experience something you never have before. This is most likely something you'll only do once, because once is enough. Revel in your bit of unforgettable fun.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Here comes the sun! The sun enters dignified Leo this week, said to bring out the best qualities in the sun: confidence, self-assuredness and radiant command. Leo cosmic energy brings expressiveness, attitude and stylish originality to our creative endeavors and embodies the naturally uninhibited inner child within everyone. No matter what our age, we can tap the charisma of the divine creative child by doing things that have heart for us, that share our true self. When we're real, people are attracted to our

shine! This is one of the most willful and successful signs -- for it's by unambiguously expressing who we are and what we want that we tap the energetic quality, inspiring success. It's no coincidence Leo season happens at the height of summer when our lust for life, our Élan vital, is at its highest. Play, summer romance and desire figure strongly right now. Following the ardor we feel for a person, thing or activity buoys our life force, giving us spiritual strength that will keep us warm into the cooler autumn months. Enjoy Leo's vibrancy! This is the season to live life to its fullest, go for the gusto and share our gifts.

C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES: Cancer supermodel Gisele Bündchen has the Midas touch; everything she

touches -- er, endorses -- turns to gold. At least that's the theory of an economist who developed a wild stock index to measure the profit performance of companies that Gisele represents. Gisele's stock is in glamour -- with her Venus beauty connected to Neptune, planet of glamour, I'm sensing an upward trend.

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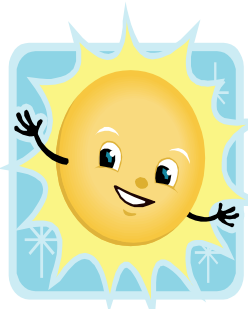
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